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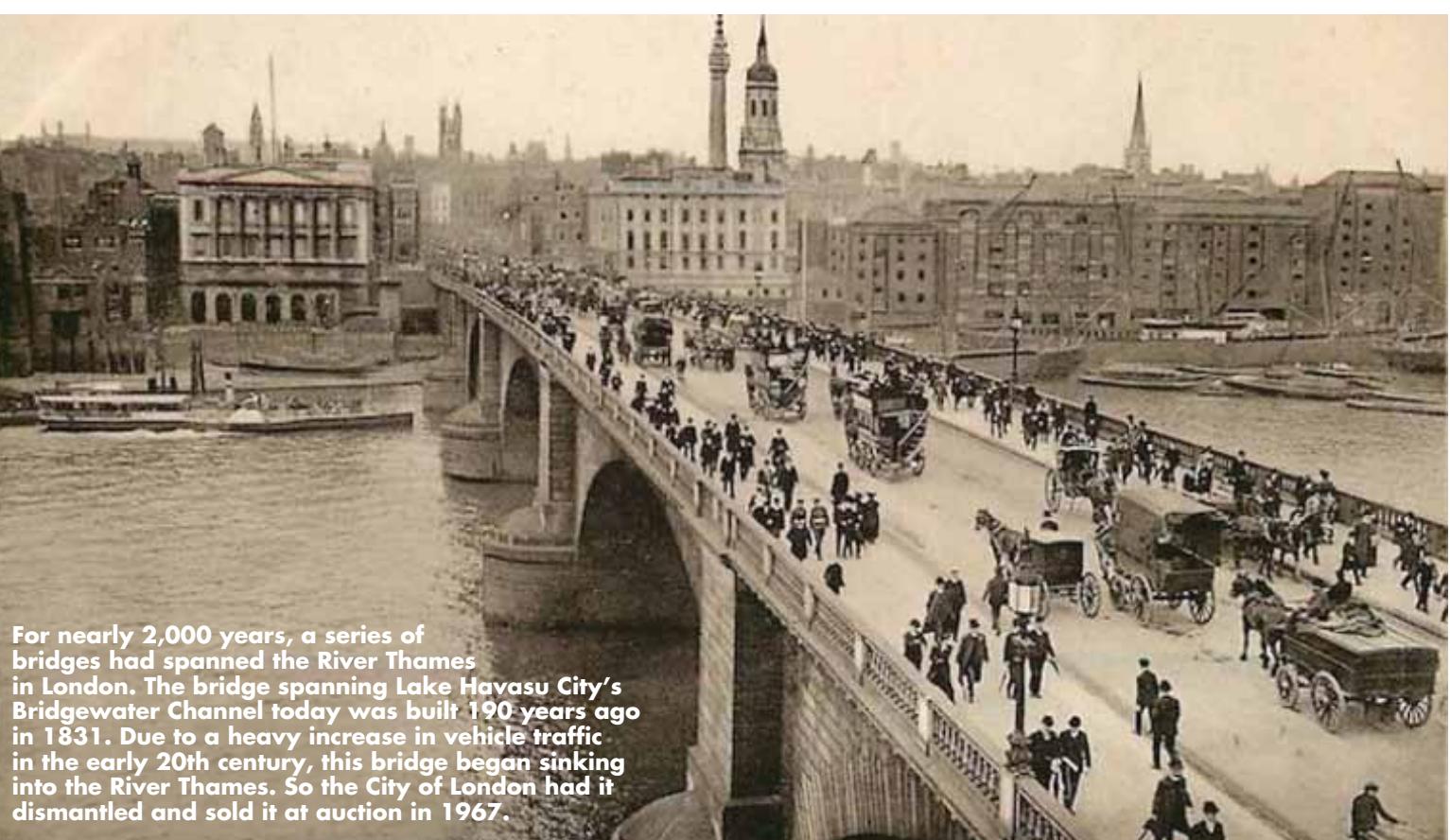
# Fall Is A Favorite

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Especially this fall that is full of celebration and color!

First, we thank Lake Havasu City Tourism and Convention Bureau, Jeff Blumenfeld, and Jason Castellucci for assembling the wonderful photos and information about this month's

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For nearly 2,000 years, a series of bridges had spanned the River Thames in London. The bridge spanning Lake Havasu City's Bridgewater Channel today was built 190 years ago in 1831. Due to a heavy increase in vehicle traffic in the early 20th century, this bridge began sinking into the River Thames. So the City of London had it dismantled and sold it at auction in 1967.

# Lake Havasu Gears Up For Biggest Celebration in 50 Years!

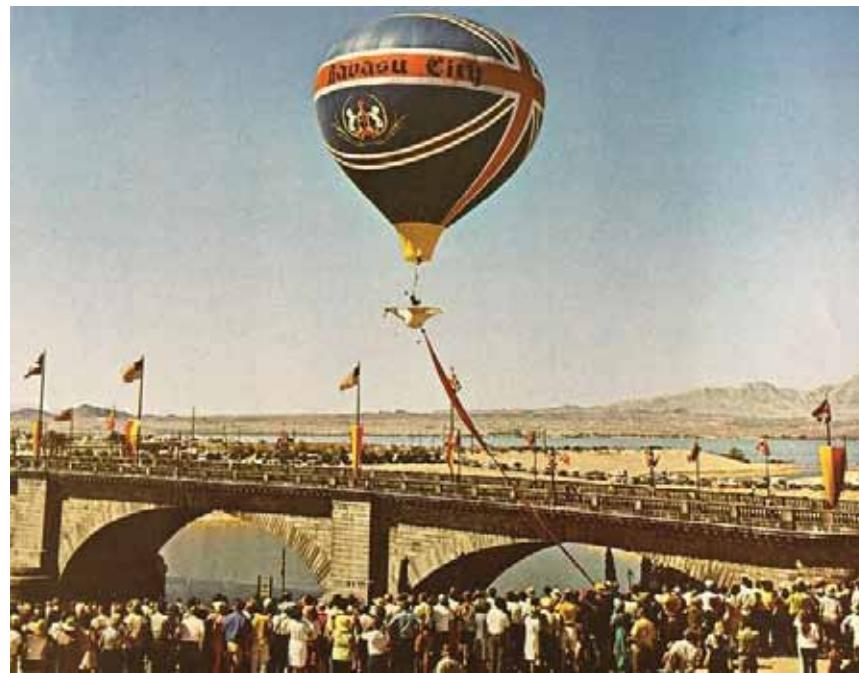
Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the world-famous London Bridge — the soul of Lake Havasu City.

Lake Havasu City is gearing up for its largest celebration in, well, 50 years. In October, the city will kick off a month-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its famed London Bridge, a 930-ft. long structure purchased for \$2.46 million in 1968 (\$19 million in today's dollars) and moved from London to Lake Havasu City stone-by-stone through the Panama Canal.

London Bridge 50th anniversary celebrations include the following:

- Kick-off event on October 1 beneath the bridge, Royal Candlelit Feast and Ball (Oct. 2),
- Garden Brunch and Tea (Oct. 3),
- WWElrose Dussault Costume Contest (Oct. 3),
- Lake Havasu Classic Outboard Championships (Oct. 15),
- Mind of McCulloch: Innovation Exhibit (opens Oct. 15 at London Bridge Beach),
- British Invasion London Bridge Music Festival

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On October 10, 1971 — after three years of meticulous reconstruction — the London Bridge was rededicated with a vibrant celebration still remembered as the largest in the city's history.

## THE BRIDGE HAS TALES TO TELL

There are many interesting facts about the London Bridge. Here are just three of them:

- The vintage lampposts on the bridge are made from the melted-down cannons of Napoleon Bonaparte's army at the Battle of Waterloo.

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# IT'S TIME TO ROCK!

## With Live Country Music At Pleasant Harbor



**David Nail**

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant and the City of Peoria will host the Peoria Country Fest on Saturday, Oct. 9, featuring live country music from three popular country artists. The event also features food trucks, a beer garden and live bull riding. The event runs from 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Headlining this year's country fest is



**Ivan Hearness**

David Nail, a country music artist whose multiple albums have produced seven chart entries on Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay, including two that have reached Number 1. Bayou Bandits, the hottest southern rock band in the Southwest, will be performing, as well as Ivan Harshman.

**Tickets**

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and admission is *free* for children, 12 and under. A limited number of VIP tickets are available at \$75.00. VIP ticket holders will enjoy a separate seating area and bathrooms, private cash bar and meal.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.rockatpleasantharbor.com](http://www.rockatpleasantharbor.com).

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## LAKE HAVASU'S LONDON BRIDGE TURNS 50

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## HUNT PERMIT TAGS

**October 12**

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is accepting applications for 2022 hunt permit-tags issued through the draw process for spring turkey, javelina, bison, bear and raptor capture.

To apply, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and click on "Apply for a Draw." For an overview of the application service, including license requirements, applying for bonus points and payment information, see Page 8 of the "2022 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison, Bear and Raptor Capture Hunt Draw Information" booklet.

The booklet is posted online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

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The deadline for the department to receive all applications is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021.



## VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

### October 31 Deadline To Enter

Do You Know A Student Who Might Be Interested?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary offer several scholarships that are available to students in grades 9 through 12.

The Scholarship program is not a new one, but it is so important. In these troubling times of our nation, it is important that we hear from our young people on what they think and how they feel about Patriotism and Americanism which is relayed through essays and art. We need to keep these ideas out there and encourage these students, who represent our future, to stay strong in Americanism and Patriotism ideals so our country does not lose the values of those men who wrote our Constitution.

Our Department President's theme "Honoring Old Glory and Those Who Fight for It" is so fitting for this program. We need to remember what we stand for and honor those who are fighting and have fought to keep those values.

This program encourages Patriotism and Americanism to our students and offers awards to help them in attaining an education of their choosing. *See story on page 16.*



## SIT. STAY. BRUNCH.

### December 5

*Thanks to Our Presenting Sponsor the Fred & Jami Pryor Foundation*

Unleash Your Sparkle as we celebrate 13 years of helping people and saving pets! On Sunday, December 5th, 2021, at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, Lost Our Home Pet Rescue will return to hosting our biggest and best live event of the year!

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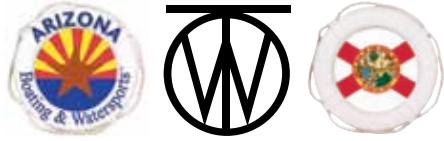
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*Silent Auction & cocktails at 10am - Brunch Program begins promptly at noon.*

*If you are interested in becoming a Sit. Stay. Brunch. Sponsor or donating an item to our silent auction, please contact Anne Marie Geary to obtain more information annemarie@lostourhome.org ■*



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- Any rips or tears
- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
- Ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted.

Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials and replaced if necessary.

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Bombora Kid Vests provide 11 lbs. of flotation and come in two sizes. The child model is approved for 30–50 lbs. with chest sizes 20" to 25". The youth version is designed for those 50–90 lbs. with chest sizes 26" to 30".

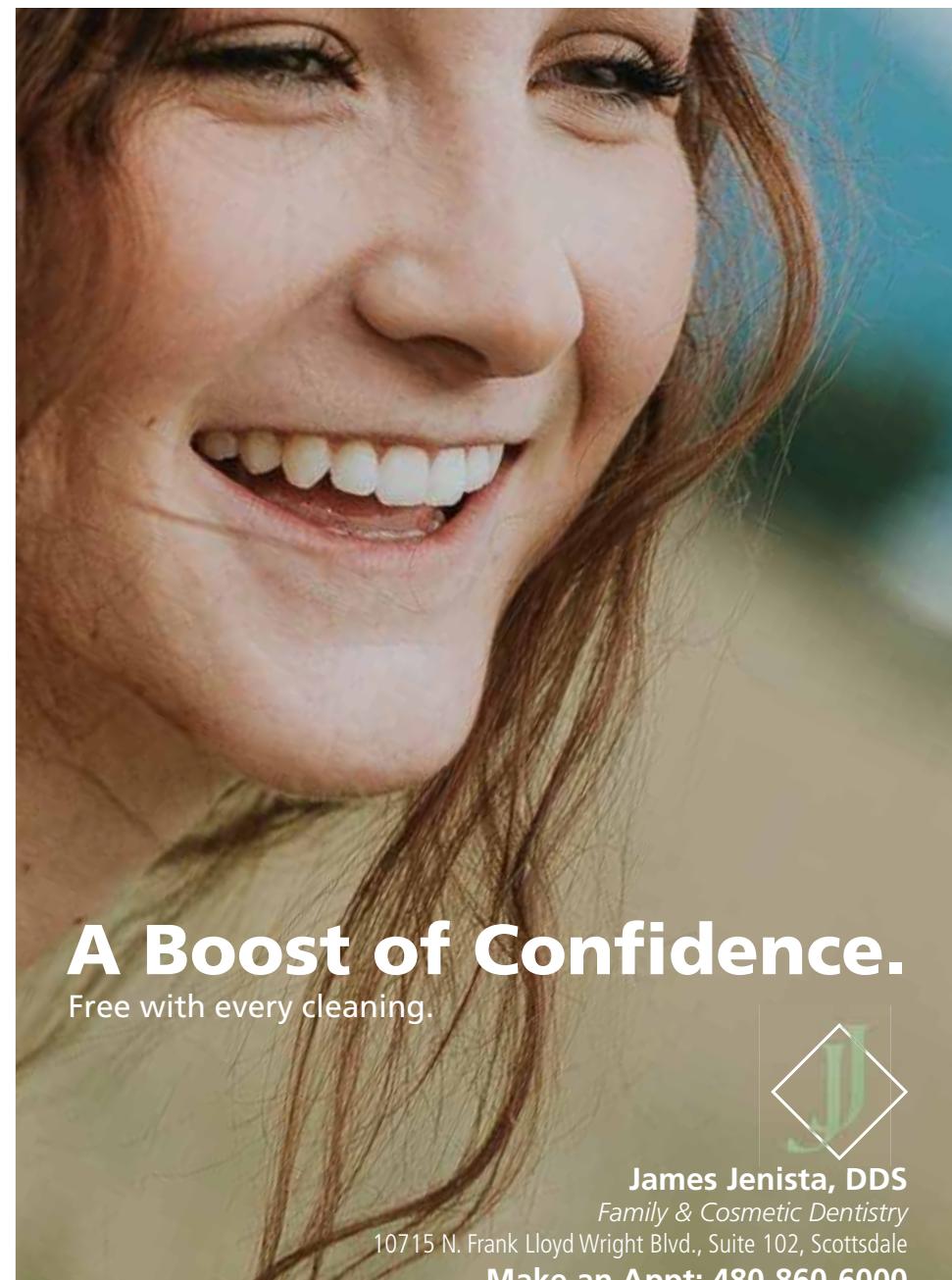
Both Bombora Kid Vests feature a heavy-duty zipper and two belts with Delrin buckles for a snug, secure fit. The child model also incorporates an adjust-

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## BOATERS: 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

# To Take The 'Search' Out Of Search And Rescue

Are you making it difficult to be found in an emergency?

"Do I know how to be found in an emergency?" That's a question every boater should ask during boating season. The answer, however, is likely to go far beyond simply having a cell phone aboard. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water offers five tips that can potentially speed a rescuer's response to a boater in need of emergency help.

**File a float plan:** Telling a responsible family member or friend, leaving a note (on your vehicle's dashboard) at the launch ramp, or using a smart phone float plan app, are great ways to allow someone else to trigger the alarm if you fail to return by an appointed time.

**Have a VHF radio aboard — but not just any old VHF radio:** All VHF radios are not alike. One of the best ways to

speed an on-water rescue is to have a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio aboard. A DSC-VHF radio does all of the things a regular VHF does, but it also has a unique press-one-button mayday feature that gives rescuers your vessel's location — taking the "search" out of search and rescue. The newest waterproof handheld DSC-VHF radios are great for small boats. Before you install your DSC-VHF radio, be sure to get your radio's Maritime Mobile Service Identity Number (MMSI) that is your vessel's unique ID. BoatUS members can request one for free.

**Label your SUP, canoe, or kayak:** Adding contact information on the inside of your paddlecraft with a waterproof marker could mean less time U.S. Coast Guard and first responders need to spend chasing down false alarms. This frees up valuable resources when time really counts. And let's face it, another benefit is that you may get your paddlecraft back after it blows down the lake. It's also a



good idea to let authorities know if your paddlecraft has gone missing.

**Do not leave shore ... without a fully charged phone:** Smartphones are part of life ashore and aboard. The reality, how-

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**Marie Rogers**

groups of women on adventures to Catalina Island, raced a Trans Pac, and served on LAYC's board, eventually becoming

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## AT NATIONAL WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE

# Marie Rogers Receives Leadership Award Honor

'Sailing is an amazing metaphor of how to get along', says honoree Marie Rogers.

Race has been at the top of many minds this year, which has led to some uncomfortable conversations, self-examination, and commitments for change. For Marie Rogers, a captain, instructor, avid West Coast sailboat racer and the first Black woman to serve as commodore of the historic Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC), it's always been about inclusion and sharing her "happy place" — at the helm of a sailboat. Rogers is this year's Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS)/National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) Leadership in Women's Sailing Award honoree.

The BoatUS/NWSA Award recognizes an individual with a record of achievement in inspiring, educating, and enriching the lives of women through sailing. Roger's nomination cited her "helping sailors move away from the idea that sailing is a white man's sport," embracing the hard work that must be done for inclusion,

and her belief that "sailing is an amazing metaphor of how to get along." She understands that sharing sailing — with everyone — is healthy for the sport.

Rogers did not grow up sailing regularly but had learned the basics. When her son, Colin, befriended several Los Angeles Yacht members and was soon crewing on a 70-foot sled for a member who ran the club's junior program, word spread that the young man's mom could sail. She was soon invited aboard and offered the wheel. That man with the 70-foot racing sailboat later became Roger's husband.

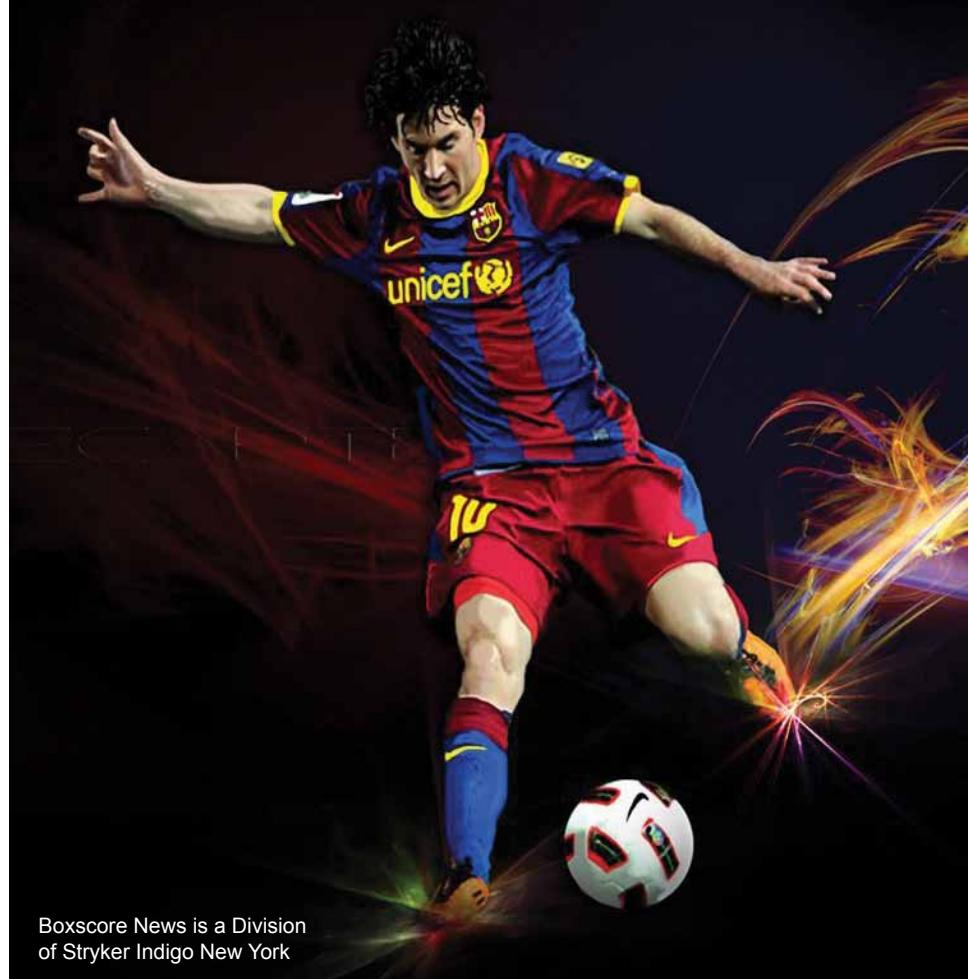
Rogers soon wanted to be a sailor in her own right. Not content at being what some referred to as "a yacht club wife," she attended sailing school; earned her U.S. Coast Guard captain's license; studied weather, navigation and diesel mechanics; and bought her own Cal 25, which became the platform for the club's community sailing program. She took

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## Huge California Boat Registration Fee Hike Averted

Next Up: Ensuring fuel taxes paid by boaters equitably fund California's boating education and safety, facilities, AIS, and enforcement programs.

California's recreational boaters could have been in for a shock with a proposed 250 percent recreational vessel registration fee increase being discussed among Golden State legislators earlier this year. However, a coalition of boating groups led by Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) and Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) successfully eliminated the fee increase from the state's recently announced budget proposal – but kept the door open to more equitably fund the state's boating safety, infrastructure, environmental and law-enforcement pro-

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ever, is that many boaters put all their safety eggs in one basket and rely solely on a cellphone to call for help. Cellphone batteries generally don't do well after a long day of running apps, listening to music, texting, and taking photos. And for many phones, water is the enemy. Consider keeping your phone a waterproof pouch or case. If you need help for routine, nonemergency assistance, such as a tow home, battery jump, fuel delivery or soft ungrounding, download the BoatUS App that connects boaters to closest local TowBoatUS response vessel.

**Register your EPIRB or PLB:** The U.S. Coast Guard receives hundreds of false alerts each year from these critical safety devices. To free up more time for responding to real emergencies, boaters need to properly register their Emergency Position Indicating Rescue Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). If you need a beacon for only a short period of time, rent one from the affordable BoatUS Foundation EPIRB/PLB rental program. ■

**NEW PRODUCTS**

# HELLA Redefines Entertainment Lighting

Hella marine enters the underwater entertainment light market with Apelo, a line of surface-mount LED lamps incorporating optical intelligence and robotic manufacturing for superior marine lighting brilliance. Apelo comes in models producing 1,800 or 3,000 lumens of blazing blue/white or RGB light, and marks the debut of Hella's innovative Edge Light technology. Backed by an industry-leading 5-year warranty, Apelo can be relied on to set the perfect dockside mood, boost the party vibe or attract the next trophy catch.

Apelo lamps are designed, engineered and robotically manufactured in Hella's New Zealand facility to the same exacting quality standards as its lighting for

high-performance carmakers. In the hand, the unprecedented fit and finish of these 3-3/4" lights are impressive. Engineered for absolute waterproof reliability, Apelo lamps are completely sealed to IP68 and IP69 levels, are electronically protected and can be run out of the water.

A high-strength, UV-resistant Grilamid lens delivers exceptional transparency and durability. Hella's unique Optical Intelligence focuses the asymmetrical light pattern efficiently below the waterline in a narrow vertical angle for a spectacular effect.

The Apelo A1 is perfect for small- to mid-sized boats up to 40'. Delivering an impressive 1,800 lumens, it's available in an intense blue/white combination that



draws a mere 20W or RGB model that uses only 15W. Offered with a white or charcoal front, it has a durable corrosion-resistant black thermal polymer housing.

For even more output, the Apelo A2 delivers an impressive 3,000 lumens with its choice of blue/white or RGB models in a black marine-grade aluminum housing with a charcoal front. The blue/white version includes a "fishing mode" strobe effect setting.

In the Apelo A2 lamp, Hella marine debuts its innovative Edge Light technology—distinctive glowing signatures of elegant illumination bordering the lamp front. Edge Light mode floods the stern in pure white as both utility and accent lighting. It's especially attractive and useful when the boat is on its trailer. On the RGB model, Edge Light can be used simultaneously with the lamp's center LEDs. Intended for boats up to 60', both Apelo A2 models draw less than 30W; in Edge Light mode only 3W.

Compact at only 3-3/4" in diameter and less than 1" high, Apelo A1 and A2

fixtures install easily with Hella's robust surface mounting system. Unlike some underwater lights that require a large cut-out, they need only a 5/8" center and three screw holes.

The color of RGB lamps can be selected using virtually any controller, including many networked multifunction devices. Prewired with just over 8' of multi-core marine cable, they feature Multivolt technology for spike-protection to +500V and reverse polarity to -700V. Apelo lamps are electromagnetic compatible to suppress potential interference with radios, navigation and other onboard electronic devices. A video is at [bit.ly/HellaApelo](http://bit.ly/HellaApelo).

Matching Hella marine's commitment to the environment, Apelo packaging is 100% recycled material. The A1 Apelo underwater light starts at \$199; the A2 version, \$269.

Contact local dealers or Hella marine Inc., 201 Kelly Dr., Peachtree City, GA 30269. 770-631-7500. [SOE.sales@hella.com](mailto:SOE.sales@hella.com); [www.hellamarine.com](http://www.hellamarine.com). ■



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commodore in 2019 – a very rare event for a Black woman in America and the only one the West Coast to helm a major yacht club.

What also stood out to award judges is that Rogers had no youth or college sailboat racing experience and learned largely as an adult, eventually becoming an instructor. Her eagerness to share her passion for sailing was apparent to the award judges, as was her generosity

and dedication to inclusiveness. For Rogers, leading a major yacht club was not a "job," but rather a calling and something she felt she needed to do in service to the sport. Today, Rogers coastal races aboard *Marie*, a Nelson Marek 55, with her husband, Bill, and races closer to home on her J-29, *Rush Street*.

Rogers received the award at the National Women's Sailing Conference, held online and in person, September 11, at Jackson Park Yacht Club in Chicago. For more information go to [nwsa.quent.com](http://nwsa.quent.com). ■

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grams. The measure was supported by California's governor.

"This is the right decision for boaters," said RBOC President Winston Bumpus. "The further we look into the many different pots where boater-generated fuel-tax dollars are placed, the more questions boaters have identified about the fairness of a registration fee increase."

Bumpus noted that Golden State boaters pay \$107 million each year in fuel taxes to the state, yet only \$15 million – or just 14% – is provided to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) for a number of programs and services, including boater education and operator certification, safety and enforcement on the waterways, boating facilities, removal of abandoned and derelict watercraft, and efforts to combat aquatic invasive species. As recently as 2019, HWRF had teetered on insolvency.

BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs, David Kennedy said, "This is a great demonstration of the benefits of boaters engaging on issues that matter to

their boating. Working with RBOC, more than 4,000 messages were sent by BoatUS members to the legislature and governor. It's clear their voices were heard."

Coalition members included the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, Southern California Yachting Association, Marine Recreation Association, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, California Yacht Brokers Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, as well as thousands of California boaters who took action.

The final state budget action allocates state general fund dollars to HWRF, which is administered by the California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). RBOC, BoatUS and others are expected to participate in a public stakeholder process that DBW will initiate in the near future to develop recommendations for long-term solutions to the funding deficiencies with HWRF.

"Boat registration fees will be part of that conversation, together with efficiencies and improvements to existing programs and revisions to better serve the boating public," added Bumpus. ■



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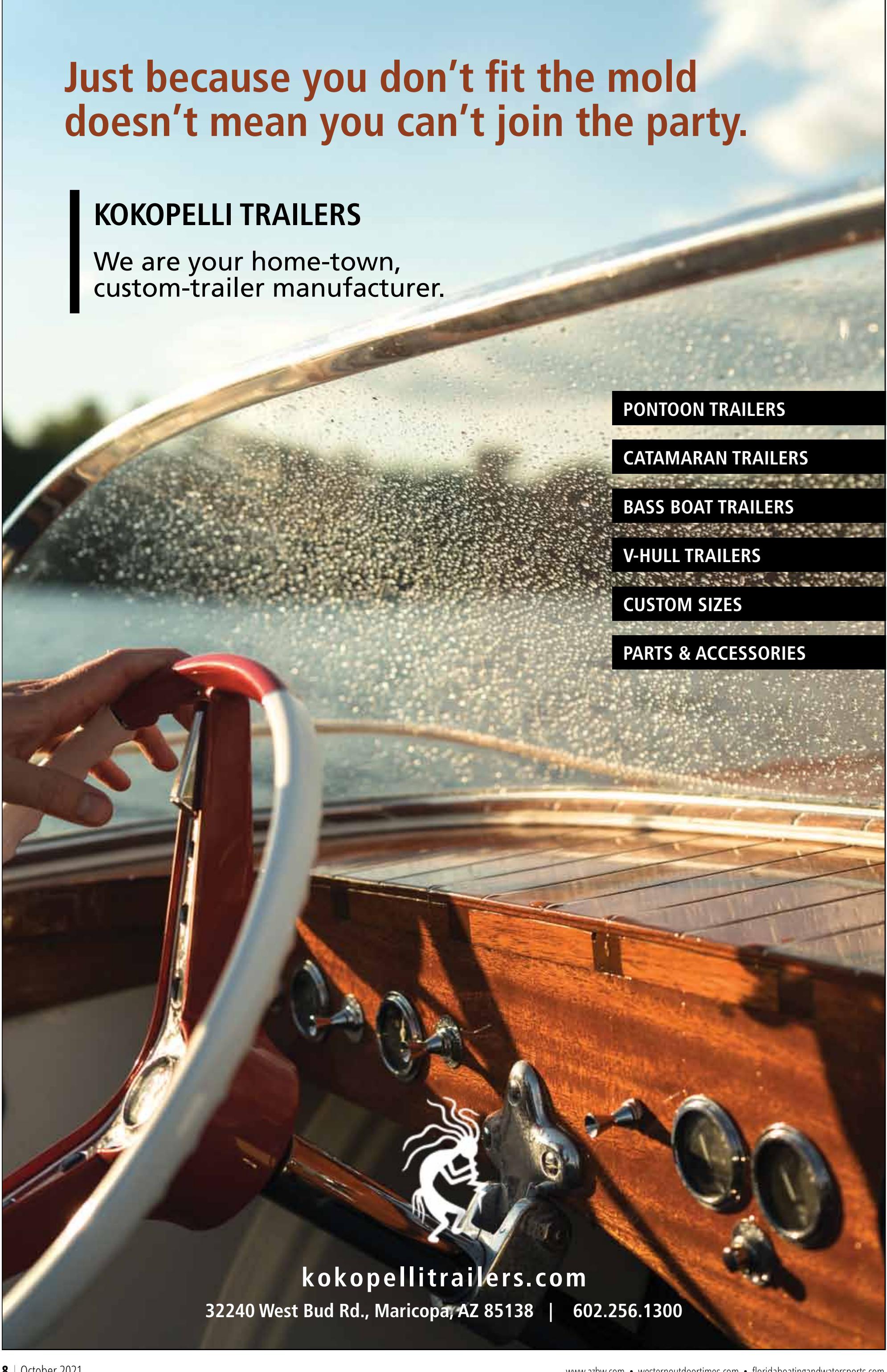
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AZ LAKES, AZ PROS

# Crankbait Time Is Here Again

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

*Here are some tips for fall fishing on the Arizona central reservoirs.*

When water temperatures start to go down and lake levels begin to rise, crankbait time is here again. Fish start moving up and getting more active, and one of the best ways to find them is to start cranking around the same places you found them during the summer, but shallower. Long points that have good drop-offs to deeper water are prime early-fall areas.

Fishing crankbaits is easy, but still requires some effort and attention. You must learn to feel a crankbait while you're fishing it. A lot of times the fish just barely tick it. Some people like fiberglass rods for crankbaits because they have a lot of give to them, but others prefer a graphite rod so they get a better feel for the bites.

## A Killer Technique

Throwing a silver or gold and black Fat Rap in front of the boat and reeling it in at a 45-degree angle from the bank is still a killer technique at Roosevelt, and it always pays to bang your crankbait into things like stumps and rocks--bass often hit just when the lure deflects off these obstacles. If you're not getting snagged now and then, you're probably not getting bit much.

When you're reading the box on a lure, depth claims should be taken with a grain of salt. To get a plug to maximum depth, you've got to make a tremendously long cast and even then, it won't reach its maximum depth until it is 2/3 of the way back to you. Line diameter is a major factor in crankbait depth -- the thinner the line, the



**Crankbait Bass At Mittry Lake**

deeper the bait will go. Fluorocarbon is the choice of many crankbait fishermen not only for the thin diameter, but also because it sinks.

## Your Best Bet

Your best bet for getting a crankbait deep is to use a long (7-foot) crankbait rod spooled with 10-pound-test line. Make as long a cast as you can, put the rod tip down, and crank at medium speed. Fast reeling will not get the lure to its maximum depth. If you want to crank an underwater hump that's fifteen or so feet deep, stay back about thirty feet, make a 100-foot cast, and reel the lure down. It should reach its deepest point right about where the hump is. Keep your rod tip down, but don't point it right at the lure. Keep it off to the side a little, and when you get bit, just keep reeling to set the hook.

Lipless crankbaits like Rat-L-Traps and Cordell Spots are easier to fish deep. Just let them sink to where you want them and move them slowly along. These two



**A rod with some give to it is best for crankbaits.**

lures have different rattling sounds, so keep both in your tackle box. There have been times when fishermen will swear that Spots are filling the boat while Traps aren't getting bit, and vice-versa.

## Dan Westfall

If you are fishing really deep, or the water is stained, or the sky is dark, try us-

ing one of the crawdad or fire tiger lipless lures. We were at Apache with Dan Westfall one time when we happened upon a man in a little aluminum boat. Westfall is one of those guys who talks to everyone he comes across, and it paid off that day.

This man told us that he had been fishing Saguaro, Canyon, and Apache for

**CRANKBAIT, continued on page 19**

# AZGFD Accepting Applications For 2022 Spring Hunts

Portal account needed to access draw results; automated phone service ends.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is accepting applications for 2022 hunt permit-tags issued through the draw process for spring turkey, javelina, bison, bear and raptor capture.

To apply, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and click on "Apply for a Draw." For an overview of the application service, including license requirements, applying for bonus points and payment information, see Page 8 of the "2022 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison, Bear and Raptor Capture Hunt Draw Information" booklet.

The booklet is posted online at [www.azgfd.gov/hunting/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunting/draw). Printed versions soon will be available at all license dealers statewide.

The deadline for the department to receive all applications is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021.

## In The Meantime —

- **Applicants must possess a valid Arizona hunting license** (or combination hunt and fish license) to apply online for a hunt permit-tag. That license must be valid on the last day of the online application period (Oct. 12). Licenses are available online, and at any AZGFD office or license dealers statewide. Note: When purchasing an Arizona hunting (or combination hunt and fish) license online, the license number will appear at the



**Wild Turkey, Tom**

bottom of the customer's receipt. Don't throw it away! That license number will be required as part of the draw application process.

- **Know your Department ID or Customer ID.** This is a must to submit an application. There are three ways to locate a Department ID or Customer ID: Log into your AZGFD portal account, and click on "View Details" under "My AZGFD Dashboard;" check your hunting or combination hunt and fish license if it was purchased online; or call AZGFD at 602-942-3000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **Check your AZGFD portal account.** This is the perfect time to review your personal data, including your application history and total bonus points (bonus, loyalty, hunter education). If something seems amiss, call AZGFD at 602-942-

3000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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**HUNTING: WHAT TO WEAR**

# The First Rule Is Dress For The Weather

**BY MARGIE ANDERSON**

I've been a hunter since I was just a kid, and back then I wore whatever my mom and dad bought for me. I also had some Army clothes that were hand-me-downs from my dad, like field jackets, fatigues, and even combat boots. Trust me, those are the last things I'd choose to hunt in nowadays. For one thing, the fatigues and boots were designed for the jungle, not for chasing deer on the North Rim. It's a wonder I didn't freeze to death. But that brings us to the first rule for choosing hunting clothing – dress for the weather.

**Deer Hunting**

Rifle hunters in general can dress differently from bow hunters, since bow-



**For upland hunting you need a good hat and plenty of blaze orange.**



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**Make sure your hunting dog is as visible as you are; you probably wouldn't notice Mochi there on the right if she weren't wearing her vest.**

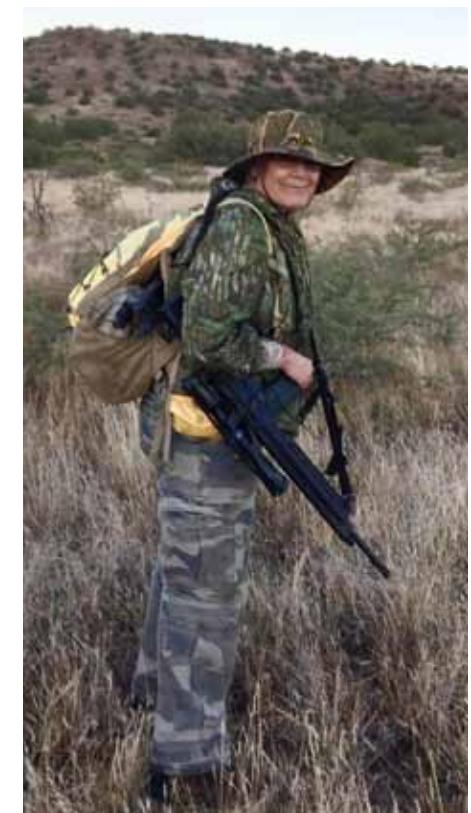
hunters need to be able to sneak up within yards of a deer to get a clean shot. Their clothing needs to be quiet and stealthy, with excellent camouflage. I'm not a bow hunter, so I'll stick to advice about rifle hunting. I've done spot and stalk as well as glassing, since

I hunt both mule deer and Coues, but one thing I've learned is to dress in layers no matter where I'm hunting. It's almost always cold as all get-out when you leave camp before dawn, but once the sun gets up, it can turn hot, especially if you are backpacking and toting a rifle over the hills.

**Camo**

Camo is important for rifle hunters as well as bow hunters. Game animals have fantastic vision, so anything you can do to make yourself less noticeable is going to help, even if you are sitting still and glassing. There are dozens of different camo patterns available nowadays, and your best bet is to try to pick something that will blend with the background where you are hunting.

For instance, if I plan to be glassing for Coues in Unit 21, I'll pick something that will blend with the ground I'll be sitting on and the plants behind me. Usually that



**Starting out before dawn you'll need a jacket, but you'll soon want to take it off and then you'll have to carry it. Keep that in mind when buying outerwear.**

will be juniper trees, but sometimes it's just grass. My white hair gives me away big time, so I have a little camo cap that fits tight to my head and I keep that on at all times.

**Important To Be Recognized**

As important as it is to stay hidden from the animals, it's even more important that you be identifiable as a human by other hunters. Blaze orange is the norm, and you can get camo patterns that include blaze orange in the background. I've heard guys swear that the orange "glows" to a deer, but I have no idea if that is true. I just know that if I'm wearing camo that has a blaze orange background, the deer don't seem to see me unless I make a stupid move and stand up or something. Just like you when you're glassing, animals are attuned to movement.



**Good high boots that fit well will protect your feet and ankles from many problems.**

**Boots Are Important**

Boots are incredibly important. Never wear a new pair of boots hunting – break them in first, and I suggest you get them a bit big. Fill the space with thick socks, or even two pairs of thinner socks. If your feet swell a bit from all the hiking, you can always take a pair off. I prefer high boots, like a 7- or 8-inch rise. High rise boots protect you from turning your ankle, from possible snake bites, and from foxtails getting in your socks.

As for the socks themselves, you can't go wrong with Browning socks – they are thick and soft and last forever.

**All Camo Layers**

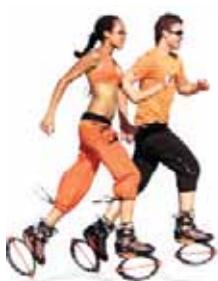
When I'm deer hunting, all my layers will be camo. I'll wear a long-sleeved t-

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**HUNT WEAR**

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shirt, a button-down shirt, and a light jacket when I start out, then shed the layers as heat dictates. Some of the best fabrics now are very lightweight but still warm, plus they fold or roll up small so they are easy to carry. I confess that I have gotten nearly all of my camo pants from Goodwill – they only cost me about four bucks a pair! I usually go for a brown pattern for pants, and plant patterns for shirts and jackets. I even have some camo face paint that somebody at SHOT Show gave me, and I love that stuff.

**Be Prepared**

I've learned over the years that you need to be prepared for darn near anything when you're on a long hunt. I've been rained on, hailed on, and snowed on – sometimes all in one day. If you're hunting up north, invest in some snow camo and make sure you have great boots and socks, as well as warm gloves. Nothing is more miserable than having fingers and toes that are freezing. When you buy gloves, check to see if your finger can still fit into the trigger guard with the gloves on. Some have finger tips that fold back, or you can invest in some high-dollar ultra-thin but super warm gloves.

**Upland Game Bird Huntin**

We don't usually wear camo when we're hunting birds. We do wear blaze orange vests or hats, and we also have a blaze orange vest for our dog that protects her chest and makes her visible to other hunters that may be out there looking for javelina. At the beginning of quail season, it can still be very warm out – in fact, so warm that a lot of bird hunters wait until late November to make sure all the snakes are bedded down for the winter.



**Your hunting buddy may need boots too. Those desert rocks and cactus are hard on a hunting dog's feet.**

**Coyote Leather Pro-Hunter Belts**

If we do go out bird hunting while it's still warm, we love our Coyote Leather Pro-Hunter Belts. They are high-quality leather belts so the weight is on your hips instead of your shoulders, and you can choose forest green or blaze orange canvas. The standard accessories are a game bird bag, shell pouch, utility pouch with four plastic choke tubes, a leather gun caddy, and two water bottle holsters.

All of these accessories snap on and off via slots in the stout leather belt, so they don't migrate around on the belt. They are absolutely fantastic. They cost \$269, but they'll last a lifetime. You can see them at <https://coyotecooleather.com>. Over the years we've tried a lot of different vests for bird hunting, and they all seem to be hot or the straps or shoulders get in the way when you're trying to mount the gun. This is especially true for me, since most vests are made with men in mind. The shoulders are just too big and make it impossible for me to quickly mount the shotgun. The Coyote Leather belt is perfect, and if it gets cold out, I can wear a well-fitted jacket.

**Hats**

When you're choosing a hat for hunting, think about more than just keeping your head warm or your eyes shaded. Baseball caps may not be the best option, especially for bird hunters – that bill often gets in the way when you're trying to sight down a shotgun. Maybe that's why upland hunting hats have a narrower brim all around – they give you plenty of shade, but they also allow you to see the sights and the birds.

If you're rifle hunting it's a whole different thing, especially with a scope. A cap is just fine for that – the brim will just go over the top of the scope. But you'll want to think about that and try different hats when you're shooting shotguns. Try out different hats at the clays range and see which you prefer.

**The Takeaway**

You can find many manufacturers of

hunting clothing online, but if you prefer to try things on, visit your nearest outdoor store. Prices can vary crazily, and some brands are over the top expensive, so do your homework and determine if the expense is worth it to you.

If you are just starting out, save some dough for ammo by visiting your local resale shop. I've found pants, shirts, and jackets at Goodwill, Salvation Army, and even those trendy resale shops. In fact, I found a dynamite camo jacket the other day when I was shopping with my granddaughter at a second hand shop and it was only \$15.

You don't have to spend a fortune on hunting clothes, especially since you'll only be wearing them a few days a year. Shop around, keep an eye out for sales, and don't be afraid of thrift shops and garage sales. ■

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# Which Ones? Here Are Some Considerations

BY JOHN ANDERSON

It's hard to beat a micro 9 for concealed carry, especially if you have a hard time concealing a full sized 9mm pistol. I like the idea of replacing my .380 pocket pistols with micro 9's, simply because it eliminates having to keep two different types of ammo on hand. In addition to that, the micro 9's have a greater capacity. My pocket .380 holds just seven rounds (6 + 1), but some of the micro 9's are 13 + 1. If you're thinking of getting one for yourself or someone in your family, here are some things to consider.

**How Does It Feel?**

First of all, how does the gun feel in your hand? There is no way to know unless you find one in a store and get it in your hands. Is it comfortable? Everyone's hand is different, and I know that a couple of my pistols are uncomfortable for my daughter-in-law and my granddaughter even though they are fine for me. Check to see how easily your trigger finger reaches the trigger, then see if the texture of the grips is right for you. The texture should be great not only for your hand, but you should also consider how it will feel if it rubs against your skin when you carry it.



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**Go To A Gun Store**

If you can, go to a gun store like Shooters World that has a firing range so you can rent the pistol you are considering. Put some rounds through it. Do you like the trigger pull? Can you feel the trigger reset? By this I mean that after you fire the gun, can you release the trigger part way and feel it reset so that you can fire again quickly? Hopefully, you'll be able to both hear and feel the reset.

Check out the reviews. Is the gun ammo sensitive? Believe it or not, I've had handguns that had a hard time resetting if I used certain kinds of ammo in them. Read reviews about the pistols you're considering, and read the manufacturer's recommendations.

If you like to add accessories to your handguns, be aware that some of the micro 9's are so new that there may not be a lot of choices out there in things like different grips, lasers, different sights, and even different types of holsters. It sometimes takes a while for accessory manufacturers to catch up.

**The Biggest Is Probably Best**

My advice is to get the biggest micro 9 that you will find convenient to carry regularly. Make sure you are comfortable with the size of it and that you are comfortable – and accurate – shooting it. Be aware that the smaller a gun is, the harder it can be to shoot with. The smaller the gun, the more aggressive your grip and hold needs to be in order for it to reset after firing. Margie had to get rid of her Glock 42 because no matter how much she kept it in mind, half the time it wouldn't fire a second round for her. It was just too small. She even took it to a gunsmith and he was kind, but he had to tell her that the only way he could get it to misfire was to hold it with two fingers. If you can possibly help it, never buy a handgun without firing it a few times first.

**Some Recommendations**

That being said, here are some recommendations:

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# Let's Talk About Catfish

BY ANDY CLARK

AZGFD STATEWIDE SPORTFISH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

I've come to the conclusion that there are few things better as an angler than feeling "tap-tap-tap" on your line in the pitch dark. Despite the many hours half-doing in the sweltering heat of the night, forgetting my headlamp is on and wondering why the bugs keep eating me alive, catfish remain one of my favorite fishing targets. Arizona is home to some fantastic spots to catch catfish. Let's focus on simple things to get you going on some great late summer catfishing.

**Channels, Flats**

First off, what kind of catfish do we have in Arizona? Channel catfish and flathead catfish are the two heavy hitters. There are three types of bullhead (black, brown and yellow) in many of our desert waters, but they are typically on the small side and a little less desirable. Despite many rumors, we do not have blue catfish in Arizona.

As far as tackle and bait go, in late summer, the key word is "fresh"! In springtime, catfish are genetically programmed to feed on "winterkill," which is the fish and aquatic life that died during winter and are coming downstream after ice-out. I know, you're saying, "We don't have ice-out in Arizona." Well, in the Mississippi and Missouri River drainages where these species are native, they do.

**The Best Baits, Rigs**

So just remember to use the stinky baits in spring and before catfish spawn (late June to July) and after the spawn, use fresh baits. These can be live or freshly cut baits, nightcrawlers, bugs, crayfish, minnows, liver, shrimp — you get the idea. Flathead catfish

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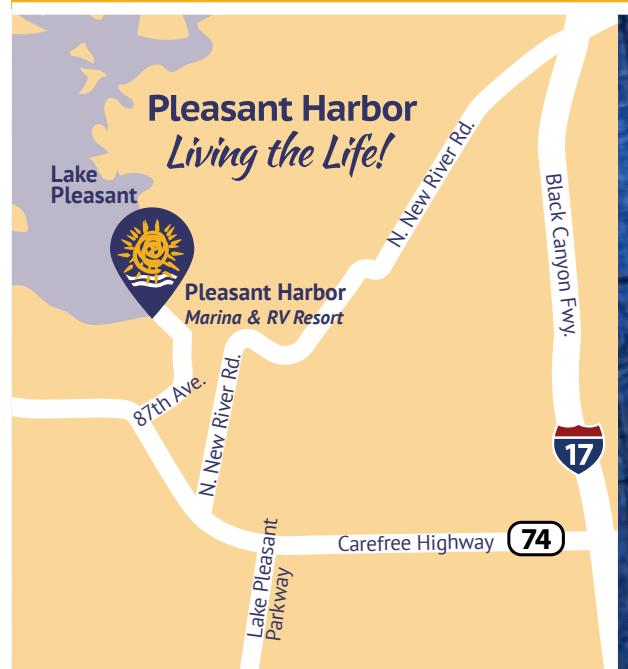
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# Visit To View Fantastic Fall Color In Arizona

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

We ran up to NAU last October to visit our granddaughter for her 20th birthday. She's been hiking with us since she was three years old, so naturally we all wanted to go do some hiking in the forest, preferably with lots of fall color. A couple of years ago, her older sister had shown us a fantastic place only about 15 miles north of Flagstaff off Highway 180, so we decided to go there.

**Colorful Reward**

To get there, you just take Highway 180 about fifteen miles until you get to around mile marker 226. The road is actually the road to Hart Prairie, which is a Nature Conservancy site that you can only visit by reservation from April through September. The road is FR151. On

**From The Snow Bowl Ski Lift**

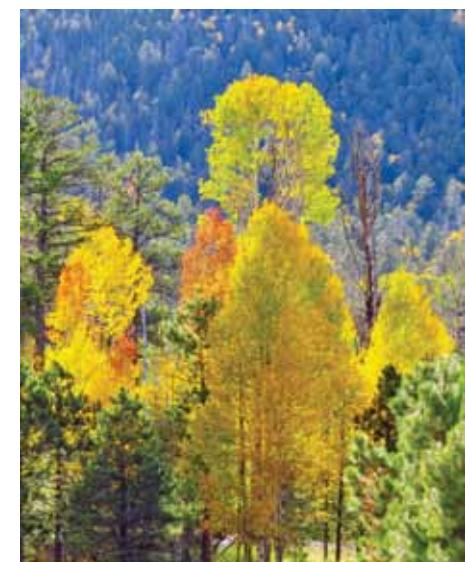
the left, shortly after you get on 151, there is a largish parking area and a kiosk with maps of the area. At first all you see is pine trees for a few miles, but persevere. Soon you will be rewarded by a massive stand of aspen trees on the left side of the road. There is a rail fence and parking

**Aspen Loop Nature Trail**

for at least a couple dozen cars. We went there on a Friday and there were about six cars there.

**It's Magical**

This place is magical. There are a bunch of old Jeep trails and foot paths, and some of the roads are no longer open to vehicles which makes for great hiking. There's an old fireplace and you can still see the foundation of the little cabin that used to incorporate it. This is a fantastic place for photos when the trees are changing color. When we were there in late October there were still a lot of leaves on the trees, but also a lot on the ground as well, which made it even more beautiful. I got some great photos of my beautiful granddaughter and her dog, Grimmy.

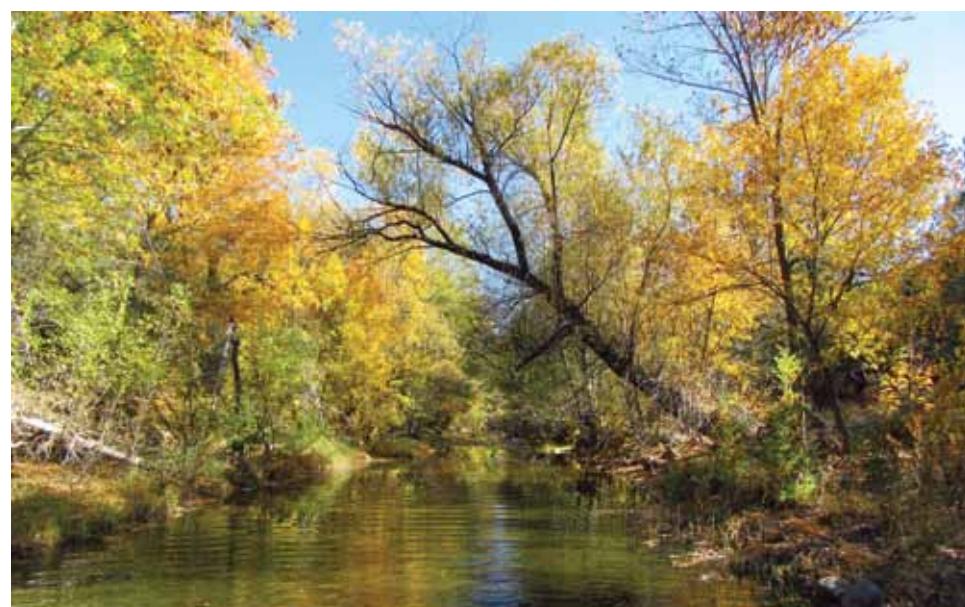
**Lockett Meadows**

If you really want a bird's eye view of colorful fall trees, take the ski lift up the mountain. From the top, and on the way down, you can see for miles and miles and you'll get an eyeful of colors from reds to oranges to yellows. It is seriously beautiful.

**Lockett Meadow**

Lockett Meadow is famous for fall color, and we've been there a couple of times. Two caveats: The road can be iffy: it's a dirt road, and narrow. Sometimes a driver will get overwhelmed and just freeze, blocking traffic. It's also crowded when the color is at its height. But it's one of the most beautiful places you'll ever see, so it's worth it.

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**Dry Creek South Of Dugas Road**

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**John And Mochi In The Escudilla Mountains Near Alpine**



## Just Around The Bend Is A Spectacular Site

FROM VISIT ARIZONA.COM

Horseshoe Bend attracts 2 million visitors every year and is one of the most photographed sites in northern Arizona. Here, we walk you through need-to-know details for how to travel to this spectacular place as well as tips on how to engage more meaningfully with the destination.

Formed when the Colorado River looped around an impassable sandstone escarpment, Horseshoe Bend is one of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's more famous highlights. Not an easy feat, considering nearby is Antelope Canyon and the second-largest manmade lake in the United States, Lake Powell.

### Getting To Horseshoe Bend

Start in Flagstaff, Arizona's third-largest city about two hours north of Phoenix. To get to Horseshoe Bend from Flagstaff, take Highway 89 north approximately 125 miles. Watch for the parking lot on the west side of the road at mile marker 544, just before entering the town of Page. If the lot is full, staff will ask you to return later. **You are not allowed to park on the side of the road or drop anyone off.**

### The Basics

#### When To Go

Horseshoe Bend is open year-round from sunrise to sunset; however, most people visit from 9 to 11 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to catch the sunset. Avoid the

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Downtown Flagstaff (Danielle DeMarco And Trinity Anderson)

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### Downtown Flagstaff

Believe it or not, downtown Flagstaff can also be a wonderful place to see fall color, especially if you get there too late and the leaves on the mountain have already fallen. When we were up there to take graduation photos for our granddaughter, we found a bunch of places in town with tons of color.

### Other Places In Arizona

Since John and I do so much off-roading, we've come across patches of unexpected color even in the desert. Those are few and far between, but a real treat. Look for places that have water most of the year in the higher parts of the desert.

### Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has gorgeous fall color. We were out there last year looking for grouse and the colors were fantastic on the Escudilla Mountains, and I'm sure there are other

# Extinct Reptile Fossils Find Their Way Back To Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park

FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

In a lab at the University of Washington's Burke Museum in Seattle, Wash., a large block of fossils, on loan from the Petrified Forest National Park (PEFO), was carefully cleaned. Their work revealed a complete skeleton, and bones from several other individuals, of the extinct reptile *Revueltosaurus callenderi*.

### A Crocodilian Relative

*Revueltosaurus callenderi* is a crocodilian relative known only from the Late Triassic of North America. These animals had bony armor and the leaf-shaped teeth of an herbivore. The first discoveries of *Revueltosaurus* teeth were made in the late 1990s. The shape of the teeth led paleontologists to think they had discovered a new plant-eating dinosaur from the Late Triassic.

However, in 2004, the discovery of a complete skeleton at PEFO revealed the creature had the ankle bones of a crocodile relative. The name *Revueltosaurus* comes from the area near Revuelto Creek in New Mexico where the animal was first discovered.

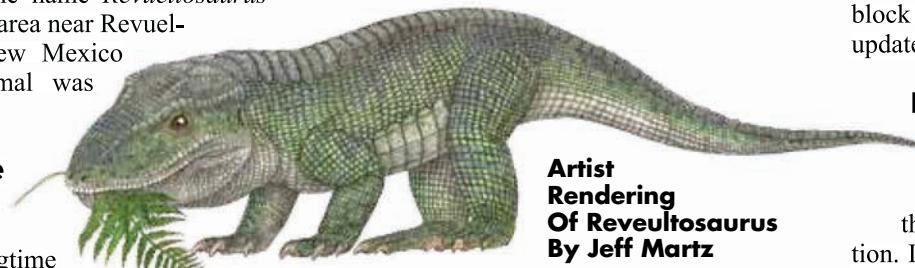
### A Complete Skeleton

The Burke Museum, a longtime research partner of Petrified Forest, wanted to display a *Revueltosaurus* skeleton in new exhibits. The park loaned the museum several blocks of rock collected from a site known to have *Revueltosaurus* fossils. The Burke's fossil preparators, specialized paleontologists who clean rock to reveal bones, carefully worked to reveal a complete *Revueltosaurus* skeleton along with other fossil *Revueltosaurus* bones.

However, when it came time to use the specimen in the exhibit, they realized the



Close Up Of The Revueltosaurus Fossil Block



Artist Rendering Of Revueltosaurus By Jeff Martz

fragility of the fossils would make a display very difficult in the orientation desired by the exhibit designers.

For the protection of the fossils, they made a realistic painted cast of the specimen for the exhibit. PEFO Museum Curator Matt Smith drove to Washington earlier this summer and retrieved the borrowed specimens. Now that the fossils are back home, Petrified Forest National Park hopes to safely exhibit the impressive

block at a visitor center when exhibits are updated in the future.

### Important Specimen

"This specimen is important because it is the only one in existence in which a large portion of the skeleton is still in its life orientation. It shows how all of the bony armor plates that were on the back of the animal were arranged in life," says Petrified Forest National Park's Natural Resources Program Manager Bill Parker. There is also a partial skull in the block and the jumbled bones of several other skeletons. PEFO is the only place in the world where complete skeletons of this animal have been found.

A complete description of the skeleton of *Revueltosaurus* is currently in press in the scientific journal *The Anatomical Record*. ■



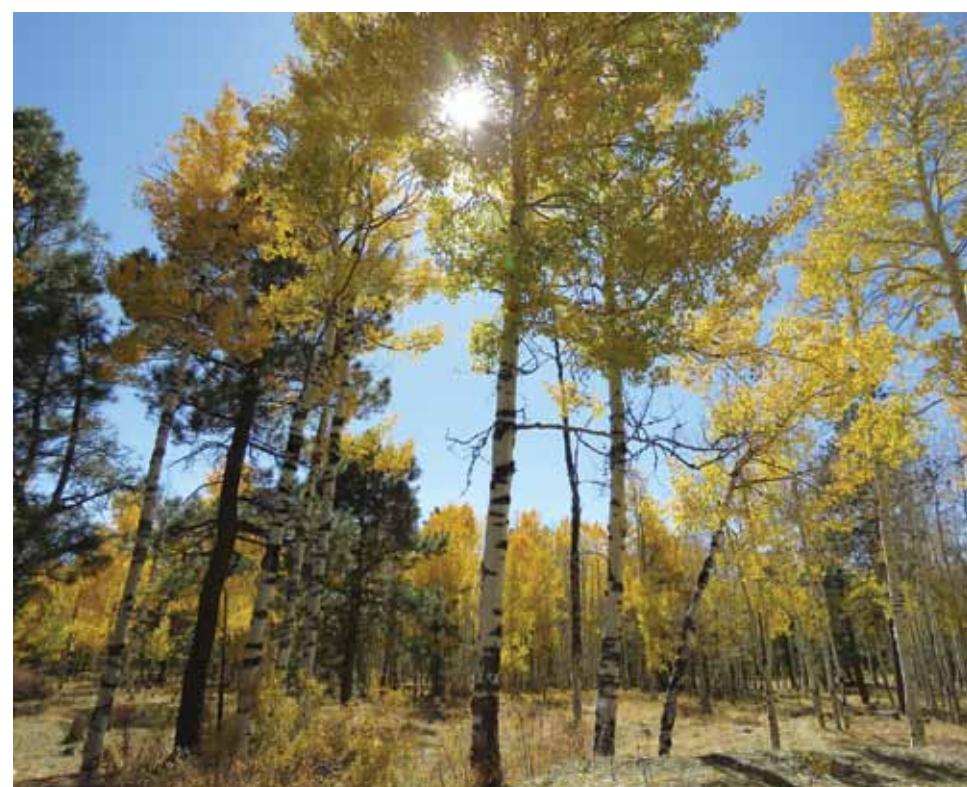
Believe it or not, this is just south of Dugas Road.

areas as well.

### Color On The Mountains

You can find fall color on a lot of mountain ranges in Arizona, including the ranges in the southern part of the state. Aspens can grow in a wide variety of climates according to the Forest Service, from semi-arid shrublands to wet, spruce-fir forests. After a fire, like we discovered on the Escudillas, the aspens can be the first trees to come back.

In many places up there, the aspens were virtually shrubs, but in brilliant colors. So look around, check out any mountain ranges near you, and make sure you visit every couple of weeks or so, because the colors can begin and end suddenly. ■



Escudilla Mountains In The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

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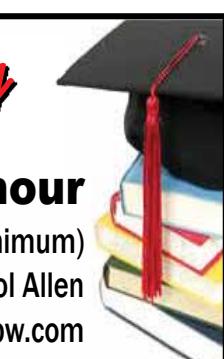
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# Do You Know A Student Who Might Be Interested?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary offer several scholarships that are available to students in grades 9 through 12.

The Scholarship program is not a new one, but it is so important. In these troubling times of our nation, it is important that we hear from our young people on what they think and how they feel about Patriotism and Americanism which is relayed through essays and art. We need to keep these ideas out there and encourage these students, who represent our future, to stay strong in Americanism and Patriotism ideals so our country does not lose the values of those men who wrote our Constitution.

Our Department President's theme "Honoring Old Glory and Those Who Fight for It" is so fitting for this program. We need to remember what we stand for and honor those who are fighting and have fought to keep those values.

This program encourages Patriotism and Americanism to our students and of-



fers awards to help them in attaining an education of their choosing For the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contests, contact —

- Schools and JROTC Units
- Church and/or youth groups
- Youth-focused organizations
- Home-school associations
- Parent-teacher associations
- Youth sports teams
- Financial Aid offices
- Student veteran centers

There are four different scholarships in this program. We have the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essay contests promoted by the VFW, but helped and supported tremendously by the VFW Auxiliary. The Auxiliary itself has two additional scholarships — the Continuing Education Scholarship (not open to the public) and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

lack the vibrant colors they have earlier and later in the day thanks to the intensity of the sun's rays.

#### **What You'll Need**

Water is a must, especially during the summer. Bring 1 liter *per person* for every two hours. Pack light snacks, and dress appropriately for a desert hike. You

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crowds by going at sunrise or on weekdays.

You'll encounter fewer visitors in the early afternoon, but temperatures peak during these hours, and the canyon walls

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## Voice Of Democracy

**Entry form:** <https://vfwauxiliaryil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf>

This is a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay that was established in 1947. The theme for the 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest is "America: Where Do We Go From Here". This contest is for students in grades 9-12. The students can be in public, parochial, home schools or private schools and they must reside in the state of Illinois to be considered for our Department to be a winner.

Judging is based on three criteria:

- Originality – 30 points
- Content – 35 points
- Delivery – 35 points

#### **Deadlines:**

- Entries to VFW Post – Midnight October 31
- Completion of Post Judging – November 15
- Completion of District Judging – December 15
- Completion of Department Judging – January 10
- Department Winner to VFW National

Headquarters – January 15

#### **National Awards:**

- First Place – \$30,000 scholarship
- Second Place – \$16,000 scholarship
- Third Place – \$10,000 scholarship
- Fourth through 36<sup>th</sup> Place – \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship
- 37<sup>th</sup> – 54<sup>th</sup> place – \$1,000 scholarship
- The Department winner will also receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

## Patriot's Pen

**Entry form:** <https://vfwauxiliaryil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable-2021-22.pdf>

The theme for this year's essay contest is "How Can I Be a Good American". This essay contest is open to all students in public, parochial, home schools or private schools.

Judging is based on 3 criteria:

- Knowledge of the Theme – 30 points
- Theme Development – 35 points
- Clarity of ideas – 35 points

#### **Deadlines:**

- Entries to Post – Midnight, October 31

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rina, or if you prefer to stay on dry land, you can hike the trails surrounding Lake Powell. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails allow you to access even more of the area's backcountry. Guided tours let you enjoy the area from a boat or helicopter with the aid of knowledgeable guides.

#### **A Magnificent Site**

Another stunning destination, Antelope Canyon is less than 10 miles from Page. Visiting this slot canyon—a magnificent site formed from millions of years of erosion—is only allowed with a tour guide. Book one in Page to ensure you'll be able to visit.

#### **A Note About Water Levels**

Water levels at Lake Powell hit a historic low in 2021, forcing some marinas and other area services to limit or suspend all activities. For more information on current water levels and impacted services, including ramp launches, please visit the National Park Service's Changing Lake Levels page for Glen Canyon.

#### **Where To Stay**

Because there is so much to see in the area — Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Lees Ferry and more — most visitors choose to spend several days in Page. There are more than 300 hotels, motels and vacation rentals in the area; here are two to get you started.

Lake Powell Resort: This Aramark-managed resort inside the recreation area is a short walk from Wahweap Marina and popular with visitors who want to get out on the water. Rent a powerboat for the day, then savor a meal as the sun sets over the lake at the onsite restaurant.

Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell: One of the newer accommodations in the area, this hotel scores high marks with visitors for its outstanding views of the lake as well as its exceptionally clean rooms and hot breakfast. It also features accessible rooms and spaces throughout the hotel, plus it's pet-friendly.

#### **Leave No Trace**

Horseshoe Bend is a special place whose breathtaking beauty and natural habitats for local wildlife are worth preserving. Adhere to the Leave No Trace principles as much as you possibly can so future visitors may continue to enjoy. ■

# Wild Arizona: AZGFD Continues To Host Virtual Public Meetings

Meetings are to discuss plans for the future of the state's wildlife.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is updating its 10-year conservation plan — the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Strategy (AWCS) — and is sharing the core elements of the new strategy based on public input to date.

The department will host two virtual meetings in October to discuss enhancements to the AWCS and obtain feedback from the public. The meeting times and dates are —

- Bats of Arizona — 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 7 (AZGFD). Description: Bats are completely misunderstood creatures. These flying mammals are an incredible species that fill a special niche. Learn about the different species in Arizona and their natural history.



- Origins of the Sonoran Desert — 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 14 (SWCC). Description: What is a desert? Arizona has one of the most diverse flora and faunal assemblages in the nation. Of the four deserts that cover large parts of Arizona, the Sonoran Desert has the greatest diversity. Learn more about this desert and the species that inhabit it.

To attend a meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone, visit <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/938773205>. Those who haven't previously used the GoToMeeting app can download it from that link. Alternatively, people can dial in by phone at 1-669-224-3412, access code 938-773-205.

Each meeting will include information on proposed changes to the Strategy, including designation of Conservation Opportunity Areas, a Conservation Analysis Tool and Data Warehouse, and a new way for the public to engage with the Strategy online, followed by a Q&A session. The same content will be covered in all three meetings.

The AWCS encourages collaboration with partners to make focused strategic investments in the management, conservation, and mitigation of areas that will have the greatest benefit for wildlife using the best available science.

Because everyone in Arizona is integral to the success of the AWCS revision, understanding mutual interests and needs, sharing data and information (where feasible), and developing collaborative implementation strategies will maximize the plan's effectiveness and the collective efforts to conserve Arizona's fish and wildlife resources.

Developing the AWCS included a statewide survey, focus groups, and meetings with partner organizations. Following the public meetings, AZGFD will distribute another statewide survey for the public to share perspectives on the AWCS, which is slated to be completed in 2022.

For more information on the AWCS, including survey results, summaries of focus group discussions, and a link to the 2012-2022 Arizona State Wildlife Action Plan, visit <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/actionplan/> ■

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- Completion of Post Judging — November 15
- Completion of District Judging — December 15
- Completion of Department Judging — January 10
- Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters — January 15

### National Awards:

- First Place — \$5,000
- Second Place — \$4,000
- Third Place — \$3,500
- Fourth through 54<sup>th</sup> place — \$2,750 to \$500

## Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

**Entry form:** [https://vfwauxiliaryil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FILLABLE\\_VFW-Auxiliary-Patriotic-Art-Brochure-and-Application.pdf](https://vfwauxiliaryil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FILLABLE_VFW-Auxiliary-Patriotic-Art-Brochure-and-Application.pdf)

This contest is open to all students in grades 9-12, including those who are home schooled, not older than 18 years of age at time of the entry and must be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. National. Artwork must be on canvas or paper. No digital art will be accepted. It is judged on patriotic theme and technique.

One department winner will be for-

warded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring Auxiliary..

### Deadlines

- Entry received by local Auxiliary — March 31, 2022
- Entry received by Department — April 15, 2022
- Entry received by National Headquarters — May 5, 2022

### National Scholarships

- First Place — \$15,000
- Second Place — \$7,500
- Third Place — \$3,500
- Fourth and Fifth Place — \$1,500 Sixth through Tenth Place — \$500

The National President's Theme is

"Soaring Above and Beyond". With a positive attitude and hard work, we can get National Winners in all of these contests.

Even though the Scholarship Program is geared to our youth, we can stress helping our veterans wherever they may be — overseas, at home, in the hospital and in the nursing homes. The peace given to the veterans with visits and just a "Thank you for your service" can go a long way. Teaching these concepts to our youth can bring awareness to the entire community.

### For More Local Information

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## BRIDGE

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(Oct. 16),

- The London Bridge Beard and Mustache Contest (Oct. 23),
- 50th Annual London Bridge Days Parade (Oct. 30),
- Havasu Memorial Walkway Pioneers Dedication Ceremony (Oct. 31),
- Ghost Tours of the bridge, and other events during the month-long celebration.

"New York has its Empire State Building, St. Louis its Gateway Arch, and L.A. its Hollywood sign. There's only one London Bridge in the world outside of England and we've got it here thanks to the foresight of our founding

fathers some 50 years ago," says Terence Concannon, Go Lake Havasu president/CEO.

"It's the number-one built attraction in Arizona. The number one attraction, of course, is the Grand Canyon, but only Mother Nature can lay claim to that one." (Source: Arizona Office of Tourism Research Division, 2018).

For an update on planned London Bridge 50th celebrations, view: <https://www.londonbridge50th.com>

How did this blessing to a nation make its way from rainy London to the dusty Mojave Desert in Arizona? Bearing bullet holes, birds, bats and historic graffiti, the London Bridge is hollow inside but chock full of amazing stories you must see to believe! ■



The London Bridge was shipped in sections across the Atlantic Ocean and through the Panama Canal. The first section arrived at the Port of Los Angeles on July 5, 1968. From there, the sections were transported overland to Lake Havasu City. The shipping and reconstruction of the bridge, and dredging of a man-made channel underneath, cost \$7 million.

## ROCK

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[pleasantharbor.com](http://pleasantharbor.com). Ticket prices do not include entry into Pleasant Harbor, which is an additional \$7.00 fee per vehicle for this event. No coolers or alcohol are allowed. However, unopened plastic water bottles, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. Festival attendees are encouraged to buy tickets in advance.

## Camping

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## Activities

Pleasant Harbor offers an array of watersports and lakeside activities featuring the world's largest floating waterslide (H2-Whoa!), recreational sailboats, jet skis, kayaks, and paddle board rentals.

"I'm looking forward to another Peoria

Country Fest with great music at a one-of-kind location," said Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher. "We are so proud to have beautiful Lake Pleasant in our city offering the perfect spot to kick up your heels for a great day of entertainment and fun!"

## More Information

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant is less than a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix and the closest entry to the lake for most Phoenix-area residents. Located in the city of Peoria, Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information about the Peoria Country Fest, camping and tickets, please visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com) or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173.

## The Event In A Nutshell

**What:** Peoria Country Fest

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Where:** Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant, 8708 West Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383

**Why:** 1-day CountryFestival, w/opational Weekend Camping Experience

**How:** Purchase tickets or make camp-

ing reservations online: [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com)

**Tickets:** Adult: \$25; Children: Free admission (12 and under)

**Parking:** \$7.00 (per vehicle), VIP Tickets: \$75.00 (limited availability)

**Camping:** 623-235-6140 (call to reserve your campsite)

**More Info:** Pleasant Harbor Event Line: 623-203-5173

## Getting There

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant, located in the City of Peoria, is less than a 45 minute drive from downtown Phoenix and conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87th Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). Visitors exiting the I-17 freeway, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take 99th Avenue North from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87th Avenue to Harbor Boulevard.

## About Pleasant Harbor

Pleasant Harbor, located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area, is open to the public 365 days a year and located in the city of Peoria, Ariz. The full-service marina, features boat and slip rentals, as well as Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, and sailboat rentals. Additionally, the marina features H2-Whoa! – the world's largest floating water slide and is home to *The Phoenix*, a 150-passenger boat cruise providing tours of majestic Lake Pleasant.

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incredible celebration: The 50th anniversary of the dedication of Lake Havasu City's famed London Bridge. Read the page 1 story that outlines the October-filled calendar of fun and activities to mark this big birthday event. (Jim and I hope to join in the festivities and are grateful for the invitation.)

Second, although we often think of fall colors in the Northeast, Margie Anderson reminds us that they are also close to home. They are part of Arizona's beautiful artscapes, and she leads us to the best places to view them.

Finally, in addition to looking forward to cooler weather, many are also ready for the autumn hunting season; please see our web site for this month's hunting calendar: [www.westernoutdoortimes.com](http://www.westernoutdoortimes.com).

As summer comes to a close and the refreshing weather of autumn returns, we wish you many happy outdoor times ahead. Oh, and a Happy Halloween to boot! ■

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## What Have You Got To Lose?

## TALES

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The London Bridge survived World War II Nazi warplane bombings. Visitors can see the battle scars left behind and where two U.S. soldiers tagged their names on the centuries-old stone.

When dismantled in London, each stone of the London Bridge was numbered so it could be re-assembled anywhere in the world. If you look carefully, you can see the numbering on many of the stones.



## GUNS

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### **Kimber R7 Mako**

The micro 9 that comes with everything is the Kimber R7 Mako. It's a high-capacity 12-round micro compact that will carry 14 with the extended magazine. You can get it with a Crimson Trace CTS-1500 Reflex Sight installed, and you can also mount any sight that fits the Shield pattern RMSc footprint on either model. The one that is optics ready is

\$599 and with the Crimson Trace Reflex sight it's \$799. Both models have tritium night sights with a Glock-cut dovetail, and a performance trigger. It's a polymer, striker-fired pistol.

### **Ruger Max 9 Talo**

The best buy I found on the micro 9 is the Ruger Max 9 Talo with optics installed. This is also a polymer striker-fired pistol, and it holds either 10 or 12 + 1. Comes with factory installed Crimson Trace Red Dot sights for \$539. It comes with one 10-round mag and one 12-round mag.

### **Other Micro 9's**

Other micro 9's I'd recommend include the Glock 43X MOS, the Sig Sauer P365XL, the Springfield Hellcat Micro, and the S&W M&P 9 Shield Plus. These handguns are apparently selling like hotcakes, so go online and see if you can find one near you. By the way, Shield Arms makes an aftermarket magazine for the Glock that holds 15 rounds. If you go to [www.handgunhero.com](http://www.handgunhero.com) you can choose any two models of handguns and visually compare their size, weight, capacity, and more. It's pretty cool. ■

## CRANKBAIT

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several weeks, and that he was just killing 'em by slow-rolling a fire tiger Rat-L-Trap in twenty to twenty-five feet of water. He was just cruising the shorelines and making sure his lure contacted the bottom every time he passed over a point. He had lost quite a few lures, he said, but it was worth it because he caught impressive numbers of fish every day, even when others were getting skunked.

### **Jerry Loughran, Dan Marzano**

A big wobbling deep-diving crankbait fished over the flats can be a real produc-

er, too. At Apache, Jerry Loughran always threw big orange Wiggle Warts on the flats for giant smallmouth, and Dan Marzano worked the flats at Roosevelt with a white Poe's 400 for similar results. When fish are up on the flats, they are usually there for just one reason--to eat. Take advantage of it and feed them a crankbait. The deep-diving lures will crash against the rocks and make a racket that will draw the fish for long distances.

Another flats technique that has produced for me is to burn a small Rat-L-Trap. If you want a limit in a hurry, throw a small silver Trap right up on shore, then crank it back as fast as you can reel. I've done this at Roosevelt and Pleasant, and it gets the fish almost every time. Every now and then a big one will hit it, too.

### **Wooden, Plastic Lures**

In general, wooden lures have a wider wobble and plastic lures have a tighter wobble. The colder the water, the wider you want the wobble. You can make a wooden lure rattle by drilling a small hole, inserting a glass rattle, then sealing and painting the hole.

Bass that are heavily pressured or spooky can often be caught by burning a deep-diving crankbait through them. They don't have time to make up their mind about it--they either slam it or let it get away. If the fish really have lockjaw, you can fish a tiny lure like a Rebel Critter on light line with a spinning rod. A tiny slip-sinker on the line will get the lure down deeper and make it easier to cast.

## CATFISH

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will always like live stuff over dead, but in spring, even the "flats" will eat dead stinky stuff.

For channel cats, use a basic Carolina rig with 8- to 10-pound test and a #2 bait-holder hook. Treble hooks work great for liver, shrimp or any bait that needs more holding power. Otherwise, the baitholder hook works great. For flathead, it's all about keeping your bait alive as long as possible. Hooking a bluegill or waterdog through the back and keeping enough weight on it so it's just able to make short runs but can't peel off line works best.

### **Favorite Spots**

A few of my favorite spots for big channels and flathead are Roosevelt Lake, Saguaro Lake, Topock Marsh, and the Community Fishing Program lakes for channels, and the upper Salt River (above Roosevelt Lake), Bartlett Lake and the Imperial Division of the Colorado River for flathead. ■

### **Finding Fish In The Fall**

In the fall you can often fish a deep-diving crankbait all day long. Fish move up early to feed shallow, then move out deeper as the day goes on. If you are catching fish at a certain depth, follow the contours around at that depth and keep catching them. If the bite turns off, move-deeper or shallower and look for the fish. They're still around, they've just moved to a different depth.

Finding fish in the fall can be an easy proposition once they get active enough to start chasing a crankbait. Make sure you have good hooks on your plugs, and check your line often for fraying. Big fish and big money sometimes come on crankbaits, and this is the time of year to start plugging away. ■

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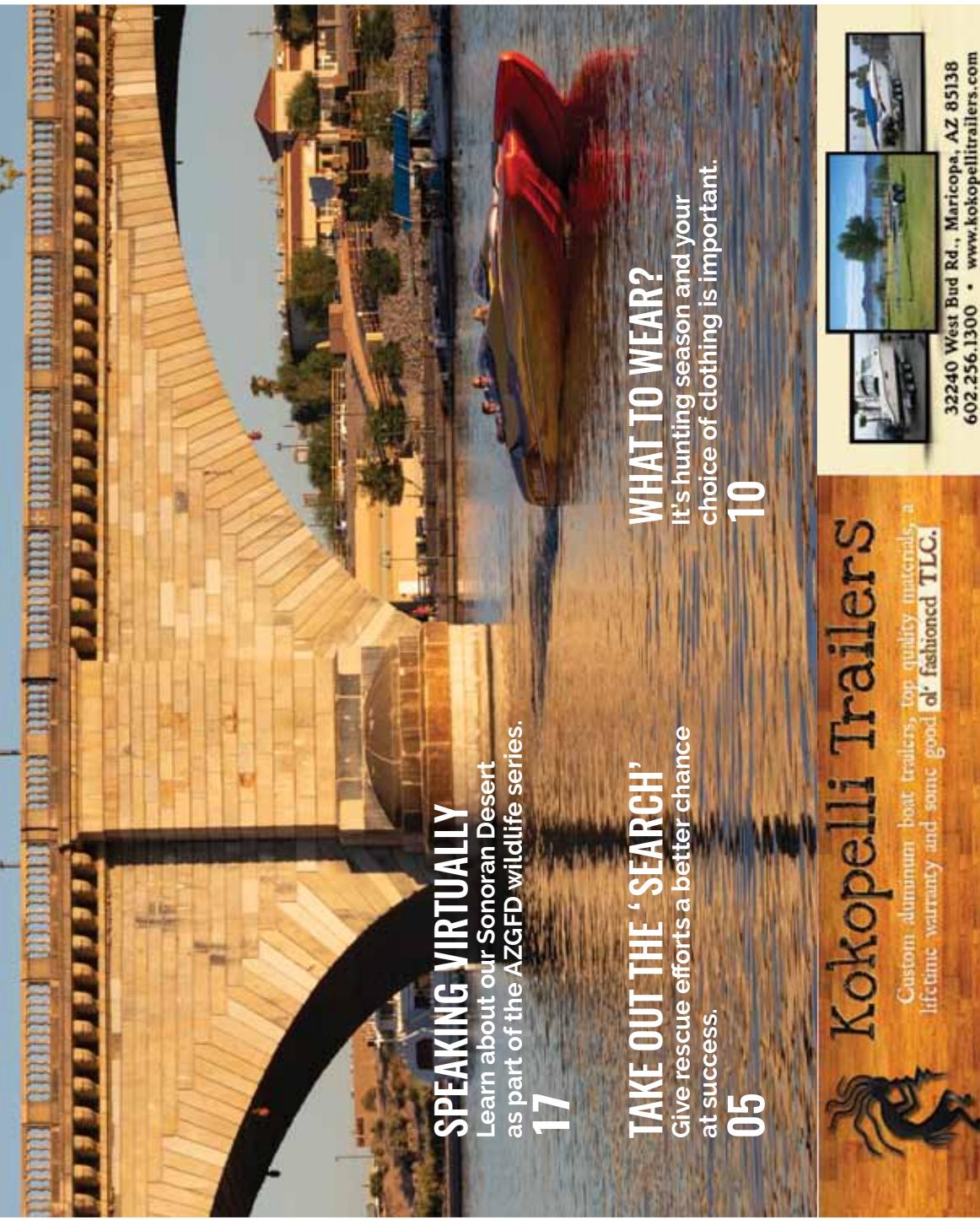
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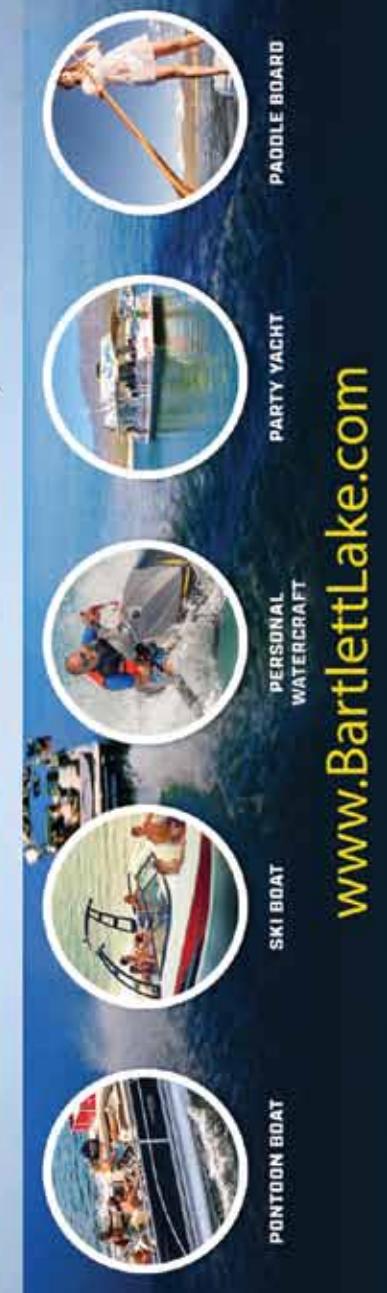
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