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LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

MUNDS PARK OUTPOST

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FOREST THINNING EFFORTS UNDERWAY

Join MUTS Volunteers to Restore Trails

The Coconino National Forest Service has started thinning in the forest north of Munds Park, which includes the area east of Interstate 17 and west of Forest Road 700. The good news is that the thinning will reduce wildfire danger. Unfortunately, the logger's equipment has torn up the Forest Service trails in the area. On May 11th, the Munds Park Trail Stewards (MUTS) volunteers and Coconino Forest Service trail crews reestablished the trails west and north of Frog Tank. Please be aware that some trails may be hard to follow, and there may be forest thinning activity in the area.

The next MUTS Volunteer Trail Event is on July 13th.

Projects: Maintenance on the Frog Tank Loop Motorized Multi-User Trail Meet: Janice Place Forest Access

We will finish our trail work around 12 noon; afterward, a free lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by July 6th via email if you plan on attending at mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com.

What to bring: Long pants, gloves, sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and a good sense of humor are recommended. Water and trail tools will be provided.

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MUNDS PARK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Our newly formed club of the Az Federation of Republican Women is looking for registered Republican women to be a part of our organization! Our next meeting will be July 11, 2024 at 11:30, featuring Mark Lamb's son, Cade Lamb

If you are interested in joining us for education, candidate support, and friendship with like minded women, please email Terry Giebelhaus at terry@giebs.com for details!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

like you and me.

PPOA Parade Fails the Community

Two years ago, a spectator at the 4th of July parade wrote a letter to the editor of this paper expressing disgust at the behavior during the parade, referring to a "hateful, bigoted environment" where F-bombs about the President of the United States were shouted. This spectator behavior was most likely prompted and encouraged by a float display that had Trump/MAGA signage, one of several that have appeared in recent years in the Independence Day Parade sponsored by the Pinewood Property Owners Association (PPOA). The PPOA is a nonprofit neighborhood watch

organization depending solely on contributions from community members

Unfortunately, however, the parade organizers have failed to do what Independence Parade organizers around the country do: keep the familyfriendly, community parade free of discord and focused on a celebration to bring Americans together rather than drive them apart. It refuses to issue rules to keep politics out of the parade. Therefore, permission is given to vehicle floats to have upside down flags, derogatory shouting, tee shirts with vulgar wording, political candidate banners, and spectators yelling support for a candidate or shouting insults about an opposition candidate. The PPOA's website statement is "We have no control or say on what our residents do to express their 4th of July displays." The editor of this paper, who supports that position, wrote to me saying that "Americans need to develop a thicker skin in these times." I say the PPOA and The Pinewood News are out of touch with the citizens of Munds Park. We want a parade that celebrates the goodness of our country, our military and first responders, and the launch of a new nation founded as a democracy. We want to follow the parade with barbeques, music, neighbors, games and s'mores, not with talking about how so-and-so wore that Let's Go Brandon shirt, how the flag raising float had a big Trump sign, and how someone else yelled "Convicted Felon 34 times" or "Bone Spur Loser" back at it.

The PPOA should listen to community feedback, because many others besides me have expressed their concerns to them to keep the parade nonpolitical. Nothing is preventing the PPOA from telling parade registrants to refrain from politics, politicians, and political issues. Other parades do it, and you can find plenty of examples with a simple internet search. If the parade participant does not honor that request, don't allow them to participate the next year, just like not allowing those who shoot water guns at participants in the parade the next year. Peer pressure and good communication can ensure the parade participants and spectators keep the parade a non-partisan, patriotic event, not a venue for a small number of people to dump their partisan beliefs on adults and children alike.

Margaret Dyekman, Munds Park Resident

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Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, this single level home has great curb appeal and an inviting feel. Recent kitchen upgrades include new cabinets, quartz countertops and all new appliances. Forced air heat and a pellet stove. Screened-in front porch and covered back deck. Lots of storage throughout. Fenced in yard with lots of potential. Brand new roof too!









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FROM MEDIEVAL ENGLAND TO YOUR TABLE

The 'American' Apple Pie

By Elizabeth Gunkel

Fireworks burst overhead, families gather around barbecues, and there's one dessert that steals the show on the 4th of July: apple pie. But this icon of Americana has roots that stretch far back to medieval England. Let's take a walk through history and look at how apple pie made its way from the smoky kitchens of London to the heart of American homes.



14th-century England wasn't exactly

a foodie paradise, but it had its moments. In the bustling kitchens of King Richard II, cooks were crafting what would eventually become the apple pie. The recipe, found in "The Forme of Cury," a cookbook by the king's chefs.

This medieval pie was a fragrant mix of apples, spices, and dried fruits, wrapped in a pastry shell colored with saffron. Sugar, a rare and expensive commodity at the time, was notably absent, with sweetness provided by figs and raisins.

The original recipe reads like this:

"Tak gode Applys and gode Spycis and Figys and Reyfons and Perys, and wan they are well ybrayd, coloure wyth Safron wel, and do yt in a cofyn, and do yt forth to bake wel."

In modern English, it translates to:

"Take good apples and good spices and figs and raisins and pears, and when they are well ground, color them with saffron well, and put it in a pastry case, and bake it well."



Middle English sounds like gibberish to modern ears. Spoken from the late 11th to the late 15th century, it was a hodgepodge of Old English and Norman French. Spelling was erratic, pronunciation a minefield. But it was the bridge to the English we know today, giving us a window into the time when apple pie was first crafted.

The Pie Travels Across the Atlantic

In the 17th century, European settlers haul apple trees across the

Atlantic, planting orchards and integrating apples into their daily grub. The apple pie, a familiar comfort from the old country, makes the journey too. Over time, it evolves, shedding figs and raisins and embracing the abundant sugar of the New World.

By the 18th century, American apple pie was finding its groove. Simpler, sweeter, a staple not just for special occasions but for everyday meals. Colonial Americans often started their day with a slice of apple pie—breakfast of champions.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, apple pie solidified its status as an American symbol. Soldiers in World War II often said they were fighting for "Mom and apple pie," embedding the dessert into the national psyche. Today, it's as American as baseball and the 4th of July.

So, as you dig into a slice this Independence Day, remember you're not just enjoying a tasty treat. You're savoring a piece of history, a dessert that's traveled through time and across the ocean to become an icon of American culture.

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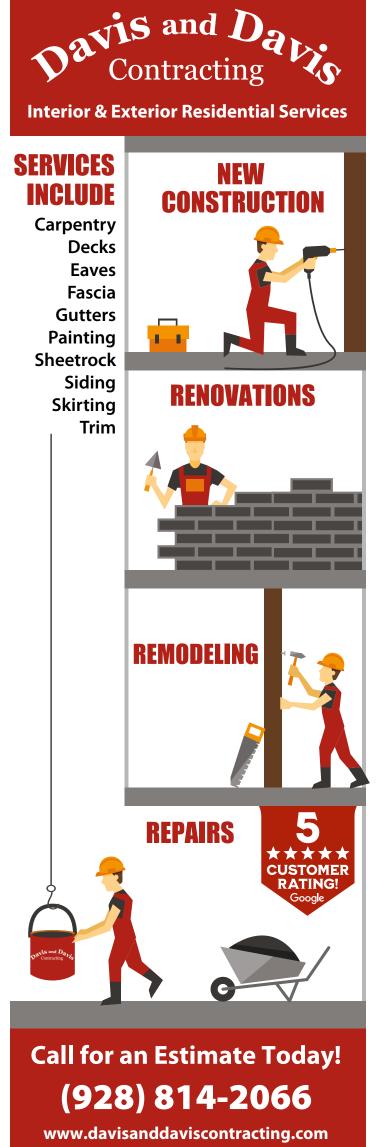
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Editor's Opinion: The PPOA Holds Strong for the Voices of Liberty

In response to Margaret Dykman's Letter to the Editor, let's discuss her wish to strip the 4th of July parade of its political colors. I appreciate the desire for the Mundsberry vibe—who doesn't? However, stomping on free speech crosses a line, shifting from Mundsberry charm to authoritarian control.

Margaret writes, "The editor of this paper, who supports that position (the position of free speech), wrote to me saying that Americans need to develop a thicker skin in these times." Did I write that? Absolutely. Because, dear readers, free speech is fundamentally about embracing the provocative and the uncomfortable. These challenging opinions test and strengthen our democratic resilience—requiring a bit of American grit, if you will, something that seems in short supply these days. The real issue isn't free speech; it's our capacity to withstand and engage with differing views.

Margaret is advocating for the Pinewood Property Association (PPOA) community volunteers to censor their neighbors by asking parade participants to remove their MAGA hats, sassy t-shirts, and political banners from their floats. That should be fun. Let's remember who we're talking about. This is Munds Park—the same community that, when faced with COVID restrictions and a canceled 4th of July parade, came together to celebrate Independence Day anyway. The July 3rd Electric Light Parade is the result of that rebellion, and we continue to enjoy it to this day.

This isn't just a local disagreement; it mirrors a deeper national issue. Those advocating for muzzling speech seem more troubled by diverse opinions than by subverting the First Amendment. Let's not sleepwalk through this, folks—it's a real threat.

Those who chant 'F-Joe Biden' at a family event? Cringe-worthy. Equally cringe-worthy was the man masquerading as Biden, adorned in Depends and toilet paper—but these actions came from the crowd, not the parade participants. Should our PPOA volunteers silence the audience too? Where would our censor committee draw the line?

Margaret suggests that because other parade organizers muzzle voices, the PPOA should follow suit, claiming nothing prevents them from restricting political speech. Just because the kids down the street are playing the game of authoritarianism doesn't mean we should join in. And what's stopping the PPOA? Nothing but that fundamental safeguard called the First Amendment.

She also claims, "The PPOA and The Pinewood News are out of touch with the citizens of Munds Park." On the contrary, the outpouring of support for my last editorial, 'Free Speech Triumphs Over Cancel Culture at Munds Park's 4th of July Parade,' speaks volumes. I received more emails and phone calls about this article than any other I have written to date. Our readers were genuinely happy to see that cancel culture didn't find a home in the Park. Yes, a few subscribers chose to leave us, finding our defense of the First Amendment too challenging. But the overwhelming sentiment was bravo for the PPOA.

The PPOA prefers unity over division, raising flags, not controversies. Finding themselves in the eye of a free speech storm is not their cup of tea, yet they stood firm—not because they sought controversy, but because they believed in the foundational right of free speech. The PPOA didn't fail Munds Park; they rose to the occasion.

Let's be clear: Managing our parade has become a significant challenge. The uproar isn't caused by the political swag; rather, it's some attendees who overindulge and others who disregard parade rules by throwing candy and water. Such actions entice children into the street and risk damaging expensive phones and cameras. The real issue here is the failure of some to follow safety rules, which poses an uncomfortable challenge for volunteers who want everyone to enjoy themselves.

So, if this parade holds a special place in your heart, let freedom ring as it should during this quintessential celebration of liberty and embrace the spirit of free expression. Use the gift of free speech responsibly, support the volunteers, and do your part to keep the parade safe.

Have a happy and free Independence day, my friends!

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4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHALS, SARA & STEVE BOWYER

Open '6 Front Doors' to Unity & Community Spirit

By Sandee Caviness

In selecting a Grand Marshal, we honor those who embody the heart of our community—individuals who exemplify what it means to be a good neighbor and rolling up their sleeves to support those around them. This year, Pastor Steve Bowyer and his wife Sara epitomize this spirit, and thus chosen as Grand Marshals for their unwavering dedication to our community.

When Steve and Sara arrived in Munds Park in 2015, they aimed to go beyond their roles as pastor and pastor's wife. They wanted to actively engage with the community, warmly welcoming everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Steve and Sara immersed themselves in volunteerism, becoming integral members of various community organizations. They are both active members of the Pinewood Fire Auxiliary, where Sara previously served as Vice President, and Steve currently serves as President of the Board. Their dedication to this role reflects their belief in the Auxiliary's essential support for our Fire Department and the broader community.

Further, Steve serves as Chaplain for the Pinewood Fire Department, attending all District Board Meetings and providing support during challenging times. He is also a member of the Munds Park Business Alliance, where he fosters growth and mutual support among local business owners.

In addition to their community service, Steve and Sara fostered inclusivity within the church, organizing gatherings that welcome everyone in Munds Park, regardless of church affiliation. Their events start with a lively LUAU each summer, featuring good food, games, and a warm atmosphere of friendship.

They host two movie nights each summer—one under the stars in July and another indoors in August—offering popcorn and water, while guests bring their own chairs and blankets. Another enjoyable activity is the Rough Riders Club, a group of locals who explore Coconino forest trails in their side-by-sides, enjoying the ride and connection and of course, all are welcome.

A standout event is the annual Soup'er Bowl, held on the eve of the Super Bowl, where neighbors come together to savor and vote on an array of homemade soups. Categories for the winning soups include the spiciest, heartiest, most likely to pack on pounds, and more.

They also host a Thanksgiving feast complete with all the trimmings, warmly welcoming those in the Park who may find themselves alone during the holiday or simply wish to give thanks in the company of friends.

As the season winds down, Oktoberfest brings together residents for brats, sauerkraut, fire pits, s'mores, and celebrating the season.

Every event organized by the Munds Park Community Church is a gift to the community, made possible by the church and its generous supporters.

Naturally, the church offers enriching experiences tailored to its congregation, including Bible Studies, fellowship gatherings for both men and women, Vacation bible school for the kids, and church services that resonate with today's seekers.

The church doubles as a Red Cross shelter, offering warmth during severe snowstorms and a place to charge devices during extended power outages. Steve highlights the shelter as a testament to the importance of community involvement. "During a severe snowstorm, how do we notify people that we're open?" Steve poses. "Friends call friends," he explains. "Community events are crucial—not just for the church but the entire community. When someone faces hardship,

they won't reach out to a stranger. So, when the power goes out in winter, the snow piles up, and it gets bitterly cold indoors, it's friends who check in on each other." These community events aim to foster relationships and build friendships, creating bonds between neighbors. Steve believes this is essential for a strong and healthy community.

Sara highlighted that the Munds Park Community Church embraced Steve's unique approach, which he calls the '6 front doors'. This philosophy reflects Steve's belief that community begins at one's doorstep and extends to the neighbors around you.

Steve strives to be a pastor who leads by example with integrity and a genuine desire to connect people to Jesus and each other. While skilled in guiding Christians on a deeper spiritual journey, he pondered how to foster connections with those who did not share his faith. Surrounded by Christians—family, friends, and church members—he sought to form genuine friendships outside his circle of believers.

During his time in Granger, Indiana, while contemplating Acts 17:26—"... and he determined the times set for them and the exact places



Sara & Steve Bowyer | Photo by Barbara Sherman

where they should live"—Steve reflected on the divine purpose of his location. "God decides when and where you live; there's meaning in your exact location," he said. One day, while retrieving the mail, he stood at the mailbox and noticed he could see 6 front doors. This moment sparked a profound realization: each door represented a responsibility. "The first door was my own. My integrity, character, and care for my wife and children were my first responsibility. Then I saw my neighbors and the houses across the street—placed here by God for a reason, regardless of their faith." This is where the story begins. Steve saw this as a responsibility and an opportunity to build community across religious divides. Thus began the journey of bringing neighbors together and forging bonds that strengthen communities—starting with the 6 front doors of his neighborhood.

Steve and Sara began by fostering connections—talking to neighbors over the fence, inviting them over for coffee, grilling burgers together, and simply being friendly. These acts of neighborly kindness revealed shared interests that strengthened bonds, highlighting that authentic connections are essential for nurturing strong communities.

Steve and Sara brought their '6 front doors' philosophy to the church and quickly realized that Munds Park's community was already living it. Neighbors hosted block parties, happy hours, and regular get-togethers, providing a fertile ground for Sara and Steve to expand this philosophy within their fellowship.

"Church isn't just a building across the highway; it's wherever people gather," Steve emphasizes. As the church and its members became more involved in Munds Park community activities, the perception of 'church people' shifted—from judgmental and distant to kind and friendly—as it should be.

Sara acknowledges the challenges of their philosophy, saying, "It requires vulnerability to reach out to neighbors vou don't know. It's easy to come home from work, close the door, and retreat into comfort. But true community involvement is messy—it means embracing relationships with all their complexities." Steve adds, "Engaging with neighbors is both easy because they're right there and difficult because they're right there." However, bringing the

community together and supporting each other is a gift that knows no bounds and is well worth the effort.

Sara concludes, "Often, churches turn inward, inadvertently excluding those who seek warmth and connection. We choose to focus outward—no hidden agendas. While we hope our actions reflect Jesus's love, our primary goal is simply friendship."

Editor's Note

As the editor of Pinewood News, I have the privilege of meeting with community members who share their stories. I've had the experience of being deeply moved by two individuals who recounted their personal hardships. Neither were church members, yet both spoke of how Steve and Sara profoundly impacted their lives. It wasn't through church affiliation but through genuine, compassionate support during a difficult time that left a lasting impression. Today, both count themselves as part of the church community, and they are deeply thankful for Steve and Sara's empathetic generosity.

Their heartwarming stories deepened my esteem for Sara and Steve.

I'd like to share something personal with you. As most of you know, Genna and I are gay and have been married for over 30 years. We remember a time when we couldn't easily share this information. Today is different, but it is still a challenge because the gay community likes to push the limits of acceptance, and pastors and their wives can be extra sticky territory for us—not with Steve and Sara. They know who we are, and never once have they judged us, tried to convert us, or even bring us into the church and wash us of our sins. They simply were kind people we enjoy being around. Genna considers Sara a good friend, and Sara has helped Genna through some difficult times. When I learned I needed open-heart surgery and couldn't travel back to Munds Park, it was Sara who dropped everything to drive Genna to Phoenix to be with me. Not only that, the church lent a financial hand, knowing we were struggling at that time—we're not even members of the church. We are forever thankful for their help.

Frankly, it doesn't matter to me that Steve is a pastor and Sara is a pastor's wife. Those titles alone don't guarantee genuine kindness and love—it's their actions that truly define them. They demonstrate immense kindness and acceptance toward anyone who crosses their path. Normally, I wouldn't share something so personal, but I believe it's important to share the love and support Steve and Sara extend to us and those around them. We can all use a good story to uplift our spirits now and then.

One last note. As you know, Genna and I recently moved to Rimrock, and our neighbors are all new to us. We've connected with one couple on the block, but the guy across the road? He drinks too much, doesn't work, and seems a bit odd. Naturally, I judged him for all these things.

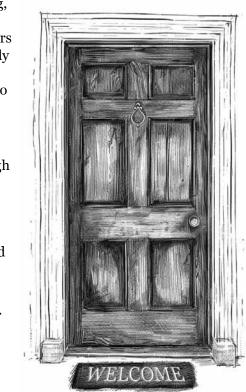
I hadn't seen him the past few weeks and wondered where he was, but I never crossed the street to check on him. However, while writing this article, I thought about my neighbor and Steve's words. When I took a break from writing, I decided to check on him.

It turns out our neighbor is a veteran who flew cargo planes for the Air Force and is a carpenter by trade. Somewhere along his journey, he lost his way. He hasn't been around lately because he is sick and on the verge of eviction. He lacks the resources to sell his last remaining

possessions. He has a beautiful dog, loved by everyone on the block. I know this because I watch neighbors who walk by have treats at the ready just for Jazzy. He broke down in tears as he told me he would have to surrender his only companion.

As I listened to him, Sara's words about how getting to know your neighbors can be messy ran through my mind. What a can of worms this was. I silently cursed Steve for planting this idea in my head. But when the conversation ended, my heart swelled. I went home and told Genna, "We're up—it's time to lend a hand."

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TRAVEL

JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE CAMINO. I DONATED A KIDNEY.

By "Unstoppable Stacey" Wittig

Crazy things happen on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrim path in Spain. Modern pilgrims tell of miracles and chance meetings. Friendships seem to form in minutes, cutting across the barriers of worldly time; strangers break their last morsel of bread together; prayers are answered.

Wayfarers have walked and prayed along these routes for centuries. If you take the time to look and listen, you, too, may sense the mystical power in the path. Here's one of those crazy Camino experiences during my recent journey to Santiago.



Two pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago past a cemetery gate

But before the conversation could turn heartfelt, Milka left to catch her bus to Los Arcos. I had three hours before my bus left for Nájera.

That gave me plenty of time to walk back to Old Town Logrono, attend Mass, get a bit of breakfast, and then return to the bus station by 1 pm.

It must have been quite a spirit-filled Mass because this is what happened next.

Unexpected Reunion at the Bus Station

I ate breakfast at a trendy bar after Mass and then returned to the bus

depot. I was surprised to see Milka there.

"I can't believe you traveled all the way to Los Arcos and are back already," I said, sitting beside her. As a walking pilgrim, it's hard to grasp that it takes all day to walk only takes 20 minutes by bus.

It turns out she, too, was waiting for the bus to Nájera, which was scheduled to leave in about 15 minutes, so we settled into conversation.

She told me she was walking the Camino for herself and her brother, who, at only 31 years, has been in intensive care several times since getting COVID.

"He was praying at the church, and the priest asked him, 'Why are you crying?'

"Because I need something difficult to get."

"What is so difficult to get, my son?' the priest inquired.

"It is so difficult to get a kidney. I need a kidney, and it has been challenging to get."

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Divine appointment at a bus station?

I met Milka at the Logroño bus depot today. We both stood a bit dazed in front of the electronic monitor, which rotated bus departure times and destinations in a surprisingly rapid fashion.

Neither of us was accustomed to taking the bus while walking the Camino de Santiago. But she was heading back to Los Arcos to retrieve her passport and ID, which she had left at the hotel. "I'm just so happy. The hotel called to let me know I'd left them there," she smiled. As for me, I needed to give my aching legs a reprieve from the day's 28 km.

I'd seen her along the way for several days, but we'd never spoken. Our conversation today started with the typical questions one asks on the Camino. Like 'Where are you from?' that helps you decide which language they might speak and if you might be able to converse with them.

"I'm from Orlando but originally from Peru," she revealed. Her fluency in Spanish helped me immeasurably with the bus schedule, which was limited that Sunday. Later, our conversation would turn deep, like it often does on the Camino.

Camino stories are often filled with fervor.

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MADJACK'S MUSINGS

HOSTING A LARGE PARTY? HERE'S SOME TIPS!

For those that know me well MadJack LOVES to throw large parties and I've learned a lot over the years for hosting a successful event. I particularly enjoy throwing mega bashes for my ten-year birthday anniversaries starting with my 30th right though to my 60th six long years ago. They included 60-120 invitees, open bar, food, contests and bands. I start planning (and saving) up to a year in advance. Basically, it's a form of project management.

So, please indulge me as I share here some helpful tips for hosting a great party regardless of occasion or number of invitees. If successful, don't be afraid to invite me to your next bash! I promise I won't embarrass you.

- Plan well in advance and consider contingencies such as poor weather, venue changes, logistics, etc.
- Start with a reasonable budget and add a 10% buffer for unexpected expenses. Catering is so much easier though less so on the wallet.
- Your budget will be heavily dependent on the number of guests, and this can be your greatest challenge for who to include and who doesn't make your 'A' list. Tough call here as you will likely want to include different cliques of friends so not inviting all from the same clique can result in some hurt feelings. Nevertheless, you will need to draw a hard line at some point. Start with inviting those that have invited you to their own parties. (It's called reciprocation).
- Research a date that's most convenient for the majority of folks considering conflicts during holidays and of course the time of season for the most reliable weather. I usually send out a 'Save the Date' communication weeks or even months in advance. This is not an RSVP per se but rather a gauge for folks to respond if they already know that date may be a conflict. Follow up with the official invite (Evite works well) and then a final reminder the week prior. Try to avoid large group texts where everyone then responds to all the others with incessant texts. Trust me, I've learned this the hard way.



- The venue is critical depending on the size of the party, your budget and whether you want to endure the considerable work for hosting at your own home or spending considerable sums for a hired venue.
- If hosting at your home, I strongly recommend inviting your closest neighbors or at least giving them a heads as a courtesy for the likely noise, traffic, etc. that they may have to endure. This simple act should discourage them from complaining or, God forbid, even calling the cops. Be cognizant of the customary 10PM noise cutoff here in Munds Park and quiet it down or take it inside.
- Lighting and choice of music is critical for the ambience of a great party. I don't mean to be a party snob here but often I'll be attending an event where I see opportunities to improve the ambience due to harsh lighting or background music interrupted with obnoxious commercials. For example, I try to avoid bright lights by using dimmer switches or subdued colors and music from Pandora or a personal track of songs - commercial free. I try to adjust the music selection in real time to reflect the party mood. Perhaps start with mellow tunes and crank it up as the party unfolds. Not too loud of course where the guests can barely communicate.
- Also, consider the physical flow of your party by eliminating choke points which force guests to squeeze around constricted areas often resulting in spilled drinks or food plates. Consider moving furniture to accommodate guests gathering around popular locations such as the kitchen counters or island bars. Conversely, be prepared to bring out additional chairs or folding tables as needed. Try to avoid forcing guests to eat from plates on their laps or placing their drinks on the floor where they may be tipped over.
- Obviously, food and snacks are an integral part of most gatherings, so I try to proactively arrange a large setting for all of the trays, plates and bowls to be set out. Here again, be prepared to accommodate the flow of guests lining up or around the food serving area. For example, try to create two lines on either side of the tables to facilitate the food serving.

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THE 'AMERICAN' APPLE PIE

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A Historical Recipe for Your Table

If you're interested in trying an authentic version of this recipe, here's a slightly adapted version for modern kitchens:

Ingredients:

- 4 large apples (preferably tart varieties like Granny Smith)
- 1/2 cup figs, chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 pears, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- A pinch of saffron threads
- Pastry for a double-crust pie

Instructions:

- Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- Peel, core, and slice the apples. Place them in a large mixing bowl.
- Add the chopped figs, raisins, and pears to the bowl with the apples.
- Sprinkle the spices and saffron over the fruit mixture and toss well to
- Roll out half of the pastry and line a pie dish with it.
- Pour the fruit mixture into the pastry-lined pie dish.
- Roll out the remaining pastry and place it over the top of the pie, sealing the edges.
- Cut a few small slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape.
- Bake for about 45-50 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbly.
- 10. Let the pie cool before serving.

This 4th of July, enjoy your apple pie with a newfound appreciation for its rich history and the journey it took to become a staple of American cuisine. Happy Independence Day!

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- Likewise, though it may seem obvious, prepare a nice bar area with all of the necessary mixers and hardware such as wine and beer bottle openers, ice buckets, wine glasses, drink napkins, etc. It can be quite chaotic when, in the midst of a roaring party, guests are forced to ask where's this and that.
- Take pictures or ask someone else to. Though candid photos can be fun its best to allow guests to pose for their best look. Be aware to NOT share photos with others when someone has an embarrassing pose.
- Though it may seem like a minor detail, be prepared to handle the party trash with strategically placed trash containers and monitor them before they start to overflow with trash.
- One great tradition here in Munds Park is everyone's willingness to chip in by bringing a side dish, appetizer or dessert. Be prepared for these items by setting out additional serving utensils and even electrical outlets for hot dishes.
- Often, I will provide the main course item relying on guests to fill out the rest of the menu as clearly communicated in the original invite. If possible, I highly recommend precooking the main course thus freeing you from the hassle during the party and allowing you more time to mingle with your guests.
- Another minor but important feature of a successful party is providing a sense of cohesion. I like to kick off a party with a short announcement welcoming the guests and highlighting the occasion with a toast. Another small but personal touch is welcoming each guest as they arrive and kindly escorting them out when they depart. This demands vigilance but is a great gesture.
- Be aware of potential conflicts or disruptions! Perhaps a guest has had too much to drink resulting in rude or sloppy behavior. If possible, monitor them closely and offer water or a safe space from others. Politely make them aware that you're discreetly aware of their behavior and follow up by immediately taking action when they've crossed the line. Easier said than done I know so try enlisting the support of whomever may have accompanied them to your party.
- Finally, I like follow up by sending a group communication thanking everyone and including party photos. This gives them the opportunity to do likewise – unless they had a terrible time.

That's it! I hope these tips were helpful and your next party is a righteous good time!

Later, MadJack.



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The retablo at the co-cathedral of Santa María de la Redonda UNSTOPPABLE Stacey photo

"Then the priest offered to give him one of his kidneys. He's in the process of being tested to see if he would be an appropriate donor." Milka said.

"Why can't you donate a kidney?" I asked.

"I was tested, but I have too much calcification," she explained. After hearing a bit more about the healing of one of her brother's dead lungs and multiple health struggles, I asked, "Do you trust the hospitals in Orlando?"

"Oh yes, we're going to Mayo in Jacksonville," she said. Tears welled up in my eyes.

"Okay, if the priest is not a match, I'll donate one of my kidneys," I said. "I might be too old, but I'm willing to try."

Milka hugged me.

Like many Camino stories, this one connects to childhood memories

After our bus ride through Rioja vineyards, Milka and I ate Sunday lunch outdoors in Nájera in a restaurant crowded with Spanish families across from the bus stop. That's when I told her the story about my Uncle Frank.

"You see, in the 1960s, my cousin Mary Lou needed a kidney. The only person in her family who tested positive for being a donor was my Uncle Frank, her father.

"But the doctors were not sure that it would work. Back then, there had never been a cross-sex kidney replacement before. I'm pretty sure this happened at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota," I said, spelling out why I teared up when she mentioned their hospital.

"So Mary Lou and Uncle Frank chose to be test Guinea pigs, and it worked!

They were brave and took a step out of their comfort zone," I said, and matter of factually handed her my business card. She slipped my card into her Camino backpack.

"Talk about your brother as you walk," I encouraged. You'll find someone who matches."

That night, when I called my husband Dan and told him about the encounter, I expected he would be upset and suspicious and tell me the whole kidney transplant was out of the question.

Instead, what he actually said was, "Just another day on the Camino. Volunteering to donate your kidney."

"UNSTOPPABLE Stacey," a travel writer based here in Munds Park, wishes everyone an unstoppable 4th of July! Follow her adventures at UnstoppableStaceyTravel.com.



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TOAST LIKE THE FOUNDING FATHERS

Celebrate 4th of July with Historical Spirits

By Dick Trudeau

The 4th of July is more than just fireworks and barbecues; it's a celebration of the grit and determination that birthed a nation. Our Founding Fathers weren't just political architects; they were men who knew how to unwind with a good drink. Let's discover the favorite beverages of the Founding Fathers most notable for their specific drinking preferences: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin.

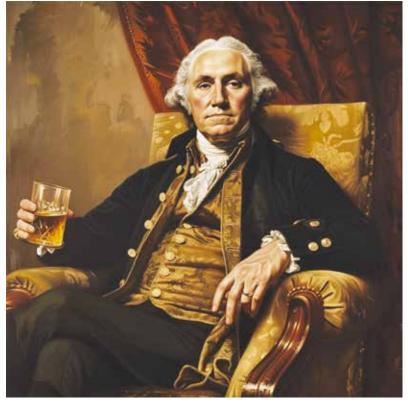
George Washington

George Washington, the stoic leader of the Revolution, had a penchant for Madeira, a fortified wine that traveled well and aged even better. Washington's love for Madeira was no secret; he would often toast with this rich, complex wine. Beyond his love for wine, Washington was also a whiskey magnate. His distillery at Mount Vernon churned out 11,000 gallons of whiskey in 1799, a testament to his commitment to

the craft. Washington's soirées were legendary, often involving generous rounds of Madeira and whiskey.

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was the intellectual gourmand of the bunch, heavily influenced by his years in France. His cellar at Monticello was stocked with the finest French wines, and he was a particular fan of champagne. Despite his failed attempts at growing his own vineyard, Jefferson's



legacy as a wine connoisseur remains unchallenged. His refined taste brought a touch of European sophistication to the American palate.

John Adams

John Adams was a man of simpler tastes. He started his days with a mug of hard cider, treating it almost like coffee. His evenings ended with Madeira, a habit he maintained religiously. Adams had a broad appreciation for various beverages, having tasted wines and beers from across Europe during his diplomatic missions. His letters often lamented the lack of good cider, underscoring his deep attachment to this colonial staple.

Benjamin Franklin

Ever the Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin enjoyed various drinks, including a unique concoction known as milk punch. Made with brandy, milk, and lemon juice, it

was a testament to his inventive spirit. Franklin also compiled a "Drinkers' Dictionary," full of amusing colonial slang for being drunk, reflecting his wit and love for wordplay. His approach to drinking was as multifaceted as his contributions to early American society.

This 4th of July, let's honor our Founding Fathers by sipping on the drinks that fueled their revolutionary spirit. Here's a recommendation for a fine bottle of Madeira and a recipe for a whiskey punch that George Washington himself would likely approve.

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Recommended Madeira

Blandy's 5-Year-Old Madeira

A solid introduction to Madeira, this wine offers rich flavors of caramel, nuts, and dried fruits.

Tasting Notes: Smooth with hints of caramel and dried fruits, perfect for a celebratory toast.

Henriques & Henriques 10-Year-Old Sercial Madeira For those seeking a more refined experience, this dry Madeira boasts complex notes of citrus and almonds.

Tasting Notes: Crisp and dry with citrus undertones, ideal for those who appreciate a more sophisticated taste.

Where to Buy: Look for these bottles at well-stocked liquor stores or online through specialty wine retailers.

A Whiskey Punch Recipe George Washington Would Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of whiskey (bourbon or rye)
- 1 cup of lemon juice
- 1 cup of simple syrup (equal parts sugar and water, heated until sugar dissolves)
- 1 cup of cold water
- Freshly grated nutmeg (for garnish)
- Lemon slices and fresh mint (for garnish)

Instructions:

- 1. Mix: Combine whiskey, lemon juice, simple syrup, and cold water in a large punch bowl.
- 2. Chill: Add a large block of ice or several large ice cubes.
- 3. Garnish: Grate nutmeg over the top and add lemon slices and mint for a festive look.
- 4. Serve: Ladle into glasses, garnish with additional lemon slices and mint if desired.

Historical Note: This punch is inspired by the communal spirit of 18th-century gatherings. Washington's love for whiskey and his business acumen in producing it make this punch a fitting tribute.

This 4th of July, raise your glass to the Founding Fathers. Whether you opt for a refined glass of Madeira or a hearty whiskey punch, celebrate the revolutionary spirit with a taste of history. Cheers!







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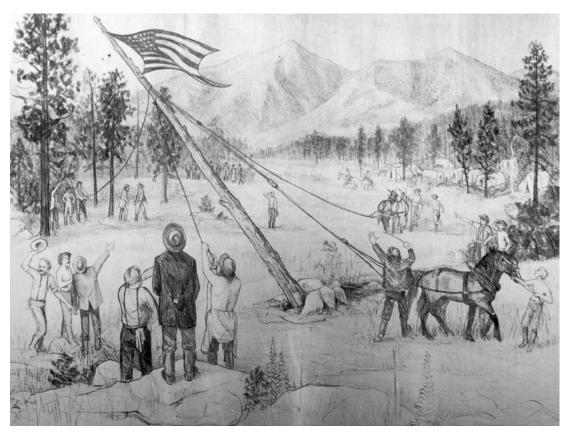
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Flagstaff's 4th of July Origins



Artistic Rendering of July 4, 1876 Raising of the Centennial Flag
Artist Unknown

By Teddy Johnson

Flagstaff has a tale that's a little bit wild, rooted in the kind of grandiose fibs you might find at the bottom of a whiskey glass after a long night. It starts with a guy named Samuel Woodworth Cozzens, who penned a book in 1876 called "The Marvelous Country." Cozzens was a storyteller, maybe too good at it, because he sold a version of Northern Arizona that was more fantasy than reality—so much so, he'd never actually been there. But damn, could he spin a yarn.

Fast forward to the impact of those tales: they hooked the Boston Party, a group of East Coasters so charmed by Cozzens' Arizona that they packed up and moved west. The harsh realities of frontier life didn't quite match the lush descriptions in Cozzens' book. They tried to farm, tried to settle, but nature wasn't having it. Before they threw in the towel, they managed one significant act: they stripped down a pine tree and hoisted a flag for the nation's centennial, which stuck the name 'Flagstaff' to the place.

The railroads were the game-changer for this town. Initially overlooked, Flagstaff got its break when the tracks shifted away from a less practical Antelope Springs. Once the trains came, they didn't just pass through; they transformed the town into a hub, bustling with the comings and goings of those drawn by its promise.

Today, Flagstaff is a convergence point for history buffs, nature lovers, and the occasional lost soul looking to find something real in the vastness of the American landscape. It's a town that thrives on its past, a place where every pint served in its cozy pubs and every trail winding through the San Francisco Peaks tells a part of its story. This is Flagstaff—a town literally flagged into existence, rich with stories of resilience and the enduring charm of the wild, wild west.



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- 1. What were the first battles of the American Revolution?
- 2. What officially ended the American Revolution?
- 3. How did the involvement of foreign countries impact the American Revolution?
- 4. When did Congress declare independence from Great Britain?
- 5. How many colonies initially adopted the Declaration of Independence?

SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM

- 6. How many times is the Liberty Bell tapped on July 4th?
- 7. What is the proper way to fold an American flag?
- 8. When did 'The Star-Spangled Banner' become the national anthem?
- 9. How tall is the One World Trade Center in New York?
- 10. When was the last time the Liberty Bell was rung?
- 11. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?

HISTORICAL FIGURES

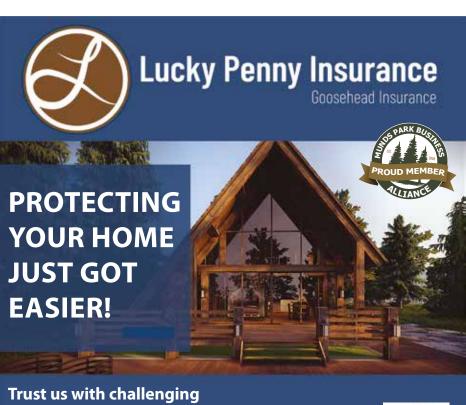
- 12. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?
- 13. Who coined the term "Founding Tathers"?
- 14. Who said "Give me liberty, or give me death"?
- 15. Which U.S. President died after falling ill at a July 4 celebration?
- 16. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?
- 17. How many men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776?
- 18. Who were the members of the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence?
- 19. Who was the President of the Continental Congress during the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

CELEBRATIONS & TRADITIONS

- 20. When did July 4th become an official holiday?
- 21. Since when has apple pie been a staple American dessert?
- 22. Where is the famous hot dog-eating contest held every year on July 4th?
- 23. Who predicted that Independence Day would be a huge celebration for many generations to come?
- 24. Which was the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday?

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WILD WONDERS

ENCOUNTERING BABY WILDLIFE: A NATURAL APPROACH

THE HIDDEN SECRETS OF NATURE'S YOUNG

By Arizona Game & Fish

When you stumble upon a baby animal alone on the trail, your first instinct might be to rescue it. But in nature, appearances can be deceiving. For many species, this perceived abandonment is a survival strategy.

Understanding the Ways of Deer and Elk

Take baby deer and elk, for instance. These fawns are often left in secluded spots by their mothers, who return to them only periodically. This is not neglect but a protective measure. Fawns have minimal scent, making them nearly invisible to predators. The mother's absence ensures she doesn't inadvertently lead danger to her young.

The Flight of Fledglings

Similarly, fledgling birds are often found fluttering on the ground. These young birds are at a critical learning stage, mastering the art of flight under the watchful eyes of their parents, who are usually nearby, though not always visible to us.

When to Intervene

While it's best to let nature take its course, there are exceptions:

- Signs of Distress: If a baby animal is vocalizing for an extended period or appears injured, it may need help.
- Extended Absence: If a baby animal is left alone for more than 24 hours, it's time to contact professionals.
- Young Birds Out of Nest: If a baby bird is too young to be out of the nest, intervention may be necessary.

In such cases, contact your local Arizona Fish and Game office or a wildlife rescue center. We have a Wildlife Rehab Contact List just to the right of this article to assist you if needed.

KEEPING WILDLIFE WILD

To truly protect and respect wildlife, it's crucial to maintain their natural behaviors:

- Observe from Afar: Keep a safe distance to avoid causing stress or interference.
- Avoid Handling: Human scent can disrupt the natural order and attract predators.

NAVIGATING ENCOUNTERS WITH ADULT WILDLIFE

Coconino County's rich ecosystems are home to a diverse array of species. From deer and elk to coyotes, foxes, and even bears, each encounter is a reminder of nature's grandeur and complexity. Here's how to coexist responsibly:

- Leave No Trace: Avoid approaching or feeding wildlife. This practice preserves their natural behaviors and keeps both you and the animals safe.
- Secure Campsites: Properly store food and trash to prevent attracting animals to your campsite.

By respecting these guidelines, you contribute to the delicate balance of our ecosystems, ensuring that wildlife remains wild and wondrous for generations to come.





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This new level of competition has been very popular with players. Matches take place on Sunday afternoons and spectators are encouraged to bring a chair, a cold drink, a hat and sunblock and watch our best players compete against the other northern Arizona clubs and teams.

The first club tournament of the season will take place July 5 from 1-7 p.m. and players must register in advance. Contact Coach Sharon at 928-853-3474 to register or obtain additional information on the tournament and other pickleball activities.

LADY NINERS INVITATIONAL IS JULY 17

One of the biggest events of the season for the Lady Niners golf group is the annual invitational tournament. Women from all over Arizona are invited to play in this nine hole tournament on July 17, and club membership is not required to participate.

This year's event theme is Tee It Up Mad Hatters and players will be immersed in a magical wonderland filled with characters they will recognize. Tournament fees of \$90 include breakfast, lunch and prizes for the winners. The event is also known for its amazing gift basket raffle and this year is no exception.

There are still a few spots available for play. Interested golfers must have an established handicap and should contact Karen Pallanich for more information at 623-523-3541 or pallanich jk@q.com.

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Flight 1. Patty Frey 1st place; Lori Prescott 2nd; Andy Harper 3rd

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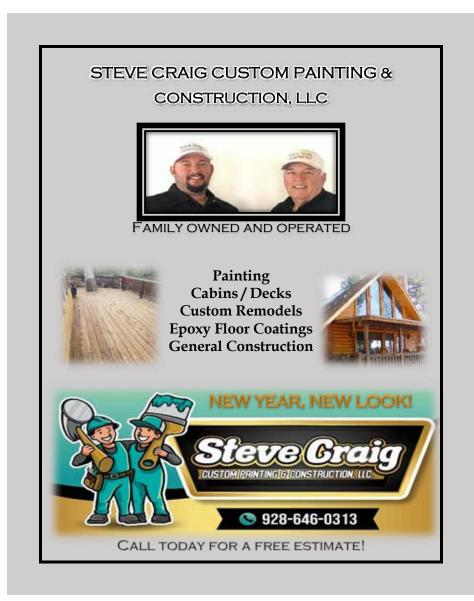


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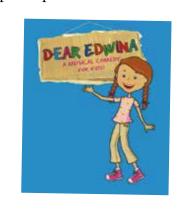
To kick off July the older youngsters of Tween Camp (ages 10 through 18 years of age) will take on the challenge of the popular Broadway JR production of Dear Edwina JR presented by special arrangement with Music Theater International.

The book and lyrics were written by Marci Heisler with music by Zina Goldrich. Dear Edwina JR. is a heartwarming musical about the joys of growing up. The storyline follows the adventures of plucky advice-giver-extraordinaire, Edwina Spoonapple, as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of buoyant production numbers for the latest edition of her weekly "Advice-a-Palooza." Edwina and her friends share wisdom on everything from trying new foods to making new friends through the use of clever, catchy and poignant songs. This challenging production will provide an opportunity for the older performers to showcase their talents and build a sense of pride and accomplishment in their performing skills. Parents, family and friends alike are sure to be "wowed" by the young performers of our Tween Camp. Veteran performing arts professionals Jennifer Adams and Tina Scarpaci will direct and choreograph the production.

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YOUNG HEROES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

By George Dee

Back in 1776, during the Revolutionary War, many kids just like you felt a strong urge to help out. One of these kids was 14-year-old James Gillies, who chose to play a drum in the army instead of playing games or sports. His drum wasn't just for music; it helped

soldiers know when to attack or retreat—like the heartbeat of the army.

James wasn't the only brave youngster. Across the colonies, kids as young as ten joined the war effort. They played drums and flutes, carried messages through dangerous territories, helped heal wounded soldiers, and kept everything running at home while the adults were away fighting.

Consider Nathan Futrell from North Carolina, who at just seven years old was the youngest drummer in the war. Or ten-year-old Richard Lord Jones from Connecticut, who played the fife bravely for a cause much bigger than himself.

And then there was 16 year old Sybil Ludington, who rode her horse 40 miles in the dark to warn her

community of a British attack, proving to be as heroic as the famous Paul Revere.

And don't forget about Andrew Jackson, who was just 13 when he served as a courier and later became the President of the United States! These kids weren't just filling in; they were crucial to the war effort. Not all young heroes fought in battles. Many stayed back to run farms, look after siblings, and keep their homes going. They grew food, cared for animals, and even learned to treat injuries, becoming the backbone of their communities during tough times.

Young Andrew Jackson, who was just 13 when he served as a courier in the Revolutionary war and later became the President of the United States!

Today, when so many of us spend time on our screens, the stories of these young revolutionaries remind us that we can do more and that we're capable of great things, too. You can make a real difference—whether through volunteering, joining community projects, or learning and sharing important lessons from history. History isn't just a list of dates; it's about ordinary people—kids, even—who achieved extraordinary things. These stories teach us that courage and responsibility aren't just for adults. You, too, can stand up for what you believe in and contribute to something bigger. By understanding history and thinking carefully about what you support, you can make informed decisions and really change the future.

Let the spirit of these young heroes inspire you to get involved, follow your passions, and make a positive impact. Remember, you're never too young to start shaping the future! And remember, because of the selfless acts of these brave heroes, we celebrate Independence Day today and enjoy the freedom that they fought so hard to secure for us.



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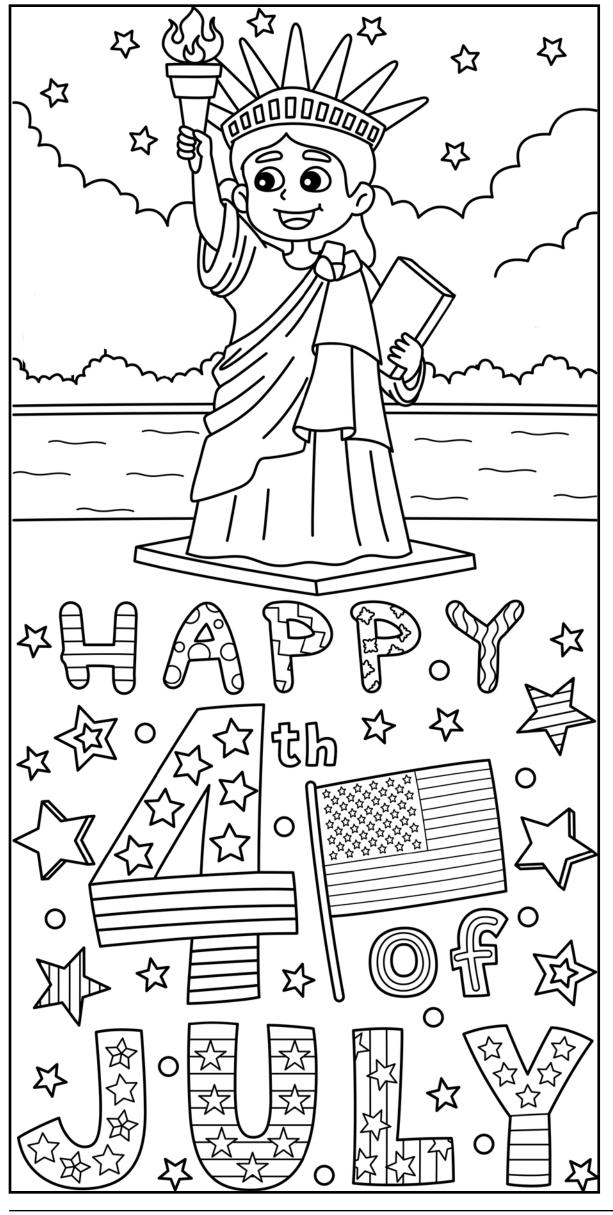
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A bonfire's warmth on summer nights,

Marshmallows toast under twinkling lights,

Tales of heroes, brave and free,

Who stood strong so we could be.

Barbecues sizzle, laughter's sound, Freedom's spirit is found all around, Where children play, dreams in the air, In a land where we strive to be fair.

But remember, kids, why we cheer, It's more than fun and festive gear. It's about a day, oh so grand, When folks decided to take a stand.

They dreamed a dream of liberty,
A place for you, a place for me,
To speak, to think, to dare to be,
In a land where the mind runs free.

So when you watch those fireworks bright,
Reflecting in the starry night,
Think of those who said "No more,"
And fought for freedoms we adore.

Let's stand up, too, in our own way,

Not just on the Fourth of July day,

But every day, in small things too,

Let's cherish freedom, for me and you.

Happy Fourth, to one and all,
Let's stand tall and never fall,
For in our hands, the torch does stay,
To light the path and lead the way.

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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY: BUILDING MEMORIES AND LEGACIES

Hey Munds Community! I want to take a moment to reflect on what July 4th means for us, not just as Americans, but as families and community members. Independence Day is a time to honor our freedom, but it's also a perfect opportunity to create lasting memories and build legacies that will stand the test of time.

For those of you who know me, you know that family is at the core of everything I do. Whether it's in real estate or in life, the goal is always to build something meaningful that can be passed down through generations. And what better way to do that than by making the most of our time together during holidays like the 4th of July?

Creating Traditions

One of the best parts about the 4th of July is the traditions we create. In the Valentine household, we go all out. From water wars to BBQs and we make sure the day is packed with fun and laughter. These moments are more than just activities; they are the building blocks of our family's legacy.

Community Bonding

This holiday is also a fantastic time to strengthen our community bonds. Whether you're hosting a neighborhood BBQ or attending the Mormon Lake parade or the Munds nighttime light parade, these events bring us closer together. It's in these moments that we realize the true value of community support, friendship, and a shared sense of belonging.

Reflecting on Freedom

While we're out there having fun, it's also important to take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy. Our ability to gather, celebrate, and create memories is a testament to the sacrifices made by those who came before us. Let's honor them by making the most of our time and opportunities.

Building Your Legacy

As a real estate expert, I often talk about building wealth and creating a legacy through property investment. But building a legacy isn't just about financial success; it's about the memories we create and the values we instill in our children. This 4th of July, let's focus on both enjoying the present while planning for the future.

So, as you fire up the grill, fill up those water balloons, and get ready for the neon lights, remember that you're not just celebrating a holiday you're building memories and legacies that will last a lifetime. From my family to yours, Happy 4th of July! Let's make it a day to remember.

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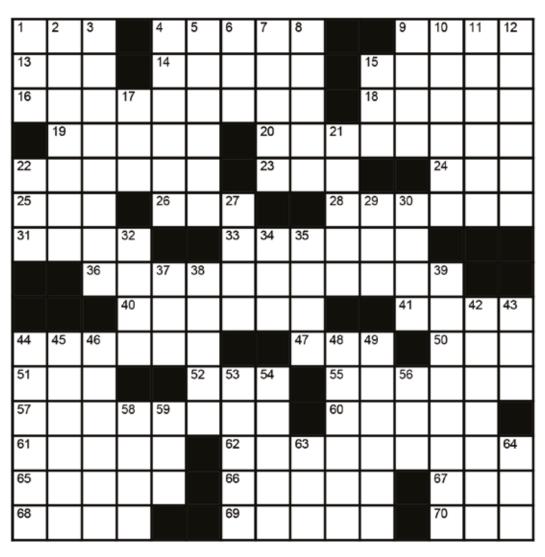
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ACROSS

- 1. Kind of feeling
- 4. Elliptical path
- 9. Ocean menace
- 13. 30-day mo.
- 14. Bum hangout
- 15. Start
- 16. Onlooker
- 22. Member of an armed gang of
- robbers (Var.)
- 23. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
- 24. On, as a lamp
- 25. ____ Baba
- 26. Big Apple inits. 28. Talkers on a tour
- 31. Lion's locks
- 33. Summer month
- 36. Spice blend that typically
- includes cardamom and cinnamon
- 40. Curt
- 41. Poland's Walesa
- 44. Breathing problems
- 50. ___ v. Wade
- 51. Cobbler
- 52. Grassland
- 47. Catch some rays

- 55. Helicopter blades 57. Cone filler
- 60. Big gulps
- 61. Close-knit group
- 62. Elderly
- 65. Locales
- 66. Durable wood
- 67. Air hero
- 68. Forsaken
- 69. Mortgage seeker's concern
- 70. Glove compartment item

DOWN

- 1. Exxon product
- 2. Swedish city near Stockholm
- 3. Arduous walking
- 4. Acquire
- 5. Investment option
- 6. Dracula, at times
- 7. Desktop pictures 8. "... and baby makes ____"
- 9. Convene
- 10. Ancient
- 11. Word before pool or lit
- 12. Beginnings
- 15. Hidden means of support?
- 17. Bill's partner in love

- 21. Sorcerer
- 22. Beaver's work 27. Tent-pitching place
- 29. ___ Today
- 30. "___ be a cold day..."
- 32. "___ on Down the Road"
- 34. Strike caller
- 35. Pride Day parade participants
- 37. Cellular stuff
- 38. Seating request
- 39. Message sent by plane
- 42. Napoleon's birthplace
- 43. The Platters' "__
- 44. At the summit
- 45. Vagabond
- 46. One wanting
- 48. Bearish
- 49. 'Fuhgeddaboudit!' 53. Gung-ho
- 54. Amorphous creature
- 56. Small songbird
- 58. Apple or berry lead-in
- 59. ___ publica
- 63. "Hogwash!"
- 64. Fleshy mushroom



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Moving into our three-week camp for "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," our largest cast ever, comprising 40 campers aged 5-18, including two very special 3- and 4-year-old stars, has been busy memorizing lines, learning awesome songs, and creating their dances. Our talented returning choreographer, Laura Moore, has infused the stage with wonderful ideas, incorporating even gymnastic moves. Makenna Jones, our amazing Music Director, has excelled in teaching the songs and harmonies. The children are captivated by her vocal warm-ups and infectious enthusiasm.

Lynn Rouyer, the Director, has been thrilled to work with such a talented Junior Staff, watching them progress from being campers on stage to leaders within the cast. Our Senior Staff tackles all theater roles, from costume and prop design to production, working closely with the families who contribute as ushers, backstage helpers, party planners, and even security on campus.

Our costumer, Margy Simchak, has spent the year creating professional-looking costumes. This magical musical is not to be missed. Children and adults alike will be entertained by Disney's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," showing on Thursday, July 18, and Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, July 20. The Munds Park Community Church deserves a big thank you for allowing ACT to use the church for four weeks to showcase our musical. They truly embody the spirit of a community church.

Tickets are available for purchase at the church Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. or online at arizonachildrenstheatre.com. Prices are \$15 for general admission and \$25 for special upfront reserved seating.

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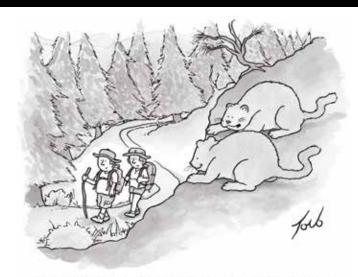




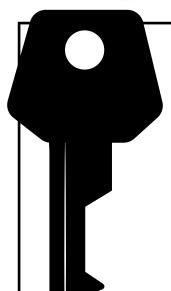
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

THE FINAL ACT OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS

Jefferson, Adams & Monroe Die on Independence Day







James Monroe



John Adams

By Elizabeth Gunkel

On the Fourth of July, we celebrate a grand declaration of liberty and the enduring spirit of our nation with fireworks illuminating the sky and sounds of festivity filling the air. Yet, this date also holds quieter, more reflective significance as it marks the passages of three of our Founding Fathers—Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe. Each took his last breath on the day our nation marks its independence, a poetic alignment with the country they helped to forge.

A Day of Profound Coincidence

The year 1826 marked the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, a pivotal moment in American history. On this day, both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the second and third presidents of the United States, passed away within hours of each other: a display of synchronicity that could make even the most cynical historian wonder about fate.

Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, died at his Virginia estate, Monticello. Known for his eloquent writings and foundational contributions to building the nation, Jefferson's last expressed wish was to survive until the Fourth of July. Nearly 600 miles away in Quincy, Massachusetts, John Adams, a fierce advocate for independence and a former diplomatic partner of Jefferson, also breathed his last. He left the world with the mistaken belief that Jefferson still lived, whispering his final, incorrect conviction: "Thomas Jefferson survives."

James Monroe's Final Fourth

The narrative of Founding Fathers dying on July 4 continued with James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States. Monroe, known for his Monroe Doctrine which deeply influenced American foreign policy, died five years later on July 4, 1831. His passing echoed the earlier departures of Jefferson and Adams, adding to the mystique of this date in American history.

His death on the anniversary of the nation's independence was seen as the closing chapter of the Revolutionary era, a period defined by the leaders who had fought for independence and a vision of a democratic future.

Fate or Coincidence?

The idea that fate or destiny might have orchestrated the deaths of Jefferson, Adams, and Monroe on the Fourth of July invites us into a realm of deeper reflection. This viewpoint posits that their passing on this monumental date was not just a coincidence but a destined affirmation of their lifelong dedication. Shrouded in an air of mystery, such synchronicity can be seen as a profound symbol, crafted by unseen forces. Their final moments on America's Independence Day could be interpreted as a deliberate final act, ensuring their commitments to the ideals of liberty resonate throughout history.

Reflections on Legacy and Liberty

These coincidences—the deaths of Jefferson, Adams, and Monroe on July Fourth—prompt us to reflect. Each of these Founding Fathers played a critical role in founding and governing the early United States, leaving behind a legacy enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. Their deaths on the anniversary of our nation's birth seem almost preordained, forever linking their contributions to America's ongoing pursuit of liberty.

As we enjoy fireworks and celebrations on Independence Day, it's also a time to honor the sacrifices and ideals of Jefferson, Adams, and Monroe. Their passing on this significant day highlights their lifelong commitment to American principles of freedom. It serves as a poignant reminder that preserving liberty is a continual responsibility that each generation must embrace and fight for.



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Battles & Events

- 1. The battles of Lexington and Concord. These battles took place on April 19, 1775, marking the start of the American War of Independence. The "shot heard around the world" refers to the opening of these battles.
- 2. The Treaty of Paris. Signed on September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the American Revolution. This treaty involved not just Great Britain and America, but also France, Spain, and the Netherlands.
- 3. The involvement of France, Spain, and the Netherlands. *The Treaty of Paris in 1783* saw France, Spain, and the Netherlands also involved in the American Revolution, significantly impacting the war's outcome.
- 4. July 2, 1776. The Continental Congress declared independence on July 2, 1776, but the public announcement and signing took place on July 4, 1776.
- 5. 13. All 13 original colonies adopted the Declaration, which formally announced their separation from British rule.

Symbols of Freedom

- 1. 13 times. Descendants of the Declaration of Independence signers tap the Liberty Bell 13 times on July 4th each year to honor the original 13 colonies.
- 2. In the shape of a triangle. The triangular fold is meant to replicate the "tri-cornered" hats worn by Continental Army soldiers during the Revolutionary War.
- 3. 1931. Written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, it took 117 years for it to gain federal recognition as the national anthem.
- 4. 1,776 feet. The height symbolizes America's independence from Great Britain.
- 5. 1846: The bell last rang on Washington's birthday in February 1846, when a major crack appeared.
- 6. The Pennsylvania Evening Post. The Declaration was published in the paper's July 6, 1776, issue and was soon printed in other newspapers and translated into German.

Historical Figures

- 1. Thomas Jefferson. *Jefferson was the primary drafter, with input from Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Robert Livingston.*
- 2. Warren G. Harding. *President Warren G. Harding first used the term "Founding Fathers"* at the Republican National Convention in the 1910s, a term that is widely used today.
- 3. Patrick Henry. Patrick Henry delivered this famous line during a speech on March 23, 1775, as a formal request for Virginia's right to freedom.
- 4. Zachary Taylor. President Zachary Taylor died on July 9, 1850, after consuming large quantities of cherries and iced milk during the 4th of July festivities. The exact cause of his death is still debated by historians.
- 5. John Hancock. John Hancock's bold signature was so prominent that "John Hancock" has become synonymous with the word "signature."
- 6. Two. Only John Hancock and Charles Thompson signed on July 4th; the rest of the delegates signed in the following weeks.
- 7. Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Robert Livingston. *These men drafted the Declaration, with Jefferson doing most of the writing.*
- 8. John Hancock. *John Hancock served as the President of the Continental Congress and was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence.*

Celebrations & Traditions

- 1. Almost 100 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed. *It was established as an official holiday in 1870 and is the most popular nonreligious celebrations in the U.S.*
- 2. The 1700s. Early settlers learned to preserve apples and make pie crust from Dutch and German immigrants, and the first American apple pie recipe was published in 1796.
- 3. Coney Island. Nathan's Famous hot dog-eating contest takes place at its original restaurant in Coney Island, New York City.
- 4. John Adams. In a letter to his wife, Abigail Adams, John Adams envisioned the day being celebrated with games, sports, parades, and laughter.
- 5. Massachusetts. Massachusetts made July 4th an official state holiday on July 3, 1781.



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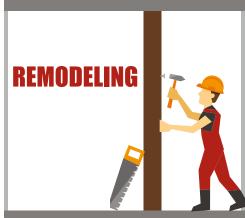
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ARIES, FIRE SIGN, MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

For Aries, the month of July is promising, it brings a mix of opportunities and emotional tests. Take advantage of this month's high energy while also remembering to take breaks when needed. At home,

you'll feel inspired to create a cozy environment for yourself. Use this period for self-reflection and healing to boost your confidence and move forward with clarity. Invest time with loved ones, explore new ideas, and engage in conversations that may lead to promising opportunities. Remember to embrace any new opportunities, as they lead you toward a more empowered and fulfilled version of yourself.



TAURUS, EARTH SIGN, APRIL 21 - MAY 20

July may present new challenges and potential for growth, offering moments of joy and advancement. Welcome the shifts in your home life and beliefs, and take time for inner healing and personal growth. Take time for inner healing and understanding your

dreams. Trust in the process and allow yourself to grow through the ups and downs. This month is about grounding yourself and moving forward with confidence. By month's end, you'll find a renewed sense of stability and confidence.



LEO. FIRE SIGN. JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

July is set to be a transformative month for Leos. Embrace your natural charisma and confidence to excel in both personal and professional endeavors. Overcoming self-doubt will pave the way for success and open new doors. Focus on inner reflection

and renewal during this period. Work on clearing emotional baggage for a fresh start, and try to let go of beliefs that no longer serve you. Welcome opportunities for growth and new beliefs, this will advance your inner journey of expansion and healing. Inspire those around you while you embrace this month's radiant energy.



VIRGO, EARTH SIGN, AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

July brings positive prospects for Virgos, particularly in love, career advancement, and financial stability. Attention to detail and organizational skills will be key in achieving both professional and personal goals. Maintaining a positive outlook in every

situation is essential, especially if faced with any challenges. This month encourages introspection and growth, urging you to explore their inner world and revive long-term aspirations amidst supportive planetary influences. Remember to maintain a positive outlook as you navigate July's new opportunities.



SAGITTARIUS, FIRE SIGN, NOV 23 - DEC 21

July presents a transformative period with opportunities for development in all areas of your life. Welcome the energy of increased passion and ambition. While navigating this dynamic environment, remember to prioritize your health and avoid

impulsive decisions. Use this time to cultivate deeper connections in both your personal and professional life. Stay committed to your goals and embrace strategic planning to ensure a successful and fulfilling month ahead. Remember to celebrate your hard work and achievements.



CAPRICORN, EARTH SIGN, DEC 22 - JAN 20

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GEMINI, AIR SIGN, MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Gemini, July brings exciting developments in your personal life and career. Welcome this energetic period to nurture both your personal goals and your relationships, ensuring you strike a harmonious balance between ambition and emotional fulfillment. Communication will open

new doors, so embrace any changes to learn and share ideas. Remember to stay confident and assertive, especially as new opportunities arise. Use your boosted confidence to pursue personal goals and nurture meaningful connections for a month of growth and positive change.



LIBRA, AIR SIGN, SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

July promises a month filled with diverse experiences and opportunities for personal growth. Navigate any emotional highs and lows with patience. Seek harmony in relationships and utilize your diplomatic nature to resolve conflicts

peacefully. Stay vigilant watching for new opportunities that could positively impact your life. This period offers the chance to heal and grow relationships while also finding emotional fulfillment. Embrace opportunities in your professional networks and career direction, as planetary influences support your growth and expansion this month.



AQUARIUS, AIR SIGN, JAN 21 - FEB 18

Aquarius, July brings positive developments in both your personal and professional life. Move past obstacles and embrace new opportunities for financial stability and overall harmony. Exercise caution in decision-making to avoid missed

chances; seek assistance and maintain focus for a successful month. Take advantage of this time to optimize your health routines and enhance productivity. July's energy will fuel your creativity and romantic pursuits. This period invites innovation and creativity, collaborating with others and sharing your visionary ideas will harness collective energy and inspire meaningful progress.



CANCER, WATER SIGN, JUNE 22 - JULY 22

July presents promising developments for Cancer people, focusing on personal growth and financial stability. Anticipate positive shifts in finances and self-assurance. The energy this month encourages a fresh start in selfexpression, boosting confidence

across all aspects of life. Take time to assess the different aspects of your life, do they align with your emotional and practical needs? Embrace this transformative period to nurture both personal and professional goals authentically. Towards the end of July, consider decisions that enhance your well-being and provide stability for the future.



SCORPIO, WATER SIGN, OCT 23 - NOV 22

This month has potential for significant changes and opportunities for personal growth, career advancement, and financial stability. Invest in selfdiscovery through activities like journaling or art to take advantage of this transformative period. With strong

determination, navigate any challenges with confidence and you will achieve success in your professional pursuits. Focus on your dreams and inner life this month, as planetary alignments support you in pursuing your goals and deepening personal connections. Take time for introspection and prioritize self-care to foster healing and maintain balance in your daily routines.



PISCES, WATER SIGN, FEB 19 - MARCH 20

This month promises significant changes and opportunities for growth, despite any potential challenges one may face. Focus on positive goals and visualization to overcome obstacles and embrace new beginnings. Dive into creative pursuits and artistic

expression this month, tapping into your imagination for personal and professional fulfillment. Remember to harness the transformative energies of the stars wisely, finding inner tranquility and contentment amidst the cosmic guidance offered. Welcome this introspective period to redefine your values and enhance your inner world, setting the stage for growth and fulfillment in the months ahead.



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By Steve Bowyer

The boys of summer are halfway through their season. The All-Star game is about here. And we are headed into the dog days of summer.

I am a pretty big baseball fan. I am enjoying the college world series right now. And I enjoy watching the Diamondbacks play. The new rules Major League Baseball instituted last year have improved the game. The games are over in less than three hours and there are more runs scored and action on the field. It is a more exciting game now keeping my interest to the end. And, of course, it is the umpires who make sure these new rules, as well as the old rules, are obeyed.

It does not matter if you are watching your grandson's Little League game or millionaires play the game in a billion-dollar stadium, the umpires have the final say. If they say the word, then it is a done deal. They have the authority to make things happen just by saying the word. If you are called out, then you are done. If you are called safe by the umpire, then you get to keep going. That is the end of the discussion?

On the baseball diamond the umpire's word is the final authority. In life, God's word is the final authority. Jesus can make things happen by simply saying the word. Nothing nor no one else can resist if Jesus says so.

"In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. [The demon] cried out at the top of his voice, 'Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God." (Luke 4:33-34)

Is it not interesting that the demon recognized Jesus and believed Who He is. He certainly does not believe IN Jesus to be saved. But he clearly knows Who Jesus is. And yet, so many people do not recognize who Jesus is.

The demon was terrified that Jesus had come to destroy him. They know how everything ends. They just do not know when. His assumption was when Jesus confronted him it was the end. All Jesus would have to do is say the word and the demon would be ruined. But that was not the time for destruction.

Jesus did have a few words for him, though.

"Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him." (Luke 4:35)

Immediately, the demon shut up and left. 2 words, "Be quiet". And he was. These are the same words Jesus spoke to the storm to calm it. He can change the weather and quiet a demon with two simple words.

4 words, "Come out of him." And He did. Jesus' word were his final authority. Even those who oppose Him,, who do not believe in Him must obey Him. He did not ask. Jesus told him to go back to his dugout. He was out and had to leave.

The Greek term for "threw the man down" is 'rhipto.' There is an old-time term of a major confrontation or competition. A fight between good and evil, D-Backs and the Dodgers. You may recall some announcer saying, "There is going to be a throw down tonight." A big fight. This is where the term came from. Notice though, the demon's fight was with the man, not Jesus.

If Jesus is so capable, then why does He allow us to go into storms and face demonic fights? It would be great if we did not have to do this. That said, it is in these tough situations and fights is where our faith is proved genuine. Our belief in Jesus to sustain us and protect us is proved to be in the right place.

Then, why does He not just fix everything? Why does He allow the demonic to do demonic things to us? In time, He will end it. At that time there will be no more storms. But that is what He will do the next time He comes. In the meantime, Jesus proves his power and authority by having opposition and foils like this for Him to speak against. Reading stories like this and believing them, believing in Jesus sets us up to be called 'safe' when there is a play for our soul by the demonic against Jesus.

Jesus does not have to say, "pretty please." He does not mess around with forces like this. His word is the final word, and everyone must obey. He does not wear a chest protector or mask. He does not carry a whistle. He does not own a badge or a gun. He does not need any of that.

His words are powerful enough. With a few simple words, demons obey, storms calm, disease heals, the dead are raised, and we get our eternal assignment.

So, does Jesus have the authority to tell us where to go to spend eternity? Yes. All He must do is say the word, it is the final word. And the word you want to hear when it is your turn to be judged is, 'safe.'

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MUNDS PARK 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Sponsored by the Pinewood Property Owners Association

The parade kicks off at 10 AM, but roads close at 9:45 am. Arrive early to sidestep roadblocks and secure a prime spot to enjoy the festivities!

A detour is set from Pinewood Blvd at Fairway Dr, routing via Oak Dr and Crestline Rd, and looping back to Pinewood Blvd.

This year, Sara and Steve Bowyer take the honor as Grand Marshals. Expect a spectacular display from an Army Color Guard and a convoy of Army vehicles! The best viewing spot is on Walapai Rd, where parking is available in nearby residential areas.

PARTICIPANT STAGING ACCESS **PARADE** INFORMATION Participant staging starts on Meadow View Rd at Walapai Rd and lines up on Meadow View Rd, Blue Heron Pl, Golden Pond, and Stringer Rd beginning at 8 am. The staging area is accessed from **PARADE FINISH** Pinewood Blvd at Half Moon Rd, and participants should follow the directions from event staff who will be directing the vehicles to ensure driveways and streets are not blocked. Walkers and bicyclists will stage in the last condo driveway south on Walapai Rd. Pinewood Blvd and Walapai Rd will close to traffic at 9:45 am, and **PARADE STARTS** participants should be in the staging area and in line before 10 am. HERE!!! Parade Rules: Observe the rules or be subject to suspension the following year. MEADOW VI Any participation in the parade is strictly at your own risk. No alcohol. **STAGING**

- Vehicles must be in the staging area before 10:00 am.
- Licensed drivers only.
- Maintain a safe pace.
- Tossing candy or other items from vehicles is prohibited.
- Spraying water on parade spectators is prohibited.
- Vehicles must not stop on the parade route, or on Fairway to unload participants after the parade is over.
- Registration forms must be completed before the parade.
- License plates must be visible.
- We want everyone to have a great time. Political banners are discouraged.



PINEWOOD NEWS 4TH OF JULY PARADE FLOAT CONTEST!

The winners of our 2nd Annual Pinewood News 4th of July Parade Float Contest will be showcased on the cover of Pinewood News and will enjoy a special feature story celebrating their creative masterpiece! Get ready to see your patriotic talent highlighted in our community's favorite publication!

MUNDS PARK JULY 3RD ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE!

Please join us for the 4th annual Electric Light Parade, July 3, 2024. Group assembles at 7 pm in the parking lot next to the Chevron and the parade begins at 8:pm.

All lighted motor vehicles are invited to attend. All vehicles must be street legal with licensed drivers. Parade route will be printed in the Pinewood News June 21 & July 3rd issue. Be sure and check the Munds Park Facebook groups and the Pinewood News for any late breaking updates









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