

ON THE COVER



We Love A SW Autumn

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

In many parts of our country, summer warmth has turned into crisp, cool fall weather. However, in the Southwest, we have an extended season of time to spend in and on the water and to enjoy many other outdoor activities.

It's a wonderful transition season with temperatures neither too hot nor too cold, and there are so many adventures for us still in October: boating, hiking, RVing, camping, off-roading, fishing, and more.

If we want a touch of fall, we can head north to the awesome colors of autumn in the high country and enjoy many activities still available in those cooler climes.

It's up to us, but the bottom line is this: Celebrate your options in the wonderful outdoors of the Southwest. "Staying indoors" is for another time, another place. ■

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It's About Overcoming Adversity Through Activity And Determination



Paralyzed Veterans of America is on a mission – partnering with the 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo, Lake Havasu.

Outdoor recreation, whether it's on land or water, is an activity enjoyed by millions of people, sometimes even more than you may realize. That's why the 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo in Lake Havasu, sponsored by Jet Renu and co-sponsored by Sunshine RV, is proud to announce our 2019 charity partnership with Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). This is the second consecutive year that the Nov. 16-17 Sand-Water-RV Expo at Lake Havasu State Park, the premier motorsports and outdoor recreation show in the Southwest, has designated PVA as its official charity.

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DAM CANCER! RUN/WALK 2019

Lake Pleasant Will Again Host Annual Run

Pleasant Harbor and Evofit will host the annual Dam Cancer Run/Walk at Lake Pleasant on Oct. 12, featuring a 5K, 10K, Obstacle Run and 5K Walk. All running events traverse the New Waddell Dam. Closed to the public throughout the year, this event provides runners a unique opportunity and vantage point of Lake Pleasant, 440 feet above the New Waddell Dam's foundation.

In addition to the various running events, participants will receive swag bags and will be greeted at the finish line to music, a classic car show and local vendors. To register for all four races, visit pleasantharbor.com. Or, for more information, you can call the Pleasant Harbor event line at 623-203-5173.

Spectacular Views

"This is a rare treat for race participants," said Deneen Ramirez, Event Coordinator at Pleasant Harbor RV Resort & Marina. "The dam is not regularly open to the public and the views are spectacular."

In both 5K and 10K races, the top three male and female finishers will be awarded medals, as well as the Top 3 winners of the Obstacle Run. There are no awards presented in the 5K Walk. Part of the proceeds from the cancer run will be benefit Wigged Out, an organization assisting cancer survivors. In addition to event fees, there is a \$6.00 entry fee, per carload.



New Waddell Dam

Dam Cancer Run Start Times/ Costs:

- 5K Run – Start Time: 8:00 a.m.; Cost: \$45
- 10K Run – Start Time: 7:00 a.m.; Cost: \$55
- Obstacle Run – Start Time: 8:10 a.m.; Cost: \$55
- 5K Walk – Start Time: 8:10 a.m.; Cost: \$20

Event Age Categories (5K, 10K & Obstacle Run):

- 17 and under, 18-26, 27-35, 45-53, 54

Directions To Pleasant Harbor

From the Phoenix area, Pleasant Harbor is the closest entrance to Lake Pleasant, conveniently located off Carefree Highway

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AZGFD Is Accepting Applications For Heritage Fund Grants

Application deadline is Oct. 31 for \$380,000 in grants.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is accepting applications for \$380,000 in Heritage Fund grants beginning through 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31.

Grant funding will be available through a competitive application process in the following categories: schoolyard habitat, urban wildlife/habitat, public access, and Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management (IIAPM).

In addition to local, county, state, federal and tribal governmental agencies, school districts and public charter schools, the department welcomes non-profit organizations to apply for a Heritage Grant as eligible applicants. This eligibility applies to any non-profit group which meets the internal revenue service definition of a 501(c) organization.

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October 2019 Events Calendar

BEYOND ARIZONA

FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSISTANCE, INC.: Ongoing — A permanent residential facility for dogs and cats designed for comfort, well being, and CARE for LIFE. Where Every "One" Deserves a Chance, PO Box 555 Pie Town, NM 87827, e-mail to furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com

BOATING

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

Tempe
AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing — www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

Sierra Vista
5 — 4th Annual Sky Island Tour 2019 Bike Ride - Windemere Hotel. The recreational ride includes a metric century (62-mile) ride that loops through Bisbee, as well as a 20-mile ride on the Cochise Vista Trail, a 44-mile ride, a new 30-mile ride and a five-mile fun ride. Sponsored by and benefits NAMI SEAZ (National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeastern Arizona). 520-459-3228 or <https://www.skyislandtour.com/>

Prescott
10-13 — Big Sting - It's a Country Thing - Watson Lake. Escape to the Country in the Rocks for an exclusive music camp out weekend with you and 3000 of your closest friends with the Shadows Foundation concerts, food, beer, camping, horse shoe tournaments, corn hole, other games and more!. <https://www.thebigsting.com/>

Tucson
12 — AZT in a Day - Hikers, runners, mountain bikers and equestrians will be staged on various parts of the Arizona National Scenic Trail (AZT) to

complete its entire length, over 800 miles, in one day. Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. <https://aztrail.org/events/aztinaday-2019/>

Benson
19 — Star Party at Kartchner Caverns - Kartchner Caverns State Park. Want to learn more about the stars and planets? Do you have any little ones curious about the cosmos? Star parties are for people who want to take advantage of the chance to learn from knowledgeable and experienced local astronomers. Volunteers from the Huachuca Astronomy Club will be setting up telescopes in the bus loading zone of the parking lot. \$7/vehicle. 2-8 p.m. <https://azstateparks.com/kartchner/>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Phoenix
4-27 — 135th Annual Arizona State Fair - Arizona State Fairgrounds. Arizonans have been meeting and making memories at the Arizona State Fair for more than 100 years. Now with over a million guests each year, we welcome you to indulge all your senses at Arizona's original playground. Find yourself in the middle of the midway enjoying everything from crazy air food, rides and games, to an exciting event in the Grandstand. To end the night, a live concert at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum! Wed- Fri Noon-9pm | Sat-Sun 11am-10pm | Closed: Mon-Tue. \$10. 602-252-6771 or <https://azstatefair.com/>

5 — Downtown Phoenix Oktoberfest - CityScape. Lace up your lederhosen and hit the Bavarian dance floor featuring live polka music! Then, test your skills in the wurst Oktoberfest competitions including stein hold, brat eat, pretzel eating and beer maid costume contest. \$10 online, \$15 at the gate, 21+ over event. 4-10 pm. <https://www.dtpxoktoberfest.com/>

Flagstaff
5 — 11th Annual Flagstaff Oktoberfest - Wheeler Park. Flagstaff's take on this famous celebration. Discover arts and craft vendors, food vendors and the beauty of our fall leaves. A family favorite with music, beer, brats and quirky contests. \$7 cash only. 11 am - 8 pm. 928-606-7600 or <https://flagstaffoktoberfest.com/>

Wilcox
5-6 — Fall Pumpkin Celebration - Old-fashioned family fun picking your own pumpkins, fall vegetables and apples. Already picked pumpkins at the pumpkin stand. Pumpkins for picking.



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Jerome
11-12 — 16th Annual Jerome Ghost Walk - Spook Hall. Theme: The Demise of O.A. Daags. This Ghostly October please come and meet some of Jerome's more "permanent" residents. They will be out and about starting at 6:30 pm with a new performance starting every ½ hour. There will be six shows nightly. \$15-20. 928-634-1066 or <https://jeromehistoricalsociety.com/>

Tempe
11-13 — 47th Annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest - Tempe Town Lake. German style fare at five bratwurst service tents, carnival treats such as corn dogs, turkey legs, funnel cakes and nachos, etc. Island noodles, and desserts from a German bakery and ice cream. Live music, a Kinderfest for family fun and entertainment, filled with games and activities for kids and adults young at heart. Free. Fri 5 pm - midnight, Sat 10 am - midnight, Sun 11 am - 6 pm. <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com/>

Phoenix
27 — 8th Annual Dia de Los Muertos Phoenix Festival - Steele Indian School Park. The Coalition invites families and friends to bring a blanket and grab a spot on the grass for this seventh annual event which honors and celebrates those who have passed on with music, dance, theater performances and an artists' Mercado featuring local artists and art groups. Food and children's art activities area will be available as well. Free. 2-8 pm. 480-834-5731 or <http://diadelosmuertosphx.com>

Prescott
27 — 11th Annual Day of the Dead: Dia de los Muertos Celebration - Smoki Museum. Mariachis, traditional Mexican dancers, and more. Free. 11 am - 3 pm. 928-445-1230 or <https://www.smokiemuseum.org/events>

FISHING

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AZGFD Launches Online Request Form For Free Boat Decons

Record number of boat decontaminations in Arizona helps fight spread of aquatic invasives in Western states.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) continues to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), and it seems the ramifications are being felt throughout some Western U.S. states.

During the 2018-19 fiscal year, AZGFD decontaminated a record 237 boats -- up from 159 the previous fiscal year. This increase in decontaminations also has helped some Western states, namely Idaho and Utah, curtail accumulations of AIS. Decontamination (or decons) consists of a specialized hot water wash to kill and remove aquatic invasive species.

Schedule Online

Even more, AZGFD recently introduced a new convenience: Those who need to "clean, drain and dry" their watercraft -- a free service -- can now schedule an appointment the easy way -- online at <https://azaisprogram.wufoo.com/forms/zagrbfo0lu9miy/>

"During the past year, the state of Utah

has received many more advanced notices of boats traveling to Utah from infested waters within Arizona compared to previous years," said Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

"In addition, these notices have indicated that more inspection and decontamination work had been performed on these boats prior to transport, mitigating much of the risk posed by these watercraft. We understand the challenges involved in implementing inspection and decontamination programs to contain invasive mussels, and have been pleased to see the progress made by Arizona Game and Fish."

Kudos From Idaho

Added Nic Zurfluh, Section Manager of Invasive Species Coordination and Outreach with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture:

"Idaho's Invasive Species Program has experienced an increase in watercraft inspection and decontamination by the State

of Arizona's containment program along the Lower Colorado River watershed," he said. "This is a great benefit for Columbia River Basin states, including Idaho. The combined work of agencies across the West is reducing the risk of spread and prevention is a cooperative effort by local, state, and federal entities."

Boat Decontamination Stations: A Testimony To Be Herd

Elmer Herd, who in March was bound from Lake Havasu City, Ariz., to Oregon, was so impressed by the thoroughness of a decon of his inboard jet boat, he wrote a letter to AZGFD expressing his compliments for AZGFD's invasive species prevention efforts. Herd said his boat, by nature riddled with deep nooks and crannies, was infested with quagga mussels, seaweed, and algae.

Upon leaving a Lake Havasu City decontamination station, he said the hand picks, brushes, hot wash equipment and a dedicated decon man overcame the filth.

Herd said the boat was "sparkling."

"Whatever he was doing, it impressed the heck out of me," said Herd, whose boat had been moored in Lake Havasu for 5 months. "It was the thoroughness of



it, the determination to make sure it was right."

About Aquatic Invasive Species In Arizona

If you are leaving an aquatic invasive species affected water and your boat has been on the water for 6 or more days, has any suspected invasive species, or cannot be fully drained prior to launching on another waterbody, AZGFD will provide a free inspection and decontamination. This ensures boaters have an easier time

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IJSBA Thai Airways World Finals Come To Lake Havasu City Oct. 5-13

The International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) 2019 Thai Airways World Finals is the most venerable and prestigious single personal watercraft event in the world. With an invitation-only policy attracting over 750 of the world's best personal watercraft racers, the World Finals have been the cornerstone of IJSBA racing. In its 38th year, racers from around the world make the pilgrimage to Lake Havasu City every October for the opportunity to vie for the world champion title on the international stage.

In addition to the week-long World Finals, the dynamic, innovative and creative free-style action of the Big O Pro Freestyle Expo is taking place on Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Bridgewater Channel under the London Bridge! As part of the ongoing compe-



dition in the freestyle and slalom classifications, selected competitors will compete in this special event in the Channel and all are welcome to watch from either side of the Bridgewater Channel.

Entrance Is Free

Entrance to the World Finals is free. Many vendors and plentiful beer stands.

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Boaters: Are You Planning That Long Trip?

Whether you're looking to charter this winter season or planning your first cruise aboard your own vessel, the new online course, "Cruising Boats and Systems," will help you have a safer and more enjoyable cruise. Offered in partnership by America's Boating Club, the United States Power Squadrons, and the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, Cruising Boats and Systems is great for first-time cruisers and can be taken anytime from home, office or mobile device by going to BoatUS.org/Courses.

The online course covers both powerboats and sailboats. It covers how to select your cruising vessel and goes over a boat's mechanical and electrical systems, navigation systems and safety gear, anchoring and electronic communications. Short quizzes help course-takers understand key points. A downloadable handout is included.

"There is no single boat that's perfect for cruising," said BoatUS Foundation Director of Education Amanda Suttles Pérez. "We'll help you look at what you may want to consider for a cruising boat and how to address your specific



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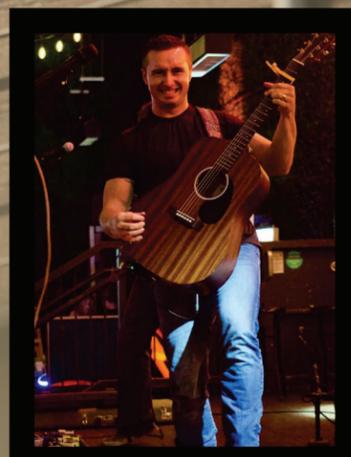
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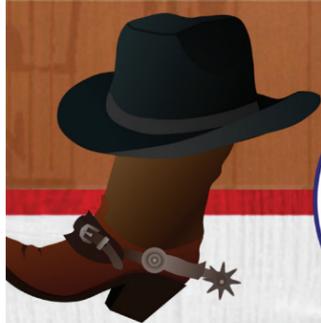


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Tony Gaillombardo Favors Chatterbaits

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

An old friend of ours, Tony Gaillombardo, has been fishing since he was five years old. He hosted *Fishing Arizona*, a local television show, for a year, and pro-staffer for Mepps and Mister Twister for many years. He's got an extensive collection of antique lures, and although he specializes in bass fishing, he also fishes for trout, catfish, sunfish, and even crawdads. He took us up to Bartlett one fall and we caught a ton of fish.

As soon as the water starts to cool off in the fall, bass move up into shallower water and start to get easier to catch, Tony says. They move more, too, so you can pick your topwater and reaction baits back up and start pounding the bank for fish. Beats the heck out of sitting in one spot jiggling a drop shot rig!

First Thing In The Morning

First thing in the morning, try a top-water like a buzzbait or Zara Spook and throw it over long points at the entrances to coves and flats next to channel bends. Flats are deceptive -- a lot of guys pass right by a good flat because they tend to look like a "nothing" bank. But no flat is truly flat. Examine the bank -- you'll probably see little cuts and channels and you can be sure that they run right out into the lake. Those little dips in the bottom are just what the fish use to move up and down when they feed.

One of his favorite reaction baits is a Chatterbait. The generic term for these baits is vibrating jig, and they have a pe-



Vibrating jigs are dynamite baits on any lake.

culiar blade in front with the tie-on right in the middle of it. You can trim these out with a skirt or a plastic bait and all you have to do is throw them out and reel them back to catch fish. These are great for kids.

Try Those Chatterbaits

We threw a bunch of Chatterbaits around the rocks near the dam at Bartlett and caught bass on them all -- chartreuse, white, white and blue, chartreuse and white, gold blades, silver blades -- it didn't matter. They are a ton of fun to fish and you should definitely try them



this fall no matter which lake you go to. They are killer!

You aren't limited to rocks -- throw them on any bank. If you want the bait to run deeper, just let the bait sink a bit before you start reeling. The fish generally just slam them -- there's usually no

wondering if you have a bite. Fish them on the same rod you fish your spinnerbaits on. We usually have the best luck on shad colors. Put a Yamamoto Grub on the hook as a trailer and the fish really hang on. Good luck! ■

Get Ready For Hunting Season

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Arizona is blessed by an abundance of gorgeous hunting country, but that also means that hunters have a lot of ground to cover while hunting. Optics are crucial in most western hunts, but particularly in hunting Coues deer. There's more to "glassing" than just sitting down with a pair of binoculars, so I'm sharing some tips from Leupold, makers of some of the finest optics I've ever used. I'll also share some tips on ammo, gear to carry, and more.

Glassing

Most hunters carry binoculars, but the serious ones usually add a spotting scope to the mix. Spotting scopes are bigger and heavier, but they also have a lot more power and will allow you to peer under the brush for a very long distance. The general rule, says Leupold, is to use the binoculars first. Get comfortable, get the binos steady, and start searching. If you detect movement, switch to the spotting



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scope for better identification. I know from experience how hard it is to see antlers on a deer that is bedded down under a tree half a mile away. A spotting scope makes it a lot easier.

Look Closer As Well

When you first sit down to do some serious glassing, it's natural to look far



When you are glassing, getting the binoculars steady is crucial. Here I'm using my vehicle instead of a tripod.

away from where you are. But don't forget to look closer as well. I've had Coues deer bedded down just a few yards away from me, and they'd stay there while I walked right past. One way to pattern your glassing is to divide the landscape into grids roughly the size of your field of view. Scrutinize every inch before moving on to the next portion.

Crucial: Comfort, Stability

Comfort and stability are crucial to successful glassing. Margie and I carry inflatable cushions to sit on -- they hardly

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When you are glassing, getting the binoculars steady is crucial. Here I'm using my vehicle instead of a tripod.



When you have a lot of country to hunt, glassing is the way to go.



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Arizona Hunting Calendar October 2019

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

October is a great month for hunters, with opportunities for many species even if you didn't draw a tag. Visit the Game and Fish website at www.azgfd.com for more info on hunts as well as where and how to hunt different species.

2019 Fees:

General Hunting, resident: \$37 Non-resident: not available see combination

Combination Hunt and fish, resident: \$57 Non-resident: \$160

Youth combination hunt and fish (ages 10-17), resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$5

Short-term combination license, resident: \$15/day, Non-resident: \$20/day

There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2019-2020 Hunting Regulations at www.azgfd.com for details.

Be sure to check the hunting regulations carefully before you hunt. Many of the following hunts have notes and legal requirements listed. You must check the regulations. Pick up a paper copy at outdoor stores, Game and Fish offices, or go online at www.azgfd.com and click on regulations to download the booklet. "Open areas" have restrictions beyond what is listed here. ALL HUNTS require a valid hunting license or combination license. Hunters under 10 need a license or they must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid license.

Falconry-only hunts require a Sport Falconry License. See regulations for daily limits and bag limits. This calendar is for convenience only. You must read and follow the hunting regulations found in the booklets and pamphlets available at www.azgfd.com and at retailers where licenses are sold.

Mountain Lion: Aug 23, 2019 – May 31, 2020 This hunt is held by zone, with



We saw this wonderful mule deer buck at Bartlett Lake.

zones having annual harvest limits. Seasons vary by zone. When the limit is reached, the hunt is over in that zone. You must call to report kills or check hunts before going hunting. There are also archery and pursuit-only tags available. See regulations for details on weapons, fees, zones, etc.

Small Game

Any tree squirrel except Mt. Graham red squirrel: Oct 4- Dec 31, 2019 Open areas statewide.

Tassel-eared tree squirrel Unit 31: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019 (these were the dates for 2018-2019 as well, so season is open year-round).

Tassel-eared tree squirrel Unit 33: Sept 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020.

Limited weapon tree squirrel, 11M: Oct 4 – Dec 31, 2019 see regulations

Archery-only tree squirrel: Aug 23 – Oct 3, 2019 Open areas state wide except 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B and National Wild-

life Refuges, any tree squirrel except Mt. Graham red squirrel.

Archery-only tree squirrel : Aug 23 – Sept 13, 2019 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B Any tree squirrel

Cottontail rabbit: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (same dates last years, so season is year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges, and 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any cottontail.

Cottontail rabbit in Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges: Sep 1, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020 any cottontail rabbit.

Cottontail rabbit in Kofa Wildlife Refuge: Oct 18, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020 any cottontail rabbit.

Cottontail rabbit limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (same dates last year, so season is year-round) Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges) any cottontail rabbit.



Coues deer are smaller than mule deer, their antlers branch differently, and they have less white on their faces — just rings of white around the nose and eyes.

Falconry-only cottontail rabbit: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.

Predatory And Fur-Bearing Mammals

Coyote and skunk: Jul 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Coyote and skunk Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge: July 1 – June 30 (year-round)

Coyote and skunk Kofa and Imperial Wildlife Refuges: Oct 18 2019 – Feb 9, 2020.

Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger: Aug 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020.

Coyote and skunk limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): July 1 – June 30 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): Aug 1, 2019 – March 31,

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take up any room and weigh only a couple ounces, but they make a big difference as opposed to sitting right on a rock for several hours. Also, pick your spot wisely. Stay away from those giant ant nests, for example. Try to find a place where you can be in the shade. This will not only keep you comfortable, it will help conceal you from any deer that are watching from across the way. You can rest your elbows on your knees to stabilize your optics, but honestly, tripods are better. In spite of the extra weight in your pack, you'll be glad to have them.

Shades Help

Leupold suggests that instead of twisting your eyecups all the way out, leave them all the way in, rest the top of the eyecups on your brow, and slightly tilt your head down while leaning into the binoculars. This, they say, puts less pressure around your eye sockets and gives you a more comfortable neck position while opening your field of view. You can also put your fingers against the brim of your cap for even more stability. Margie and I also use binocular shades – they fit over the eyecups and then go up and around to block out vision and light from the sides. They really help, especially if you wear glasses.

Shooting

One thing I do before every hunting trip is head to the range with my hunting rifle to make sure it is dialed in. I like to try a variety of different brands of hunting ammo to see which ones work best in my rifle, but the key is to make sure it is properly sighted in and shooting accurately.



My hunting rifle weighs in at just 7 pounds, loaded. It's got a McMillan stock, Blue Force Gear sling, and an amazing Leupold scope.

A commercial shooting range is ideal for this, since they have ranges where you can set targets at different distances, and those distances are accurately measured out for you. Make sure you set your rifle firmly on a vise or use sandbags or something so that all you need to do is squint through the scope and pull the trigger.

Need To Knows

There are a couple of things that help with this process. Bring the directions to your scope or sights with you. It can be hard to remember details while you're at the range. I mean details like "how far does one click move the center up, down, or sideways"? This stuff is crucial. You can get there eventually by trial and error, but it's so much easier if you can just move it the right number of clicks right off the bat.

It's also good to have ballistic information about the ammo you're shooting. You need to know things like how much the bullet will drop at various distances and how much hitting power it has when it gets there. Once I choose my ammo, I used to write this info on a piece of painter's tape and wrap it around my gun stock,

but now I have a new Leupold scope with CDS and they just sent me a dial for my scope, custom made for the ammo I plan to use. All I have to do is use the range-finder to get the distance, then dial that into the scope. Done.

Must-Carry Hunting Gear

The older I get, the lighter I want my pack to be when I'm hunting. That said, there are still things that I consider to be absolute must-haves when I'm out hunting. First of all, let me say that I no longer backpack-hunt. I have a base camp I return to each night, so that makes things much easier. So here's what I carry.

1. Rifle, of course, but with a good strap that I can use not only to carry it, but to steady it if I have to shoot off-hand. Extra ammo, but not too much. Ammo is heavy.
2. Binoculars. I have a small, light, but excellent pair.
3. Tripod
4. Spotting Scope
5. Water and electrolyte pouches
6. Food – lunch and snacks
7. LifeStraw in case I run out of water



I didn't list a rangefinder as crucial because some guys are naturally good at judging distance. I'm not one of them, so I carry a rangefinder.

8. Animal prep supplies: plastic gloves, hand towel, bags for meat.

Margie and I stay together, so she carries this stuff:

1. Rifle and ammo
2. Binoculars
3. Tripod
4. Cushions
5. Water and electrolyte pouches
6. Food – lunch and snacks
7. Maps and compass
8. Walkie Talkies – so one can stay and direct the other to the downed animal
9. Life Straw
10. First Aid kit

These are what I'd consider to be the absolute minimum. You can add as much stuff as you can carry, but I find that the more I carry, the less distance I can cover. Since bagging a good deer usually means being at least one ridge away from a road, distance is crucial. We both also usually carry a sidearm, and I'll talk more about that, and about the best holsters for carrying while hunting next month. ■

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2020 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Other Birds, Mammals

House sparrow and European starling: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Crow 1, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B (excluding National Wildlife Refuges): Sept 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2019

Coati: Sep 1, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Gunnison's prairie dog: July 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2020 Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area in Unit 1, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

All mammals except game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves: year-round. Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

Jackrabbit Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge: Sept 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2020.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) English house sparrows and European starling: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) Gunnison's prairie dog Unit 11M: year-round.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Falconry-only seasons: See regulations.

Pheasant Hunting (See azgfd.gov for info on where to hunt pheasants in AZ and limits.)

Archery-only pheasant: Oct 18, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges. Any pheasant.

Falconry-only pheasant: Sept 16, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges. Any pheasant.

Quail Hunting (See regulations for limits.)

Gambels, Scaled, and California quail: Oct 18, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.



Elk

Gambels, Scaled, and California quail: Oct 18, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020. Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges.

Falconry-only quail: Sept 1, 2019 – March 10, 2020 Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) Any quail

Falconry-only quail 25M, 26M, and 38M: Jul 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2020 Any quail.

Dove Hunting

(Dove hunters are required to have an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp in addition to their hunting license.)

Eurasian collared doves may be hunted year round with no daily bag or possession limits.

Band-tailed pigeon: October 4 – 17, 2019. Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 6.

(Restrictions apply to open and closed areas for doves. See regulations for details.)

Chukar Hunting

(See regulations for limits and where to find chukar.) Sept 1, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020. Any chukar. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Blue Grouse Hunting

(See regulations for limits and where to find blue grouse.)

Sept 1 – Nov 10, 2019. Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Unit 31).

Attention Grouse Hunters: The Department would like to better survey blue grouse hunter participation and success. To do this they are asking grouse hunters to provide an address or email to the Department's small game biologist so that they can be surveyed directly after the end of the season. This may be done by sending an email to: jodell@azgfd.gov or through regular mail to the Department's main office: Attention Terrestrial Wildlife Branch.

Turkey: Fall turkey season is in October. Apply online by June 11, 2019. Archery-only non-permit tags are available and the hunts are in late August to mid-September. See regulations.

Spring Turkey applications are generally accepted in September and early October. Hunts vary by unit and occur in April and May. See the spring regulations

for details.

Waterfowl, Snipe

Waterfowl and Snipe Hunters are required to have an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp and a Federal Duck Stamp in addition to their hunting license. You can get an Arizona stamp where you buy your license. The Federal Duck Stamp is available at outdoor retailers, many national wildlife refuges, the Post Office, and online through Amplex at www.duckstamp.com. Call stores and post offices to make sure they sell them before you go.

Ducks including mergansers, coots, common moorhens, including white geese (snow, blue, and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted), excluding scaup:

General Waterfowl: Oct 18, 2019 – Jan 26, 2020, **Desert Zone: Those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 46B.**

Oct 4, 2019 – Jan 12, 2020, **Mountain Zone: units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A, and the portions of units 6 and 8 within Coconino County.**

Scaup: Mountain Zone Oct 19, 2019 – Jan 12, 2020.

Falconry-only waterfowl: Mountain Zone: Sept 30, 2019 – Oct 3, 2019.

Snipe: (See waterfowl for definitions of Desert and Mountain zones.)

Desert Zone: Oct 18, 2019 – Jan 26, 2020.

Mountain Zone: Oct 4, 2019 – Jan 12, 2020

Big Game Hunting

(See regulations for information on hunts and dates. Big game hunting is by permit only. To see draw odds go to www.azgfd.com/Hunting/surveydata/.)

Deer Hunting – (There will be hunters out all over the state during October, so please be considerate and careful. Wear blaze orange and put some orange on your dog as well.)

We have two kinds of deer: Coues'

whitetail and mule deer. Hunting is by permit only. Resident permit tags are \$58, non-resident \$315. Apply online by June 11, 2019. Hunts vary in length and are in October, November, and December. Specialty hunts include archery, muzzle-loader, CHAMP (Challenged Hunter Access Mobility Permit), and youth hunts. There are also archery-only non-permit tags that can be bought over the counter. See the regulations for information about those permits.

Archery-only non permit-tag deer seasons are in January. See the spring regulations for details.

Bighorn Sheep: Sheep tags are notoriously hard to get. Apply online by June 11, 2019. Season dates vary and fall in October through December. See regulations.

Bear: You can buy a non-permit tag for bear over the counter. Seasons vary by unit and units close when the quota is reached. You are responsible to call and report kills and also call before hunting to make sure the unit is still open. See regulations for details. Seasons are in Aug – Dec. There are also archery-only non-permit tags.

Spring bear hunts are during March – May. Archery is May – July. See the spring regulations for details.

Javelina: Fall javelina season is in October – December. Apply online by June 11, 2019. See regulations for info. There are also general non permit-tag javelina hunts in the Lower Gila River Hunt Area in unit 41 year-round. See the regulations.

Spring javelina hunts occur in January and February. Archery-only hunts are almost the entire month of January. See the spring regulations for details. Applications are generally accepted in September and early October.

Elk: Seasons vary by unit and are in September – December. Non-permit tags are also available and applications are generally in January.

Bison: Seasons vary in length and are in December. There are also limited op-

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Fall Is The Perfect Time For A Lake Cruise

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Canyon Lake

We recently took a tour on *Dolly Steamboat* at Canyon Lake and it was great – in fact, it was even better than I expected. We met our best friends Ron and Debbie at the lake, and we brought our two college-aged granddaughters with us. The tour we chose was a special one: the Bighorn Sheep Tour. There were a bunch of Arizona Game and Fish experts on board with us, as well as several guys from the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society. It was an amazing day.

Over 50 Sheep!

John and I have fished at Canyon many, many times, and we've often spotted bighorn sheep there, but the Bighorn Society guys put us to shame – between them and the Game and Fish people, they spotted over fifty sheep that day! Incredible. We had just barely gotten away from the dock when they spotted the first ones.

The fun actually started at the ticket line. We had bought our tickets online, and just needed to show up at the window. I had our electronic tickets on my phone, but they already had our names on the list so we were good to go. But, while we were in line some fellas from the Bighorn Sheep Society were already handing out goodies – lanyards and things like that – to anyone who wanted them.

Oh, by the way, you don't need to pay for a Tonto Pass if you are boarding *Dolly*. There is a separate parking lot, and there are also a restaurant and restrooms there.

Better And Better

I had seen the *Dolly* many times, but I had never been on board before. There is plenty of room inside, and we took a table upstairs. Each table is by the win-



This was the first time I had seen a Coues deer swimming.

dow, and there was plenty of room at the table for the six of us. *Dolly* is even air-conditioned, so we were very comfortable. To top it off, the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society was running a tab at the concession on board, so we were able to get free sodas and snacks during the whole trip. It just kept getting better and better.

A Highlight

Since this was a special cruise, the captain would stop *Dolly* and even circle around or point the bow at the shore so that everyone on board could get a good view of the bighorns. As I said, we saw over fifty of the bighorns on this cruise, but that isn't all we saw. We saw a lot of different birds, including a bald eagle.

For me, the highlight was seeing three of the little desert whitetail deer – Coues deer. They walked down to the edge of the lake to get a drink, and one of them got right in and began to swim back and forth along the shore. That's something I've never seen before and it was great.

If You Want To Get Photos

To get the most out of your tour, I'd advise getting information on special cruises like the one we were on, especially if



Coues deer walked down to the river and didn't mind *Dolly* at all.

photographing wildlife is your main goal. Also, the windows on *Dolly* will distort your photos, especially the color. There are two outside areas, one on each level, but they can get crowded. I ended up taking many pictures from the stairs.

The windows do open, and in the fall that won't be a problem, but when we went in the summer nobody wanted to open a window at all. So keep that in mind if you want to take some photos.

Captain's Commentary

In addition to seeing all the wildlife, I learned a lot about Canyon Lake from the Captain's commentary as we cruised along. He showed us some rocks that looked like people and had names, told us a lot about the geology and the his-



We also spotted a bald eagle.

tory of the lake, and kept us entertained the whole time. Even our granddaughters didn't get bored. I highly recommend the *Dolly* cruises.

Special Cruises

Dolly has all kinds of special cruises including an Astronomy Dinner Cruise, Scenic Nature Cruise, and a Twilight Dinner Cruise. We paid \$35 each for adults, and children 5-12 were \$23, while little ones 1-4 were \$6. Infants under 1 are free.

I'm sure the other cruises are similarly priced. You can book online at www.dollysteamboat.com or call them at 480-827-9144. To get directions, just put their address in your map app: 16802 AZ-88, Tortilla Flat, AZ 85117, or just type in "Canyon Lake". You need to check in a half hour before your cruise.

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Our college-aged granddaughters loved the cruise.

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Seek Input

Comment period on revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for motorized travel ends Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) have released a revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for ASNFs Public Motorized Travel Management Plan.

The purpose of the plan is to comply with the federal Travel Management Rule by providing a system of roads, trails, and areas designated for motor vehicle use while protecting biological, physical, and cultural resources.

Alternative 2 Favored

According to the comment period cover letter on the ASNFs' website, the revised DEIS analyzed three alternatives. The preferred alternative is Alternative 2 – The Proposed Action, which would designate a system of roads, trails, and areas for motorized use as well as limited mo-

torized access for dispersed camping and limited motorized access for big game retrieval. The proposed action is detailed in the DEIS, which can be found along with other project documents under the "analysis" tab at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22692>.

"This document will address public issues raised during the formal objection process of the EIS," said Forest Supervisor Steve Best in an ASNFs news release.

All Outdoor Enthusiasts Encouraged

Hunters, campers, OHV enthusiasts, wildlife watchers and all other outdoor enthusiasts who utilize the forest are encouraged to read the revised DEIS to review the issues and the revised alternatives.



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A 60-day public comment period opened will run through Tuesday, Oct. 29. Comments may be submitted elec-

tronically on a web form at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/TMPWrittenComments>, or they can either be: sent by mail to Travel Management Plan Comments, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938; sent by fax to 928-333-5966 (please mark "Attention: Travel Management Plan Comments"); or hand delivered to Supervisor's Office, 30 S. Chiricahua Dr., Springerville, AZ 85938 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Other Details

Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

For more information about the travel management plan, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/asnf/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5200750>. ■

Grand Canyon National Park Switches On New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The National Park Foundation, National Park Service, and the Department of Energy partnered with BMW of North America to donate 100 EV charging stations for locations in and near national parks.

Electric vehicle (EV) destination travelers can add Grand Canyon National Park to their list. Six EV charging stations are available for visitors to use at Maswik North, Canyon Village Market and Yavapai Lodge. Three additional charging stations were installed for National Park Service (NPS) and partner staff members to use at the park headquarters and Xanterra general offices.

The National Park Foundation, NPS and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) partnered with BMW of North America to donate 100 EV charging stations for locations in and near national parks. This project kicked off in April 2017 with the first electric vehicle charging stations installed at Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

"We are excited to offer this service to visitors and are grateful to our supporting partners. This project supports our goals for energy conservation and clean air," said Acting Park Superintendent Woody Smeck.

The availability of this option offers more public access for EV destination travel and assists in reducing air pollu-

tion in parks and gateway communities. Five additional EV charging stations were installed as part of this program, two in the gateway community of Tusayan at the Grand Hotel and three at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel in Williams.

"The automobile has long been central to the great American vacation in national parks," said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith. "While our treasured landscapes offer familiar vistas time after time, the automobile has changed greatly, and parks want to meet the needs of our visitors who use electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Through this joint effort between BMW of North America, the Department of Energy, and the National Park Foundation electric vehicle drivers will have more places to charge the car while recharging themselves with nature and parks."

The DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office provides technical assistance that supports innovative energy saving transportation projects at national park sites. These projects educate visitors on the benefits of advanced and alternative fuel vehicles, which contributes towards the

National Park Service in meeting their energy, economic, and environmental goals. The benefits of these projects have the opportunity to reach far beyond the boundaries of the national parks.

About The National Park Service

More than 20,000 NPS employees care for America's 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Visit us at www.nps.gov, on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

About The National Park Foundation

The National Park Foundation is the official charity of America's national parks and nonprofit partner to the NPS. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation raises private funds to help protect more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts and connect all Americans with their incomparable natural landscapes, vibrant culture and



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About The Department Of Energy

The DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office supports a broad portfolio of early-stage research and works directly with its nationwide network of Clean Cities coalitions to enable the widespread use of alternative fuels and energy efficient technologies that reduce transportation energy use and costs for businesses and consumers.

Note: *The year, Grand Canyon National Park celebrates 100 years since its designation as a national park. To prepare for the next century of stewardship, we hope to inspire future generations to experience, connect with, and protect Grand Canyon's unique resources. Join the celebration at go.nps.gov/grandcanyoncentennial or on social media with #GrandCanyon100.*

Grand Canyon National Park, PO Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 ■

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Lake Pleasant

Canyon isn't the only lake with cruises. Lake Pleasant also offers dinner cruises on *Phoenix*, including Thanksgiving dinner. Prices are \$55-\$65 for adults depending on which meal you choose, while kids 5-12 are \$35-45. Kids 0-4 are free. The prices include taxes and the caterer gratuity, but not beverages and boat-crew gratuities.

Cruises Catered

The cruises are two hours long and the meals are buffet-style by Dillon's Catering. There is live music and a full-service bar also. There is a vegetarian option for dinner, but no vegan one, so if you are vegan you might want to call to make your reservation and ask about that.

Reservations are "strongly recommended" and you can book online at www.lakepleasantcruises.com. Plan to get there 45 minutes before departure,



The Game and Fish biologists and the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society members spotted over fifty bighorn sheep during our cruise!

and you'll need to pay \$6 per car to park at Pleasant Harbor. Pleasant Harbor is the first turn-off to Pleasant that you will reach if you are coming in from I-17.

Saguaro Lake Daily Cruises

Saguaro Lake offers cruises on *Desert Belle* daily. From the photos and videos online, it looks like the main level is en-



Dolly is air-conditioned, so you can enjoy the cruise with a great view, in comfort.

closed and the upper level is open air, which would make it great for photos. There is a snack bar with beer, wine, and drinks, as well as popcorn, ice cream, candy, cookies, and chips. Prices are listed online. They have a Narration Cruise, Wine Cruise, Live Music Cruise, and a Lake and Land Combo Tour.

Lake And Land Combos

The Lake and Land Combo sounds fun – they pick you up at your hotel or

home in a Hummer and drive you around the desert while regaling you with tales of history and legends, then take you for a 90-minute cruise on *Desert Belle*. All of those are booked through Steller Adventures at 602-402-0584. This would be such an awesome gift for someone!

The Lake and Land Combos offer varieties of tours: Classic Tours with ATV's, UTV's, Hummers and Blazers; Specialty Tours with unique ways of exploring the desert; Sunset and Star Gazing; and Hiking and Biking. You can find all the prices online, and just for example, the Blazer Tour starts at \$125 per person. Sounds like so much fun!

Enjoy Gorgeous Arizona

This is by no means an exhaustive list of the cruises on Arizona Lakes. Go online and search by lake. I am so glad we took the *Dolly* cruise – I'm an Arizona native and sometimes that means that tourists have more adventures that we do. Don't let that happen to you – book a lake cruise this fall and enjoy our gorgeous Arizona weather and scenery. ■

Information Needed In Flagstaff-Area Water Catchment Contamination

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is seeking information officers hope will lead to those responsible for contaminating a water catchment with diesel fuel or gasoline northeast of Flagstaff.

Sometime around Sept. 15, fuel was deliberately poured into Young's Canyon Trick Tank, a water catchment in Game Management Unit 7E near U.S. Forest Service Road 775 and east of the high tension powerlines. The catchment is approximately 2 miles east of the Winona exit (211) along Interstate 40.

Evidence at the scene indicates the suspect(s) may have taken down fencing to gain access to and pour the fuel into the catchment.

Disappointing Incident

"It's our hope that someone may have observed suspicious behavior or may have had a game camera in the area that may provide crucial evidence," said

AZGFD Wildlife Manager Erin Brown. "This incident is incredibly disappointing because these catchments provide water for all wildlife when natural water sources are not available — especially given this year's limited monsoon rainfall. Sportsmen, along with the department, have spent so much labor, money and time improving water availability for wildlife and it's tragic that someone chose to vandalize this water catchment."

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the AZGFD vandalism hotline at 1-800 VANDALS (826-3257). Callers can remain anonymous and should reference case #19-003149.

Elk Society Reward

The Arizona Elk Society has offered a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible.

The department maintains about 3,000 water catchments statewide, along with the help of many sportsmen's groups, and has trucked or airlifted more than 1.5 million gallons of precious water since January 2018.

Those wishing to support the department's efforts to deliver water for wildlife can send a donation by texting SENDWATER — as one word — to 41444 from any smart device or visit www.azwildlifehero.com and select "support us."

To report a poaching violation call Operation Game Thief at 800-352-0700 or visit www.azgfd.com/OGT.

Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects Arizona's 800+ wildlife species but receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars. Contribute to our on-the-ground conservation efforts at www.AzWildlifeHero.com. ■



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Thirty-One Bison From The North Rim Are Relocated

National Park Service staff closed the doors on livestock trailers, securing 31 bison inside to transfer them to the InterTribal Buffalo Council who will take them on the journey to join their new herd with the Quapaw tribe in Oklahoma.

The transfer of the bison concluded the Grand Canyon National Park's pilot program for corralling and relocating bison from the North Rim.

An Historic Moment

"It's an historic moment. These are

the first bison ever captured and permanently removed from Grand Canyon," said Grand Canyon National Park Bison Project Manager Miranda Terwilliger.

Leading up to the corralling operations, a corral was regularly supplied with food and water to encourage bison to enter freely and increase their exposure to humans.

"It's a passive process. You want to work as quietly and calmly around the bison to keep their stress levels down because they have very little interactions



with humans," said Chris Clark, the South Rim lead mule packer who served as the corral boss."

After a large group of bison entered the corral, during the operation period, staff closed the corral gates and began processing them in preparation for shipment. The processing included separating and releasing bison that were too young or too large or old to make the trip. They were guided into a squeeze chute, where the scientists took blood and genetic samples and tagged them per U.S. Department of Agriculture shipping regulations.

An Amazing Team

"We had an amazing team who worked really well together," said Terwilliger. "We did a lot of mock runs and training in advance with other parks and agencies."

Biologists from the Kaibab National Forest, Yellowstone National Park, Badlands National Park, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the InterTribal Buffalo Council assisted. Also present was a National Park Service veterinarian to oversee the well-being of the bison.

Several additional animals were outfitted with tracking collars and released during the corralling process. The collaring was conducted with the assistance of U.S. Geological Survey scientists for park wildlife biologists to study the bison migratory patterns and population size.

100 Was The First Goal

The goal of the pilot program was to capture and relocate up to 100 bison. The

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Bats Found In Grand Canyon National Park Positive For Rabies

Grand Canyon National Park has received confirmation that two bats collected along the Colorado River in the park last month tested positive for rabies. The rabies-positive bats, both Canyon Bats, were deceased at the time of collection and did not come in contact with any visitors or staff.

Rabies is preventable if medical treatment called post-exposure prophylaxis, or PEP, is given following an exposure to a rabid animal. It is almost always fatal if PEP is not given prior to the development of symptoms. Humans can contract rabies through contact with an infected animal's saliva, such as a bite or scratch.

All mammals are susceptible to rabies, including bats, skunks, and foxes. Possible rabies infections should be considered in animals that exhibit unusual or aggressive behavior or that are not afraid of humans.

Grand Canyon National Park would like to remind visitors about the following things they can do to protect themselves from rabies:

- Never approach or touch wildlife. Please observe and appreciate wildlife from a safe distance. If you see sick or erratic behaving wildlife, notify a park employee or call the park's 24-hour emergency communications center at 928-638-7805.



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- In areas where pets are allowed, make sure that pets are vaccinated and kept on a leash at all times. Domestic animal contact with bats should be minimized.

- Teach children to tell you if they are bitten or scratched by an animal.

- Anyone who has had contact with a bat or other wild animal in the park should notify a park employee as soon as possible. You should consult with your doctor in the event you have contacted an animal thought to be rabid.

- While on a river trip take extra precaution and sleep in a tent for protection. Public health officials should be contacted if a bat is found in a room where a person has been sleeping.

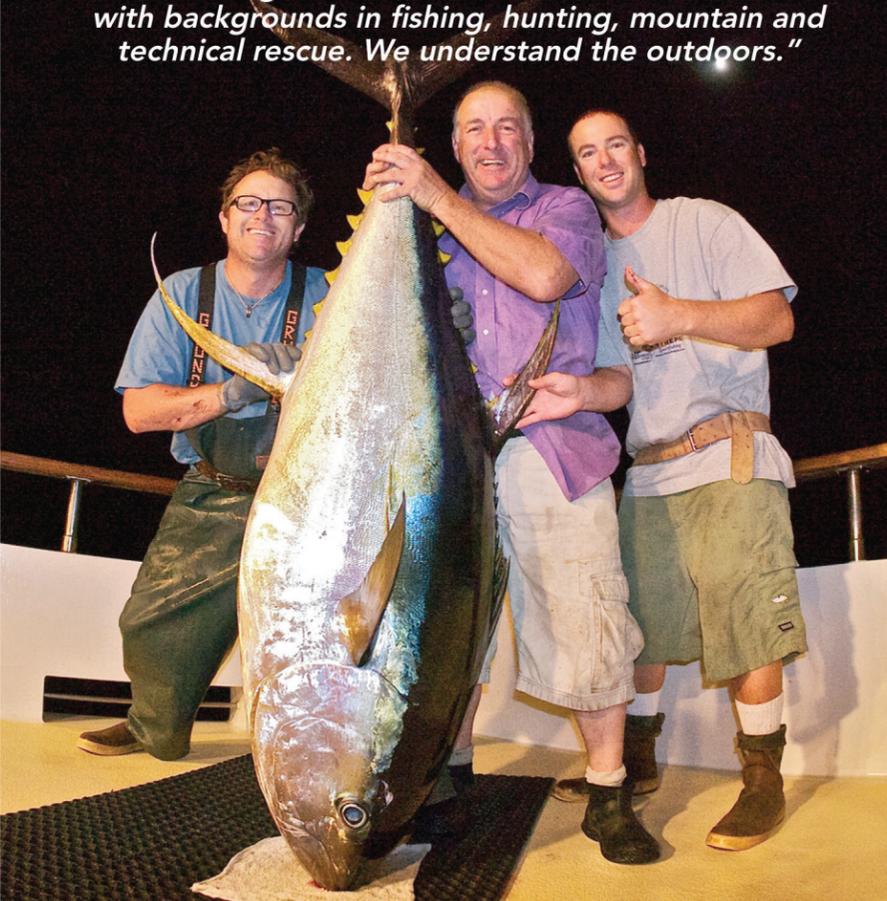
- Bats should never be handled by untrained or unvaccinated people nor be

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Woodbury Fire: What Was Its Impact On Wildlife?

New story map and podcast discuss the fire's impact on wildlife and the Superstition wilderness.

The Woodbury Fire burned nearly 124,000 acres, much of it in the Superstition Wilderness Area, from early June through mid-July. Because of the popularity of this area among hikers, hunters and wildlife watchers, many people are asking, what damage did the fire do to landscapes and habitat? What impact did the fire have on wildlife?

There are two new resources to help answer those questions:

Woodbury Fire Story Map: Arizona Game and Fish has developed an interactive story map with information, photos and video about the fire and its impact on wildlife.

Podcast: Carrie Templin, public affairs officer for Tonto National Forest, and Dustin Darveau, game specialist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, were guests on the Jay Scott Outdoors podcast, discussing the impact of the fire and how wildlife appeared to fare.

Templin said on the podcast that once the fire was contained, the Tonto National Forest put together a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team to assess the fire's effects, potential post-fire events, and possible actions. Arizona Game and Fish staff worked with the BAER team and provided input on wildlife and habitat conditions, evaluation of the burn severity on the landscape, and identification and management of potential risks to resources from large-scale



flooding during monsoon rains.

Templin said only portions of the 124,000 acres were identified as having high-burn severity, which occurred mostly in the upper regions of canyons. There were areas that burned in a mosaic pattern, with areas of light or no burn.

"For a majority of the Tonto National Forest, fire is a natural occurrence on the landscape, and much of the native vegetation is accustomed to it," she said. "Fires are not all large flames taking things out. The mosaic burn pattern can actually be good for the environment and wildlife. An exception would be the Sonoran desert landscape with saguaros, which don't do well with fire. It will be three to five years before we know the extent of saguaro mortality."

Game and Fish's Darveau said that because the fire progressed slowly and burned in a mosaic pattern, wildlife should have had time to get out of the way. Larger animals will move to a different area, birds will fly away, some ground dwelling animals will burrow underneath and ride it out. AZGFD staff conducted grid pattern aerial surveys for four days in late July.

"In that time frame, we were pleasantly surprised at the amount of wildlife we

saw within or adjacent to the burn area," said Darveau. "We observed 81 white tailed deer, a black bear, some bighorn sheep, a few mule deer, some javelina, and numerous small mammals and birds. Although there was probably some loss of wildlife, we didn't see any carcasses."

Darveau said this could prove to be a beneficial burn for wildlife, but cautioned that while some areas will recover quickly, maybe in one to three years, other higher burn intensity areas may take decades. Even so, those areas will continue to provide multiple stages of vegetation succession that will benefit wildlife. Early succession stages of plants, shrubs and trees provide higher nutritional value than those that have matured and have years of old growth.

The fire was basically contained within Game Management Unit 24B, burning somewhere between 30-45 percent of the huntable area. Some of that terrain hadn't seen fire in more than 70 years, so the fire opened up some of the choked areas. Game and Fish will be monitoring conditions and harvest success.

The Tonto National Forest's Templin said a fair amount of the Superstition Wilderness would remain under a closure order through monsoon season for safety reasons; this includes the middle section of the Apache Trail.

"Monsoon storms are unpredictable, and if you get caught on one of those trails or on certain parts of the road, you could be a long way from help," she said. "The Forest Services will continue monitoring and evaluating the situation."

The closure orders can be seen on the Tonto National Forest's website, or on Inciweb, a site that provides valuable up-to-date information on wildfires. ■



Survey Results Shine Light On Recovery Effort

Volunteers can help spotlight endangered black-footed ferrets.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteers to assist with fall spotlighting efforts to help document the population of endangered black-footed ferrets in Aubrey Valley and on the Double O Ranch, both near Seligman.

As part of the recovery effort, the department scheduled two five-night spotlighting events; the remaining one is Oct. 17-21. The spotlighting method involves using high-powered lights to locate and identify black-footed ferrets. Their eyeshine is reflected by the spotlight and helps surveyors with identifying and locating these elusive, nocturnal carnivores.

Volunteers must have the ability to stay attentive from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while spotlighting for black-footed ferrets and use, or learn how to use, a Global Positioning System (GPS). Volunteers can sign up by emailing azferret@azgfd.gov – with "fall

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pilot program was conducted this year due to the bison migrating to a warmer location on the North Rim from early

snowfall last year. There's approximately 600 bison on the North Rim, and Grand Canyon National Park is reducing the size to under 200 over the next three-to-five years to protect park resources from the impacts of the bison population. ■

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kept as pets.

There are 22 species of bats that live within the park. In a healthy colony, typically less than 1 percent of bats are sick with rabies. Grand Canyon National Park is working with the National Park Service Office of Public Health and the Wildlife Health Branch to protect the health and safety of visitors and wildlife in the park by testing any sick or dead wildlife.

Visitors can read additional information regarding zoonotic diseases and bats at: https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/nature/zoonotic_diseases.htm.

Rabid bats have been documented in 49 states. Every year, there are reported cases of rabies in animals in Coconino County, Arizona. The Arizona Department of Health Services website has additional information about rabies testing, prevention and publications within the state at: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/rabies/index.php>. ■



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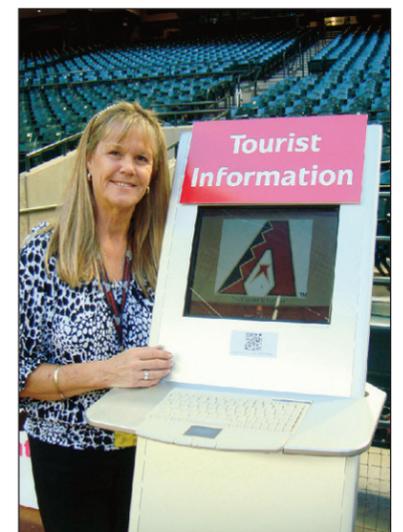
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VFW Invites Teachers, Students To Apply For Awards, Scholarships

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Teacher Of The Year (Submission deadline is Thursday, Oct. 31.)

Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America.

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a certified/licensed elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Winners receive —

- A \$1,000 award for professional-development expenses.
- A \$1,000 award for his/her school.
- Two award plaques: one for the teacher, the other for his/her school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award.

Download the nomination form here: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/TeacheroftheYearAward-Brochure.pdf?v=1&d=20190326T140132Z&la=en>

Youth Scholarships

Every year, students compete for their share of \$3 million in scholarships and awards. The Veterans of Foreign



Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary are dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$30,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle-school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you.

Voice of Democracy (Submission deadline is Thursday, Oct. 31.)

Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements, then download and complete the

2019-20 entry form. The 2019-20 theme is: "What Makes America Great"

Download the Voice of Democracy entry form here: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20190408T161848Z>

Patriot's Pen (Submission deadline is Thursday, Oct. 31.)

Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements, then download and complete the 2019-20 entry form. The 2019-20 theme is: "What Makes America Great"

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American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (Submission deadline is March 31, 2020.)

Each year, more than 4,000 high school students from across the country

participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

Who Is Eligible To Apply?

- Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States.
- Maximum student age of 18 at time of local entry.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Applicant does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.

What Is The Scholarship Amount?

The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$31,000.

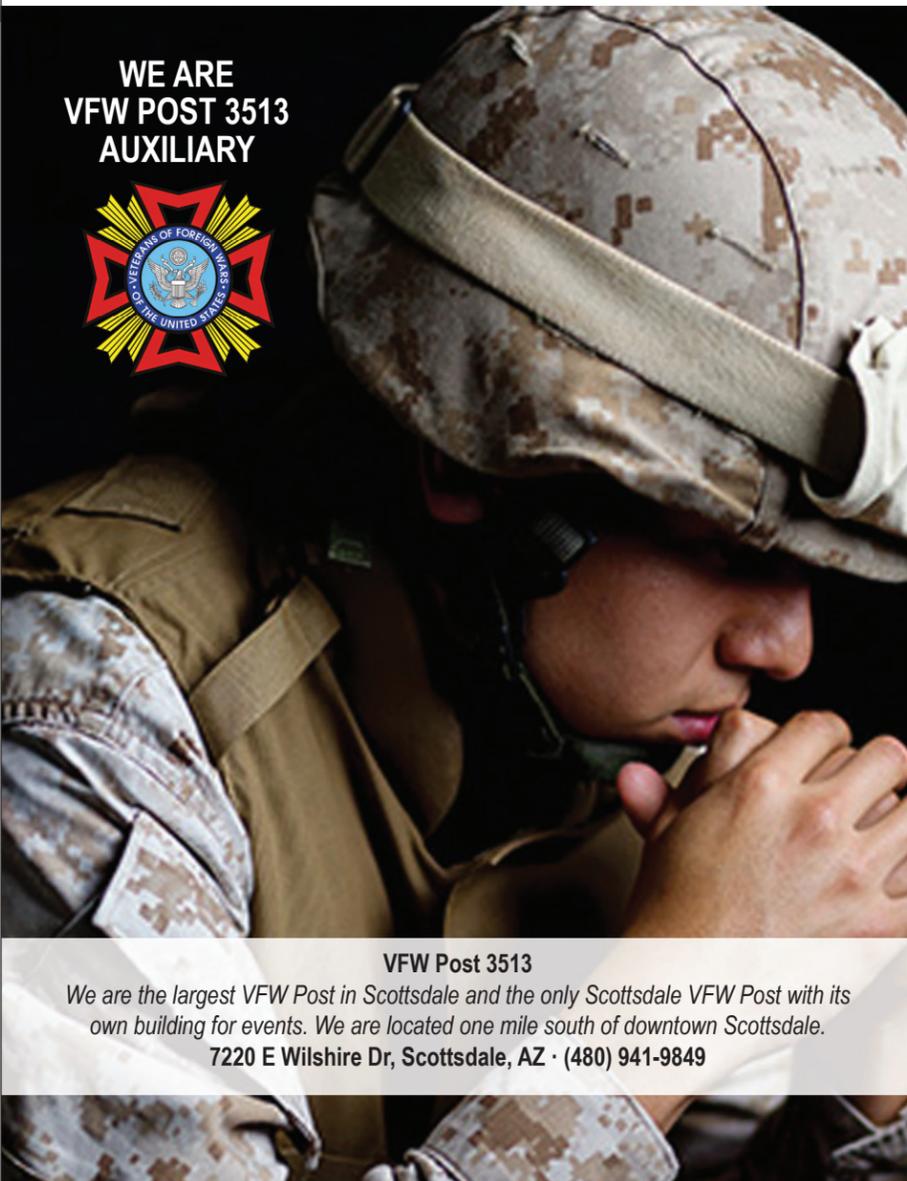
What Are The Scholarship Submission Requirements?

- Two-dimensional art must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught may be used.
- Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- Other entries must be matted in white. Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may also be used.
- The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not

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Those Who Assemble Speak

Hear from those who assemble the mighty little flowers in "The Veterans Behind the Buddy Poppy" video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TUjEMJJSZY>

Publisher's Note: Consider joining one of your local veterans organizations or their auxiliaries.

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Having no one to care for a precious pet when unexpected medical emergen-

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spotlighting” in the subject line – by Oct. 11 for the mid-October event. Space is limited.

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also will be attending (a parent or guardian must accompany any youth under 18). Volunteers also should note any equipment they can bring, such as GPS, clipboard, headlamp, pen, binoculars, walkie-talkies, compass, cordless rechargeable spotlight, backpack or 4X4 vehicle.

These events are conducted to assess the black-footed ferret population before winter. The objectives include trapping

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those animals that were not caught in the spring, to trap older ones that need a canine distemper or plague booster, and to trap juveniles (or “kits”) to administer vaccinations.

For more information about the black-footed ferret recovery effort, visit the department’s website at www.azgfd.com/wildlife and click on “Nongame and Endangered Wildlife.” ■

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including mat.

- Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc.
- Pieces should be no larger than 18” in any direction.
- Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight.
- Digital art, photography and jewelry are *not accepted*.
- Complete entry form (https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Patriotic-Art-Fillable-Brochure_071018.pdf) and attach to back of entry.
- Submit a typed explanation of patriotism expressed in art (250 words or less).

Local VFW Contact

- Auxiliary Scholarship Chair Carol Allen
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Stanley A. Crews Post 3513
- 7220 E Wilshire Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85257 (480) 941-9849 ■

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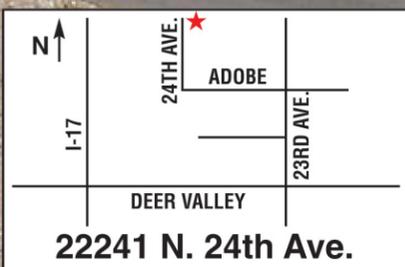
In Flanders Fields By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
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CALENDAR

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Mesquite Bay Central. Experience kayak bass fishing in this new open fishing tournament series! The tournament is free to enter, and it is open to all ages and experience levels. The tournament will launch at Mesquite Bay Central, about 50 yards from Mesquite Bay North. A sign stating, "Hand launch area only," will indicate the correct launch site. Put-in and take-out will launch at Mesquite Bay Central. Participants will have the chance to win cash. This event is free to participants and spectators. 928-680-9257 or https://southwestkayaks.com/

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

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JET SPORTS

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Come early to get a good spot in the bleachers, especially on Freestyle day. Check the IJSBA website for schedule and other details. Event dates, times and/or details are subject to change. Please contact event coordinator to verify information.

The parking entrance is on Beachcomber Boulevard just beyond the main entrance to the Crazyhorse Campground. There is a shuttle from the parking lot to the event, which takes place on the shores of Crazyhorse Campground. Parking is free until Wednesday, Oct. 9, which will be \$10 that day, as well as \$10 on Thursday, Oct. 10. Parking will be \$20 per day on Friday, Oct. 11, Saturday, Oct. 12 and Sunday, Oct. 13; however, there is a weekend pass available for all three days for \$40. Parking fees are accepted only in cash. There will be an attendant at the parking gate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRIP

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course takers will complete the course in about two hours.

Normally \$30, Cruising Boats and

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

Queen Creek

4-28 — 25th Annual Schnepf Farms Pumpkin & Chili Party - Hillbilly Bob's pig races, entertainment, carousel, petting barn, 10-acre celebrity corn maze, bon fires, hayride, dog show, roller coaster, inflatables, miniature golf, rock wall and more. Fireworks on Thur. Fri and Sat nights. Discount tickets at Fry's. Thu & Sun 10 am - 9 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am - 10 pm. 480-987-3100 or https://schnepffarms.com/event/pumpkin-and-chili-party/2019-10-03/?v=7516fd43adaa

Clarksdale

5 — Raptors on the Rails with Liberty Wildlife - Verde Canyon Railroad. As breathtaking as an eagle is in flight, a face-to-face encounter with a raptor is an equally astounding event. Our friends from Scottsdale's Liberty Wildlife share the majesty of a rescued bald eagle with visitors at the depot and on the train on select days throughout the year. Everyone has the opportunity for personal interaction. 12:30 pm. https://verdecanyonrr.com/\

Phoenix

5 — Furry Friends Fine Arts Festival - Shemer Art Center. An animal-themed arts festival "purrfect" for the entire family! Highlights include pet readings and pet adoptions by the Arizona Humane Society! A variety of artists will showcase animal-themed paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and more. Live music, business vendors, entertainment and food & beverages from Black Cat Coffee and others. \$5/person, \$10/family, furry friends are free. 8 am - 2 pm. 602-262-4727



▲ Tucson

5-6 — 18th Annual Tucson Reptile & Amphibian Show & Sale - Tucson

each day.

Areas outside of the designated parking lot that marked "No Parking" are subject to ticketing by the Lake Havasu City Police Department.

Craft Beer Festival In Third Year

The Thai Airways World Finals also announces the third year of the beachfront Craft Beer Festival from Friday, Oct. 11 - Sunday, Oct. 13, which will be held at a VIP viewing area along the beach at the event.

The Beer Festival includes 12 flavors to sample, four of which originate from local breweries Hangar 24 and Mudshark.

Beer Festival tickets can be purchased at the VIP Craft Brew gate adjacent to the Grandstands, and included with a \$20 or \$40 ticket purchase is access to the VIP viewing area of the start line and race course. Mingle with champions, sponsors, competitors, and PWC race fans while enjoying a craft brew! Nearby will be a variety of food vendors from ice cream to cheeseburgers.

Systems can be taken for an introductory price of \$19.95 by using the coupon code "CRUISING" when registering at BoatUS.org/Courses.

All BoatUS Foundation/America's Boating Club online courses can be

Expo Center. 50,000 square feet of reptiles for sale and display, petting zoos with alligators, giant tortoises, Monitor Lizards, snakes, reptile keeping supplies, reptile art, books, clothing, anything reptilian. \$5-10. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm. http://tucsonreptileshow.com

Benson

12-13 — 19th Annual Butterfield Rodeo - Arena. Cowboys competing in Rough Stock and timed events, also "mutton bustin'," calf scramble, dummy roping and a good-old-fashioned boot race. Also rodeo royalty, parade, kids rodeo and \$5-10. 520-586-4293 or 520-586-2842 or www.bensonvisitorcenter.com or bensonbutterfieldrodeoarizona833771498.wordpress.com/

Show Low

26 — 10th Annual Main Street Spooktacular Festival - Frontier Field. Halloween themes games & activities, scaryoke, pet & human costume contests, pumpkin bowling, pony rides, Home Depot's kids craft shop, live music & entertainment, face painting, car bash, hay rides, food & product vendors, zombie apocalypse, paintball shoot, and haunted house at Bilbie's Interiors. noon - 8 pm. 928-532-4124 or http://www.showlowmainstreet.org

Tucson

27 — Spooky Kids Halloween & Wag-O-Ween - Fourth Avenue. The Avenue's amazing Halloween Costume Contest for both our two-legged and four-legged children! Candy and dog treats given throughout the Avenue with a costume contest at the Sand and Sky parking lot. Prizes and give-a-ways. https://fourthavenue.org/spooky-kids-halloween-wag-o-ween/

Tempe

EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE: Ongoing — A unique food bank that serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of families in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org.



As always, admission to the World Finals is free, and will have several locations on the race site with domestics from Romer Beverages for race fans to choose.

Details In A Nutshell

Start: October 5 @ 12:00 a.m.
End: October 13 @ 11:59 p.m.
Event Categories: Boating, Sports, Top 25 Event
Organizer: Jim Russell, DSM Events
Email: dsmevents35@gmail.com
Venue: Crazy Horse Campgrounds
1534 Beachcomber Blvd, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403+ Google Map
Phone: (928) 855-4033 ■

completed at your own pace — started, stopped, and picked up again at any time, which makes them easy to fit into busy schedules. The Foundation and its partners offer a range of online and on water boating courses. ■

EXPO

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A Dream Becomes A Reality

Over 100,000 U.S. military vets from all branches of the service with debilitating spinal cord injuries and amputations still crave active outdoor recreation just as much as the rest of us. And, thanks to recent developments like custom off-road handcycles, and some that are even electrically assisted, that dream is now reality.

To once again be able to experience what it's like to be outdoors and fully engaged in a physical sport is essential in preventing people with disabilities from surrendering themselves to a lifetime of confinement. Taking a custom off-road

handcycle out on-trail is just one of the many programs organized, promoted and sponsored by PVA.

About PVA And Expo Commitment

Chartered by the United States Congress, PVA was formed in 1946 as a Veterans Service Organization and is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. Today, there are 34 PVA chapters across America. Membership is free and open to those who have served in a branch of the U.S. military and have suffered a spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA works on many levels to help these vets, coordinating employment opportunities, psychological and physical rehabilitation, finding appropriate hous-

ing and governmental and legislative advocacy.

The Sand-Water-RV Expo is committed to this effort. It will be donating a portion of the total 2019 ticket revenue and all proceeds from a raffle to this organization. And when attending the Expo, you'll have an opportunity to meet some of these courageous veterans in person.

Over 140 Exhibitors, Vendors

The 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo has over 140 exhibitors and vendors displaying the latest in boats, pontoons, off-road vehicles, RVs, travel trailers, trucks, PWCs, kayaks, paddleboards and all related motorsports accessories and services. Expo special attractions will include Havasu Paddlefest (for all non-motorized watercraft), in-water boat demos, and a

new interactive "kids corner".

Details

Expo hours are: Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 9am to 3pm. Admission for adults is \$5.00, kids 6 & under are free, and parking is free. For those who want to visit the Expo on Saturday and Sunday, a special VIP 2-Day Admission Pass is available at the Expo box office. The Expo is located at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 3 & 4.

Find out more about PVA at <http://www.caldiegopva.org>

More information regarding the 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo is available at <http://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> or contact: Bob Brown – (951) 501-0210 info@sandandwaterexpo.com. ■

GRANTS

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Learn More

The Heritage Fund was created after voters approved an initiative in 1990 and is funded through Arizona Lottery ticket sales. Heritage funding goes toward conservation efforts such as protecting endangered species, educating students and the general public about wildlife and the outdoors, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The grant program was established by AZGFD in 1992 as part of the overall Heritage Fund program. The grants were initially developed as a way to promote outreach to enhance important partnerships and generate fresh approaches in support of the department's mission.

Since the grant program's inception, the department has awarded more than \$16 million and supported more than 800 projects throughout the state.

Applicant Information

Applicants for this year's grants should refer to the documents on the Heritage Grant web page for guidance on applying

— www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/Heritage-Fund/grantapply/. The documents include the Heritage Grant application manual, the grant application form and the various "Heritage Grant Funding Window" documents, which describe eligibility information and provide specific eligibility criteria listed within each grant sub-category.

Potential grant recipients must have a project that is either located in Arizona or involves research in which the wildlife or its habitat is located in the state and meets the requirements in the funding windows.

Grant proposals and applications can be submitted by email to ldehart@azgfd.gov or mailed to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Heritage Fund and Grants Administrator, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. No faxed applications will be accepted.

Now Under Education Branch

To better facilitate the school year, the grant opportunities for environmental education and outdoor education have been shifted to the AZGFD Education Branch. For information concerning when these grants will be available, please contact Eric Proctor, Wildlife Education coordinator at 623-236-7243 or eproctor@azgfd.gov. ■

CANCER RUN

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and 87th Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). Visitors exiting I-17, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take North 99th Avenue/North Lake Pleasant Parkway from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87th Avenue and then onto Harbor Boulevard. Pleasant Harbor entrance fee is \$6.00 per vehicle.

About Pleasant Harbor RV, Marina

Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, and conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area, is open to the public 365 days a year. The full service marina, features Dillon's Bayou

restaurant, boat and slip rentals, as well as hydro flying, Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, and sail boat rentals.

As well, the marina features *H2-Whoa!* – the world's largest floating water slide and is home to *Phoenix*, a 150 passenger boat cruise providing tours of majestic Lake Pleasant. Pleasant Harbor also features an RV Resort with 253 full hook up sites, 60 partial hook ups and dry camping sites featuring amenities including a club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, laundry facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds.

For more information about Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor RV Park at 800-475-3272 or the Pleasant Harbor Marina at 928-501-5270. ■

HUNT

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portunity permits for general, muzzleloader, and archery. Those hunts also vary in

length and are in late August – December. See regulations.

Spring bison hunts are in January, April-June, July, and August, depending on unit. See the spring regulations for details. ■



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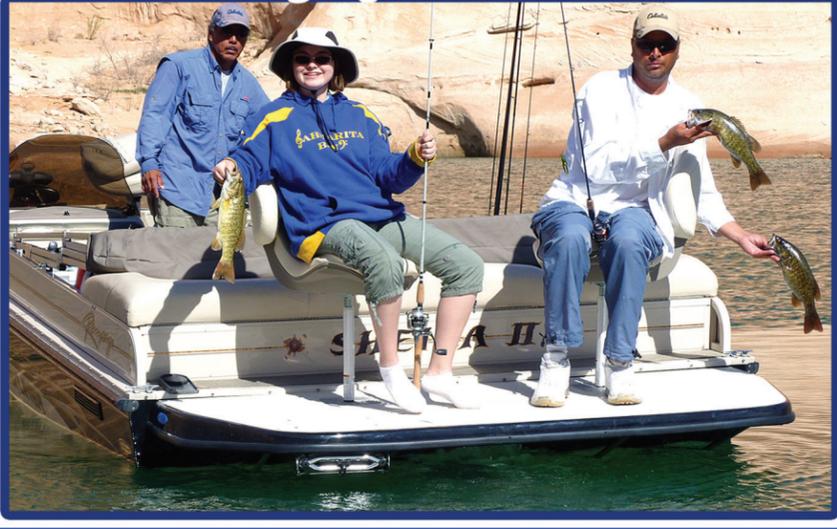
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