



# Outdoor Energy Powers Up

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Off-road vehicles, RVs, kayaks, motorcycles, lanterns, trucks: What do these all have in common? They are all coming to the Southwest in awesome expos and events ahead this spring. It's the time of year when the Southwest really comes alive -- on water and on land.

Thank you, Bob Brown of Media Direction for the cover photo that represents the power and energy of the outdoor activities that begin at this time of the year. We recommend that you attend as many of these awesome events as you can and celebrate the outdoors near you. ■

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# Laughlin Water Sport Expo Shows Best In River/Desert Fun

New Outdoor Recreation/Motorsports Expo set to debut Feb. 28-29, March 1 at the Edgewater Hotel & Casino.

The inaugural 2020 Laughlin Water Sports Expo in Laughlin, Nev., headquartered at the world-famous Edgewater Hotel & Casino is preparing a feast of products and equipment for outdoor motorsports enthusiasts this coming Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28-29, and Sunday, March 1.

#### Latest And Greatest

The Laughlin Water Sports Expo is brand new, capturing the spirit and passion of recreational boating, off-roading and RVing, providing motivated consumers the opportunity to browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in boats, pontoons, personal watercraft, off-road vehicles, trucks, UTVs, 4 x 4s, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, jet boats, kayaks, paddleboards, bicycles, and all related accessory products and services.

With spring fast approaching and summer not far behind, the Expo offers visitors an exceptional opportunity to take advantage of manufacturer and dealer promotions with rebates and special low interest financing. If it's a good deal you're looking for on a new boat, off-road vehicle, RV or travel trailer, you're certain to find it in Laughlin at the Expo.

#### Indoors And Out

The Expo is being held both indoors and out. The Edgewater E-Center will contain nearly 50 booth vendors offering a wide assortment of recreation-related accessories and apparel including the latest innovations in water toys, beverage coolers, custom off-road tires and rims, LED whips, cool T-shirts, hats and handy RV tools

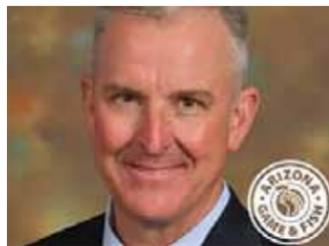
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# Governor Nominates Dr. Todd G. Geiler To Arizona Game And Fish Commission

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey has announced the nomination of Dr. Todd G. Geiler to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Geiler, whose family has lived in Yavapai County since 1946, maintains a solo optometric practice that his grandfather began in 1946 in Prescott. A lifelong outdoorsman, Geiler has volunteered his time to get young people more involved in outdoor activities.

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# Pleasant Harbor Hosts Third Annual Lanterns At The Lake

Thousands of lanterns return to illuminate the skies above Lake Pleasant.

Soon after sundown, on Saturday, April 4th, friends, family and thousands of event goers will come together to share personal thoughts, wishes and goals as they set free lanterns on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant.

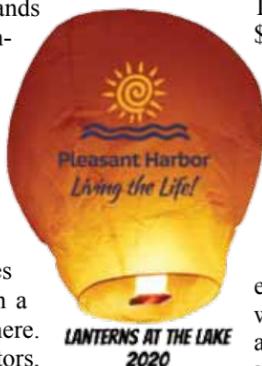
A long-standing tradition, the lighting of (biodegradable) lanterns is a way of marking milestones, offering up wishes and goals, while celebrating in a festive, picturesque atmosphere. Drawing more than 10,000 visitors, the event runs from 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (lanterns to be released after sundown) and features live music, food trucks, kids' events and some of the most amazing views

that the greater Phoenix area has to offer.

Lanterns can be purchased for \$30.00 each and include admission; entry tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased online at: [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com).

Ticket prices do not include entry into Pleasant Harbor which is an additional \$10 gate fee per vehicle for this event. No coolers are allowed. However, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. Due to the biodegradable make-up of the lanterns, no outside lanterns are allowed.

For those wanting a Weekend Experience, camping is also available, both full



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# Touch-A-Truck Comes To Lake Pleasant

Children can interact with oversized vehicles.

Kids, big and small, have the opportunity to interact with large vehicles such as fire trucks, earth movers, dump trucks, backhoes, and excavators at the Touch-A-Truck event being held at Pleasant Harbor, located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event is free and affords kids the unique opportunity to climb on their favorite big vehicles, without parent reprimand. There is a \$10 entrance fee per vehicle.

In addition to the large vehicles on-hand, this interactive event features food trucks, DJ and numerous kids' activities. The event is sponsored by Pleasant Harbor and the City of Peoria.

Pleasant Harbor ([www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com)) is open to the public 365 days a year,

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# February 2020 Events Calendar



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**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](http://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](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

## CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS:** Ongoing — [www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills](http://www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills) Google calendar.

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 8 — 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pemberton Trail 50K — McDowell Mountain Regional Park. Pemberton Trail 50k and 25k races are run completely on trails in the beautiful McDowell Mountain Regional Park near Fountain Hills, Arizona. With gently rolling hills (no big climbs) you might set a PR here! With our great volunteers, good food, mild weather and fun, low-key vibe, it's always a great day in the desert. <http://www.bquickrunning.com>

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**Apache Junction/Gold Canyon**  
 16 — 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lost Dutchman Marathon - Run at the base of Superstition Mountain near the rumored site of the legendary Lost Dutchman Mine. The Lost Dutchman Marathon and it's associated races are a favorite of serious marathoners and casual runners alike. This event is held annually over President's day weekend near the rumored site of the legendary Lost Dutchman Mine. Runners can depend on a beautiful location, excellent weather, great volunteers, and fast times. \$22-110. 7:30 am. <https://lostdutchmanmarathon.org/>

**Tucson**  
 20 — 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Tucson Rodeo Parade - Billed as the longest non-motorized (horse-drawn) parade in the world, the Tucson Rodeo Parade happens near the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. An estimated 150,000 spectators line the streets along the route or purchase tickets for grandstand seating to see a parade of over 150 western-themed floats and buggies, Mexican folk dancers and marching musical groups. Free on the street, tickets for grandstand seating adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. 520-294-1280 or visit [www.tucsonrodeoparade.com](http://www.tucsonrodeoparade.com)

**Sierra Vista**  
 27 — Patterson Public Night Star Party — Patterson Observatory. Free open house observing events. 7 pm. Visitors can call to check for cancelation due to clouds (recorded message available after 4 pm on the day of the event). 520-458-8278 ext 2214

## Avondale

29-3/1 — Tres Rios Nature Festival — Meridian Wildlife Area. Tres Rios Nature Festival is a two-day event in the spring. This free outdoor festival showcases the rich diversity of wildlife habitat, history and culture of the Gila River drainage, which is made up of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria Rivers. From guided bird tours, canoeing on the river, archery, fishing and learning about Southwest wildlife, there is something for everyone during the best time of year to enjoy the Arizona weather! Free. Sat 10 am — 7:30 pm, Sun 10 am — 4 pm. 623-333-2400 or <https://tresriosnaturefestival.com/>

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## COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

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6-9 — 2020 Buckeye Air Fair featuring the Copperstate Fly-in — Buckeye Municipal Airport. A day of fun for the whole family, featuring Science & Technology Expo with astronomy, science, and aviation exhibits, aircraft displays and air demonstrations, police & fire demonstrations, car show, Lauridsen Aviation Museum, biplane, hot air and helicopter rides, craft vendors, exhibitors, kids zone and much more. Bringing together aviation enthusiasts in the southwest United States it draws more than 500 visiting planes. Free. 8 am - 5 pm. <https://www.buckeyeaz.gov/residents/buckeye-air-fair>



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# It's Time For The Midwinter Visit To The Boat

Here are eight secrets for a safe checkup, especially in the northern part of the state.

Winter solstice may seem just a short time ago, but on the boater's calendar, January/February are generally considered the middle of a vessel's long winter nap. It's time to check up on her in storage. Why? How your boat fares over the long and, in some cases, brutal winter will help ensure a timely spring launch.

However, checking up on a boat during winter requires unique seasonal safeguards according to the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that this time of year has the most number of accidents that result in death. Here are eight tips for doing it safely:

1. If your boat is stored in the water, consider making a visit with a friend. That's because there's a good chance that in the dead of winter no one would hear a potential call for help if you accidentally slipped and fell overboard.

2. If there's ever a reason to wear a life jacket, now may be the time, especially if you're solo. A simple little slip could have big consequences, and a life jacket could buy you the time for self-rescue, which tees up the next tip:

3. Know where the dock ladders are located.

4. Fluffy snow can be deceptively slick, so save the smooth-soled boat shoes for the summer and wear something with traction. According to BoatUS Marine Insurance, slip and falls are a common claim occurring in a marina.

5. Be extremely careful if using a ladder when boarding a boat stored in the marina yard or on a trailer. Ensure it is firmly planted, secure it with a line at the top to avoid shifting, and if possible, have a friend hold it when you're ascending/descending. Use bucket and line tied to a cleat to help move tools and supplies to

keep your hands free to hold the ladder.

6. Heavy snow loads can add tremendous weight. Now is the time to ensure any tarps or coverings haven't been loosened and enough pitch remains to slough off snow and ice. As during boating season, always "keep one hand on the boat" when adjusting covers or lines that are difficult to reach.

7. Check jackstands to ensure they haven't moved, but don't ever attempt to move or adjust one by yourself – that's the marina's job. Do not tie off tarps to stands as winds could pull them out.

8. Shoveling or chipping away ice on your boat may cause damage. A stiff broom is best to clear a path. For more tips on winter boat storage, additional information can be found at <https://www.boat.us/expert-advice/how-to-diy/winterization>. ■



## YouTube Has The Answers To Many Boating Questions

It would take one person watching for 82 years to view what is uploaded every hour to YouTube. That volume of videos also means recreational boaters consistently have a trove of how-to, consumer and practical help easily viewed at any hour of the day. What did boaters watch this year? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) shares its list of Top 10 Most-Watched Boating Videos from 2019.

Said BoatUS Magazine Publisher Elio Betty, whose editors produce BoatUS's videos: "Boaters are always hungry to learn more or to pick up a challenging new boat-handling skill such as learning



**NUMBER ONE — Backing into a Slip with a Single Engine Inboard Boat was the number-one BoatUS YouTube video in 2019.**

how to back a single engine inboard boat into a slip, our most-watched video post-

ed this year." Viewers to the BoatUS YouTube channel also sought out practical advice: 'How to Tie a Clove Hitch' was No. 2. "Along with a cleat hitch and bowline, every boater needs to know these three knots. It also makes perfect sense that 'How to Choose a Bimini Top' was No. 4 – we all want a place that's out of the sun, and a bimini is one the first purchases boaters make after they buy a boat."

The BoatUS YouTube channel's top 10 most-watched boating videos from 2019:

1. Docking: Backing Into a Slip with a Single Engine Inboard Boat
2. How to Tie a Clove Hitch
3. Boat Handling: Pivot or 'Walk' a

Single Screw Inboard Without Thrusters

4. Buyers Guide: How Do I Choose a Boat Bimini Top?

5. How to Raise and Lower a Boat Bimini Top

6. 5 Fishing Lures Every Angler Should Own

7. Create A Hurricane Plan for Your Boat

8. 3 New Walkarounds from Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show 2019

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# Flush Mount Pole Holders Clean Up Any Skiff

Push poles have always presented challenges to anglers in skiffs. While the tool is effective for maneuvering in shallow water, the upright prongs used to stow it in transit often get in the way when fishing and can be easily damaged. Flush Mount Pole Holders from Accon Marine provide secure storage, then retract into the deck when not required.

Made from cast 316 stainless steel and UV-resistant, glass-filled nylon, the 708 series Flush Mount Pole Holder is built to last. The system works best with three units, with the middle one facing opposite the others. This securely holds stowed poles 1-1/16" off the deck, eliminating the need for riser shims. When off duty, the hardware simply pushes down straight into the deck, protected from damage.

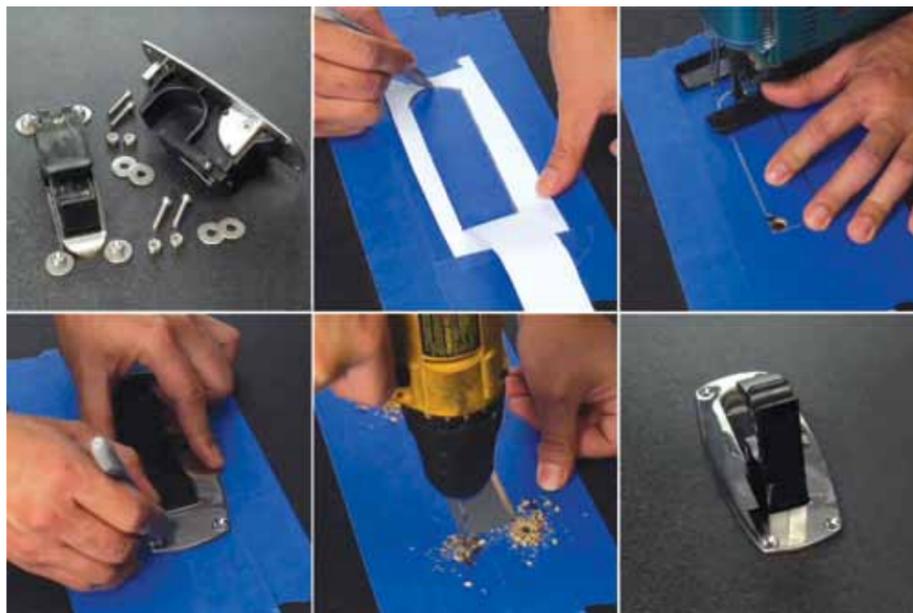
Installation is easy and requires only basic tools. After covering the mounting location with painter's tape to protect the

boat surface, use the supplied template to outline the holder with a pen. Drill out the corners of the cut-out area, then use a jigsaw to finish the opening.

Check the fit by placing the pole holder into the cut-out, while marking the location for its mounting bolt holes. Drill out the bolt holes, remove the painter's tape, and carefully lower the pole holder into position, securing it with four #10 stainless bolts, stainless washers and nylon-filled stainless lock nuts. An optional waterproofing cup protects against water intrusion. A detailed, step-by-step video at [bit.ly/35hqkvk](http://bit.ly/35hqkvk) illustrates the process.

Accon Marine's 708 Flush Mount Pole Holder comes in both ring-style and clip-style models, with suggested retail prices of \$74.75 and \$65.33 respectively. Waterproofing cups are \$14.32.

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**A SOLUTION** — Push poles have always presented challenges to anglers in skiffs; here's a solution.

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The Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program, which funnels federal fuel taxes paid by recreational boaters back to the states to attract visiting boaters with amenities such as secure overnight dockage, has \$24.7 million in funds (at press time) available to local governments, port agencies, private marinas and boat clubs. The associated visiting boater spending that BIG projects draw can increase economic development and bring additional revenue to local restaurants, shops, boating, service and tourism-related businesses.

First championed through Congress by Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) in 1998, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service manages the program that is administered through state boating, parks and conservation agencies. The competitive matching grant program requires a minimum of 25 percent of funds from state, local and private sources. Waterfront communities can use BIG funds to welcome passing boaters for the day, a weekend or up to 10 days in port. The key is the facilities must target transient

recreational vessels 26 feet in length and larger.

The goal is to give cruising boaters safe harbor and easy access to shoreside amenities via boat slips, mooring fields and dinghy docks dedicated to transient boats. In addition to providing a place to safely “park” a visiting boat, local government, public or private marinas and boat clubs, ports, or other recreation or conservation agencies can use BIG dollars to install conveniences such as restrooms, bathing facilities, fuel docks, electricity, water and sewage utilities, laundries, recycling and pumpout stations as well as some limited funds for dredging.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recently announced \$20.6 million in BIG funding for 56 projects in 35 states for the previous grant cycle. They included a 334-foot floating wave-attenuating dock at a private marina in Down East Maine; a protected state-operated safe harbor with 36 transient slips and community building on the Texas Gulf Coast; 10 large-capacity docks at a New Jersey port rang-



**IT'S BIG — Towns of all sizes can help revitalize their waterfront with BIG funds, such this 2016 project that added desperately-needed temporary and overnight dockage on the Washington, DC waterfront (credit U.S. Fish & Wildlife).**

ing in length from 66 to 85 feet, along with a two-story transient marina service building with bath, shower and laundry; a state-of-the-art, 46-slip New York State Parks docking facility in the Finger Lakes, and replacement of a 40-year old fuel float with a modern concrete float at a marina on Washington State's Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Since inception, more than \$215 million has been provided for BIG projects, adding more than 5,400 transient

berths across the U.S. The program has a recurring annual application deadline, typically in the late summer to early fall, varying by state. BoatUS advises potential applicants to contact the agency in their state that administers BIG funds. To find out more, go to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant webpage. To find your state's BIG administrator, see the States Organization for Boating Access' BIG coordinator list. ■

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# You're Probably At Havasu This Month

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**1. American Bass/Ranger Boats Bass Tournament, Feb. 1, 2020, 3 - 5 p.m.**

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For more details: <https://www.golake-havasu.com/american-bass-ranger-boats-south-team-classic-bass-tournament-1>

**2. Second Annual WON Arizona Open, Feb. 5-7, 2020**

WON BASS and title sponsors Bass Cat Boats and Mercury Motors present the 2nd AZ Open at Lake Havasu. The Lake Havasu fishery has been on the rise for many years with the growing population of small mouth bass and a stable population of large mouth bass just waiting to be caught. Location: Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4, 171 London Bridge Rd.

For more details: [https://www.golake-havasu.com/WON\\_BASS\\_AZ\\_Open](https://www.golake-havasu.com/WON_BASS_AZ_Open)

**3. JML Outdoors Weekend Warrior Bass Series, Feb. 8, 2020, 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Weekend Warrior Bass Series is designed for beginner or average non-professional anglers. Anglers can fish an event knowing they are not competing against professional anglers or guides. Location: north of the London Bridge



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Channel under the group ramadas located at the South Ramp of Lake Havasu State Park.

The event repeats on March 21 and April 18, with a championship scheduled for May 16-17.

For more details: <https://www.golake-havasu.com/jml-outdoors-weekend-warrior-bass-series>

**4. Southwest Kayaks Fishing Open, Feb. 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

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## Applications For 2020 Pronghorn, Elk Hunts Due Soon

Raptor capture seasons now included in latest draw process.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) reminds hunters that the deadline to apply for 2020 hunt permits issued through the draw process for pronghorn and elk is right around the corner.

### Arizona's Quail Seasons Flying By

Hunters need to make most of remaining opportunities.

There's still time for Arizona hunters to take aim at some of the best wing-shooting opportunities the state has to offer — but the clock is ticking.

Quail hunters have until Sunday, Feb. 9, to get out and chase the state's three main species — Gambel's, scaled and Mearns'. The general bag limit is 15 quail per day in the aggregate, of which no more than eight may be Mearns' quail.

The general possession limit is 45 quail in the aggregate, of which no more than 15 Gambel's, scaled or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. The 45-quail possession limit may include 24 Mearns' quail, of which no more than eight may be taken in any one day.

As a reminder, all hunters 10 and older must possess a valid Arizona hunting or combination license. Those 18 and older also must possess an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp (\$5) to hunt waterfowl. Also, hunters 16 and older must possess a Fed-

ner.

To apply, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and click on "Apply for a Draw." For an overview of the application service, including license requirements, applying for bonus points and payment information, see Page 10 of the "2020 Pronghorn, Elk and Raptor Capture Hunt Draw Information" booklet. Printed booklets are available at all department offices and license dealers



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Attention falconers: Raptor capture seasons are included in this booklet. A

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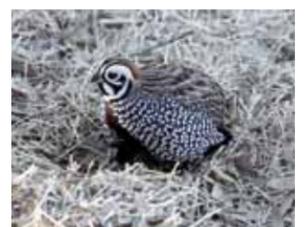
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# Small, But Essential, Tasks Can Be Made Easier

BY JOHN ANDERSON

In the movies, the heroes only have problems with their firearms if it suits the plot. In real life, I've taken a lot of classes and gone to a lot of ranges, and believe me, if you have problems, you're not alone.

As you get older, the sights may be harder to see and racking the slide can get harder to do as well. You don't even have to be older – many smaller people or those with handicaps or just weak hands also have trouble doing things like racking the slide, reloading, locking the slide back, and loading and unloading magazines. Fortunately for us, those problems are common enough that there are a myriad of choices for things to make those small, but essential, tasks easier.

## The Basics

Before you purchase a firearm, go somewhere like Shooters World where you can rent a pistol. Try before you buy. How does it feel? Can you reach the controls like the safety (if there is one), the magazine release, and the slide lock? Sights can usually be changed, but if you don't want to do that, can you see them clearly? Most of the time, triggers can also be changed, but how does the trigger feel to you? Does it have the right amount of pull for you?

If you are uncomfortable with a firearm from the start, think twice before buying it.

## Racking The Slide On A Semi-Automatic Pistol

If you have smaller or weaker hands, racking the slide is probably going to be your biggest problem. Here are some tips: Hold the gun in your strong hand, pointing down-range or in a safe direction. Keep your finger off the trigger. Take your other hand and fold it over the slide, gripping it as strongly as you can. Now, instead of trying to pull the slide back, hold it still. While holding the top slide, use your strong hand to shove the gun body forward smartly.

Always rack the slide completely back and let it close itself so the round from the magazine will be perfectly seated in the chamber. If you are racking to remove a round from the chamber, be sure to drop the magazine first or another round will be chambered. When removing a round, be sure to tilt the gun to the right so that the round will drop out.

If you need to lock the slide back, such as when cleaning the weapon, have your thumb under the slide lock as you push the gun forward, and when the lock is under the notch, just push up with your thumb. This is much easier if you use your right hand on the butt and your left on the slide. If you are left-handed, be aware that some pistols are available for lefties.

Still having trouble? Here are some great little gadgets designed to help you easily rack your slide:

**The Handi-Racker 2** is a small device that can fit in your pocket. Place it on top of your weapon, hold it in place, and push the gun forward to rack the slide. It comes in two sizes to fit 95 percent of all pistols, and is just \$19.99. You can find it on



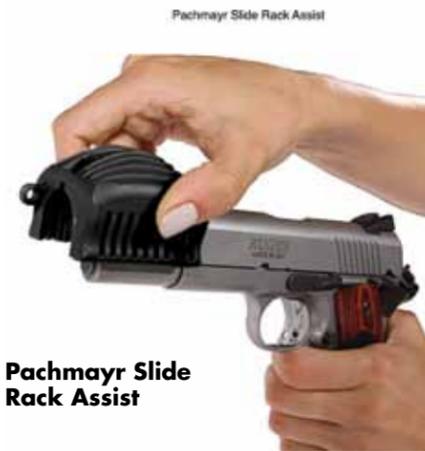
**To rack the slide, use your right hand on the gun body and your left over the slide. Hold the slide still and shove the gun forward. Keep your right thumb under the slide lock if you want to lock it open, and simply push up on the lock when it is under the notch.**



## The Lockin Loader

Amazon.

**The Lockin Loader** is another slide racking assist but it's a bit larger. It has a peg that fits into the barrel of your weapon. Hold the weapon and the Lockin Loader close to your body, then just push the slide back. The curve of the tool gives you a lot more power. You can also get a stand so that when you are cleaning your gun at home, you can easily rack the slide with one hand and have the other free to move the slide lock into place. This tool is \$29.95 and is available on eBay.



## Pachmayr Slide Rack Assist

**The PachmayrRackSlide Rack Assist** is also small and is designed to fit a variety of guns. You'd have to check to make sure it will fit your weapon. It fits over the muzzle and slide and gives you an excellent grip that makes it much easier to rack the slide. It also keeps your fingers clear. I've noticed that many times, fear of getting pinched is a major reason people have trouble racking the slide, and this will make you feel a lot safer. They are \$15.25 on Amazon.

**The Rack-It Belt Clip** is a bit different. It clips onto your belt, so that you rack the slide with the gun pointing at the ground. It seems designed for those who conceal carry but don't want to have a round cham-



**Rack-It Belt Clip**

bered. Pull your weapon, rack it quickly on the Rack-It Belt Clip, and you're ready to go.



## Tactical Ring Latch Handle For Glock

**If you own a Glock, check out the Field Sport Tactical Ring Latch Handle.** It's \$21.85 on Amazon, and it actually installs on the back of the Glock slide. As the name implies, it's a ring, so you just hang onto it while you shove the gun body forward. Perfect for anyone with weaker hands, and you don't have to pull it out of your pocket or anything. People rave about these, and it shouldn't make any difference in your holster either.



## Maglula UpLULA Magazine Loader

## Loading And Unloading

Loading and unloading magazines can take forever, and when the magazine gets close to full it can be really hard to get those last rounds in. My absolute favorite mag loading tool is the MaglulaUpLULA Magazine loader. It fits over the magazine. Just set the magazine down, fit the UpLULA over it, push down, place a round, and push it in with the little lever. Works flawlessly and very quickly.

It's hard to describe the action, so search online for a video. You can get these at most gun shops and outdoor stores, or get one online at midwayusa.com for \$31.45.

If you carry your gun with a round chambered, here's the way to do that and still have a full magazine. Slap the full magazine into the gun, rack the slide, then drop the magazine and put another round in it. Put the now-full mag into the pistol, and you're ready to go. Always push the magazine in quickly and with authority.

To quickly load revolvers, get a few Bianchi Speed Loader Strips. They are \$7.60 and they are soft rubbery material so they bend around easily. Simply load



## Bianchi Speed Loader Strips For Revolvers

your rounds into the strips, and when you need to reload, just position the rounds over the holes in the revolver and push them in. The rounds don't fall out of the strips, so you can have them loaded up and keep them in your pocket for when you need them.



## HKS Revolver Speed Loaders

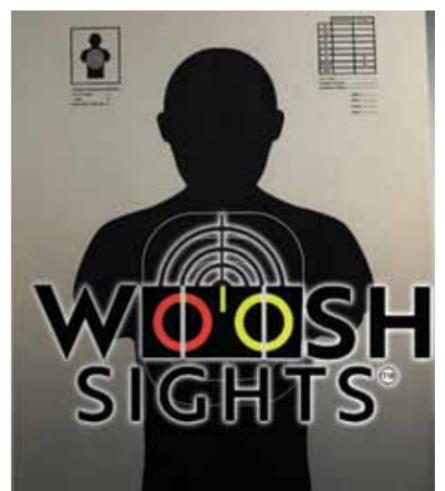
Or you can get HKS Revolver Speed Loaders. They are \$10 at Midwayusa.com and they are cylinder-shaped to match the cylinder on your revolver. Load it up, place it over your cylinder, push the back button, and bingo – a round in each spot just like that. Pretty cool. They take a little more room than the strips but they sure are fast. Get several so you can keep them loaded and ready.



## Sights

If you're having trouble seeing the sights or you just have trouble lining them up, WHOOSH Sights might solve all of your problems. Simply hold the gun

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**Handi-Racker**

AZ LAKES, AZ PROS: DYLAN MAXON AT BARTLETT LAKE

# He Says Staying Positive, Not Giving Up Are Vital To Success

This is a huge year for Dylan with tournaments and marriage ahead. We wish him well.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

February can be a tough month at Bartlett. The water isn't warm yet, but it's coming, and a degree or two a day can put the bass in pre-spawn mode. This time of year, Dylan Maxon reaches for a big spinnerbait to get a limit at Bartlett.

Dylan is a long-time tournament bass fisherman with some great sponsors – Signature Gates and Welding (the owner is another great fisherman – Kevin Finley), Irod Fishing Rods, Pro Swimbaits, California Reservoir Lures (CRL), and Robo Junkie boat detailing.

## A Fantastic Year

Dylan had a fantastic year last year, winning the Wild West Open at Havasu in March with his tournament partner Zack Holwerda, and later getting 5th place at the U.S. Open at Mead. Those two tournaments alone netted him \$21K, so this year

all of his entry fees are taken care of, and he's looking forward to concentrating on fishing.

## At Bartlett Lake

At Bartlett the other day, he stayed mostly in the main lake. He did make a run to the river, but found that it was 4 degrees colder, and a bit muddy. So he concentrated on small piles of boulders in the main lake and the S-curve and fished a big spinnerbait anywhere from twenty to thirty-five feet deep.

His favorite boulder piles are the smaller ones, he says, maybe about the size of his boat. When they are surrounded by sand, the bass group up on them. "The fish are there," he says, "you just have to be patient. Maybe two or three times a day they'll start eating and you'll catch a couple." One of the best ways to find these small boulder piles is to visit Bartlett in the summer when the water is way down. You can easily see these and mark them on your graph or GPS.

## Pro Swimbaits Slowly

He fishes the Pro Swimbaits spinnerbait very slowly on the bottom. It's a hefty one-ounce bait, white, with two big wil-

lowleaf blades. One of the things he likes about this bait is that the second blade is on a snap clevis, so you can change it out if you want to. Both blades are silver on this bait in clear water.

One of the keys to fishing this bait, he says, is to give it a little pump now and then – maybe two or three times per cast – instead of just reeling it back steadily. That little pump gives it a flutter that often triggers a strike. He fishes the big bait on a medium-heavy Irod with 16-pound-test Sunline. On a calm day he'll often drop down to a 3/4-ounce bait.

## Drop Shots

If he actually spots fish on his graph, he'll put a drop-shot down on them. He keeps one on the deck just in case, rigged up on 12-pound Sunline braid with an 8-pound Tatsu fluorocarbon leader. He keeps his leader a bit over a foot long – 14 to 16 inches -- and uses a Robo Worm in Margarita Mutilator for dirty water or Hologram Shad for clear water. The drop shot accounts for maybe two or three fish a day, he says, but you never know, so it pays to keep one tied on.

## Stay Positive

One of the biggest lessons he has learned from fishing is to never give up. The last ten minutes of the last day accounted for his big check at the U.S. Open, so he stays positive all day. This year he plans to fish all three WON Bass tournaments: Havasu in February, Clear Lake in April, and the Open at Mead in



Dylan Maxon

October. He will also fish the Bass Junkyz team tournaments with his partner Zack, plus he qualified for the State Team for BASS Nation.

If he does well in those, he'll get to go to the Nationals, and doing well there can win you a spot at the Bassmaster Classic. He's also getting married in early May, so this is a huge year for him. We wish him well!

**Editor's Note:** Dylan Maxon's aunt and uncle, Sally and Lee Bauer, are friends of ours and have often expressed their pride in this nephew. ■

## PISTOLS

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so that the two circles are formed, position it so the bullseye is right over that, and squeeze the trigger. They are incredibly fast and easy to use. I absolutely love mine, especially as I've gotten older.



Smith And Wesson M&P380 Shield

## Smith And Wesson EZ

If you haven't yet purchased your firearm, you might want to check out the Smith and Wesson EZ. It is designed with better gripping on the slide, plus an easier-to-rack slide. It's available with or without a safety, and has a tactile loaded

chamber indicator, so you can actually see and feel if there is a round in the chamber. They are \$416 for the M&P380 Shield EZ.

## Holster

Need a carry holster that feels good on your skin but has the retention of a plastic holster? The brand new 1791 Gunleather Ultra Custom is a leather holster with extra high sweat guards so the gunmetal never touches your skin. Best yet, they are made with a layer of secret stuff between two layers of leather that allows you to mold the holster to your individual firearm.



The Brand New 1791 Ultra Custom Moldable Holster

You actually drop it in boiling water to soften it, then take it out and put your gun into it while it's warm. Press and mold the material around your weapon – press hard around the trigger guard to give the holster incredible retention. It hardens in 60 to 90 seconds, and it's thin so it conceals nicely. Get a new gun? Just boil it again and re-mold it! Check them out at 1791gunleather.com. ■



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# Let The Ren Fest Begin. Huzzah!

There is something for kids of all ages at the Royal Faire.

Longing for childhood days of make believe? Mythic heroes slaying dragons, sea maidens appearing from the sea, steel clad warriors jousting atop mighty steeds and knights in shining armor saving damsels in distress, this can all be found at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. There is definitely something for the children and the child in all of us to be found at the Faire.

Arizona's annual festival is one of the largest in the nation, held on weekends in February and March in its fanciful European style village constructed on a 30-acre site just below the foothills of the Superstition Mountains, east of Phoenix and northwest of Tucson. This is where you'll



find theater, circus, an arts and crafts fair, acrobatics, a jousting tournament, people-powered rides, and feasting – all rolled into a nonstop, day-long family adventure!

**Over 200 Artisans**

Merchants hawk their wares, selling everything from clothing to custom ceramics. Observe in awe at the demonstrations displaying skills of blacksmithing, jewelry making, glassblowing, leather work and pottery throwing. Over 200 artisans are housed in the market lanes filled with whimsical storybook shops.

There are fourteen open-air stages where you can listen to raucous music and roaring comedy. Catch the swordplay and wordplay of festival favorites Don Juan and Miguel. It's hard to miss the wild antics of The Tortuga Twins (three unrelated men in tights), and more than amusing to decipher Zilch the Tory Steller (the misspelling, like his miss-speaking is intentional).

On or off the stage you are bound to rub shoulders with delightful characters. Don't miss The Living Fountain! Or the Sea Fairies!



**Food And Drynk**

A variety of food and drynk is available to satisfy your appetite; bread bowls, stews, steak-on-a-stake, roasted chicken and so much more. In the midst of this enormous feast you'll find the King of festival foods — the huge roasted turkey leg. Tempt your diet plan with desserts from the Cottage Bakery, the Cappuccino Inn, or the Chocolate Shoppe. Pubs serve beers, wine and soft drynks to quench your thirst.



**Kids Love This Place**

And kids love this place! Dozens of activities bring out their smiles. Guests young and old will revel in the magic and mystery upon seeing the varied attractions at the Faire; Living Mermaids, witness the wonder of these lovely, elusive and charming sea fairies of the deep. A Festival favorite with children is Mother (and Father) Goose brought to life, with costumed ducks and geese, Maggie, Mimi and Matilda.

Kids will cheer for their favorite knight at the 5,000-seat jousting arena or try their hand at archery. Children delight in the return of a falcon, the King of sports, at the Falconer's Heath. Kids also, love riding the people-powered Da Vinci's Steam ship, the Swan Swing, Christopher Co-

lumbus' "Voyage to the New World", the Slider Joust, as well as, the Piccolo Pony, a rocking horse bigger than an elephant.

**Interactive Games**

In addition to the people-powered rides, the Festival offers interactive games like the dragon climbing tower, the castle siege, Jacobs' Ladder, a maze, axe throwing and escape rooms. Kids will surely be asking for a hat, wand, garland, wooden sword, shield, or to have their face painted, or to make a sand dragon, or perhaps purchase a pet gorgi or drabbit along with other unique and interesting items available for purchase at the Festival. Those bolder of heart may feed the dragon or play King of the log.

**Escape To A Simpler Time**

HUZZAH! We deal with the 21st century every day. Now the Renaissance is back, offering an opportunity to relax and escape to the amusements of a much simpler time. You can meet all these colorful characters on weekends, Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 8 through March 29. For more information contact the Festival at 520-463-2600 or on the web at [www.renfestinfo.com](http://www.renfestinfo.com).

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ANDERSON MILL OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE

# Take Time To Do The Side Trips

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

The ruins at Anderson Mill are sizable and a lot of fun to explore. There are stairs to climb and a great view from the top. We've been there twice, and took a different route each time, so I'm going to tell you about both. I recommend going there via San Domingo Wash, and returning via Little San Domingo Wash because both routes have interesting things to see.

## Processes Ores

The mill itself used to process ores like pegmatite, and there are lots of mines around the mill. Pegmatite is igneous rock with interlocking crystals. The crystals can be any number of important or valuable minerals. For instance, pegmatite is the main source of lithium. Our guide book says that the mill was built from WWII surplus scraps and a few old dump truck beds, and it certainly looks that way. It's almost a steam-punk mill.

## To Get There

To get there, start out on Castle Hot Springs Road – the west end closest to Highway 60. At 3.3 miles turn right onto Mine Road. The road is unsigned. After less than a quarter mile on Mine Road you'll see a nice staging area on the right. This is where we park and make ready. There is plenty of room for several rigs.

Less than a quarter of a mile after leaving the staging area you'll see a road to the right that enters Little San Domingo Wash. If you want to, you can turn here and head to the Mill. If you choose this way, I highly recommend using the topo maps app as there are lots of roads that feed off the wash. I took a screenshot of my map app to show the way. The coordinates are 33.95797N and 112.56036W.



**Anderson Mill: You can climb the steps and some hearty souls have even gone out on the scaffolding. I certainly wouldn't!**

## Nice Views

In the Little San Domingo Wash, stay on the main trail heading north, staying right at 1.3 miles, straight at 1.8 miles, and straight at 2.1 miles. At just over three miles you'll enter a wash, which you'll follow for almost a mile before coming out. It goes back into a wash for a very short distance at 4.3 miles. At about 4.5 miles there is a small trail to the right that goes up a hill to White Cloud Mine. There are nice views from up there if you have time for a short side trip.

After that, stay right and then right again – you'll be entering San Domingo



**The Underwood graves and the well: You can see these if you go past the Mill down the San Domingo Wash. They are just a little ways past the adit road, but on the left of the wash. You can't miss it.**



**This is the White Cloud Mine area. It's a side trip off the Little San Domingo Wash.**



**None of us felt inclined to enter the adit.**

Wash at this point, and the Mill is about five and a half miles down the wash on the left. Both times we have visited, there has been water in the wash by the Mill. Just before you get to it, there are big structures on either side of the wash. I don't know what they are for.

## Allow Time To Explore

We usually just park under a tree in the wash and walk up the hill to the Mill. It's a great place to have lunch if you want to – plenty of shade. We've always had the place to ourselves, too. Allow plenty of time to explore here. If you have time after visiting the Mill, keep going down San Domingo Wash northeast. Around a mile or so after leaving Anderson Mill, you will see a faint road going steeply uphill on the right. If you go up this road you'll come to a very nice mine adit. Not much room here to park, but we managed to get three OHVs there.

The map says there are two mines, but for the life of us we could only find the



**The concrete stairs are at the bottom.**

one. Come on back down into the wash and head northeast again. At around a mile and a half from the mill you'll see some stuff on the left. There is a well with water in it, and the graves of some people named Underwood. We usually park under the trees and eat here instead of at the mill.

## Old Ruins

If you go up the hill from here – just walk, it's really short – you'll find some old ruins of buildings – just scraps of wood, actually. When John and I did this trip alone the first time, we went in search of Pechan Camp, which I saw on the Topo Maps app just past the graves and well. We had a heck of a time finding the turn-off, but at last we found it.

The "camp" is basically just an old corral at this time, so it was a bit disappointing after all the work we went through to find it. That's as far as we have gone up the wash – with all the exploring and side trips, it really eats up a day.

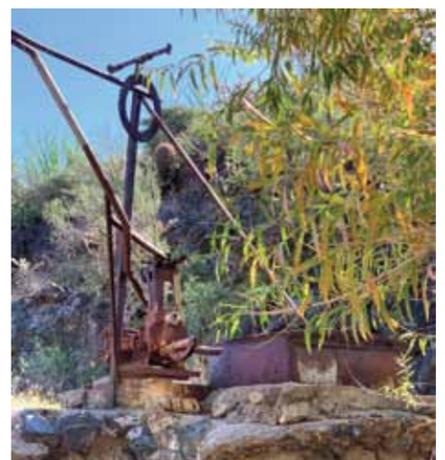
## A Pretty Spot

If you choose to go back via San Domingo Wash, don't turn left and re-enter Little San Domingo Wash on your way back. Stay in the main wash and it will take you back to Mine Road, just farther along than you were. A little over a mile past the turn that you didn't take, watch on the left for a wall.

We stopped here and got out, and a little past the wall in the trees we found a cylindrical structure. I have no idea what it is, but it's a pretty spot and fun to walk around and explore. The San Domingo Wash intersects Mine Road around two and half to three miles north of the staging area. It's a bit rougher in this area, but nothing major.

## Worth A Return Trip

This Anderson Mill Ride is a lot of fun, especially if you're adventurous, have a good interactive map app, and you take the time to do the side trips and look for the mines and ruins. We enjoyed it so much the first time that we took four friends with us the next time and they all loved it too. Please be careful when you climb around on the mill, and please leave everything as you find it. ■



**This is one of the structures in the wash that you come to just before the mill.**

# This Is The Cycle of Success: Sport Fish And Wildlife Restoration Federal Aid

Wildlife conservation and management starts with you.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program (WSFR) is one of this nation's most successful conservation programs. The WSFR program celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2012. Read the informative article on its history and benefits. Check out the video on WSFR – great images of wildlife and outdoor recreation.

Early conservationists, many of them avid hunters and anglers, saw the rapid decline and plight of many species in the late 1800s through the early 1900s due to unregulated market hunting and habitat loss.

## They Paved The Way

Through the efforts of leaders like President Theodore Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, John Muir, and the establishment of sportsmen's organizations, they helped pave the way for today's system of science-based, regulated wildlife management (of which hunting and fishing plays an important role) to ensure sustainable wildlife resources for future generations.

Recognizing the need for funding sup-



port for professional wildlife management, some visionaries helped establish a unique partnership between sportsmen/women, industry, and federal and state agencies to establish dedicated funding sources for wildlife and fisheries conservation. This funding comes from federal excise taxes on certain equipment (such as firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing gear and boat fuel) purchased by hunters, anglers, shooters and boaters.

## Bulk Of Support

The funding is distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to state wildlife agencies through the Wildlife Restoration Program and Sport Fish Restoration Program on a match basis. When combined with the states' sales of hunting and fishing licenses, this cumulative funding



provides the bulk of support for on-the-ground projects that benefit fish and wildlife conservation and provide hunting, angling, shooting, boating and related wildlife recreation opportunities for the public.

## 'User-Pay, User-Benefit' Federal Aid Programs Through Excise Taxes

The Wildlife Restoration Program was created through the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 (Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act).

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment, it provides grant funds for wildlife and habitat conservation projects, projects to provide public use and access to wildlife resources, hunter education, and development and

management of shooting ranges.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984.

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides grant funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education.

It was sportsmen then, and sportsmen today, who provide the primary funding source for wildlife and sport fish conservation in the United States, and right here in Arizona.

So remember, when you purchase of firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing gear and motorboat fuels, along with your purchase of hunting and fishing licenses, you are part of this cycle of success.

The Wildlife Restoration Program and the Sport Fish Restoration Program are two of the most successful conservation programs in our nation's history. They reflect a farsighted partnership between the federal government, state agencies, private industries, and hunters, anglers, shooters and boaters.

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## HUZZAH

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### When You Go

**What:** The 32nd Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace  
**Where:** East of Apache Junction on US Highway 60, near the Superstition Mountains.

**When:** Eight consecutive weekends (Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday) from February 8 th through

March 29th The Festival runs from 10AM until 6:00PM, rain or shine.

**Advance Tickets:** \$26 for adults & \$16 for kids ages 5-12 at Fry's Food Stores statewide. Children under 5 are always free. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$2 more and tickets available on line at [www.RenFestInfo.com](http://www.RenFestInfo.com) Senior discount tickets (60 and over) are \$25 only available at the box office.

**Parking:** Free, courtesy of Fry's Food Stores

**Website:** [www.RenFestInfo.com](http://www.RenFestInfo.com)

## The Age Of Discovery During Student Days

Discoveries made in science during the Renaissance era not only changed the world but continue to influence modern day society. The SciTech festival is a proud presenter of the Arizona Renaissance Festival's Age of Discovery Student Days, February 25 and 27 9a.m. – 2:30p.m. Explore the Festival's thirty acre, sixteenth century European Village. Roam the streets and pathways where you can talk to the Queen! Or Shakespeare, Galileo or Medici!

## Observe In Awe

Observe in awe, as artisans craft their wares using scientific techniques, demonstrating blacksmithing, glassblowing, shoemaking, weaving and so much more. Go to the CROFT-Local Yokel Village and watch aspects of chemistry at work in the daily chores of 16th century life. Speak to Da Vinci about his sketches, technical drawings, or pose as Mona Lisa would have-showing your Mona Lisa smile. Why not try DaVinci's people-powered rides?

## Learn, Enjoy, Explore

Feast Hall exhibitors from a variety of Arizona organizations that will leave you in awe with their hands-on educational displays. There is *so much* to explore! Learn about what Arizona was like in the 16th Century! Learn about navigational tools used such as the astrolabe, map making and other non GPS methods used during the Renaissance. Enjoy, explore and be entertained as you make your way through our village's 30 acres of hands-on learning; 14-stage theatre, an arts and craft fair, jousting tournament and so much more!

## To Attend Student Days

Do not miss this unique experience! To attend Student Days, place your order at <http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/student-days/> For more Festival information: [www.renfestinfo.com](http://www.renfestinfo.com)

## Special Weekend Events

**February 8 & 9** - Opening Weekend! Let the Revelry Begin! HUZZAH!

**February 15, 16 & 17** - Regal Royals, Monarch Monday – Fiesta Renaissance! Come Visit PBS-TV8's lovable characters Maya and Miguel! They will be visiting the Faire all weekend long, including Monday!

**February 22 & 23** - Time Traveler Weekend! Take Your Picture with the AZ T.A.R.D.I.S! On Site ALL DAY!

**Time Traveler Contest:** Who is your favorite Time Traveler? Enter the Time Traveler Contest at 1:30pm at the Royal Pavilion! Dress as your best version of a time traveler. Entrants will be judged on costume, spunk and time traveling accessories so bring a communicator, flux capacitor, sonic screwdriver or other time traveling necessities with you!

**February 29 & March 1** - Pirate Invasion! It's a Pirate Invasion! Start practicing your ARRRGH!!

**March 7 & 8** – BrewFest! Raise Your Tankard - BrewFest is Back! Sample a variety of craft brews in the Village Green between Noon and 4pm. Last call at 3:45pm.

**Saucy Maiden Contest:** 1:30pm both days in the Village Green as part of the BrewFest festivities. (Ages 21+. Content not family friendly.)

**Artisan Appreciation Weekend:** Observe old world trades and unique items crafted by the Queen's artisans! Spend \$250 during the day you attend - either March 7th or 8th - and receive One Adult admission ticket to return to the Faire (\$28 value) OR Spend \$350 during the day you attend - either March 7th or 8th - and receive two free adult admission tickets (\$56 value). Patrons must get receipts for their purchases and bring those receipts on the same day they attended (either March 7th or 8th) to the Box Office before they leave to receive their free ticket(s).

**March 14 & 15** – Celtic Weekend! March 14 & 15 – Celtic Weekend! Come celebrate CELTIC Weekend at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. Do you think you have Irish Spirit?! Show us on Sunday at the Wearin' o' the Green Contest! You might even spot a leprechaun in the shire!

**Wearin' of the Green Contest:** Show us your Irish Spirit! Enter the Wearin' of the Green contest at 1:30pm in the Royal Pavilion. Entrants will be judged on Creativity, Personality & Costuming. Contest open to all ages.

**March 21 & 22** – Commedia Dell'arte – Festa Italiana Weekend! You never know what delightful character could be hiding behind a mask in our enchanted village!

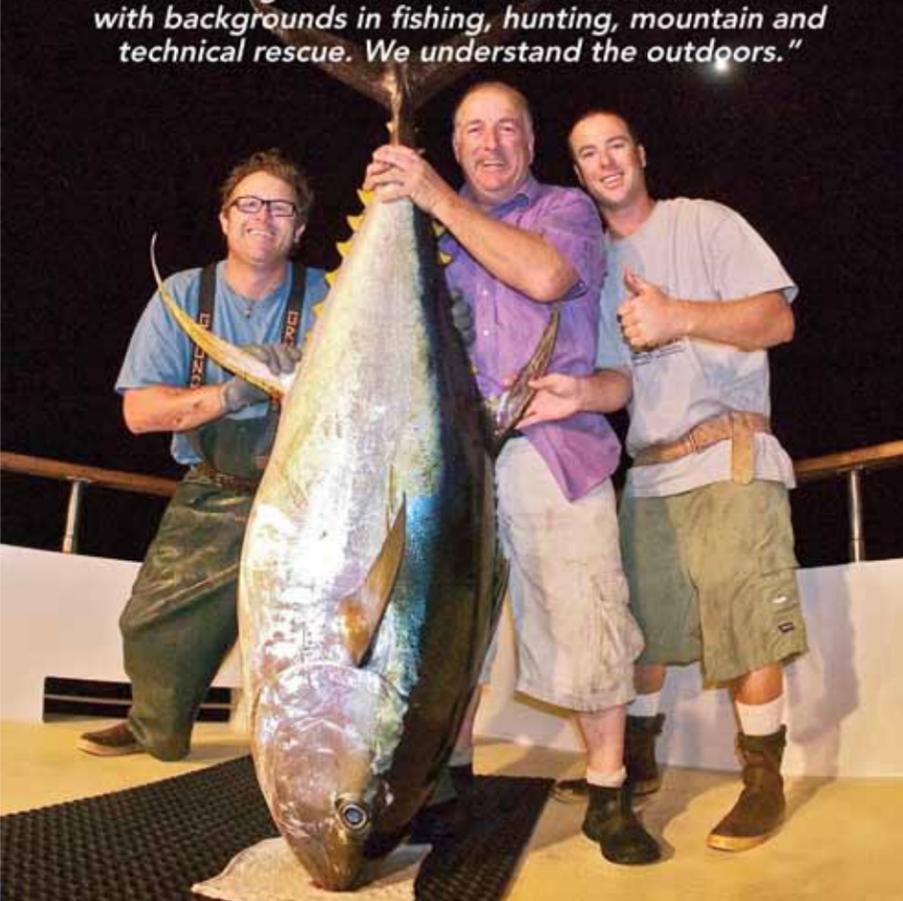
**March 28 & 29** – Final Huzzah! Do Not Miss Your Chance to Time Travel to the 16C! Final Weekend!

**Apache Junction Food Bank:** Bring three canned food items or non-perishables to the Apache Junction Food Bank table at the Festival and receive a child (ages 5-12) free admission (\$18 value). ■

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# Their Focus Saves Lives

**Editor's Note:** Recently, a colony of cats and kittens have made their home at our VFW Post, and as the feline community began to grow, our members knew it was time to start the process of neutering our "house guests". Enter Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic of Scottsdale. One kitty at a time now has been spayed or neutered here, and the cooperation of their staff has been incredible. The cost is definitely reasonable, and the care and information provided have been extremely helpful.

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## RESTORATION

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### A Cycle Of Success

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs are based on a "user pay, user benefit" principle that can be thought of as a "cycle of success". The cycle of success starts with the manufacturers and the federal excise taxes that are paid on the items mentioned above.

After the taxes are collected, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awards the grant funds out to its state partners to fund their fish and wildlife conservation efforts, hunter and aquatic education programs, shooting range programs, and to provide boating access opportunities to the public. In turn, the state's efforts result in more and better opportunities for hunters, anglers, shooters and boaters to enjoy the resource and ultimately purchase products that start the cycle all over again.

### How Are The Funds Used?

Among the projects and activities made possible by this immensely successful state/federal/industry partnership include the following:

- Management and conservation of fish and wildlife

- Habitat restoration
- Land acquisition or conservation easements for hunting, fishing and boating access
- Construction and development of shooting ranges
- Boating access facilities
- Hunter education
- Aquatic education
- Fish hatchery operations and maintenance
- Wildlife management area operations and maintenance
- Research

The grant programs cumulatively are now approaching about \$800 million nationally each year in funds that are awarded out to state agencies by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support the states' fish and wildlife conservation, shooting range and recreational boating programs.

### More Information On The Wildlife And Sport Fish Restoration Programs

The Arizona Game and Fish Department manages all wildlife in Arizona but does not receive any of the state's general tax revenues to operate. Agency funding comes primarily from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, federal assistance from excise taxes through the Wildlife

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Keepers of the Wild, a nonprofit sanctuary, sits on 175 acres held in Trust, giving nearly 200 exotic animals a permanent home with beautiful rock formations, and natural vegetation. Animals featured include lions, tigers, wolves, many species of birds, reptiles, deer, various goats, donkeys, alpaca, lama, raccoons, a grizzly bear and more, all of which have been rescued from abuse and neglect.



### History

Founder Jonathan Kraft had long established himself as a producer, creator, and performer in Las Vegas when he acquired two tiger cubs for a production. His work with wild animals included movies, TV shows, commercials, documentaries, specials, and a variety of shoots and exhibits. He soon witnessed the neglect and abuse that many animal performers suffer behind the scenes and learned that once these magnificent creatures lose their value as a performer they are commonly disposed of.

### Predator's Paradise

Jonathan started rescuing animals and as this reputation spread, he started receiving calls from performers seeking to unload under-performing animals. Consumed with the full-time care needs

of the animals, he put his production on hiatus and launched Predator's Paradise, an educational wildlife theme park at the Aladdin Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. Predator's Paradise was successful; however, Jonathan realized that animals in entertainment do not have a quality of life, even under the best circumstances. So in 1995, Jonathan established Keepers of the Wild as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal sanctuary on a three-acre site in Las Vegas, Nev.

### Today In Arizona

Keepers of the Wild relocated from Las Vegas to a 32-acre site in Whithills, Ariz., along Hwy 93 about 26 miles south

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and Sport Fish Restoration programs described above, and a few other important sources such as the Heritage Fund (from a portion of Arizona lottery ticket sales) and the Wildlife Conservation Fund (from a portion of tribal gaming revenues).

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](http://www.AzWildlifeHero.com). ■



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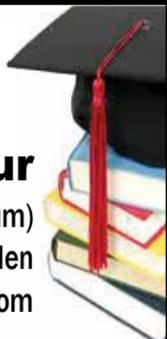


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# Do You Know A Student Who Might Be Interested?

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. View the 2018-2019 state winners or all the previous first-place national winners here: (<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>)



**First Place: "Coming Home"**

- 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 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 pounds in weight.
- Digital art, photography and jewelry are *not accepted*.
- Complete entry form and attach to back of entry.
- Submit a typed explanation of patriotism expressed in art (250 words or less).

### What Are The Contest Deadlines?

- March 31: Student Entry Deadline to Local VFW Auxiliary.\*
- April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District Judging Complete.
- April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and



**Second Place: Alyse Stewart "Untitled"**



**Third Place: Karina Yang, Ariz. "What They Have Left Behind"**

District Winners to Department (state) for Judging.\*

- May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) Winners to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.\*
- \* *required deadlines*

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure and Entry Form may be found at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

**2019 First Place: Silver Abbott, 11th Grade, Elberta, Ala.**

**2019 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest First Place | Department of Alabama \$15,000 Scholarship**

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"Coming Home" represents the everyday motivation for American soldiers, for their family. Every day our soldiers place themselves in harm's way to protect not only the freedoms of the American people, but their families and their home.

This soldier has returned home, greeted by his family. His daughter, holding on tight to the father that had been deployed, is holding the banner of our nation. The banner which we fly for our troops. The name Hope represents the hope that we hold onto, that our families will return home to us.

We hold firmly onto that hope just as the young girl is holding onto her father. Through the many battles, tears, and home sickness that soldiers endure, the motivation continues to live within the homes of American citizens. Families are allowed to live together in peace, attend churches freely, express their voice, and live in a nation under God." – Silver Abbott

### Patriotic Art Winners

You may visit <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/> and click on the individual images for more information about the 2019 top eight national winners and what the artists said about their pieces.

- Second: Alyse Stewart, N.C.
- Third: Karina Yang, Ariz.
- Fourth: Larissa Weber, Ind.
- Fifth: Bailey Iwen, Wis.
- Sixth: Jayme Mckay, Pa.
- Seventh: Cathryn Shahan, Del.
- Eighth: Elisabeth Miranda, S.C.

### Illustrating America: An Art Contest For Students In Grades K-8

#### Eligibility

Open to all students in grades K-8 who



**Fourth Place: Larissa Weber "Carrying Poppies"**

are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home study program in the United States. • Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. • 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.

### Contest Rules

- Art must be two-dimensional.
- Art must be on canvas or paper.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, glitter or other media may be used.
- Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board; other entries must be matted on 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 including mat.
- Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted.

### National Awards

- **Grades K-2** First place: \$100 gift card
- Second place: \$50 gift card
- Third place: \$25 gift card
- **Grades 3-5** First place: \$100 gift card
- Second place: \$50 gift card
- Third place: \$25 gift card
- **Grades 6-8** First place: \$100 gift card
- Second place: \$50 gift card
- Third place: \$25 gift card

### Deadlines

- March 31: Student entry deadline to VFW Auxiliary.\*

### Judging/Auxiliary Deadlines

Entry will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. If the American Flag is used, it *does not* need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or number of stars and stripes. One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to District judging (if applicable).

April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District judging complete. One winner from each District (if applicable) advances to Department judging.

April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District (if applicable) winners to Department (state) Youth Activities Chairman for judging.\* One winner from each Department advances to National judging.

May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.\*

July: First through third place winners named in each of the three grade categories and displayed at National Convention. \* required deadlines

### More Information/Entry Form

[https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Illustrating-America\\_Fillable.pdf](https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Illustrating-America_Fillable.pdf) ■

### 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.

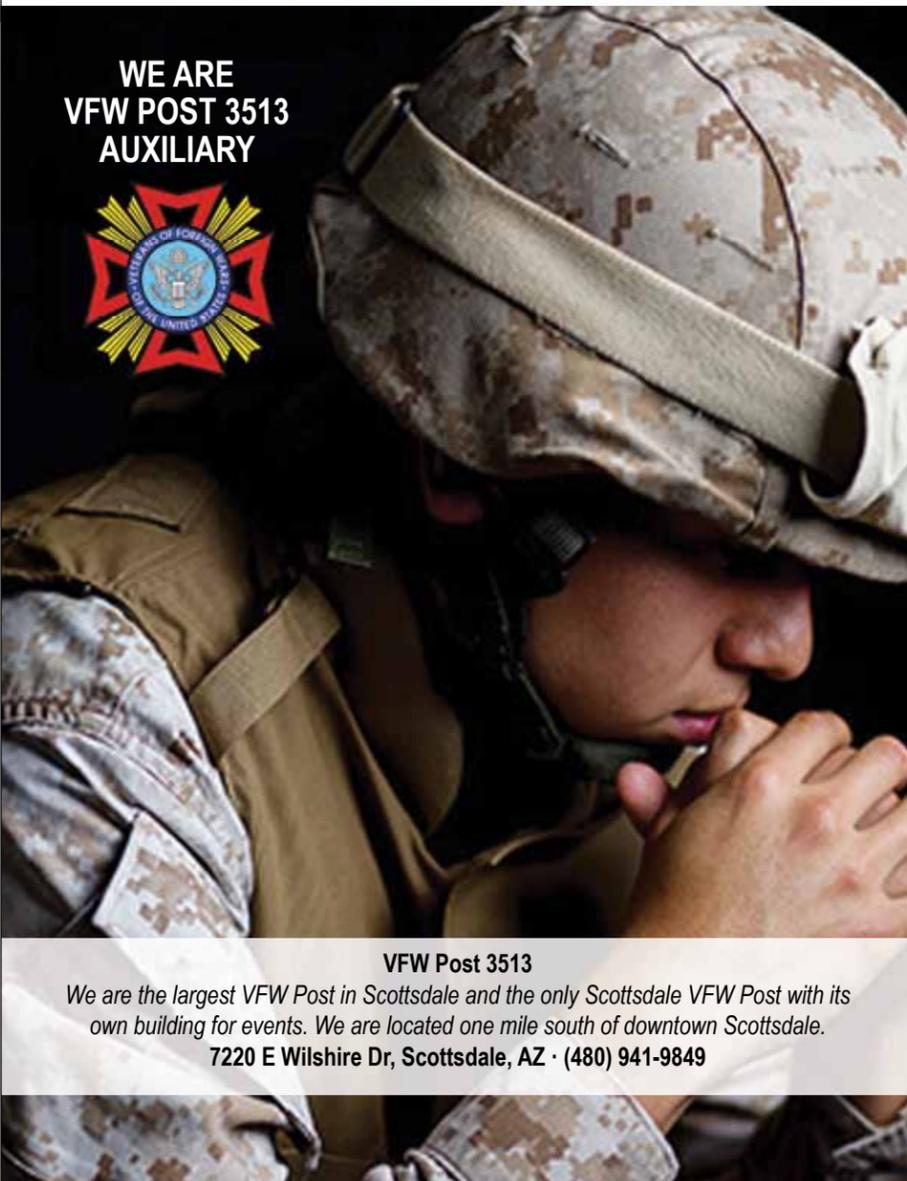
### What Are The Scholarship Submission Requirements?

- 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

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## GEORGE FRASHER DOES IT AGAIN

# His New Steak House Is Excellent!

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

For nearly years, Frasher's customers had enjoyed George Frasher's original Scottsdale restaurant on Scottsdale Road. However, After a landlord dispute and the end of his lease at the steakhouse's original location, it closed in 2015, and Frasher moved to Phoenix to launch Frasher's Smokehouse on East Indian School Road.

But wait: He's back! On New Year's Eve 2019-2020, Frasher opened his new steak house at 4180 N. Drinkwater Blvd. in Scottsdale, previously the home of Ben & Jack's Steakhouse. My husband, daughter and friend were there for the opening and found the food excellent, and the location reminiscent of the original with many pieces of familiar memorabilia

placed on the walls.

Present plans include opening for dinner and late-night dining until midnight throughout the week. Later, Frasher plans to add lunch options.

### What About St. Louis-Style Pizza?

Although currently available at Frasher's Smokehouse, at press time it was not yet available in Scottsdale. However, it's in the works and will be added to the menu later. If you have been a fan of Frasher's in the past, you may remember that the remarkable pizza is the specialty of Frasher's mother who flies in the ingredients (Imo's pizza crust and Provel cheese) from St. Louis.

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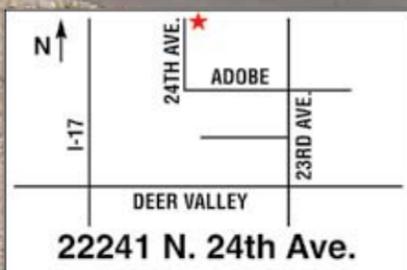
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## In Memory Of Andrew Stevenson

Andrew "Pop" Stevenson, 76, of Glendale, Ariz., passed away January 18. Born in Burlington, Iowa to Garwood and Doris Stevenson, he became an Arizona resident in 1961. A military veteran, he served in the U.S. Army. Andrew worked as a concrete contractor in the Phoenix area for 50 years.

He loved his family poker games in the backyard and was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys Fan. He is survived by his four children: Troy A. Stevenson and Rose, Todd Stevenson and Gayle, Rusty Stevenson and Audra K. Stevenson; his brother Dale Stevenson, and his grandchildren Brandon, Matthew, Miranda and Isabelle. He will be loved and missed by his great niece and nephew Jaylee and Jakob. He was loved to the moon and back.

Visitation was January 30 at Menke Funeral & Cremation Center. Graveside services with military honors were held January 31 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Donations suggested are to the March of Dimes or Shriners' Children's Hospital. ■



## EXPO

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and supplies.

The E-Center will also be the hub of an exciting cornhole tournament open to all comers at the Expo. This is a double-eliminations tournament for teams (two players per team) with all contestants guaranteed a minimum of six games. Entry fee is \$40.00 per team and all monies collected will be paid out as prize money to the top three finishers. You may enter the tournament online at <https://laughlinwatersportsexpo.com/official-cornhole-entry-form/>.

## Cornhole And "KISS"

There will be open boards available for practice on Friday, February 28 from 2pm to 5pm in the E-Center. Late registration will open on Saturday morning from 9am



to 10am. Tournament competition starts at approximately 10 a.m. If you don't have a team partner, sign-up anyway, a partner will be selected for you on Saturday before the tournament starts.

The town of Laughlin will definitely be rockin' during Expo weekend as the iconic rock band "KISS" is performing at the Laughlin Event Center, about a half block away from the Expo on Saturday night starting at 8 p.m. Over 12,000 "KISS" fans are expected for the concert which is one-stop of their much-anticipated "End of the Road" tour after making 47 years

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valid hunting or hunt and fish combination license, along with a sport falconry license, are needed when applying for a hunt permit-tag. For more information, see Page 38.

All applications must be received by AZGFD no later than 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020.

All applicants are encouraged to pur-

chase PointGuard, which allows hunters to surrender their hunt permit-tag(s) for any reason without losing their bonus points. Information: [www.azgfd.gov/pointguard](http://www.azgfd.gov/pointguard).

AZGFD is standing by to assist applicants. All department offices are equipped with customer computers that can be accessed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customer service representatives can be reached by calling (602) 942-3000. ■

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eral Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp to hunt waterfowl. Licenses and state migratory bird stamps can be purchased on the department's website at [www.azgfd.com/License/](http://www.azgfd.com/License/).

All hunters play an important role in conservation. Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) funds are comprised of excise taxes collected on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment



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(including 11 percent on ammunition), the benefit of which comes right back to Arizona for habitat improvements, shooting ranges, boating access and more.

For more information about

## CHARTERS

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## GEILER

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He spearheaded a partnership with the City of Prescott and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide the youth of greater Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley with a Kids Free Fishing Day, a day that encourages kids to spend time outdoors fishing and learning about conservation.

## FRASERS

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### Frasher 's Other Dining

Frasher's Smokehouse at 3222 E. Indian School Road; it features Kansas City-style barbecue, pizza, and ravioli.

Frasher's Mrs. Chicken, a Nashville-style hot chicken spot; the restaurant, opened April 20, 2019. ■

Geiler also is a member of the Safari Club International, Arizona Cattle Grower's Association, Arizona Mule Deer Foundation, the Prescott Sportsmen's Club, the Kiwanis Club and more.

"Dr. Geiler's extensive outdoor involvement and community leadership will serve the Arizona Game and Fish Commission well," Ducey said. "I am pleased to nominate him and look forward to his contributions on the commission."

of legendary rock history.

Accommodations for this incredible destination weekend get-away are still available at the Edgewater Hotel & Casino, the Aquarius and the Colorado Belle. To book your reservations, call toll free 800-677-4837.

## Details

Laughlin Water Sports Expo public hours are Friday, from noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5pm, and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and so is parking in the convenient self-park lots at the venue. Food courts serving a variety of tasty items including freshly grilled BBQ favorites, burgers, hot dogs and popular Mexican dishes and two beer gardens are located on-site. For more information, please call Bob Brown at (951) 501-0210 or visit the Expo website at <https://www.laughlinwatersportsexpo.com>. and/or [info@laughlinwatersportsexpo.com](mailto:info@laughlinwatersportsexpo.com). ■

## FIRE TRUCK

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featuring Dillon's Bayou lakeside restaurant, boat, sail and Jet Ski rentals, kayaks, paddle boards, fishing guides, boat and R/V sales, H2-Whoa!, the world's largest floating waterslide, The Phoenix boat cruise, slip rentals and storage, as well as a full service RV resort with 253 spaces, featuring a club house, store, heated pool and Jacuzzi. ■

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hook-up campsites (electric, water, sewer and internet access) and dry camping spaces. Showers, convenience store, pool and clubhouse amenities are available to weekend campers at Pleasant Harbor RV Resort. Pleasant Harbor offers an array of water sports and lakeside activities. Dillon's Bayou Restaurant, located at Pleasant Harbor Marina, is open throughout the weekend for breakfast, lunch and dinner and features live music. For more information about camping package pricing, call 623-235-6140.

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant is less than a 45 minute drive from downtown Phoenix and the closest entry to the lake for Phoenicians. Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, please visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com) or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173. ■

Geiler attended Prescott High School before receiving an associate's degree from Glendale Community College. Between 1984 and 1987, he attended Northern Arizona University for pre-doctoral studies with an emphasis on physics and finance. He later earned a bachelor of visual science and doctorate of optometry from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore.

At press time, his nomination was pending confirmation by the Arizona Senate. ■

## CALENDAR

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### EXPOS/SHOWS

#### Gilbert

22 — Gilbert Outdoors Expo - Riparian Preserve. A chance to brush up on various outdoor activities or learn new skills, including fishing, camping, hunting, hiking and much more, exhibitors and attendees statewide. 9 am - 2 pm. <https://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events-and-permits/gilbert-outdoors-expo>

### FISHING

#### Phoenix

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

### SHOOTING SPORTS/ARCHERY

#### Phoenix

24-3/1 28th Annual Winter Range — Ben Avery Shooting Range. More than 1,000 gather for the Single Action Shooting Society's National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, competitive events, displays of period militaria, exhibitions of western skills and crafts, 100 vendors from period clothing to antiques and reproductions, cowboy entertainment,



singers, cowboy bands, trick roping, trick horses, food from chuck wagon cooking to hot dogs. <http://www.winterrange.com/>

### WATERSPORTS/WATER-RELATED

Ongoing — SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake: [sales@saguarosports.com](mailto:sales@saguarosports.com)

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Ongoing — Learn To Curl lessons: [learntocurl@coyotescurling.com](mailto:learntocurl@coyotescurling.com)

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

#### Yuma

11 — Military Tours — Oorah! MCAS Yuma — This tour allows a behind-the-scenes look at some of the air station's activities, hosted by knowledgeable base personnel. Popular features include the obstacle course and a working dog demonstration, and there's a narrated stop on the way back at the Armed Forces Park. \$55. <https://www.visityumacom/tours.html>

#### Scottsdale

13-23 — 65th Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show & Shopping Expo - WestWorld. Where Wild West meets upscale arts, culture and fine dining with 2,200 of the world's most beautiful Arabians, Half-Arabians & National Show Horses. The largest event of its kind in the world, the show attracts hundreds of thousands of spectators. Exciting competitions, gala parties, educational seminars and an international cuisine court, the event features more than 300 vendor booths. \$7-15. 800-745-3000 or <http://www.scottsdalshow.com>

29-3/8 — Arizona Sun Country Circuit Quarter Horse Show — WestWorld. One of the top ten American Quarter Horse shows in the nation, this circuit is full of six shows including three youth shows, all events are offered in English & Western jumping, more than 36 states, Canada, Germany and England compete, competition for more than \$200,000 in awards & prize money, vendors for shopping. Free. 8 am - 6 pm. 623-419-6318 or <https://www.suncircuit.com/>

#### Wickenburg

14-16 — 72nd Annual Gold Rush Days - Senior pro rodeo, gold panning, carnival, western dances, arts & crafts, BBQ, gem show, mucking & drilling contest, contests, 4th largest parade in the state on Sat. morning. 928-684-5479 or 800-942-5242 or <https://outwickenburgway.com/>

#### Tucson

15-23 — 95th Annual La Fiesta

de los Vaqueros — The Tucson Rodeo & Parade - Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Tucson's annual celebration of the cowboys has been heralded as Southern Arizona's oldest and most celebrated heritage event since its inception in 1925. The event is centered around the Tucson Rodeo, one of the top 25 rodeos on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) calendar, which features cowboys and cowgirls competing in six rodeo performances at Tucson Rodeo Grounds. \$16-80. 12:30 pm. 520-741-2233 or 800-964-5662 or <http://www.tucsonrodeo.com>

#### ▲ Tombstone

23-3/1 — Wild West Outpost Riding Workshop - Tombstone Monument Ranch. Katherine Barbarite of Whispering Hooves invites you to a week-long intensive program in Horsemanship & Riding skills. All inclusive workshop that covers accommodations, meals, riding activities, ranch entertainment & workshop of course. Space is limited. 631-764-7515 or <http://www.whisperinghooves.com/>

#### Tempe

Ongoing — EMPTY PET FOOD BANK — 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](mailto:Jodi@lostourhome.org).

## HOME

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of Hoover Dam in 1999. In 2006, it was relocated to the present location on Historic Route 66 and sits on 175 acres held in trust, giving nearly 200 exotic animals

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