

ON THE COVER



We Salute Our Flag And Our Fathers

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

June is a month of very special dates. On June 14, we celebrate Flag Day and its fascinating background. And, on June 21 we honor our fathers, step dads, and grandfathers. Both Flag Day and Father's Day have interesting stories of how they came to be. Their histories are explored in this issue's "Downstream" section, which begins on page 2. We hope you will find interesting some of the facts behind these celebrations and others as well.

This year too after the "quarantine" that has kept many of us inside and/or at home, the month ahead shows promise of being able to resume some of the activities we

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The Fish Are Waiting For You!

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Lake Powell is now back to normal and open for fishing, recreating and camping 24 hours per day. Smallmouth Bass fishing has been incredible with a consistent catch of 40 fish or better each day. Most anglers are pounding the shoreline from 5-30 feet deep with plastic baits including Ned rigs, plastic grubs, Maniac Cutter bugs, and various crankbaits. Many have enjoyed topwater fishing in the early morning and evening in coves and the backs of canyons. Lake Powell bass seem happy to have anglers back feeding them.

Northern Lake

Water is clear from Bullfrog to Tapestry Wall where the water turns from clear to a greenish tinge. In Good Hope Bay there were a few chalk lines of muddy water on the northwest side of the bay

across from Red Canyon. The lake is still fishable for another week above Red Canyon but mud will soon reduce visibility and floating debris will make it hard to travel. It is best to fish from Castle Butte down lake.

All species are cooperating with Smallmouth bass most common, followed by Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Walleye and Stripers. Lots of anglers were fishing in Good Hope Bay and most were catching fish. The downstream canyons of Cedar and Knowles also provided good fishing.

Southern Lake

Bass in the southern lake are just as willing to cooperate as northern bass from Warm Creek all the way to the mouth of the San Juan and beyond. The same variety of plastic baits work both north

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Tonto National Forest Has Opened Many Recreation Sites

As of May 15, many of the Tonto National Forest's developed recreation sites have opened for use. This includes all developed sites for the lower Salt River and Saguaro Lake, most developed sites at Apache, Canyon, and Roosevelt Lakes. Bartlett Lake sites are also open.

"In conjunction with Governor Ducey's phased reopening of Arizona, we are opening many popular sites on the forest for public use and enjoyment," Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth said. "We recognize the importance of providing recreational op-

portunities to forest visitors while providing for the safety of our employees and the public."

If you are planning to visit the Tonto National Forest, we ask that you keep the following in mind:

We ask visitors to our nation's forests be good stewards of public lands and natural resources. Please recreate responsibly.

We ask visitors avoid crowded areas and parking illegally. Over the past

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Ben Avery Shooting Facility Now Open

Operational changes include scheduling shooting times online

Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF) customers should expect some operational changes when they visit one of the nation's largest publicly operated shooting facilities. It re-opened on May 13.

To ensure public health and safety protocols are observed, and to maximize opportunities for all recreational shooters, only online reservations will be accepted. BASF customers can reserve shooting times on the rifle and pistol ranges, as well as the Clay Target Center (CTC), by visiting www.azgfd.gov/scheduleashoot.

At this time, the shooting facility is unable to accommodate walk-in customers. Any changes to this policy will be based on re-opening guidelines for businesses and customers, as outlined by the Governor's Office.

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FLAG DAY

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.



Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Wash. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events. Appleton, Wisconsin, claims to be the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950.

Quincy, Mass., has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it "is the longest-running parade of its kind" in the U.S. The largest Flag Day parade had been held annually in Troy, New York until 2017, which based its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators.

In addition, the Three Oaks, Mich., Flag Day Parade is held annually on the weekend of Flag Day and is a three-day event and they claim to have the largest flag day parade in the nation as well as the oldest. In Washington, D.C., Flag Day is celebrated heavily through the 7th and 8th Wards of the city.

World War II Rebranding As United Nations Day

For Flag Day 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched an international "United Flag Day" or "United Nations Day", celebrating solidarity among the World War II Allies, six months after the Declaration by United Nations. It was observed in New York City as the «New York at War» parade, and throughout the United States and

internationally from 1942 to 1944.

Observance Of Flag Day

The week of June 14 (June 14–20, 2020; June 13–19, 2021) is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the President will issue a proclamation "urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America." The flag should also be displayed on all government buildings. Some organizations, such as the town of Dedham, Mass., hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents.

The National Flag Day Foundation holds an annual observance for Flag Day on the second Sunday in June (June 14, 2020; June 13, 2021). The program includes a ceremonial raising of the national flag, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the national anthem, a parade and other events.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, Md., birthplace of the flag that a year later inspired Francis Scott Key (1779–1843), to pen his famous poem, has celebrated Flag Day since the inception of a museum in the home of flag-banner-pennant maker Mary Pickersgill on the historic property in 1927. The annual celebrations on Flag Day and also Defenders Day (September 12, since 1814) commemorates the Star-Spangled Banner and its creator Mary Pickersgill, for the huge emblem that flew over Fort McHenry guarding Baltimore harbor during the British Royal Navy's three days attack in the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812 (1812–1815).

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a day of honoring fatherhood, paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (Saint Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages.



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This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March, April and June according to the home nation's customs. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents' Day.

In its modern form it was founded by "Sonora Smart Dodd.

Early History

A customary day for the celebration of fatherhood in Catholic Europe is known to date back to at least 1508. It is usually celebrated on March 19, as the feast day of Saint Joseph, who is referred to as the fatherly Nutritor Domini ("Nourisher of the Lord") in Catholicism and "the putative father of Jesus" in southern European tradition.

This celebration was brought to the Americas by the Spanish and Portuguese. The Catholic Church actively supported the custom of a celebration of fatherhood on St. Jpseph's Day from either the last years of the 14th century or from the early 15th century, apparently on the initiative of the Franciscans.

In the Coptic Church, the celebration of fatherhood is also observed on St Joseph's Day, but the Copts observe this celebration on July 20. This Coptic celebration June date back to the fifth century.

In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries on November 19 in honor of men and boys.

*Sonora Smart Dodd

Sonora Smart Dodd (Feb. 18, 1882 – March 22, 1978) was the daughter of American Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart and was responsible for the founding of Father's Day.

Sonora Louise Smart was born in Jenny Lind, Sebastian County, Arkansas to William Jackson Smart (1842–1919) and his wife Ellen Victoria Cheek Smart (1851–1898). William Smart was a farmer who served as a sergeant in the Union's First Arkansas Light Artillery during the Civil War. In 1889 when Sonora was seven years old, the Smart family moved from Marion, Ark., to a farm west of Spokane, Wash., between Creston and Wilbur.

When Sonora was 16, her mother died in childbirth with her sixth child. Sonora was the only daughter and shared with her father William in the raising of her younger brothers, including her new infant brother Marshall. Sonora Smart married John Bruce Dodd (1870–1945), one of the original founders of Ball & Dodd Funeral Home, and had a son, John Bruce "Jack" Dodd, born in 1909.

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Invasive Species Know No Boundaries

Each boater and angler can play a part in stopping their spread.

Did you know that invasive quagga mussels cause millions of dollars in damage to boat motors, docks and water intake systems? Or that unwanted turtles, tortoises, and other pets illegally released into the wild can hurt our native species by introducing disease or outcompeting them for habitat and food?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has recently participated in National Invasive Species Awareness Week. The nationwide event aimed to educate the public about the harmful impact of invasive animals, plants and other organisms.

“Invasive species don’t respect boundaries, which makes them a continent-wide

problem that starts at home,” said Sabra Tonn, Heritage Data Management System supervisor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “The good news is that we can all play a part in helping stop their spread.”

How You Can Help

AZGFD and the North American Invasive Species Management Association encourage people to help in the following ways:

1. Learn about invasive species, especially those found in this region. The Arizona Game and Fish Department website and the National Invasive Species Information Center are both resources.

2. If you’re a boater or an angler, remember to clean, drain and dry your boat (and leave the plug out) before moving to another water. This helps stop the spread of quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species. It’s not just a good practice,

it’s the law. www.azgfd.gov/AIS

3. Anglers should clean and dry their gear. Don’t forget to clean your wading boots! Never transport live fish from one water body to another. StopAIS.org

4. Don’t release pets back into the wild. Every year there are some pet owners who no longer wish to care for their exotic pets and illegally release them into the wild or dump their aquariums in water bodies, potentially harming local ecosystems. DontLetItLoose.com

5. Land recreationists should clear their hiking boots, off-road vehicles and other gear to stop invasive species from hitching a ride to a new location. Learn more at PlayCleanGo.org

6. Campers should not move firewood. Instead, buy it where you’ll burn it, or gather on site when permitted. DontMoveFirewood.org

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No One Ever Thinks About Boat Trailer Insurance, But They Will Now

BoatUS demystifies the coverage you need and explains which policy covers what damage

Most insurance is straightforward, until it’s not. When you have an accident or property damage, you file an insurance claim. But filing an insurance claim on a boat trailer isn’t so straightforward. That’s because it depends on how and what type of damage occurred that will determine which insurance coverage – auto, homeowners, or your boat insurance policy’s trailer coverage – that will pay the claim. By looking at some common ways claims happen, BoatUS dissects boat trailer insurance to help trailer boaters understand what they need to know.

Different Scenarios

If you’re driving to the lake with boat and trailer in tow and the trailer is damaged in an accident on the road, it’s the separate trailer coverage provided by your boat’s insurance policy that will pay for repairs or replacement of the trailer.

Now let’s suppose you back your trailer into fence or stone wall, or the trailer strikes someone walking across busy launch ramp parking lot. In these cases, it’s your auto insurance policy’s liability coverage that would pay for damages to



ARE YOU COVERED? — Which insurance policy covers damage to these boat trailers – auto, home, or boat?

other property or vehicles, or any medical claims. And again, your boat insurance policy’s trailer coverage would take care of repairs to the trailer itself.

What happens if while parked in your

driveway, a tree falls on your trailer? Winter storms are notorious for damaging boat trailers. There are two possible answers here. It may be the trailer coverage in your boat’s insurance policy that will compensate you, or you may also be able to make a claim on your homeowner’s policy. However, if a trailer is damaged or stolen when stored at a marina or other storage facility, the separate trailer coverage in the boat’s insurance policy will compensate you.

What This All Means

What this all really means is that trailer boaters need to ensure their tow vehicle’s (auto) insurance policy includes liability coverage for any damage to others’ property while trailering. Next, trailer boaters should ask their homeowners insurance company if the trailer is covered when stored at home. If the trailer is stored at a marina or storage facility, read the fine print in your storage contract as many hold these facilities harmless. Having separate trailer coverage may, again, take care of this.

Not all boat insurance policies automatically provide boat trailer coverage, so

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Now Is The Time To Ready Your Boat

Here is a check list from BoatUS to guide you through preparation for the summer boating season.

BY CHARLES FORT
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Last winter was likely a flurry of activity as you put your boat to bed, spending hours checking off every conceivable chore to make sure it was ready come spring. Or maybe, like a lot of people, you did just enough to make sure the boat wouldn't be damaged by the cold but left a few things for spring.



If so, you're in the right place. Our BoatUS Marine Insurance claims files are full of what can happen when boaters, anxious for the first outing of the year, forget to do some of the things they didn't have time for last winter. Here are the things you'll want to make sure you check before launching this spring.

Check for deteriorated anodes. They disintegrate over time and give a good



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indication of what would happen to vital underwater machinery if the anodes weren't there. If they're about half gone, replace them. Note: If the anode has vanished or has been reduced to powder, check the other metal underwater surfaces

to ensure they didn't also suffer from galvanic corrosion.

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many need to be replaced; some of them can be hard to see. Anodes that disappear in less than a season may indicate a problem with the boat's electrical system. Look first for chafed DC wires or battery cables, which also can cause a fire. Keep in mind that corrosion is not usually covered by insurance.

Inspect props. Look for dings, pitting, and distortion that can create excessive vibration and can loosen everything from screws and bulkheads to dental fillings and can damage the transmission. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Our claims files have several (sheepish) instances of on-water towing because props fell off.

Bent props, incidentally, can usually be made like new by a prop shop. Check the cutless bearing on inboard-powered boats by gripping the shaft and trying to move it from side to side within the bearing. Looseness indicates the bearing probably needs to be replaced.

Inspect the hull for blisters and stress cracks. Blisters are easier to see just after haul out, but any you see now should be dried, sanded, and filled. Large blisters may require professional attention. Stress cracks mean something is flexing and cracking the gelcoat. Those problems may need to be addressed by a marine surveyor or repairer.

Outboards, Inboard And Sterndrives

Check lower-unit lube. Hopefully you drained and filled the lower unit lube last winter, but if not, check the lube level and condition. Milk-chocolate-looking oil indicates a bad seal that allowed water in, and if it's not replaced, your lower unit can be destroyed.

Replace the water pump impeller. After a couple of years, these are living on borrowed time, and when they fail, your

engine will overheat, and your first spring outing might be a short one.

Check belts for tension and wear. Loose belts squeal and won't last long; worn ones can leave you stranded.

Check steering and power-trim oil levels. Low levels can cause reduced performance and damage the pumps.

Inspect the outer jackets of control cables and linkages. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean the cable must be replaced. Otherwise it could fail and you can lose control of your boat. Don't try to remedy the problem by squirting lubricant into the cracks or wrapping duct tape around the outer jacket; most lubricants are incompatible with what the manufacturers used and will only make things worse.

Inspect stuffing boxes. Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for steady leaks and looseness. Prop-shaft stuffing boxes shouldn't leak at all at rest. (Our claims-file analysis showed that leaking stuffing boxes are responsible for a significant number of sinkings.)

If leaking can't be stopped by tightening the nut, repack the packing or gland. Caution: Overtightening the nut may prevent leaking underway, but it will burn out the packing material and may damage the shaft.

Inspect rubber outdrive bellows. Look for cracked, dried, and/or deteriorated spots (look in the folds). Swisscheese bellows have sunk many a boat. Keep in mind that some boats may have several different bellows.

Check bilge pump operation. The best way to check the entire system is to put some water in the bilge so you can make sure the switch actuates and the pump gets the water out. If your boat came through winter with water already in the bilge, find the leaks and fix them. Bilge pumps are designed only to remove nuisance water — not to keep your boat afloat.

Check the fuel system. Inspect fuel

lines, including fill and vent hoses, for indications of softness, brittleness, or cracking. Any that are suspect should be replaced with U.S. Coast Guard-approved A1- or A15-certified fuel hose. Fuel hoses for gasoline should be double clamped. Pay attention to fuel-line fittings, too — another source of dangerous leaks. Use your finger and look for stains and fuel smells under or around the fitting.

Check the electrical system. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables; nearly 10 percent of calls to TowBoatUS are for dead batteries. Wire brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water. Loose connections can "arc," which creates an enormous amount of heat and are a fire hazard. If you have wingnuts on your battery, replace them with nuts that can be tightened properly.

Inspect safety gear. Check fire extinguisher gauges for fullness and for expiration; if they're past that, replace them. Take a careful look at them and see if they're mounted where you'll most likely need them. Can you get to them if there's a galley fire? Engine room fire?

Check the dates and replace outdated flares. Keep old flares aboard as spares if they're in good condition and not too old. Store in a safe place designated for expired flares. Flares expire 42 months after their manufacture date, not when you bought them, so check the dates when you buy new ones. Test smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms.

Trailers

Inspect tire treads and sidewalls. Our claims files show that almost half — 44 percent — of BoatUS TRAILER ASSIST® calls were for flat tires. Most trailer tires don't wear out on the tread, they die of exposure to the elements. Look for cracks in sidewalls, which means they need to be replaced. Use a gauge to check pressure

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7. Slow the spread of invasive pests by taking extra care when traveling, gardening or moving recently killed plant material. Buy your plants from a reputable source, and avoid using invasive plant species. HungryPests.com

8. Buy forage, hay, mulch and soil that are certified as "weed free."

"Everyone can do something to help prevent invasive species from impacting our natural environments," said Tonn.

For More Information

For more information about National Invasive Species Awareness Week, visit <https://www.nisaw.org/nisaw-2020/>. ■

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ask. Also find out if there are geographic limits on where you may trailer the boat.

If you do choose to add trailer coverage to your boat's insurance policy, ensure that your insurer knows the cost of the boat and trailer separately. If you don't, they may have difficulty in fairly compensating you for a claim.

Roadside Assistance

One final important consideration is roadside assistance. No one wants to leave a disabled boat trailer with your pride and joy on its bunks alone on the side of the highway. While many auto insurance policies offer roadside assistance, boat trailers aren't likely to be included. All BoatUS boat insurance policies include BoatUS Trailer Assist, which will cover towing both a boat trailer and its disabled towing vehicle up to 100 miles. Alternatively, it may be added to a BoatUS membership for an additional \$14. ■

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GIFTS FOR DADS WHO SHOOT

Help Make His Father's Day Special

BY JOHN ANDERSON

It's June and you know what that means – time to celebrate Dad! Here are some ideas for you to give to your hunting/shooting buddy. There is a wide range of prices to suit any wallet and dad is sure to love any of them.



Grizzly Targets

Grizzly Targets

If your dad likes to go out in the desert to target practice, he probably already knows that the Forest Service says you *must* take your targets home with you. Personally, I think the targets that are the most fun are the metal ones because you can hear whether you hit them or not. Grizzly Targets has some very reasonably priced metal targets.

For instance, a steel target with a 12-inch by 24-inch face rated for handgun and rifle is just around \$200 with a galvanized steel target stand. A target called the Reactive Popper because it is spring-loaded is just under \$130 and it is also rated for handguns and rifles. It's nice and compact, and it resets itself after you hit it. Targets for rimfire ammo are even cheaper, so be sure to check them all out at www.grizzlytargets.com.

Canyon Cooler

I can't say enough about Canyon Coolers. This company is in Flagstaff, and their coolers are fantastic. I bought the Outfitter 75BY (\$215) because it will hold enough for a week out Coues hunting. The first time we used it, we couldn't find block ice, just bags of cubes. So we threw some bags in there with our food for the week, and after a week in the desert we everything was still ice cold and there were even still ice cubes in there. Amazing.

The coolers are rugged, too – we throw



Canyon Cooler

ours in the back of the CanAm and take it everywhere. We recently bought a soft cooler as well – the Nomad 30 (\$170). One of the things I like about this cooler is the small footprint – it's tall. The 30 actually holds 32 quarts and it's ideal for road trips in the Rav4. These coolers are warranted for life and they are seriously the best coolers I've ever owned. Check them out at www.canyoncoolers.com.

Duramag

Duramag says that a firearm is only as good as its magazine, and that's the truth. If you spend any time on gun forums, you know that magazine life and care is a hotly debated subject. Springs can wear out, and I've even had magazines rust. If the bullets can't feed, your weapon is useless. Whether dad carries every day or just likes to hit the range and burn a few boxes, great magazines will be a welcome gift. Best of all, the prices are very reasonable – from around \$30 and less.

These magazines are laser-welded polished carbon steel with EverFlex anti-fatigue spring technology which translates to long life and reliability in the springs. Their LipLock tech keeps the rounds secure and in proper alignment, and the whole thing is coated inside and out with their T-360 coating. Go online to www.dura-mag.com to read all about them. You can order online at www.cheaperthandirt.com.

Quilomene Upland Bird Vest

Q5 Outdoor Products make a range of products designed for bird hunters. They are based in Ajo, Arizona and their Quilomene Upland Bird Vest (\$240) has two 8"x8" shell pockets, two hydration hose clips, a sternum strap and lashing straps as well as a nice big game bag, a huge clothing pocket, and a bunch of other pockets so you can store a ton of gear for those long quail hunts. In fact, there are nine pockets in all.

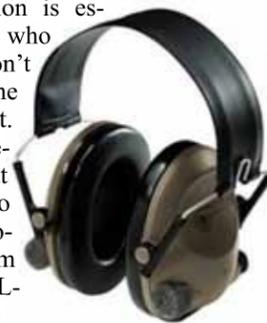
They are sturdy and look fantastic, and are made in the USA. You can see and buy them at www.q5outdoorproducts.com. While you're there, check out all the rest of their stuff – they've got all kinds of vests and belts, dog gear, quail calls, and more.



Desert Creek Sportsman's Club

Peltor Hearing Protection

Hearing protection is essential for anyone who shoots – they won't even let you on the range without it. There are some really poor choices out there, though – so make sure dad is protected by getting him a great set of 3M PELTOR SoundTrap Slimline Earmuffs. These are comfortable and fold into a small package which makes them easy to stow in a pocket or range bag. They have separate microphone, receiver, amplifier and volume and they electronically suppress any sound over 79 dB.



Peltor Electronic Earmuffs

than the molded plastic thrower.

You can get a case of clays at Sportsman's Warehouse as well for around \$17, so for under 30 bucks you and dad can have a great time together. There are also a lot of different clay target holders that hold the clays stationary. Shooting clays is a lot of fun – Margie and I like to go out to Ben Avery and do their sporting clays course in cooler weather.



Wingone Clay Thrower

Desert Creek Sportsman's Club

One of the best things I did this year was buy a membership at the Desert Creek Sportsman's Club in Buckeye. We have had an absolute blast taking Mochi out there. Tony Marquez is arguably one of the best dog trainers and bird guides in Arizona, and he has helped us a lot with Mochi. If your dad loves to shoot birds, why not buy him a gift card to Desert Creek? For \$140 he can get five chukars and spend a nice morning hunting birds. Tony won't be doing the bird hunts during the heat of summer, but once it cools down this fall you and Dad can head down there and enjoy a day in the field together.

Tony always has dogs in training, so if you don't have a dog, don't worry about it. Just call him up and tell him what's going on and what you're looking to do. The number is 623-512-8496 and the website is www.dcsportsmansclub.com. He's also got pheasants, and duck, quail, and doves during the seasons.

Accubos Virtual Archery

We saw this at ISE and it looks like so

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Clay Thrower And Box Of Clays

Want to have a great day in the desert with dad? Get him an Allen Company Handheld Clay Target thrower and a box of clay targets. Then take him out and throw clays for him. You can get the thrower at Amazon for around \$8, but you can also get them at Sportsman's Warehouse, and you can get a case of clays as well. They also have a model called the Wingone Ultimate Handheld Clay Thrower for around \$17 which they say puts less strain on your arm and wrist

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Experienced Angler Offers Advice For Night Fishing

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

The key to enjoying a night fishing trip is organization. If you have all the equipment you need, and everything is kept where it should be, fishing in the dark is a real pleasure no matter what kind of fish you're after. Art Chamberlin has a lot of experience fishing at night, so he knows all the tricks that make night fishing fun and easy.

Black Lights

Black lights are a huge help when paired with fluorescent line at night. The black light makes the line glow, so you can see it jump or move when you get bit.



Art Chamberlin

They also light up the shore a bit so you aren't constantly casting up on the bank. Art likes Berkley Fireline.

Drop-Shotting System

Art's Tightliner Rig is a drop-shotting system that catches fish two ways. On the bottom, where the weight on a drop-shot rig normally goes, Art ties on a small pea head jig. If it's calm, he uses an 1/8-ounce pea head, and goes a little heavier if it's windy (but not more than a 1/4-ounce). A curly-tailed Power Worm goes on the pea head. He gets his pea heads poured on 3/0 hooks.

Motor Oil Worms

Years ago, Matt Shura told Art that he needed to get some motor oil worms. Art was doing well on them, and one night he had a client who wanted to keep some fish. The bass were spitting up crawdads in the livewell, and the craws all had orange claws. Art's been dying his Power Bait tails orange ever since, and he's had very good results on them at night.

About two feet up from this motor oil/orange pea head contraption, Art ties on a #2 Owner mosquito hook and baits it with a straight-tailed drop shot worm. This Tightliner Rig has done incredibly well for him.

"Over a night I might catch twelve in a row on the bottom worm, then catch the next seven on the top one," Art says. "Over the years I've used this rig, I'd estimate I catch about 55% on the pea head, and the other 45% on the drop-shot worm."

Rocky Banks

Art favors sloping rocky banks for his night fishing, and he casts his rig up fairly close to shore and then fishes it very

slowly down the bank. He just uses the reel handle to move the rig, and just gives it one or two cranks at a time. "Most of the problem with the general population is they fish too shallow and they fish too fast," Art declares. "They always think they have to be in there where they can read the shore."

Not so with Art. He knows that he'll catch most of his fish anywhere from twelve to thirty feet deep at night. Once his bait reaches bottom, he cranks twice to close the bail, then keeps it on the bottom and just lets it creep down the bank. Once he's got it back to the boat, he picks it up about 18 inches and lets it back down.

If the wind is really blowing hard Art will just drag his rig behind the boat because it is almost impossible to feel the rig or get it to the bottom in a gale. Even in a big wind he still never goes heavier than a quarter ounce. "Heavier weights create more hang-ups and just slow you down," he explains.

Eye On The Depthfinder

To make sure he's staying at the right depth and to watch for fish and structure, he keeps a sharp eye on the depthfinder at all times. He's got pliers, flashlight, and scissors (to cut Fireline) in a little organizer that is attached to his seat pole, and only the rods that are actually in use are out. All others are stowed out of the way.

Hands can get sweaty and/or greasy even at night, and Art has found that wrapping the rod handles in tennis racket wrap makes it a lot easier to hold on to them. Spinning gear has a tendency to get loopy line, especially at night. If that happens, he just loosens the drag a little bit and pulls the line out under pressure. This gets the loops out quickly, and works a lot better than opening the bail and letting loops of line out all over the deck.

Braid Saves Money

One of the best things about braid, Art says, is the money it saves him. He now has to re-spool once a year instead of once a week, and he hardly loses any lures at all. One tip for braid: Art leaves about an inch of line out of the knot to allow for slippage. He says that a Palomar knot is okay, but his favorite knot for braid is called a Jansik. "I called it a Texas Eye-Crosser for years until I saw it in a magazine," he says. "They called it a Jansik." See one at www.fish4fun.com/jansik.htm.

Another tip that makes it easier to fish with braided line is to put a few feet of monofilament on the reel spool before you add the braid. Or you can use some cloth first aid tape. You just need something that will keep the braided line from slipping around the spool. If you neglect this, you'll feel like you're fishing with no drag set at all.

Where To Fish

Where to fish? Art chooses steeper banks when the lake is low, and when the water is up he likes flats. He sits just off the flat over 20 - 28 feet of water, fishing the edge of the flat and the drop-off. Although the Tightliner Rig is his favorite, Art occasionally fishes jigs at night. "I like a half- or 3/8-ounce jig with a Berkley Power Spider," he says. He fishes these on the same places as the Tightliner Rigs, and works them every bit as slowly.

He also normally fishes topwater baits in the evening and in the morning if it's calm. If there is a bit of chop he'll use a crankbait instead. A Rattlin Chug Bug is his favorite Roosevelt topwater bait. He cranks it pretty steady and has dynamite results. His favorite crank? Norman's Baby N in Spring Crawdad.

You can fish minnows under a bobber to catch crappie, white bass, and sunfish. If you're not keen on running around in the dark - don't. You can stay right around the launch area and catch fish, too. There's no reason why you should even have to fire up the big motor if you don't want to.

Wear Your PFD

To be safe, make sure you wear your life jacket at all times at night. Use an insect repellent with DEET if gnats and mosquitos are bothersome, but be sure to wash it off your hands before you handle your baits. Fish don't like DEET, either.

There are lots of cool little gadgets available to make life easier for a night fisherman. You can get a rechargeable spotlight with a million candlepower, as well as a little LED light that clips to your hat brim to help you when it's time to re-tie. Stay organized, fish SLOW, and have a good time. Remember Art's three rules of fishing: 1. Have fun. 2. Learn something. 3. Catch Fish. All I would add is "Stay Safe". ■

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love and have been missing. I made an editorial decision to concentrate on venues that are opening (at press time) now, only briefly mentioning some closures — which, hopefully, will be openings instead by the time you peruse this issue.

Whatever your feelings are about navigating this unusual time in our lives, may you stay well and hopeful for a better future. ■



TONTO

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month, the entire forest has seen unprecedented visitation numbers. While opening additional recreation sites will help address crowding and parking issues, we anticipate visitation will continue to exceed capacity in some areas.

Recreation passes are required. Purchase of passes is available at machines located at some sites across the forest, at participating vendors, and virtually by contacting a district office during normal business hours.

We ask visitors to provide for their own hygiene and safety when using these facilities. It is important to note that restroom cleaning may be limited in some areas; cleaning schedules will be posted at each site. This will also be the case for picnic tables and other areas that may be touched often by others.

Use common courtesy and “Leave No Trace” principles related at recreation sites to avoid creating a public health hazard for employees and other forest users. For more information on Leave No Trace and “The 7 Principles”, please visit <https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>.

Visitors to national forests are urged to take the precautions recommended by the CDC, such as practicing social distancing and limiting group sizes. For additional tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>.

Some sites on the Tonto National Forest remain closed due to shortages of personal protective equipment for employees, shortage of sanitizing products, and small spaces that force congregations of large groups in violation of Center for Disease Control guidelines.

Additional recreation sites that can be safely opened and maintained will open guided by conditions on the ground, seasonal availability and facility conditions. For a detailed list of what remains closed, please visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/safety.

For more information about recreation opportunities, please visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto> and click the *Check Your Rec* icon on the right side of the page. You can also visit our Interactive Visitor Map at <https://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/>. ■

LAKE POWELL

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and south. Some hotspots include: Warm Creek, Navajo, Padre Bay canyons, Last Chance, Dungeon and Wetherill. San Juan and Escalante Canyons are just as good. The pattern is to find a vacant canyon or cove. Use plastic grubs and bass will cooperate.

Stripers

These normally hungry predators are still waiting to spawn and seem to be absent. After they spawn within the next two weeks, that will all change and fat, healthy stripers will be feeding on the surface. It starts with little slurps that grow

into boils in July and August. 2020 will be an epic year for boils, if the shad spawn in good numbers.

Be patient and expect stripers to show up again in June and July. I just got a report this week that 20 adult stripers were caught from shore on bait by anglers walking the shoreline between Stateline ramp and The Main Wahweap ramp. Not sure if that success can be duplicated, but fishing from shore may be an option.

Walleye

It has been more difficult than usual to harvest walleye this spring. Focus on windy points and coves where water turns from clear to cloudy. Walleye feed better in cloudy water during the day. Look for flats about 15-20 feet deep. Troll bottom

bouncers with a worm harness over the flats or add a small chunk of night crawler to your plastic bass jigs and work that slowly along the flat.

Sunfish

They are getting excited and visible along rocky or brushy coves. Some really nice bluegill were caught this week. A huge school was observed eating mussels off the wall in Stanton Creek. If targeting bluegill try a tiny ice fly with a piece of worm attached.

There are still lots of fish in Lake Powell just waiting to please newly arriving anglers.

At press time, lake elevation was 3602 and water temperature was 64-72F. ■

BEN AVERY

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“BASF’s implementation of a new on-line reservation system is two-fold: We want to maximize the shooting opportunities that this world-class facility has to offer, while maintaining common sense health practices,” said Mike Raum, shooting sports branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

To book a reservation

- Visit www.azgfd.gov/scheduleashoot and select a shooting location (rifle and pistol ranges, archery range, CTC).

- Select a date, time, and check for availability. Note: A reservation is not needed to shoot on the archery range. Archers can purchase a daily pass online, or pay a daily fee (cash only) near the archery range entrance.

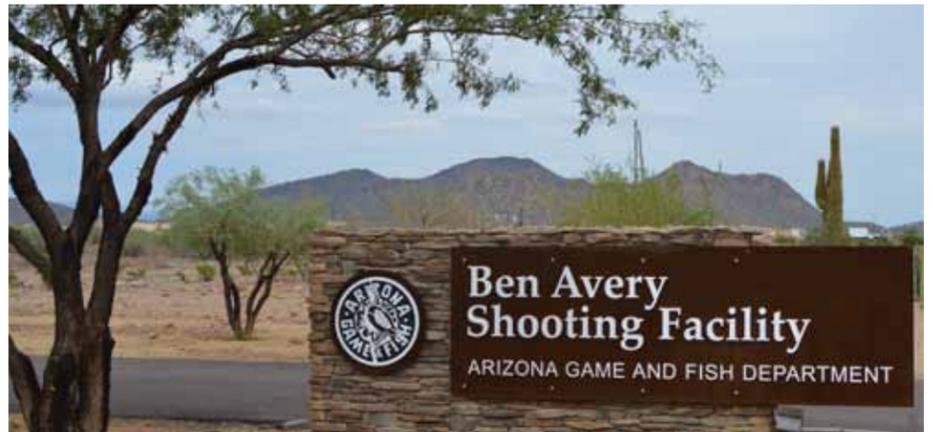
- Once a selection has been made, review the new process rules. After agreeing to the terms and conditions, enter payment to book the reservation.

- There is no canceling or rescheduling a reservation after it has been booked.

- A reservation is for one hour, which allows for a five-minute safety briefing and setup at the range, five minutes for packing up equipment, and 50 minutes for shooting.

- Equipment, like shotgun ammunition, and eye and hearing protection, also can be purchased online when booking a reservation. Those items can be picked up during the safety briefing.

To maximize shooting opportunities, all rifle and pistol shooting will be done at steel targets. There will be no ceasefire periods to post or remove paper targets.



Targets will be placed between 15 and 25 yards for pistol shooters, and between 100 and 200 yards for rifle shooters. Shooters are asked to arrive no later than 10 minutes before the beginning of their one-hour reservation. Note: To accommodate junior shooters, there will be five shooting tables set aside in a “family” area for an adult and junior to shoot together. Juniors are allowed to shoot only in the family area and must be supervised by an adult at all times.

CTC’s operational guidelines are similar; shooters are asked to arrive no later than 15 minutes before the beginning of their one-hour reservation, preloaded Gold Cards will not be accepted (shooters must pay the price posted online), and each round consists of 25 targets (except for doubles trap). A shooter is allowed a maximum of two rounds per reservation. All shooting must be completed within 50 minutes (per reservation).

All first-time CTC shooters are required to watch a safety briefing and acknowledge they have viewed it. A consent



form also must be completed for each minor in the group, if a parent is not present.

To maintain social distancing, safety officers cannot provide personalized instruction. For everyone’s safety, a “zero tolerance” policy will be strictly enforced. Any shooter who operates his or her firearm(s) or acts in an unsafe manner will be asked to leave the facility.

Other operational guidelines can be viewed online at www.azgfd.gov/scheduleashoot.

For more information about BASF, visit www.azgfd.com/Shooting/BASF or call (623) 582-8313. ■



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much fun! You know that the one thing everyone always tells you about a bow is never to dry fire it, but this bow is the exception. You buy the bow, download the app, attach your phone to the bow, and start shooting. It’s adjustable from 10 to 70 pounds, it’s made of carbon fiber, and it has an integrated laser sight.

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fi shing, built your own range, treestand, dangerous game, and even archery golf. Dad will absolutely love it. Pre-order it now at www.accubow.com and it will be available June 10. It’s only \$127.99.

Other gift ideas for dad are ammo, gift card to his favorite outdoor shop, gun cleaning supplies such as Swab-Its, range bag, paper targets (the splatter kind are best), and as always – time with you. Take him to the range and make a day of it. ■



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Surprise Dad With The Perfect Gift/Gifts

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

If you're lucky enough to have a dad who loves the outdoors and shares his adventures with you, Father's Day is a great time to show your appreciation by giving him a little something to make his outdoor times even better. I've included ideas at many different price points, so hopefully you will find something that you think is just perfect for your dad.



5150 Baits are made right here in Arizona by dads.

Fishing Dads Baits

There are so many options if your dad likes to fish! Is he a bass fisherman? Head for the tackle shop and get him a couple of bags of 5150 plastic baits. These wildly popular baits are poured by three dads right here in Arizona, working in a garage after putting the kids to bed at night. They have made quite a following because the baits come in perfect color combos and include scent that the fish find irresistible. At just \$4.25 a bag, you can afford several. Check out all the styles and colors at www.5150plastics.com.

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Cutters

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Line Cutterz Ring



New Gamakatsu Finesse Jigs

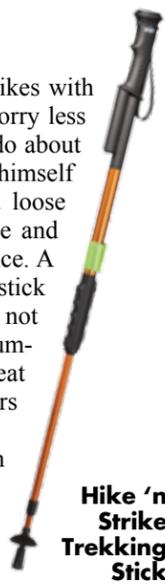
Jigs

Whether dad fishes for bass, trout, crappie, walleye – whatever, he will surely appreciate some of **Gamakatsu's new finesse jigs**. They just came out with some new Finesse Jig Heads, Offset Finesse Jig Heads, and Bottom Knocker Offset Jig Heads. Made with Gamakatsu's famous hooks in size 1, they come sized for finesse baits. You can view them at www.gamakatsu.com and look for them at your local outdoor shop. They are all priced according to size, but a bag of four is around \$7.

Hiker Dads Trekking Stick

Does dad take long hikes with a pup? Or maybe you worry less about the pup than you do about the possibility that dad himself could get attacked by a loose dog. It's happened to me and my friends more than once. A Hike 'n Strike trekking stick is a great solution. This not only keeps dad from stumbling by serving as a great trekking stick, but it offers protection and light.

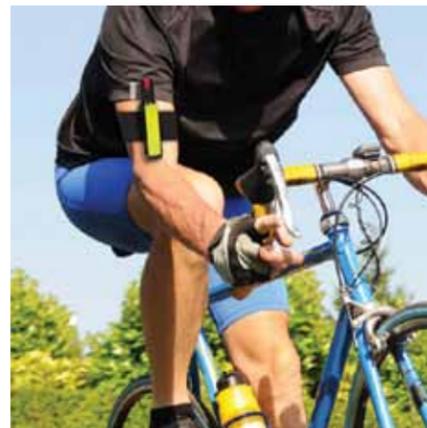
There is a flashlight in the top of the hand grip, and if you pop the rubber ring off with your thumb (takes like a sec-



Hike 'n Strike Trekking Stick

ond), it reveals metal prongs that deliver 950,000 volts to an attacker. Because the control is further down the stick, it means you can strike from a safer distance. Plus, it doesn't look like a weapon. I had a cane before that definitely looked like a weapon, but the Hike 'n Strike just looks like a nice Trekking stick.

You can find these online for around \$80. They take batteries that are included but not rechargeable. I bought mine at www.psproducts.com.



SABRE Pepper Gel With Adjustable Arm Band

Pepper Gel

Here's another option for a dad who hikes or bikes: a **SABRE maximum strength pepper gel** that comes with an armband so it keeps dad's hands free but is still quickly available. The absolute best thing about the SABRE Pepper Gel is that it virtually eliminates wind blowback and only affects what it directly contacts. I used to carry a small pepper spray, but believe me, blowback is a real thing. The SABRE Pepper Gel also has a 20 percent greater reach than traditional pepper spray.

The Duathlete Pepper Gel with Adjustable Arm Band is less than \$20 and you can get it at www.sabrered.com. They also have the Pepper Gel with key rings, belt holsters, hand straps, etc. They even have a Home Defense model with a rack that fastens to the wall. That one is \$50.99. Here's the range on them: the keychain models can shoot up to 12 feet, the tactical 18 feet, and the home defense 25 feet. They also have pepper sprays specifically for protection against bears and dogs. The SABRE Protector Dog Spray is short term and humane. Check them out.



Supportive Socks

Here's something new that I haven't seen before: socks with built-in arch support. They're called ArchTek and they have patented arch strengthening and ankle support. They are available on www.kickstarter.com (enter archtek in the search bar) and you can get a pair for \$15. Read all about it on the Kickstarter page.

Camping/Offroading Dads A Good Knife

You definitely don't have to be a camper or an off-roader to appreciate a good knife, but campers, off-roaders, travelers, and RV'ers are among those who appreciate a good knife the most, especially if that knife will fit comfortably in your pocket and be legal to carry almost everywhere. The **Benchmade Aller knife** is such a knife.



Benchmade Aller Knife: It's an incredibly handy little knife.

It's the result of a collaboration between Benchmade and custom knife makers, Patrick Famin and Eric Demongivert. They set out to create a knife that would be a perfect travel companion that would meet the requirements for carrying it in just about every country. They also incorporated several additional tools and a few different ways to carry it: it has a screwdriver/pry tip, a micro bit slot, a custom pocket/money clip that is removable, bottle opener, and a lanyard or keyring hole. It's a gorgeous little knife that any dad would love.

You have to see it! Go to www.benchmade.com/380.html and check it out. At \$160, it's a great price for such a quality knife. It's a great-looking knife, plus you can personalize it with laser engraving.

Dependable Flashlight

Besides a good knife, every outdoor dad needs good flashlights. I've got flashlights stashed all over the place – in the CanAm, the survival kits, nightstand drawers, kitchen – you know you need them everywhere, and especially out-

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Tonto Has Implemented Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

The Tonto National Forest has begun Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in conjunction with other federal and state land management agencies in Arizona.

According to Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth, rising temperatures and an increase in drying trends of grass fuel loads resulting from above average winter moisture prompted the decision to implement these fire restrictions.

“Arizona’s wet winter has created a carpet of grasses which are now cured and dry due to the recent high temperatures,” Bosworth said. “With the escalating fire danger, we already have seen an increase in human caused fires on the Tonto. Implementing these fire restrictions with other area land management agencies will help prevent human-caused wildfires, reducing risk to firefighters and the public.”

During Stage II Fire Restrictions, the following are prohibited:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including use of charcoal or briquettes is prohibited on the Tonto National Forest. The use of stoves or grills that are solely fueled by liquid petroleum gas (LPG) are allowed.

- Operating internal combustion power tools, such as a chainsaw or other equipment, between 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator



are allowed.

- Welding, or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. Deposit butts and remains in an ashtray or inside a building; do not toss or discard on the ground.

Taiga Rohrer, Tonto National Forest Fire Management Officer, emphasizes the need for the public to be very careful while visiting the forest.

“The cured grasses are especially susceptible to the slightest spark, so it’s important to avoid parking on or driving over dry grass,” Rohrer said. “Motorists also should check to ensure any trailer chains don’t drag, and check the condition of trailer tires and wheel bearing before travelling.”

He noted that violation of these fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to six months.

In addition to Stage II Fire Restrictions, target shooting restrictions also re-



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main in effect on the Tonto through July 31. Under these restrictions, discharging a firearm air, rifle, or gas gun, except for persons engaged in legal hunting activities, is prohibited on the Tonto.

Fireworks and the use of exploding targets always are prohibited year-round on national forests.

For more information regarding forest recreation sites and fire restrictions on the Tonto National Forest, contact the Tonto National Forest at (602) 225-5200. The

Stage II Fire Restrictions document and accompanying map can be found on the Tonto website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tonto/home>

For information on current fires burning in Arizona visit Inciweb (<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>), and visit the Arizona Fire Restrictions website (<https://firerestrictions.us/az/>) to view all fire restrictions in Arizona.

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doors. **Maglite flashlights** are my favorite, and they’ve got some great new models that dad will love. First on the list is the Flaglite Limited Edition Xenon flashlight on sale for under \$30.



Maglite Flaglite And Maglite Combo

Then there’s the combo with a little Maglite that takes just one AAA battery and comes packaged for gifting with a little Victorinox Swiss Army pocket knife. This little combo is also under \$30. See them both and a lot more at www.maglite.com. To find these two, go to Limited Editions, then Special Occasion on the website.

First Aid Kit

Another thing that every outdoorsman must have is a good first aid kit. If something should happen when you’re far from help, you need to be able to take care of it yourself. Some of the best first aid kits



I’ve seen are available from My Medic. They’re not cheap – they start at around \$50 and go up from there, but they are fantastic kits. They have you covered for everything from scrapes to gunshot wounds to delivering a baby. The kits are packed in sturdy bags or backpacks, and you can also purchase supplies separately if you need to re-stock your kit. Go to www.mymedic.com to see the kits and all the other stuff they have to offer. The kits are made in the USA.

Homemade Gifts

You can make a tiny survival or first aid kit out of a used prescription bottle. Wrap a few strike-anywhere matches in foil, add a fish hook, a small length of paracord, some duct tape wrapped around itself to make a small package, a threaded needle, a couple of safety pins, and whatever else you can find room for and voila – you’ve made something incredibly handy that Dad can toss in the glove box in case he ever gets stranded.

Ditto with first aid stuff – a few of those little pain reliever packets, a couple of bandages, some adhesive tape or butterfly bandages and some antibiotic ointment are all you need. If you cut a small piece of straw and melt one end closed, you can squirt the ointment inside before melting the other end closed. Keeps the ointment clean and ready. Make sure dad has a knife to open it with.

Use your imagination and you can probably come up with all kinds of ideas to put in old pill bottles – sewing kits, change for vending machines -- whatever. They make great gifts. I hope you and your family have a fantastic Father’s Day!

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Don't Let It Loose

Releasing a pet into the wild is the wrong thing to do.

Some people mistakenly believe that when their exotic pets get too difficult to manage, it is okay to release them into the wild. But that is exactly the wrong thing to do. See this video.

Introduced pets — even goldfish — can have devastating effects on native wildlife and ecosystems. In our aquatic ecosystems, they can outcompete sportfish and natives for food and space, prey on native species, and have unforeseeable effects on the food web. Even aquarium pets, once established, can easily take over an aquatic system and negatively impact our native and sportfish populations.

While most non-native tropical fish are bright in color, some goldfish will lose their bright colors and grow upwards of 5 pounds, resembling a large crappie or perch. There are many other exotic fish, turtles and pets that have found their way into Arizona's waters, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department has been educating the public on ways people can help prevent their spread. The Department's Aquatic Invasive Species Program has partnered with the Don't Let It Loose campaign, focusing on the harmful ef-

fects of releasing pets and helping owners find responsible ways to care for their unwanted pets.

What are things you can do? If you're fishing and catch an unidentifiable fish or one that you can identify as nonnative, do not release it back into the water. Instead you can —

- Take a photo and mark the location found and report it to the Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

- If you think you may have found a species listed on Director's Order 1, such as any of the snakehead and Asian carp species, please place the fish in ice and contact the Aquatic Invasive Species Program as well, so it can be collected for testing.

- If you or someone you know has any aquarium pets they do not wish to keep, do not release them into any lakes, ponds, or streams. We encourage the public to help us spread the message to other pet owners, and together we can stop the harmful and illegal introduction and spread of unwanted species.

If you would like to report a nonnative species, please contact the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at (623) 236-7608



or aiscomments@azgfd.gov. You can also report them through our project in iNaturalist via the web, or download the app. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/arizona-imapinvasives>

What can people do if they have a pet they can no longer care for and they can't find another owner willing to care for it? You can contact an animal shelter or agency near you. The knowledgeable personnel in these places can help you

find the right place for your pet.

- For more information on what you can do, visit Don't Let It Loose.

- See a video on AZGFD's trapping efforts to remove invasive red-eared slider turtles from the Phoenix Zoo lagoon, (the turtle trapping segment starts at the 17:15 mark).

- For more information on AZGFD's Aquatic Invasive Species and Director's Orders, visit www.azgfd.gov/AIS.

AZGFD Urges Public To Leave Baby Wildlife Alone

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) reminds the public to leave baby wildlife alone. As temperatures rise and days grow longer, newborns of many species of wildlife are beginning to explore the world around them.

AZGFD encourages people to resist the urge to help seemingly abandoned animals, including baby birds and young rabbits, as a parent is likely nearby and will return once humans have left the area.



AZGFD

Unnecessary 'Rescue'

"Picking up or 'rescuing' baby wildlife is often unnecessary and can have negative consequences. While the intention is well-meaning, the 'rescue' often results in a newborn or juvenile animal being taken from its parents, which are likely just out foraging for food and water," said Stacey Sekscienski, wildlife education program manager. "This can often leave a parent searching for its young, and wildlife raised by humans is less likely to survive if released back into the wild."

Once they've been removed from the wild, some species of baby animals, such as elk calves or deer fawns, may even have to be euthanized because they cannot be released back into the wild due to disease concerns. In addition, zoos and other wildlife sanctuaries have limited

space to hold them.

Wildlife Centers Inundated

Each year, wildlife centers around the state are inundated with baby birds, rabbits and other wildlife that were unnecessarily taken from the wild.

The public should contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator if they encounter an animal that is clearly sick or injured with wounds or broken bones; is unresponsive or lethargic; has been attacked by a cat or dog; or there is strong evidence that the mother is dead.

Young wildlife found in a yard or in the field is rarely abandoned. Typically, once the perceived predator (perhaps a dog, cat, or person) leaves the area, one or both parents will return and continue to

care for the young.

Baby birds are the most common wildlife species encountered by the public and removed from the wild. Additionally, eggs of ground-nesting birds like quail should be left in place when discovered.

Intentions Are Good But —

"It's reassuring to know our Arizona community is passionate about caring for wild animals, but most often, the best thing anyone can do is just to leave baby

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Public Comment Sought On Proposed Commission Orders

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking public comment on proposed 2021-2025 regulations for raptors, amphibians, crustaceans and mollusks, and reptiles.

Comments will be accepted through June 6, 2020. If warranted, public meetings on the proposed changes to these Commission Orders may be held telephonically.

The proposed Commission Orders 25, 41, 42 and 43, if approved, will be in effect for the years 2021 through 2025. The documents posted below are only for 2021, but only the year will change for the Commission Orders for each of the subsequent four years.

- Commission Order 25 – Raptors
https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon/wp-content/uploads/archive/CO-25-2021-Draft_PublicComment.pdf

- Commission Order 41 – Amphibians
<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon/wp-content/uploads/archive/CO41-2021-public-comment-draft.pdf>

- Commission Order 42 – Crustaceans and Mollusks
https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon/wp-content/uploads/archive/CO42-2021-for-public-comment_Rev.pdf

- Commission Order 43 – Reptiles
<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon/wp-content/uploads/archive/CO43-2021-public-comment-draft.pdf>

Written comments can be submitted

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Food Webs Determine Fate Of Mercury Pollution

FROM CARY INSTITUTE OF ECOSYSTEM STUDIES

In the Grand Canyon reach of the Colorado River, two species play an outsized role in the fate of mercury in the aquatic ecosystem, and their numbers are altered by flood events. So reports new research, published in *Science Advances*, that is among the first to meld ecotoxicology and ecosystem ecology to trace how mercury flows through aquatic food webs and then spreads to land.

Mercury is an environmental contaminant that occurs in ecosystems globally. In its organic form, it is a potent neurotoxin that can harm people and wildlife. Mercury accumulation in animals and how it magnifies along food chains is well studied. Less well understood are the pathways mercury takes through food webs to reach top predators, such as fish and birds, and how those pathways might change after large ecosystem disturbances, such as floods.

Emma Rosi is an aquatic ecologist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and co-lead author on the paper. She explains, “By combining data on mercury concentrations in aquatic life with well-studied food webs, we were able to reveal how mercury moves through an ecosystem.

We found that flooding and an invasive species both influenced the flow of this contaminant of global concern.”

The traits of organisms living in an ecosystem – their physiology, what they eat, and what eats them – determine contaminant movement and exposure. These factors have rarely been included in models of contaminant flux and fate. “Pairing contaminant concentrations and highly detailed food webs has the potential to improve the management of contaminants in ecosystems,” Rosi notes.

To study these pathways, the research team developed mercury-based food webs for six sites spanning 225 miles of the Colorado River, extending downstream from the Glen Canyon Dam in Grand Canyon National Park. Food web sampling took place seasonally over two years. At each site, they measured algae, invertebrates, and fish to determine who was eating what – and what that meant for mercury exposure at each level of the food web.

Insects (blackflies and midges) and invasive New Zealand mudsnails were the dominant invertebrates in the river. These animals play a vital role in moving energy and contaminants from the bottom of the

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wildlife alone,” Sekscienski said.

For more information on what to do if you encounter abandoned or injured wildlife, visit: www.azgfd.gov/urbanrehab.

Wildlife Rehabilitators

If you encounter a sick, injured, or orphaned wild animal, the webpage link below will help you quickly find a qualified wildlife rehabilitator near you. Before removing what you believe to be an orphaned animal, please take a moment to review the Leave Baby Wildlife Alone brochure.

Picking Up Injured Wildlife

- There is almost never an occasion when you should remove a baby wild animal from its natural environment.
- It is always better to call a wildlife rehabilitator to remove or assess a wild animal.
- If you’ve already picked up a young animal, put it back exactly where you found it, or under/in a shrub nearby where its mother can find it.

Determining Whether Wildlife is Injured, Sick, or Orphaned

- Before you assume an animal is in trouble, wait and watch: young animals are often left alone for hours at a time while their parents gather food.
- If an animal is shivering, obviously injured, or if its parents have been killed, then call a wildlife rehabilitator.
- Sick animals will often be very lethargic and may sneeze, drool, pant, shiver, or sit ruffled.
- Injured animals may limp, drag limbs, or have obvious wounds.
- If the sick or injured animal is a large game animal, such as a deer, javelina, mountain lion, or bear, or a potential danger to handlers, such as a coyote or large bird, call the closest Arizona Game and Fish Department office or Radio Dispatch at 623-236-7201.

I Found A Bird. Does It Need Help?

- Birds often fall out of nests.
- Young birds often spend a few days on or near the ground while they are

learning to fly but are still being fed by their parents.

- Place a fallen bird in a tree or shrub or on a shaded portion of a roof, out of the way of cats, dogs, and children.
- If you can safely reach the nest, you can put it back. It’s a myth that bird parents will reject their young if they smell like people.
- If a baby bird shows obvious signs of illness or injury, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

I Found A Deer Or Elk. Does It Need Help?

- Deer and elk mothers leave their fawns lying alone for the entire day while they feed.
- Orphaned deer and elk that are hand-raised lose their fear of people and become dangerous as they mature, especially the males and they cannot be returned to the wild and often have to be euthanized.
- If you have taken a young deer or elk from the wild, immediately take it back to exactly where you found it. *Do not* release it in a different location; its mother will not find it.
- If you cannot return it to the wild, call the closest Arizona Game and Fish Department office immediately. After normal business hours call the Department’s Radio Dispatch Room at 623 236-7201.

Rehabilitating Specialists

Many rehabilitators are specialists with particular types of animals, others will provide care for all species. Some wildlife rehabilitators, although located in major metropolitan areas, operate statewide. If you need additional assistance you can also contact the nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office, also listed in this link:
<http://azgfd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=1a4132aaa0204fb0bb0b972b5f291607>

And, Hummingbirds

For concerns about young hummingbirds, in or out of nests statewide, call Noreen Geyer-Kordoski at 520 240-2686. Noreen also offers a free Power-Point program “Hummingbirds: Natural History” for both children (4th-12th grade) and adults (60-90 minute including time for questions) in the Tucson area. To schedule a presentation, email Noreen at n.geyerk@gmail.com ■

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- CommOrd25@azgfd.gov (Raptors)
- CommOrd41-43@azgfd.gov (Amphibians and Reptiles)
- CommOrd42@azgfd.gov (Crustaceans and Mollusks)

For more information, call (623) 236-7506. ■

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Recreate Responsibly At Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

As parks make more areas available to the public, the NPS encourages you to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>) to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and follow Leave No Trace principles (<https://www.nps.gov/articles/leave-no-trace-seven-principles.htm>) when you visit. Many land- and water-based activities are available however operations are being phased in and services are limited.

To enjoy a safe and enjoyable visit during the remainder of the summer season, visitors are encouraged to know and follow guidelines for desert and boating safety, including always wearing life-jackets when on the water and taking safeguards to prevent heat related illness. Life-threatening dangers to avoid include

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food web to fish predators at the top.

The stomach contents of invertebrates and fish were assessed to identify what they ate and in what amounts. Algae, detritus, and animals were analyzed for mercury concentrations and, combined with the diet data, the team estimated the amount of mercury that animals were consuming throughout the year.

Food web complexity varied across the study sites. Just below the Glen Canyon Dam, food webs were simple with few species and food web connections. Fur-

ther downstream, food webs had higher species diversity and more connections. Across the study sites, regardless of food web complexity, relatively few species were key players in the movement of mercury.

Algae and tiny particles of detritus were the source of 80 percent of mercury flowing to invertebrates. In sites closest to the dam, invasive mudsnails dominated the food webs. Trout were the only fish in this part of the river, and they are unable to digest mudsnails. Mercury accumulated by the snails did not move up the food chain. Because the snails are fully aquatic, mercury cycled back into the river's detrital food web when they died.

Blackfly larvae were the source of

56-80 percent of the mercury flowing to fish. Blackflies are preferred prey for fish, such as Rainbow Trout, and blackflies had higher mercury contaminations compared to other invertebrates. Blackflies that escape predation and emerge from the river as flying adults move mercury from the river to land. This can expose terrestrial predators, such as birds and bats, to mercury that started out in the river.

The amount of mercury that blackflies moved to land was dependent on the number of hungry fish in any part of the river. At some sites, fish ate nearly all of the blackfly larvae, leaving few left to

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swimming at marinas, flash floods, cliff jumping and carbon monoxide emitted by generators or engines that are running. For more information: <https://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/safety.htm>

Springtime often brings high afternoon winds and anyone recreating on the water is advised to wear life jackets, including users of kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. Utah Law requires all boats to have at least one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. All boat passengers who are 12 years old and younger must wear a properly-sized Coast Guard approved life jacket whenever a boat is in operation. For more information: <https://stateparks.utah.gov/activities/boating/ten-things-you-need-to-know-before-you-boat/>

Due to increased visitation expected during holiday weekends, visitors to any Lake Powell beaches are advised to take standard precautions for possible water-quality issues. This includes properly disposing of human and pet waste, practicing safe sanitation, washing their hands often and showering after swimming. For more information: Lake Powell Recreational Water Advisory (<https://www.nps.gov/glca/learn/news/lpp.htm>).

glca/learn/news/lpp.htm).

The NPS conducts thousands of search and rescues servicewide each year, many of which could be avoided with visitors planning and making responsible decisions. During the ongoing health crisis, it's critical that we make wise choices to keep our national park rangers and first responders out of harm's way. Please follow these Recreate Responsibly tips to safely spend time outside:

Know before you go. Visit park websites for current park conditions and availability of restrooms and other facilities. Make a plan, follow the 10 Essentials (<https://www.nps.gov/articles/10essentials.htm>), and if you are sick, stay home.

Keep it close. Follow the state and county orders governing the open status of the area you're considering visiting. The National Park Service is working closely with governors and state and local health departments as we increase access and services across the National Park System.

Keep your distance. Recreate with the people in your household. Give others plenty of room whether you are on a trail,

at a boat launch, or in a parking lot. Follow the CDC social distancing guidelines for staying six feet away from others. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth if you're near others.

Know your limits. Postpone challenging hikes or trying new activities while first responders, parks, and communities continue to concentrate on responding to the pandemic.

Keep it with you. If you brought it, take it with you. Trash pickup and restroom facilities will continue to be limited in many park areas. Follow Leave No Trace principles.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health. Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted on our website <https://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/conditions.htm> and social media channels. ■

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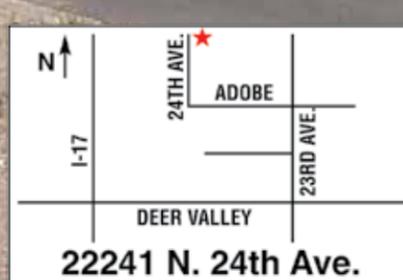


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Smart held her father in great esteem. While hearing a church sermon about the newly recognized Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Sonora felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition as well. She approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance and suggested her own father's birthday, of June 5, as the day of honor for fathers. The Alliance chose the third Sunday in June instead.

The first Father's Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Wash. Although observance of the holiday faded in the 1920s, over time, the idea of Father's Day became popular and embraced across the nation. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson sent a telegraph to Spokane praising Father's Day services. William Jennings Bryan was another early admirer of the observance. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the 3rd Sunday of June each year.

Dodd was honored at Expo '74, the World's Fair, in Spokane in 1974. She died four years later at the age of ninety-six, and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane.



SUMMER

Summer is the hottest of the four temperate seasons, falling after spring and before autumn. At or around the summer solstice, the earliest sunrise and latest sunset occurs, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. The date of the beginning of summer varies according to climate, tradition, and culture. When it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it is winter in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa.

Summer Timing

From an astronomical view, the equinoxes and solstices would be the middle of the respective seasons, but sometimes astronomical summer is defined as starting at the solstice, the time of maximal insolation, often identified with the 21st day of June or December. A variable seasonal lag means that the meteorological center of the season, which is based on average temperature patterns, occurs several weeks after the time of maximal insolation.

The meteorological convention is to define summer as comprising the months of June, July, and August in the northern hemisphere and the months of December, January, and February in the southern hemisphere.

CANADA DAY

Canada Day (French: *Fête du Canada*) is the national day of Canada. A federal statutory holiday, it celebrates the anniversary of July 1, 1867, the effective date of the *Constitution Act, 1867* (then called the *British North America Act, 1867*), which united the three separate colonies of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire called Canada. Originally called Dominion Day (French: *Le Jour*



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de la Confédération), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the *Canada Act* was passed. Canada Day celebrations take place throughout the country, as well as in various locations around the world, attended by Canadians living abroad.

Background

Canada became a "kingdom in its own right" within the British Empire commonly known as the *Dominion of Canada*. Although still a British colony, Canada gained an increased level of political control and governance over its own affairs, the British parliament and Cabinet maintaining political control over certain areas, such as foreign affairs, national defense, and constitutional changes.

Canada gradually gained increasing independence over the years, notably with the passage of the Statute of Westminster in 1931, until finally becoming completely independent with the passing of the *Constitution Act, 1982* which served to fully patriate the Canadian constitution.

Canada's centennial in 1967 is often seen as an important milestone in the history of Canadian nationalism and in Canada's maturing as a distinct, independent country, after which Dominion Day became more popular with average Canadians. Into the late 1960s, nationally televised, multi-cultural concerts held in Ottawa were added and the fête became known as *Festival Canada*. After 1980, the Canadian government began to promote celebrating Dominion Day beyond the national capital, giving grants and aid to cities across the country to help fund local activities.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

Background

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution

of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Jefferson even mentioning the fact. (Only one other signatory, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, survived them, dying in 1832.) Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day.

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emerge. At other sites, there were a lot more black flies than the fish could eat. When these black flies emerged as adults, the mercury inside them hitched a ride to terrestrial food webs along the river.

One year into sampling, the study sites were flooded as part of a planned dam release. The team was able to explore the effects of the flood on mercury movement in the food webs.

Rosi explains, "Changes to the animal populations in an ecosystem will impact how mercury moves through a food web. This was especially apparent at sites where flooding changed the proportion of black flies relative to fish. Flooding dramatically altered mercury pathways in the simple tailwater food web near the dam, but not in the more complex food webs downstream."

"Invasive species and dams are common in rivers globally, and both factors were at play in the Grand Canyon reach of the Colorado River." Rosi says. "We found that flooding changed the species present at our study sites, and mercury flow changed with those shifts."

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Customs

The night before the Fourth was once the focal point of celebrations, marked by raucous gatherings often incorporating bonfires as their centerpiece. In New England, towns competed to build towering pyramids, assembled from barrels and casks. They were lit at nightfall to usher in the celebration. The highest were in Salem, Mass., with pyramids composed of as many as forty tiers of barrels. These made the tallest bonfires ever recorded. The custom flourished in the 19th and 20th centuries and is still practiced in some New England towns.

- A salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a «salute to the union,» is fired on Independence Day at noon by any capable military base.

- New York City has the largest fireworks display in the country, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics exploded in 2009. It generally holds displays in the East River. Other major displays are in Seattle on Lake Union; in San Diego over Mission Bay; in Boston on the Charles River; in Philadelphia over the Philadelphia Museum of Art; in San Francisco over the San Francisco Bay; and on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

- During the annual Windsor-Detroit International Freedom Festival, Detroit, Mich., hosts one of the largest fireworks displays in North America, over the Detroit River, to celebrate Independence Day in conjunction with Windsor, Ontario's celebration of Canada Day.

Notable Celebrations

- Held since 1785, the Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, R.I., is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration in the United States.

- Since 1868, Seward, Neb., has held a celebration on the same town square. In 1979 Seward was designated

«America's Official Fourth of July City-Small Town USA» by resolution of Congress. Seward has also been proclaimed «Nebraska's Official Fourth of July City» by Governor James Exon in proclamation. Seward is a town of 6,000 but swells to 40,000+ during the July 4 celebrations.

- Since 1912, the Rebild Society, a Danish-American friendship organization, has held a July 4 weekend festival that serves as a homecoming for Danish-Americans in the Rebild Hills of Denmark.

- Since 1959, the International Freedom Festival is jointly held in Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Ontario, during the last week of June each year as a mutual celebration of Independence Day and Canada Day (July 1). It culminates in a large fireworks display over the Detroit River.

- The famous Macy's fireworks display usually held over the East River in New York City has been televised nationwide on NBC since 1976. In 2009, the fireworks display was returned to the Hudson River for the first time since 2000 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration of that river.



- The Boston Pops Orchestra has hosted a music and fireworks show over the Charles River Esplanade called the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" annually since 1973. Canons are traditionally fired during the 1812 Overture. The event was broadcast nationally from 1991 until 2002 on A&E, and since 2002 by CBS and its Boston

station WBZ-TV. WBZ/1030 and WBZ-TV broadcast the entire event locally, and from 2002 through 2012, CBS broadcast the final hour of the concert nationally in primetime.

- The national broadcast was put on hiatus beginning in 2013, which Pops executive producer David G. Mugar believed was the result of decreasing viewership caused by NBC's encore presentation of the Macy's fireworks. The national broadcast was revived for 2016, and expanded to two hours. In 2017, Bloomberg Television took over coverage duty, with WHDH carrying local coverage beginning in 2018.

- On the Capitol lawn in Washington, D.C., A Capitol Fourth, a free concert broadcast live by PBS, NPR and the American Forces Network, precedes the fireworks and attracts over half a million people annually.

- includes excerpts from Wikipedia

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“Understanding the factors that control the movement of mercury through food webs can help resource managers protect ecosystems that are susceptible to mercury pollution,” says David Walters, USGS scientist and co-lead author of the study.

GET READY

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and don't forget the trailer's spare.

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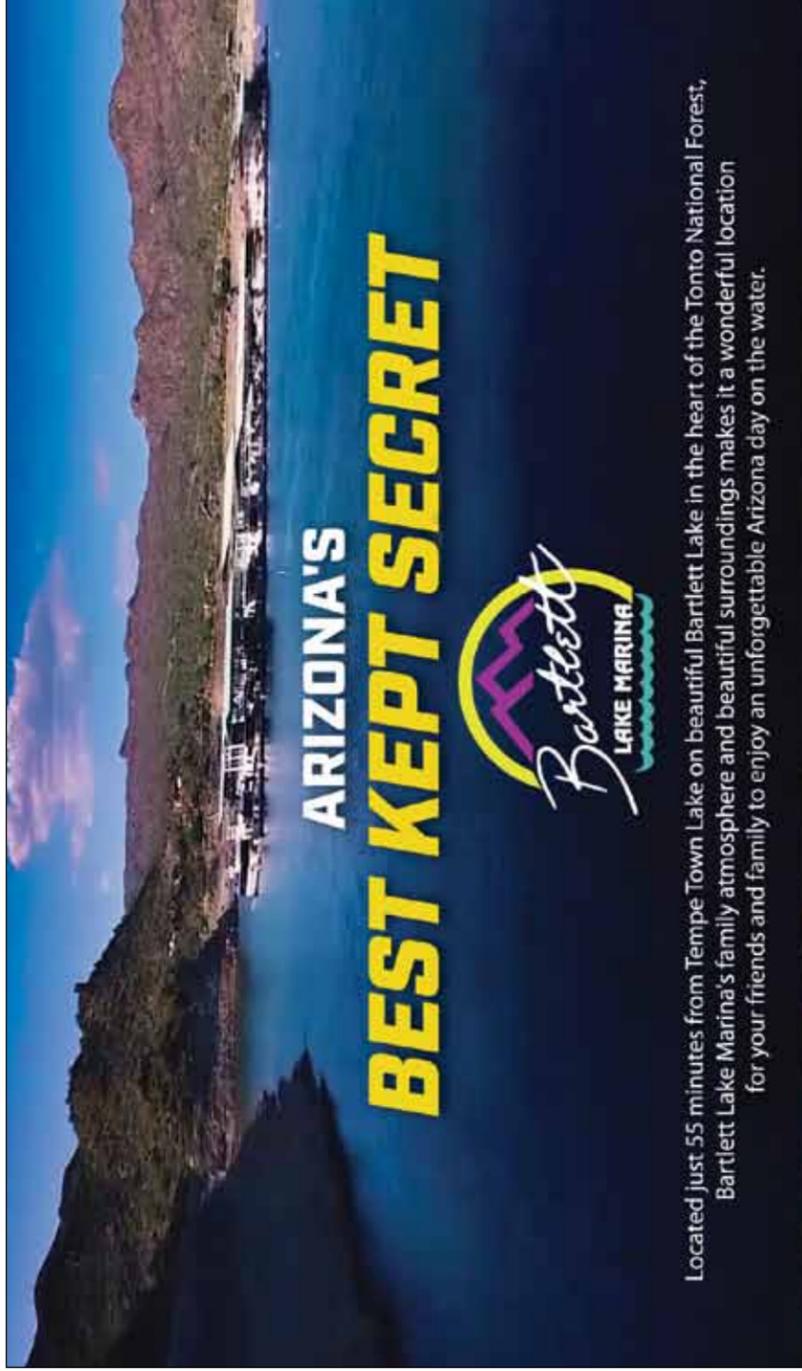
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