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Celebrating The Past; Looking To The Future



ON THE COVER

Just One Of The Features Of Havasu's 'Sand And Water'

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First-Ever 'Sand And Water Expo' Coming To Lake Havasu City

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts to see it all this fall.

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ing to Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 special-event venue, Oct. 27-28.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have the opportunity to bring this level of event to Lake Havasu City," commented Bob Brown, president of Media Direction, the producer of the exceptionally successful 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show in April.

A Close Relationship

"There has always been a close relation-



ship between individuals who enjoy off-roading, RVing and boating; it's just a matter of the time of year. Southwest off-roading and RVing are the recreations of choice in fall and winter that give-way to boating and watersports in spring and summer, and no where in the country is that fact more evident than Lake Havasu City.

"It's a natural cross-over blend of similar interests. Because of that, we plan to capture the spirit of these complementary markets by offering an opportunity to browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4 X 4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats and all related accessory products and services in one convenient place.

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US Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 73 Years Helping Keep America Safe

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrated its 73rd anniversary of service to America June 23. As the uniformed, volunteer component of the Coast Guard, Auxiliary members dedicate countless hours each year toward supporting the Coast Guard in nearly all of the service's mission areas.

In The '30s

In the 1930s, rowing and yachting races were among the most popular spectator sports in America. With

WWII on the horizon and more than 300,000 boats operating in U.S. waters, Congress passed legislation on June 23, 1939 forming the Coast Guard Reserve — a civilian organization with the primary purpose of providing boats and support to the Coast Guard during times of need.

In 1941: Pearl Harbor Day

On Dec. 7, 1941, Lt. Cmdr. Frank D. Higbee ordered the Auxiliary to duty in the 11th Naval District (Calif.)



SIX DECADES AGO — In the 1940s, Coast Guard Reserve (Auxiliary) flotillas augmented U.S. WWII coastal defenses helping protect the homeland from possible enemy attack. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Photo [Collection #559], Special Collections Department, J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University)

and told them in effect: "Come back with your shield, or on it!" Recruits flooded into Coast Guard Reserve (Auxiliary) flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. The organization's membership soared to over 50,000 as these new members worked, performing coastal defense and search and rescue duties — including firefighting and anti-submarine operations.

Name Change In '42

Congress officially changed the or-

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A number of public figures have traditionally supported the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Here, Honorary Commodore Lloyd Bridges and his "helpers" promote boating safety course enrollment. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Photo [Collection #559], Special Collections Department, J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University)



TRAINING — A Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crew member tends a trail line during helo-hoist training on Santa Monica Bay with an HH-65 "Dolphin" helicopter from Air Station Los Angeles. The Auxiliary provides valuable training platforms for Coast Guard aviation assets needing experience hoisting from a variety of vessel types. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Stephen Lee)



VCSs. — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner Richard Weiss inspects a life jacket during a Vessel Safety Check at Bree-Zee-Yacht Basin. Each year, the Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts thousands of complementary Vessel Safety Check inspections for recreational boat owners across the nation. (U.S. Coast Guard Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Lindberg)

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Western Wildlife

Desert Tortoises In Need Of Adoption

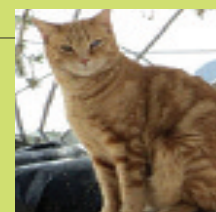
Holding facilities are at capacity, hundreds of tortoises need good homes. See story Page 11.



Good Company

Fur & Feathers: Come For A Visit

This is a remarkable animal haven in western New Mexico, for dogs and cats and other furkids. See story Page 6.





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not only be able to continue our work on the Chris-Craft, but also we are hoping to fit it with a trailer while at Kokopelli.

Dan and Jon Turner at Sun Valley Fiber-Glas are still hosting our original 1952, 43' Chris-Craft as well as one of the 21' Chris-Craft Scorpions.

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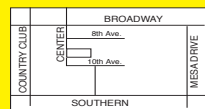
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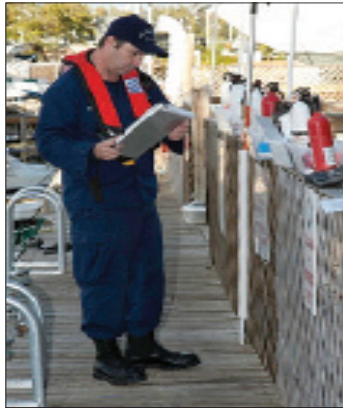
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Citations Issued For Quagga-Contaminated Boats

Invasive mussels discovered at Lake Powell decontamination station.

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Arizona Game and Fish officers have recently issued citations to two individuals who brought quagga mussel contaminated boats to Lake Powell, and citations are pending in a third case.

"Fortunately, in these instances the quagga mussels on the boats were discovered at Lake Powell's decontamination station prior to launching," said Tom McMahon, the invasive species coordinator for the Game and Fish Department.

One of the vessels had mussels on its anchor, which many people forget to clean, and the boat owner neglected to remove the plug before leaving Lake Pleasant, which is another violation.

Often Attached To Anchor

"About a quarter of the boats showing up at Lake Powell with quagga mussels have been in violation due to mussels being attached to the anchor," McMahon said.

McMahon added that these two incidents demonstrate why boaters coming from lakes such as Pleasant, Mead, Mohave, and Havasu that are infested with quagga mussels need to be conscientious about taking legally required proper precautions so they don't move these invasive mollusks to an unaffected water, such as



Zebra Mussel



Quagga Mussel

Powell or Bartlett Lake.

"It's essential that boaters clean, drain and dry their boats each and every time they go boating anywhere, any time. Unfortunately, there are lots of aquatic invasive species that might hitchhike to another water on your boat or trailer," McMahon said.

However, he added, those boating in waters listed as having aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels, by law must follow the prescribed decontamination procedures.

"Quite simply, it is against the law in Arizona to transport quagga or zebra mussels and those found doing so can and probably will be cited," McMahon pointed out.

For the most part, those legally required procedures are simple and straightforward.

Three Steps To Clear

Before leaving the vicinity of an aquatic invasive species listed water, such as Pleasant, Mead, Mohave or Havasu, the law requires that you —

Step 1: Clean and remove any clinging

material such as plants, animals and mud from anchor, boat, motor and trailer.

Step 2: Pull your plug and drain the water from the bilge, livewell and any other compartments that could hold water. Also be sure to drain the water from the engine and engine cooling system.

Step 3: Ensure your watercraft and equipment are allowed to dry completely and out of the water for a minimum of seven days.

For more detailed information, check out www.azgfd.gov/ais.

"We've been asking boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats for years. It's just a good practice to not only protect our precious water resources, but also to protect your own boating investment. Most boaters have been pretty understanding and cooperative," McMahon said.

Now when they boat at waters listed as having aquatic invasive species, such as Mead, Mohave, Havasu, and Pleasant, this is required by law. As McMahon tells everyone he contacts to remember, "Don't Move a Mussel — Now it's the Law."



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It's official — the Lake Havasu Boat Show is the largest consumer boat show in Arizona in terms of attendance, physical size, and number of exhibitors. But, this is just the beginning.

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We'll also make sure that everyone in attendance will be entertained and energized.

For the 2013 Lake Havasu Boat Show has more special attractions planned than ever before: A new watersports stunt show featuring some of the most talented and extreme skiers, wakeboarders, Sky Skiers, barefooters, etc., in the country.

Also returning are Legends by the Lake Car Show — Boat Show Demos — and the World's Fastest Water Ski Racers in 2-Days of Head-To-Head Competition, plus an Exhibitor Party "Meet & Greet" on Saturday Night!

Thanks to all the exhibitors and attendees at our 2012 Boat Show, the Lake Havasu Boat Show is not only the largest consumer boat show in Arizona, but has grown to be one of the premier boat shows in the entire Southwest with over 130 exhibitors and more than 50 brands of boats on display.

The Lake Havasu Boat Show is produced by Media Direction in conjunction with the Lake Havasu Marine Association. For more information, contact Bob Brown (951) 501-0210 or (951) 599-0195 fax or bbrown@mediadirection1.com.



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Editor's Note: Recently our publisher Jim Allen and editor Carol Allen visited this remarkable animal haven in western New Mexico. We spent nearly two hours with the wonderful, committed volunteers there plus approximately 100 delightful dogs and 150 beautiful and affectionate cats — all friendly, happy fur-kids who, if it were not for Fur and Feathers, might not have a home, or, sadly, even a life. Please read this incredible story of a caring rescue home and see if there is a way you can help our friends.

Our Mission

Fur and Feather Animal Assistance is located in a very rural county in western New Mexico. This county, the largest in the state, has no animal control, so unwanted pets are often abandoned to fend for themselves in the wild.

In the fall of 2003, we took it upon ourselves to do something to help these homeless pets. Animals are housed at our own homes, kennels, and foster homes. Early in the spring of 2006, we became incorpo-



Jim with Special Edition, Murray and Pecos



Carol, Jim and Lots of Friends

rated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

We concentrate on rescuing lost and abandoned animals and helping out when people die and leave their pets behind. We also neuter every dog and cat that passes through our hands. We have been able to spay, neuter, and place over 1,200 pets.

About Fur And Feather

We are in a very rural county in western

New Mexico that has no animal control at all until we started trying to make a difference here in the fall of 2003. Early in the spring of 2006 we became incorporated as a non-profit facility. We concentrate on rescuing lost and abandoned animals and helping out when people die or become incapable of caring for their pets.

We are proud of our senior program, helping elderly people with unforeseen expenses and care.

Our biggest focus is neutering everything that passes through our hands. By the end of 2006, we had been able to spay, neuter, and place over 330 animals. As of winter 2011, our numbers are more than 1300 animals spayed and neutered.

We have puppies, kittens, adult dogs and cats — all spayed, neutered and ready to go. Here at Fur and Feather you will find that we pride ourselves in rating these animals for their ability to be with children, cats, horses, other dogs and poultry.

The Biggest Hurdle

The biggest hurdle we are always facing is getting enough funding to keep things going to take care of the nearly 300 dogs and cats in our care. We gratefully accept donations of food, bedding, toys, fencing materials and cash.

We are always happy to make appointments for visitors as we love for people to see our facility and meet our animals. Happily, we are making a difference one little being at a time.

Come out and see us in 2012!

Spaying/Neutering Is Making A Difference

Weekly, we make the trip to the Ark of Socorro Animal Hospital with a carload of dogs and cats to be altered. Sometimes it doesn't seem like enough, but this spring we saw a noticeable decline in the numbers of kittens and puppies that have come across our doorstep needing homes.

We want to thank the veterinarians and staff at the Ark for their caring generosity in this effort.

One Of Our Most Important Jobs

Adopting dogs and cats to good homes is obviously one of our important jobs. We've had great luck in finding perfect homes for the endless lines of pets waiting for a family of their own.

We ask only for a donation to help cover the cost of altering and are grateful for anything extra to help in feeding and housing all the rest that weren't so lucky



Carol and Jolene

that day.

Many times just realizing that we have contributed to the happiness for both the animals and their new families can be reward enough.

We at Fur & Feather want to thank the many good residents of Catron and surrounding counties for their generous donations, volunteer help, and for providing homes to these deserving dogs and cats.

With your help, we look forward to the rewards of helping animals, one at a time, this coming year.



Carol with Harley and Bruce

Visiting By Appointment

You can visit the Fur & Feather Farm by appointment. Please call Sharon @ (575) 772-2543 or e-mail to arrange a time to come out with your family.

The Fur & Feather Farm is located in Pie Town, N.M., and passes through gorgeous mountain ranges and New Mexico scenery and is nearby the Very Large Array. Visiting the Fur & Feather Farm can be a lovely family day trip and a great way to meet different types of dog and cat personalities at once to find the best fit for your family!

Most important, we do have a policy that assures you can return an animal to us if things are not working out. We want to make sure that all is a good fit. Since every situation is unique, we try to work with each individual to find a good match.

We ask for reimbursement of the regular veterinary expenses we have in the animal and that is what brings us to our adoption fees. Our primary goal is finding homes, but we really need the funding so we can continue on.

Take Time To See The Fur Kids

Browse the animals available for adoption on our Web site — View our available 'Dogs and Cats' section, www.RescueMe.org, Craigslit.org, and Adopt-A-Pet. We may have more animals available at the farm that have not been placed online yet.

We encourage you to bring your family and meet the animals in person before making a decision. We can also help you choose the perfect pet for your family, activity level, and lifestyle. We also welcome visits, volunteers, and donations to the farm. Give us a ring or e-mail!

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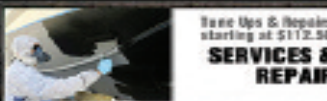
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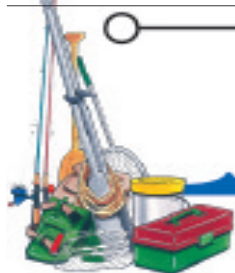
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Water temperature has now reached the high point for the year. Early morning temp is 80 and by afternoon it reaches 83 or higher. From now on, the temperature will remain the same but the band of warm water will deepen.

These warm temperatures are higher than any of the fish in Lake Powell prefer. It makes sense, then, that fishing has slowed down all over Lake Powell.

Takes A Bit More Patience

Striped bass can still be caught but it takes a bit more patience or some late night work. Stripers are most active at dusk and dawn. There will be an occasional boil in the northern lake.

In the south there is scattered surface action from yearling stripers feeding in groups of two to five fish. They hit the surface from dawn to 7 a.m. (MST) but splashes are widely spaced.

If close enough to cast to a rising fish, the chances of catching it are high. It is much more efficient to troll the general area where stripers splashes are seen. Use a shallow-running pointer, LV 100 or X-rap to steadily catch stripers while trolling near surface-feeding stripers.

We tried trolling deeper under the surface action without success. We are still clueless as to the general location of adult stripers in the southern lake. It is now too warm for them to feed on the surface for extended periods. We don't see many adult striper schools when graphing deeper water.

Success After Dark

Conditions seem ideal for bait fishing now, but the only successful bait fishing reports come after dark. This is a great time to break out the green fishing lights and use bait in areas that have produced well in the past. Some fish are taken under the lights near the marinas or off houseboats in the buoy fields. Adult fish are deep and should be hungry. Down-rigger trolling is another good option to take bigger fish.

Smallmouth bass are by far the best choice for targeting catchable fish. The brush zone from shore to 25 feet deep is where the action is. Large and small-mouth bass, walleye, stripers and sunfish are in brush along with shad and small sunfish. Cast plastic grubs to rocky drop-offs in the brush zone to catch multiple bass. Surface lures work very well morning and evening. Casting crankbaits in the spaces between the trees also works well.



NICE CATCH — Cindy Schroeder Durango Colo., caught some nice fish in boils near Halls Crossing Marina. Large stripers are being caught in the northern lake while yearling stripers are being caught in southern Lake Powell. Smallmouth bass are being caught most often at both ends of the lake.

Use your favorite fishing technique to catch bass early and late.

Time For Smelly Stuff

Catfishing success peaks in warm water of summer. It's time to use some smelly old bait along the shoreline at dusk and into the night to catch some dandy whiskered fish. Chicken liver, shrimp, night crawlers, hot dog rounds and an-

chovies are excellent catfish bait.

My hopes are high that after this fishing lull that the anticipated summer boil season will break loose. Usually all that is needed is for me to write one dismal fishing report and stripers start to boil everywhere. This is that dismal report. Now we are impatiently waiting for the bigger stripers to find shad and start boiling.

Good Summer Fishing Reported Throughout Arizona

By Rory Aikens

Arizona Game & Fish

With a waning moon and monsoon-generated rain showers possible on most days, you've got some nice choices for summer fishing, but on the extremely hot days, expect fish to go deep and be less active.

As the monsoon thunder bumpers start to build and the barometric pressure drops, insects will start flying closer to the water's surface and predatory fish will typically become more aggressive at the top of the water column.



the better producers. Since we stock Woods Canyon weekly, it is also a contender for some nice stockers. Ashurst and Kinikinic near Flagstaff are typically reliable producers even in the heat of summer.

Best Bait Bets

When storms are not building then you can expect trout to be holding deep and feeding less aggressively. At those times, the best fishing will be at first and last light. Try using night crawlers, Power Bait or corn fished on the bottom using slip sinkers, small hooks and light line. Quite often, trolling out in deeper water is the key to finding a better bite. Try cowbells, spinners, Crickhoppers, Z-Rays or Super Dupers.

By the way, it's sad that Z-Ray has gone out of business — don't lose the ones you have.

I am still getting reports of some good northern pike fishing in Upper Lake Mary near Flagstaff and one angler caught a very nice channel catfish there. Haven't heard much out of Long Lake recently, but it has some huge pike as well.

At Lees Ferry

A little farther afield, my friend Terry Gunn at Lees Ferry Anglers says the ci-

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In The High Country

In the high country especially, the insectivorous trout will feed more aggressively. This is a good time to use reaction baits, such as in-line spinners. Try Mepps, Roostertails or Blue Fox. KastMasters, Crickhoppers and Super Dupers can also work well at times.

Flies can work especially well. Even if you are spin fishing, you can use flies such was wooly buggers. I like to use a tapered fly line as a leader from a casting bubble, but 2-pound fishing line or leader can work well.

Typically, the deeper lakes such as Big, Willow Springs and Bear Canyon lakes are



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URBAN FISHING REPORT

This Is A Time To Change Tactics

From AZGFD

With catfish stockings at all Phoenix and Tucson urban waters on hold over the summer months, fishing becomes more challenging, requiring anglers to be adaptable, patient and persistent. The dumb stockings are pretty much gone now, but plenty of wily catfish still lurk in the depths of the lakes, especially lakes of five or more acres.

Catfishing is fair for anglers using worms, stink baits, or shrimp fished on the bottom. Catfish can be caught throughout the day, but are most active when the sun goes down. Most catfish are from 13-16 inches, but some lunkers over 3 pounds are being hauled out of the lakes.

The many catfish, bass and bluegill remaining in the lakes have been around for awhile and have seen a lot of the same baits, presented in the same way. Successful summer anglers have learned to change it up and experiment with new baits, new bait combinations and new presentations.

Try combining a piece of shrimp with a worm, or try using a "worm blower" to



inflate the worm and elevate it above the bottom. Do a Web search for "secret catfish baits" and discover an amazing selection of concoctions sure to increase your fishing success.

This is the time to make some rigging changes and try out some of the fluorocarbon fishing lines in lighter test weights to make your line practically invisible. Or, try fishing without weights and let your bait flutter to the bottom.

For more bites, fish with 4- to 6-pound test line and keep your weights to a minimum. Keep trying new things, keep at it, and have fun learning more about fishing this summer.

Bluegill fishing is fair for anglers using worms and mealworms fished under a small bobber set at 4- to 6-foot depths. For more bluegill success, use 2-pound line, size 12 hooks, and just enough bait to cover the hook.

Action for largemouth bass is fair, with the best baits finesse plastics fished in the early morning hours.

At Green Valley lakes (Payson), fishing is best for bass, bluegill and crappie. Fishing is poor for trout and catfish. Anglers using worms and mealworms under a small slip bobber are enjoying plenty of action, especially when fishing the outside edge of the weed-lines. Fishing with lures is difficult due to the presence of weeds around the lake edge.

Last Stocking

Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters were last stocked on June 13 with catfish (Note: this was the final spring stocking before the summer break).

Green Valley lakes in Payson were last stocked on May 11 with trout.

Next Stocking

Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters will not be stocked again until fall catfish deliveries resume the week of Sept. 17-22. Green Valley lakes in Payson will not be stocked again until October, when trout deliveries resume.

AZGFD Site Offers Great Resources

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site, www.azgfd.gov, is loaded with great resources and tips for anglers. Want to know where to fish and what's biting? Go to the Weekly Fishing Report

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BOTH WINNERS — Bob Woodard, Jr., is the overall 2012 4th Annual Yellowtail Derby Winner with a 32-pounder, caught off LaJolla, Calif., in the last days of the 36-day tournament. He is shown here with professional model and Miss Yellowtail Derby 2012 DeLanie Gomes of Point Loma, San Diego, Calif.

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found under the "In the Spotlight" section.

Need to know when trout stockings are taking place? Go to the Stocking Schedule page found in the "Spotlight" section, and pull up the summer trout stocking spreadsheet.

New in 2012 is the "Fish&Boat" interactive fishing map that features 150 of Arizona's best fishing lakes, streams and urban ponds on a Google-based platform.

Interested in finding out about state record fish and big fish-of-the-year en-

tries? Click on Fishing to view State Records and current 2012 Big Fish-of-the-Year records. Check out the photos of the record fish on this site.

Speaking of photos, if you are interested in submitting your own fish photos, or viewing pics from other anglers, go to Your Photos. If you would like to receive free email reports from the department, click on eNews and subscribe to any or all of our nine newsletters and reports, including the Weekly Fishing Report, the Urban Fishing Bulletin, or *Wildlife News*.

We are also on Facebook.

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cadars are singing up a storm right now and the cicada bite should start any time soon (maybe it already has). With any luck, I'll get up there for the bite this year, I've had bad timing now for three years.

By the way, check out this month's edition of *Arizona Highways* magazine, they used one of my pictures of fly fishing at Lees Ferry. It was a small picture, but a big honor.

Bighorn Bonus

Sounds like the striper fishing at Lake Powell has slowed, but you can still find decent action for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye and catfish.

An awesome fishing adventure this time of year is Willow Beach where you can catch trout in the desert, along with huge stripers.

But, what makes this a true adventure is the desert bighorn sheep — this is the rutting season. You might see or hear bighorn rams butting heads. It's one of the best wildlife shows in North America.

You might also see or hear bighorns at Canyon Lake or Apache Lake along the Apache Trail. Canyon Lake is land of the largemouth lunkers, but don't expect high catch rates. This lake can be tough to fish. I've probably gotten skunked at Canyon more than any other Arizona lake.

But, seeing some bighorns scrambling up the cliffs or watching peregrine falcons stooping on ducks certainly makes it a

wonderful experience anyway. Keep the binoculars handy.

Take A Camera Too

Apache Lake also has a healthy herd of bighorns. Plus Apache is one of my favorite summer fisheries. The past few years, it has really become a tremendous largemouth bass fishery. There are also plentiful yellow bass, which are a lot of fun to catch on light tackle.

Apache also has a decent population of walleye. Be sure to take a camera — this is one of our most photogenic lakes, which is saying something in a state full of photogenic waters.

However, if you are afraid of heights or get anxious on narrow winding dirt roads down treacherous cliff faces, traveling to Apache Lake across Fish Creek Hill is probably not for you. For some of us, that is part of the Apache Trail allure.

Night Fishing Soon Viable

Night fishing under submersible lights will become more viable with each passing night. The new moon is July 18. Some anglers have been loading up on striped bass even though the moon phases weren't agreeable, especially at Pleasant, Mead and Powell. Not hearing much on the crappie angling right now, but Alamo, Roosevelt and Bartlett should all be decent if you can find the suspended schools.

There are lots of summer fishing adventures to sample. Go catch some great memories and maybe I'll see you out there.

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Chronic Wasting Disease Not Found In Arizona Deer Or Elk

From AZGFD

Arizona Game and Fish Department has completed testing of deer and elk for Chronic Wasting Disease for the 2011 hunting season.

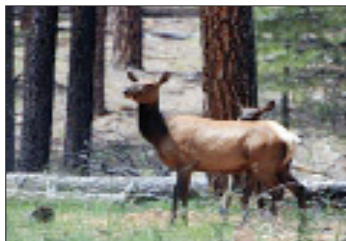
Chronic Wasting Disease attacks the brain of deer, elk, and moose, causing weight loss, abnormal behavior and death. The department tested 1,185 deer and elk during the 2011 hunting season and did not detect CWD.

However, the continued vigilance of hunters is essential for the department's effective monitoring of CWD in deer and elk. Testing will resume this fall.

Game and Fish began testing for CWD in Arizona in 1998. CWD has been found in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, but no cases have been detected yet in Arizona. There is no evidence that CWD poses a risk to humans, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

Areas Of Highest Concern

The areas of highest concern include Game Management Unit 12B, which borders Utah, and GMUs 1 and 27, which



border New Mexico. However, all hunters are invited to participate in the monitoring by bringing the heads of deer or elk recently harvested statewide to any Game and Fish Department office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and at additional locations around the state.

Information regarding sample collection sites will be available after Aug. 15. There is no charge for testing and notification of results. Hunters will be asked to provide details about the county and game management unit in which the animal was harvested, the hunt and permit number, hunting license, and the hunter's address

and phone contact information.

Test results will be available in six to eight weeks online at www.azgfd.gov/cwd, click "Chronic Wasting Disease Test Results" link on the right side of the page.

"Participation of hunters, taxidermists and meat processors is crucial for effective CWD surveillance program," said Carrington Knox. "Collection of samples from elk and deer hunters is an essential element for successful CWD monitoring efforts."

CWD is a neurodegenerative wildlife disease that is fatal to cervids, including deer, elk and moose. Symptoms of CWD include emaciation or weight loss, excessive salivation, increased drinking and urination.

Animals with CWD may also stumble, tremble, have trouble walking, or appear listless.

Precautions For Keeping CWD Out Of Arizona

CWD has been reported in several neighboring states, including Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. To prevent CWD from entering Arizona, when hunting deer and elk in other states it important to take

these precautions before returning to Arizona with deer or elk harvests:

- Do not cut into the spinal cord or remove the head.
- Do not quarter (or other method) the carcass with any of the spinal column or head attached.
- Do not bring the brain, intact skull or spinal cord into Arizona.
- Bone out the harvested deer or elk meat and package it, either commercially or privately before entering Arizona.

There are no restrictions on returning to Arizona with out-of-state harvests of animal hides and skull plates cleaned of all tissue and washed in bleach. Heads from a taxidermist, sawed-off antlers and ivory teeth may also be brought into Arizona from out-of-state hunts.

Since 2002, the department has also had rules in place restricting the movement of captive deer and elk into or within Arizona, as well as subjecting the animals to marking and reporting requirements.

For information about chronic wasting disease, visit www.azgfd.gov/cwd or www.cwd-info.org.

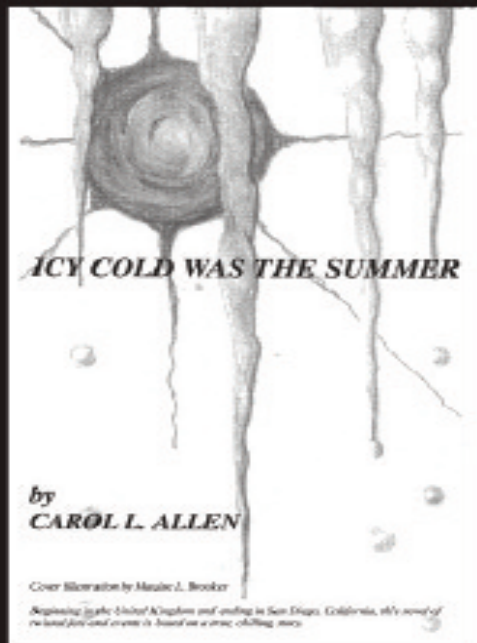
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Pope And Young Set To Sponsor National Hunting/Fishing Day

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (June 29, 2012) — The Pope and Young Club will be a key sponsor for this year's National Hunting and Fishing Day, the official federal commemoration of hunters, anglers and conservation.

NHF Day continues to grow and reach new outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen each year with the continued support of generous sponsors. Through licenses, permits and special taxes, hunters and anglers generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes — totaling more than \$1.75 billion per year — for fish, wildlife and habitat. No one contributes more for conservation.

Sept. 22 Is The Day

NHF Day is set to take place Sept. 22, 2012.

The sponsorship by the Pope and Young Club supports the Wonders of Wildlife museum — the official home of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Springfield, Mo., facility oversees educational initiatives to help the American public understand the indelible relationships among hunting, angling, healthy habitat, and wildlife and fisheries conservation.

Stewart Honorary Chairperson

Each year National Hunting and Fishing Day chooses an honorary chairperson,



Honorary Chair Tony Stewart

and this year NASCAR Sprint Cup driver/owner Tony Stewart is serving in that capacity and will deliver the message of NHF Day.

As the driver of the No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Stewart has won 12 driving championships, including three Sprint Cup Series titles, in a career spanning more than three decades.

Stewart is a champion off the racetrack as much as he is on, and has been recognized for his philanthropic efforts via his Tony Stewart Foundation, which raises funds for distribution to three specific

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BLM Plan Allows For Recreational Target Shooting

The Arizona Game and Fish Department supports the Bureau of Land Management's proposed alternative (Alternative E) regarding 'Recreational Target Shooting Areas' in the BLM's proposed Lower Sonoran and Sonoran Desert National Monument Resource Management Plan and final Environmental Impact Statement. View the Department's letter of support to the BLM.

The plan encompasses the Sonoran Desert National Monument and other nearby lands managed by the BLM's Lower Sonoran Field Office — a total of nearly 1.4 million acres of public lands located southwest of Phoenix in parts of Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Gila and Yuma counties.

Multi-Use Mission

Game and Fish officials pointed out that the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) establishes a multiple-use mission for public lands

under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management.

"Recreational target shooting is a traditional recreational use of BLM lands, where appropriate, and we are encouraged that the Bureau has endorsed its multiple-use mission by embracing dispersed recreational shooting in its Resource Management Plan," said Josh Avey, habitat program chief for Game and Fish.

Recreational shooting is recognized as a legitimate and important recreational resource valued by the public. Dispersed recreational shooting on BLM public lands provides an important opportunity, especially for urban youth, to get outside and develop a personal connection with the outdoors.

It serves as an informal gateway to formal shooting sports and hunting. Game and Fish recognizes hunters as not only supporters of the multiple-use mission, but

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Western Wildlife



BLM Solicits Proposals For Private Land Wild Horse Ecosanctuaries

As part of an ongoing effort to improve its Wild Horse and Burro Program, the Bureau of Land Management announced today that it is soliciting proposals for private land ecosanctuaries for wild horses.

The ecosanctuaries, to be publicly accessible with a potential for ecotourism, would help the BLM feed and care for excess wild horses that have been removed from Western public rangelands. Each proposed ecosanctuary must be able to support at least 100 wild horses.

To Submit An Application

The official notice of solicitation can be found at www.grants.gov. To submit an application, an applicant must register on www.grants.gov and must first obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. This can be obtained by going to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp>.

After receiving a DUNS number, the applicant may proceed to the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) page and register. The CCR registration Website is located at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>. Completing this registration process can take up to two weeks, so applicants should work on their proposals while they are waiting for their registration confirmation.

On And Off The Range

The BLM is preparing to publish a proposed wild horse and burro management strategy that emphasizes population control techniques; promotes public-private ecosanctuaries to hold excess wild horses and encourage ecotourism; seeks to boost adoptions by making more trained wild horses available to the public; and establishes a comprehensive animal welfare



program that is built on sound science and research.

The BLM developed the proposed strategy after actively soliciting input from both the public and the agency's Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board on how to best ensure the health of America's wild horses and burros, both on and off the range.



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Game And Fish Partners With ADOT To Make Highways Safer

Many motorists have wondered what the new 8-foot fences are along Interstate 17 near Munds Park. These "exclusion fences" are designed to keep elk off the highway as part of a larger statewide effort to make highways safer for motorists and wildlife.

This transportation enhancement project is a cooperative effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Arizona Department of Transportation.

Elk are a common sight along I-17. Research indicates that I-17 has the highest rate of elk-vehicle collisions in the state. An elk can weigh more than 800 pounds, and a collision with an animal that size can have serious consequences.

Elk Crossings

In an effort to minimize vehicle-wildlife collisions, Game and Fish captured elk and fitted them with radio transmitter collars in order to follow their daily movements. This information tells biologists where the elk prefer to cross the highway and how often.

Game and Fish worked with ADOT to design an elk-exclusionary fencing project and to pursue funding opportunities. The



exclusionary fencing must be at least 8 feet high to keep elk from jumping over it and entering the roadway.

If the elk enter the fenced areas adjacent to the interstate, escape ramps (large mounds of dirt) will allow them to safely leave the area and avoid being trapped.

As research has been conducted over the years, biologists have learned that wildlife will only utilize certain overpass and underpass designs. ADOT uses this information to construct specific structures and install fencing to funnel animals over or under the highways, as was the case on

I-17 between Woods Canyon (milepost 317) and Munds Canyon (milepost 322) bridges.

Reduce Collisions

"As we identify portions of the highways in Arizona that are active with wildlife, we can work closely with ADOT and create wildlife-friendly roadways which, in turn, will decrease the number of vehicle collisions, especially those involving elk," says Jeff Gagnon, research biologist for Game and Fish.

"We (Game and Fish and ADOT) have already completed several projects across the state and will continue this partnership to make highways safer for motorists."

One major success story in Arizona is the State Route 260 project east of Payson. Fencing was installed to keep elk off the road and force them to safer crossing locations. Results from this project showed an 85 percent reduction in vehicle-elk collisions.

Elk and other wildlife are moving under bridges that are similar to those structures along I-17 near Munds Park.

Game and Fish and ADOT are also addressing wildlife and roadway issues in

other parts of northern Arizona, including Interstate 40 between Williams and Flagstaff, State Route 64 between Williams and the Grand Canyon, and U.S. 89 between Doney Park and Gray Mountain north of Flagstaff.

Road Used By Deer And Elk

This past winter, especially during January and February, multiple deer and elk collisions occurred along U.S. 89 between Townsend-Winona and Silver Saddle roads in Doney Park. Although signs are already in place along the roadway to warn

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Desert Tortoises Truly In Need Of Adoption

Holding facilities are at capacity, hundreds of tortoises need good homes.

A unique, fascinating, low-maintenance and educational pet can be had through the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Tortoise Adoption Program, conducted in partnership with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and the Phoenix Herpetological Society.

If you have a yard, but little time for a dog, this well-mannered critter might be just the answer to having a household companion.

Seeking Adoptive 'Parents'

Desert tortoises are protected in Arizona and cannot be legally collected from the wild, but breeding of captive tortoises and the return of tortoises by owners who can no longer care for them has led to a surplus of these unique animals at authorized adoption facilities. The facilities are at capacity and are seeking people willing to adopt and care for a tortoise.

"The Game and Fish Department receives hundreds of unwanted adult and captive-born tortoises each year, which takes away resources for conservation efforts of wild tortoises," says Cristina

Jones, Arizona Game and Fish turtle biologist. "That is one reason we discourage captive breeding and only allow adoption of one tortoise per household."

Contrary to many people's initial assumptions, desert tortoises can be interactive and provide companionship without as many demands as a dog or cat. Tortoises can teach many of the same life lessons to children, including responsibility, compassion and commitment.

Care For The Tortoise

To adopt a desert tortoise, you will need to have an enclosed area in your yard free from potential hazards, such as a dog or an unfenced pool. You will need to construct a burrow for the tortoise so that it can get relief from extreme temperatures.

Those interested in sharing their yard with a tortoise should visit www.azgfd.gov/tortoise for more information on feeding, caring for, and creating a habitat for a tortoise. The desert tortoise adoption packet, which includes the adoption application, can also be downloaded from that web page.

If you are interested in adopting a desert tortoise, and live within the tortoise's native range (Phoenix, Tucson, Bullhead City, Kingman, Lake Havasu, and Yuma areas), send your completed application form to your nearest state-sanctioned desert tortoise adoption facility (Scottsdale, Tucson, Kingman or Yuma).



A link to contact information can be found at www.azgfd.gov/tortoise.

Schools Encouraged

Schools are encouraged to consider applying for a Schoolyard Grant through the Heritage Fund Schoolyard Habitat Program to build a desert tortoise enclosure and then apply for a tortoise adoption. For more information on Heritage Fund Schoolyard Grants, please contact Robyn Beck, Heritage Grants coordinator, at (623) 236-7530.

"Once captive, desert tortoises can never be released into the wild," Jones emphasized. "Not only is it illegal; it can jeopardize wild populations through the introduction of disease, or displace wild tortoises."

Desert tortoises can live as long as 50 to 100 years. They grow to be about 15 pounds and hibernate in the winter months. They eat plant material, including grasses and wildflowers.

The Tortoise Adoption Program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

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Arizona State Parks, Apache County Partner To Re-open Lyman Lake

"With Arizona's valleys heating up as we go into the summer, it's time to head for your favorite high country State Park," says Bryan Martyn, Arizona's State Parks Director.

"Lyman Lake State Park in northeastern Arizona is a stunning 1,500-acre lake at an elevation of 6,000 feet with no size restrictions on boats, making it a popular water-skiing destination. Apache County has been our financial partner for three years and the park re-opened in mid-June with a ribbon cutting and mixer for friends.

"We are pleased to announce that the park now can stay open until Sept. 17, which is fantastic news.

"With no General Fund allocation, we continue to struggle to maintain the operations and maintenance in the parks and still have eight parks operating with partners. We've gone from 165 full-time park rangers in 2009 to just 86 today and with long-term rangers' retiring, that is a dangerous decline.

14,300 Summer Visitors In 2011

To fill the positions, we have to hire more part-time rangers to keep the parks

operating. The good news is there were 14,300 visitors last summer at Lyman and campground bookings are going well, so we are predicting another busy summer," he continued.

According to Apache County Manager, Delwin Wengert, "With the support of Apache County's District III Supervisor, R. John Lee, we have partnered with private companies such as Blue Hills Envi-



ronmental Association, Salt River Project, Tucson Electric Power, Preferred Sands Processing and American West Potash so Lyman Lake State Park can stay open all summer long.

"The park serves residents to enjoy the swimming and fishing and to draw visitors from around the southwest to the area."



Supervisor John Lee explained the fund-raising effort by saying, "We have raised \$20,000, which will add to the State Parks gate fees to keep the park open this summer. Our private company partners want to be sure the park has the adequate staff and high-quality operations to keep people coming back to the park each summer.

In addition, the County has been helping staff by providing inmates to do maintenance projects," said Lee.

Camping Sites, Cabins, Yurts

Summer days at Lyman Lake State Park are perfect for fishing, water-skiing, camping and hiking. There are many other fishing lakes in the area as well. The park

features 61 camping sites with shade ramadas, picnic tables and grills.

There are also four air-conditioned camping cabins (\$55) and four (16-foot round) yurts (\$40) that book quickly on weekends throughout the summer, but are usually available on weekdays. Campsites range from \$20 to \$30 a night.

Be sure to book your sites; however, usually there are primitive camping sites along the lake and the park always has room somewhere during weekends in the summer. Campers also have access to modern restrooms and hot showers.

To book a reservation for sites, go to the AZStateParks.com Web site or call (520) 586-2283. The Lyman Lake State Park local office number is (928) 337-3393; however, reservations should be made through the Web site. The park is located 11 miles south of St. Johns, Ariz., on US 191.

For more information about Arizona's 27 State Parks, statewide hiking opportunities, off-highway vehicle trails, and other outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities, go to AZStateParks.com, call (602) 542-4174 or (800) 285-3703. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at AZStateParks.

County Parks Bring Back Free Camping Offer

Who says nothing in life is free? Not Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department! Beginning Oct. 1 through Nov. 11, park visitors who pay the camping fee for one night or more at a desert mountain County park will receive one night of equal or lesser value for free at any of the

County's desert parks during that stay.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to experience the beauty of their County parks. The parks are located on the outskirts of town and provide access to some of the most breathtaking scenery and views found in the Sonoran desert," stated Chairman Max Wilson, Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, District 4.

"In addition," commented Wilson, "we will have electrical hook-ups ready to use at White Tank this fall."

Early Enough To Plan For Fall

R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation director said, "Over the past four years, Parks has offered the six-week camping promotion as a both an incentive to help kick-off the busy camping season and as a way to say thank-you to loyal customers. This year, we're rolling out the free camping campaign a little earlier so people can plan their fall vacations."

To receive the free night, park visitors must contact the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between Oct. 1 and Nov. 11. Reservations booked online are not eligible.

"While this promotion is not valid for reservations made online, I'd like to re-

mind park visitors that they can still book their spring visit up to six months prior arrival via the reservation system.

"The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view campsite specifications and reserve their favorite spots from the comfort of their home computers and laptops. Online reservations may be made at www.maricopacounty-parks.org," added Cardin.

Participating Parks

Participating parks include the following:

Cave Creek Regional Park — Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual developed campsites.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park — Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland area. The park also offers seven developed campsites.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park — Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park is a desert jewel in the northeast Valley. This park has 76 developed campsites that are perfect for RV or tent camping.

Usery Mountain Regional Park — Located on the Valley's east side, this park



is located at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites which can accommodate either an RV or tent camping.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park — At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of the rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valleys west side. The park offers 40 individual semi-developed campsites.

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park systems in the United States. The parks are located throughout the county and are all within a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix.

Some restrictions do apply. To learn more about this offer or a County park, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks or phone (602) 506-2930.

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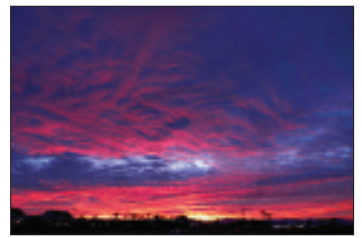
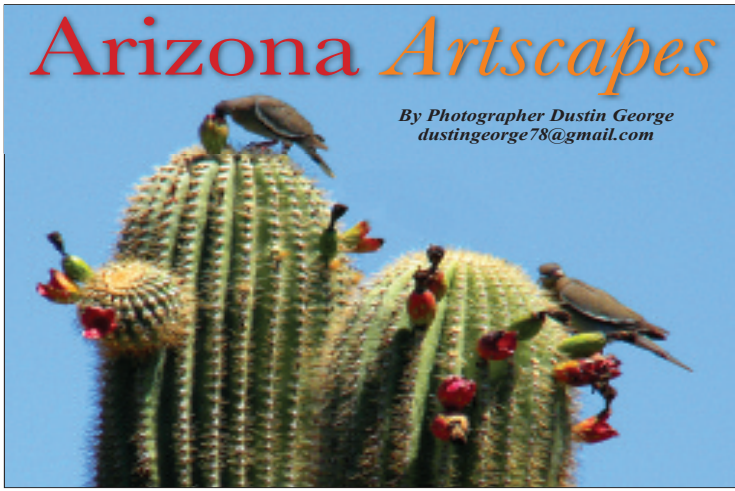
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LAKE HAVASU CITY: AQUA-PALOOZA: Sept. 15 — Nautical Beachfront Resort, (1000 McCulloch Blvd N, 86403), an on-the-water, family friendly country music concert, open to all boat owners or anyone wanting to have a good time, includes a pro wakeboard show, Hyperlite Board demos, new boat demos, kids contests, BBQ, prizes, vendors, giveaways and more, sponsored by Sun Country Marine, free, 909-224-8482 or <http://www.suncountrymarine.com>

5TH ANNUAL BULLHEAD CITY RIVER REGATTA: Aug. 11 — Red, White & Blue — kayak races, tube floaters and theme floats on the Colorado River, Friday evening the "Ye Gotta Regatta" pre-party, with live music, carnival games and food and then Saturday grab an inner tube and enjoy a lazy 8-mile float or build a creative, non-motorized boat and parade down the Colorado River, post-party "Ye Hafta Afta" at Rotary Park, 928-542-8885 or www.bullheadregatta.com

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

BENSON: HUACHUCA ASTRONOMY CLUB PUBLIC STAR PARTY: Sept. 15 — Kartchner Caverns State Park, view through member's telescopes (large & small) or bring your own, excellent outing for families and school age children welcome, 6 pm weather permitting, 520-366-5788 or <http://www.hacastronomy.com>

SUPERIOR: PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS CLASS: Sept. 3 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum, learn how to harvest prickly pear fruits and extract their juice without turning your hands into a "porcupine", included in admission, \$3-7.50, 10:30 am 520-689-2811 or <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta>

PRESCOTT: BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: Sept. 7-9 — Camp Friendly Pines, offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes, \$270, includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or <http://www.azwildlife.org>

SUPERIOR: EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANTS: Aug. 26 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum; walk the Curandero Trail to learn about Sonoran Desert plants, a few moderately steep sections, guided by

Choctaw nation member and ethno botanist David Morris and "Foods of the Superstitions" cookbook author Jean Groen, \$3-7.50, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

SUPERIOR: PLANTS-OF-THE-BIBLE GUIDED TOURS: Aug. 18 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum; botany, history and scripture on a walk alongside volunteer and Bible scholar David Oberpriller, \$3-7.50, 9:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

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FLAGSTAFF: WILDFLOWER WALKS: Aug. 18 — The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

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MARICOPA COUNTY: Oct. 1-Nov. 11 — Free camping offer; see story on page 12.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

FISHING

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; <http://www.azflycasters.org>

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LAKE HAVASU CITY: PLUNGE-N-RUN AQUATHLON RACE SERIES: Sept. 8 — Split Rock Lighthouse, swimming, 6:30 am, 928-855-4887 or <http://www.getsetaz.com>

PEORIA: ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES 2: Aug. 25 — Lake Pleasant —Pleasant Harbor Marina, 1000, 2000 or 4000 meter open water swim distances or combine the 1000 and 4000 to compete in this year's 5K distance (times will be added together), four divisions including wetsuit and non-wetsuit, every finisher earns a commemorative award, \$40-50, 8:30 am, <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

FLAGSTAFF: 28TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN MAN TRIATHLON: Aug. 12 — Lake Mary, Sprint: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 6.2 miles, spectators free, 6:30 am, 928-526-8761 or <http://www.trifind.net> or <http://www.mountainmanevents.com>

SHOW LOW: 17TH ANNUAL TRI IN THE PINES TRIATHLON: Aug. 11 — 625yd swim at the Family Aquatic Center, 12.3 mile bike on city streets, 3.5 mile run on paved multi-use trail in the City Park, USA Triathlon sanctioned event, youth triathlon features 175 yd swim, 4 mile bike ride and 1 mile run, 928-532-4140 or <http://www.trifind.net/nf/az.html> or <http://show-lowaz.gov/departments/parks/runs&traces.htm>

WILDLIFE-RELATED

SEDONA: HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL: Aug. 2-5 — The first Sedona Hummingbird Festival will take place August 3-5, with presentations and a "Hummingbird Mall" at the new Sedona Performing Arts Center. There will also be an opening night Gala Banquet on Thursday evening, August 2, at Sedona Rouge Hotel and Spa. Visit hummingbirdsociety.org/festival.php

PRESCOTT: ZOO BY MOONLIGHT: Aug. 31 — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8-9:30 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

SIERRA VISTA: SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT CARR HOUSE: Aug. 26 — Migration — bird study beyond bird watching - Tom Wood, director of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory, will present a program on the wonders of migration in "our" birds and the connection between the Coronado National Forest and the Amazon Basin, from banding studies and other research the story of bird migration is rich and varied, free, 1:30 pm, 520-417-6960 or <http://www.huachuamountains.org>

MORMON LAKE: EXPLORING NATURE: Aug. 5 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (1991 Main St. 86038), learn about the wildlife in the forest around Mormon Lake with program leader Larry Snead, Environmental Programs Manager, includes a short hike on the ½-mile "Trail for Tomorrow", free, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.mormonlakelodge.com/>

MORMON LAKE: ELK!: Aug. 18 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (1991 Main St. 86038), learn about the behavior and habitat of Elk, Arizona Game and Fish Department will have a presentation about Elk and then participants will go out with spotting scopes and binoculars to actually observe and discuss Elk in the field, pre-register, free, 4-6 pm, 928-774-5045 or <http://www.mormonlakelodge.com/>

TUCSON: TUCSON BIRD AND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL: Aug. 15-19 — Riverpark Inn, with a combination of free and paid field trips, workshops, exhibits and talks by renowned naturalists, <http://tucsonaudubon.org/festival>

PHOENIX: SUMMER FLASHLIGHT TOURS: Aug. 1-31 — Desert Botanical Garden, (1201 N. Galvin Parkway, 85008), see, hear and feel the desert night including nighthawks, tortoises, insects and night-blooming flowers, bring your flashlight, free with admission, \$5-15, Thursdays and Saturdays 7 pm, 480-941-1225 or www.dbg.org

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The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge.

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ganization's name from the Coast Guard Reserve to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on February 19, 1942. A formal Coast Guard Reserve was then established in which enrollees were subject to military law and the Articles of War.

After WWII

Following the war, the "four cornerstone" missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary; member services, recreational-boating safety, operations and marine safety, and fellowship, were formulated in the 1950s. Vessel Safety Checks and public education became key activities performed by Auxiliary members as the organization shifted its focus to promoting recreational boating safety.



WEST MILFORD, N.J. — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Aircraft Commander Eric Fields completes one of his many aerial patrols over New York, New Jersey, and Conn. Coast Guard Auxiliary aviators volunteer their time, expertise, and aircraft to fly Coast Guard aviation missions to help keep America safe. (U.S. Coast Guard Photo by PAC Tom Sperduto)

Famous Members

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has had its

share of famous members. Actor Lloyd Bridges and CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite were both honorary commodores, helping to promote the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its missions. The tradition of celebrities working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary continues today with notable personalities such as Dan Marino, Don Shula, Arnold Palmer, David Hasselhoff, Charlie Daniels, Roy Clark, and many others.

Safety Every Day Of The Year

Today, more than 30,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary members continue to provide support to Coast Guard units across the U.S. and its territories. On average, the Coast Guard Auxiliary saves one life, assists 28 people, conducts over 50 safety patrols, performs more than 250 Vessel Safety Checks, educates over 270 people on boating safety, participates in over 100

Coast Guard operational support missions, and works with a wide variety of local partners and government entities — every day!

"Our all-volunteer Auxiliary is an essential component of the U.S. Coast Guard," said Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Bob Papp. "For 73 years, they have actively promoted boating safety through a variety of educational and inspection programs, and helped perform Coast Guard operations alongside their active, reserve, and civilian counterparts. We could not meet the demands for our unique services without them."

Joining The Auxiliary

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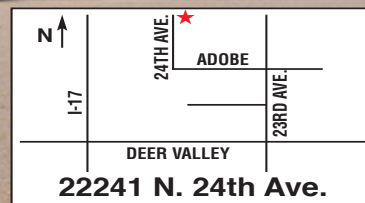
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Needless to say, we have a wish list with which we hope you will help out.

- Donations of food are ALWAYS needed and greatly appreciated.
- Dog and cat food

- Canned food
- Treats
- Hard rawhide chews and bones
- Cat litter
- Dog houses — hard plastic or wood houses in good condition
- Straw
- Hay
- Toys of all kinds — the more indestructible, the better
- Soccer balls/volley balls
- Leashes/leads, collars (okay if previously owned!)

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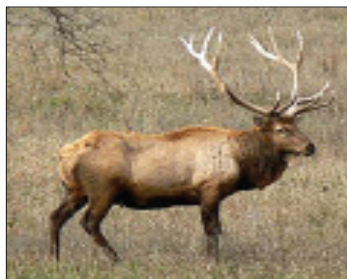
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motorists and portable message signs are occasionally used, motorists should be aware that this stretch of roadway runs through a wildlife travel corridor.

This is a "road" used by deer and elk to move back and forth during their seasonal migration from the foothills of Mount Elden to Turkey Hills and other areas east of U.S. 89.

Game and Fish and ADOT remind motorists that when travelling on roadways in Arizona, be aware of wildlife and maintain safe speeds, especially when driving between sundown and sunrise.

Information About Wildlife-Friendly Projects

The joint project was funded by the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Enhancement Program. States like Arizona are required to allocate 10 percent of their federal transportation funding for enhancement projects, which are limited to specific types of projects. Fences designed to reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions are among the eligible projects.

Information about the wildlife-friendly highway projects can be found on the Arizona Game and Fish website at www.azgfd.gov/wildlifeplanning and ADOT at www.azdot.gov/inside_adot/OES/AZ_Wildlife_Linkages.

CAMPING

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Restrictions:

Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must phone the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Reservations may also be made at the park level using the same criteria.

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groups — chronically ill children, drivers injured in motor-sports activities, and organizations dedicated to the protection of various animal species.

"Our mission is to ensure that bowhunting will continue to prosper through future generations, and the Pope and Young Club is proud to continue our support of National Hunting and Fishing Day," said P&Y President Roger Atwood.

A Reminder Of Hunting Values

"NHF Day is a great opportunity to remind folks of the many cultural values that the hunting lifestyle provides, including

Offer not valid for group campground reservations or unit fees.

Limit of one free night per family, household and/or group in a seven-day period (Monday through Sunday).

Rain checks will not be issued if space is not available.

Credits will not be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to July 1,

patience, perseverance, skill development and mastery, the value of practice, applying personal ethics, and woodcrafts, as well as a true understanding and appreciation of the natural world."

"The Pope and Young Club has been a proponent of conservation from the day it was created," said Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation Programs, Wonders of Wildlife. "They are exactly why NHF Day is such a big day for sportsmen around the country. Through our combined efforts we will continue to conserve our heritage."

Since 1972

In 1972, Congress formalized NHF Day to remind the public that conservation

Heritage and Wildlife Conservation."

That executive order called for the development of a "Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan," with an implementation recommendation to increase structured hunting programs and recreational shooting opportunities as a means of achieving a net increase in federal land hunting.

"The department understands and re-

2012 for the Oct. 1 through Nov. 11, 2012 timeframe. However, this offer is valid on new reservations if individuals decide to extend their stay to take advantage of the promotion.

Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Offer is only valid for camping stays between Oct. 1 through Nov. 11, 2012.

depends on funding and leadership from hunters and anglers. Every president from Richard Nixon through Barack Obama has issued official proclamations of support for the annual commemoration, now recognized as one of the most effective grass-roots campaigns ever undertaken to promote traditional outdoor sports.

The growing list of sponsors for NHF Day 2012 includes Wonders of Wildlife, NSSF, Bass Pro Shops, Smith & Wesson, Sportsman's Channel, Realtree, GunBroker.com, Yamaha, Pope and Young Club, North American Media Group, Inc, Ducks Unlimited and the Izaak Walton League of America.

For more information about NHF Day, visit www.nhfdays.org.

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also supporters and principal funders of wildlife conservation.

Gateway To Hunting

Further, the importance of hunting, and of recreational shooting as a gateway to hunting, is recognized in the 2006 Executive Order 13443, "Facilitation of Hunting



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