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AYC'S PREMIER EVENT The Birthday Regatta, Leukemia Cup Are Here!

Join the Arizona Yacht Club on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 17-18-19 for the 54th AYC Birthday Regatta and 15th Leukemia Cup — three days of racing, cruising and desert hospitality! The Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta has been raced continuously for over fifty years, held each year on Dr. Martin Luther

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perienced outdoor enthusiasts women who have never hiked, camped, hunted or held a fishing pole.

Kayaking on Saguaro Lake, birding,

BOW 2014 — The Arizona Becoming an Outdoors Woman program, also known as BOW, will hold its annual deluxe workshop on Jan. 24-26 at Saguaro Lake Ranch, nestled on the banks of the Salt River across from the picturesque Bulldog Cliffs.

archery, landscape photography, horseback riding are just a few of the popular work-shops offered at BOW. New this year is a

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

The BOW Deluxe weekend features comfortable lodging in nicely outfitted re-

sort-style ranchettes, delicious meals and a

beautiful location. BOW has something of

interest to everyone and every skill level.

There are workshops and activities for ex-

22nd Annual Awards Ceremony Honors Ariz. Conservationists

(CAREFREE) - Arizonans who have helped conserve Arizona's wildlife and outdoor heritage were honored at the 22nd Annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 11.The public was invited to celebrate the accom-



AZGFC AWARDS - Arizonans who have helped conserve Arizona's wildlife and outdoor heritage were honored at the 22nd Annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 11.The celebration of the accomplishments of the award recipients was held at the Carefree Resort & Conference Center (shown here). The Arizona Game and Fish Commission banquet is an annual event to recognize and honor individuals and organizations for their contributions to the conservation of wildlife, Arizona's outdoor heritage, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish De-

plishments of the award recipients at the Carefree Resort & Conference Center, 37220 Mule Train Road, Carefree, AZ 85377

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Since 1991, more than 317 awards have been presented by the commission. This award winners, selected by the Fish and Game Commissioners at their September meeting, include the following:

Art Boswell (Award of Excellence); **Dustin Yinger** (Youth Environmentalist of the Year):

Terry Corrigan (Outdoor Writer of the

Western Outdoor Times (Media of the Year):

Arizona Chapter Safari Club International (Conservation Organization of the Year):

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COMING SOON — Outdoors enthusiasts have a calendar full of exciting events ahead: The International Sportsmen's Expo and Arizona Boat Show, Bill Luke Bass Days, and the Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo.

EXCITING EXPOS JUST AHEAD

Outdoor Enthusiasts Have Much To Anticipate

As the 2014 calendar, fills, outdoor enthusiasts have at least three Arizona exciting events ahead: The International Sportsmen's Expo, Thursday through Sunday, Feb. Co-23; Bill Luke Bass Days, Friday through Sunday, March 14-16, and the Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Expo, Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30.

Among these three favorite events, attendees will be treated to the best information

on and products/service available for boating, camping, fishing, hunting, RVing, watersports, and wildlife

See more details starting on page 4 of this issue.



Mike Rooney has a boat buddy for sale: Reel Busy. His story of their comsale: Reel Busy. His story of their companionship for seven years now has a message for all of us boaters and anglers: Enjoy the outdoors with family and friends, and one of the best ways to do this is to "Go, Fish"! Although he will hate to say goodbye to his fishing friend, Rooney is now trying to find a new companion for Reel Busy, as he is at a changing point in his own life. Full details are on page 2.

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Tackle & Target Big Days

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Bill Luke Bass Davs are set for March 14. 15. and 16 at Lake Pleasant. See story Page 7.



In Loving Memory

We Remember **Our Daughter**

Carol L. Allen, her mother, and Jim Allen, her step father, celebrate the life of Elisabeth Jean (Lisa) Brookes-Haws. See story Page 5.



Reel Busy: 'Reel' Fortunate, 'Reel' Fishing And Catching

By Mike Rooney

I started fishing off Cape Town, South Africa, when I was six years old, and haven't quit since. Emigrating to the United States in 1977, I was delighted to discover the excellent boating and fishing in Southern Calif. I presently reside in North San Diego County, which I consider "God's country" for weather, boating and fishing

I purchased Reel Busy new in 2007 and covered approximately 11,000 miles with 1,600 engine hours. (Suzuki's engines are good for 5,000-7,000 trouble-free hours, with proper care and maintenance.

Three Generations

Shown in the pictures with this article are three generations: my son Sean, grandson Keegan, and yours truly - each and everyone with a big smile on his face. Trust me, these are happy times as all three of us are literally hooked on fishing.



We have done a whole lot of catching as well. The best fishing grounds we have found are south of San Diego in Mexican water. Coronado Island, approximately 17 miles south of San Diego, is great for yellow tail, and in the season, we go chase yellow fin tuna, blue fin tuna, and Dorado (Mahi Mahi). For the latter we cover 100-200 miles a day. Locally, we catch halibut and white sea bass out of Mission Bay.

Fishing can result in a long, tiring day, but it can also be very rewarding — just to get out on the water to enjoy the scenery,





whales, dolphins, porpoise, pelicans, and marlin jumping out of the water. There's never a dull moment.

Excellent Meals And Smiles

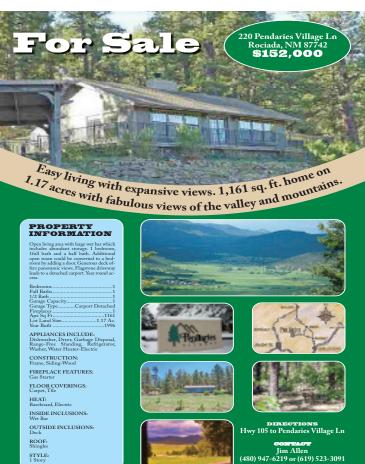
You might ask, so what do you do with all the fish you catch? Our families and friends have a huge appetite for fresh, quality seafood. We start with sushi, then we grill and bake; we also do a lot of smoking and canning. So, the answer to your question is we put all of our catches to very good use and are rewarded not only with excellent meals, but also smiles on many faces.

Now you may have another question: If you are having so much fun, why do you want to sell the boat? And, that's a good question. The answer: We live in changing times and priorities change; at this stage of my life, I am considering different options one being a larger vessel in a boat slip in a marina.

The Time Has Come

The time has arrived when Reel Busy is going to give us all some sad faces as we say goodbye. However, we'll treasure our great memories of times with her and also know and also know she will put smiles on the faces of the new owners







late condition, (under cover storage) and decked out for fishing. Furuno 1834C, Simrad AP, Lowrance HDS Gen2 Side Scan. Numerous additional options and upgrades with specific focus to enhance "catch-a-bility".

Contact and Owner: John (Mike) Rooney 760 889-7060 • Email: reelbusy2@cox.net









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Update your boating safety knowledge

Arizona Game and Fish: boaters must "Clean. Drain and Dry"

Citations issued to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

PHOENIX - To protect Arizona lakes, rivers and streams from the dev astating effects of invasive species, Arizona Game and Fish laws require boaters and anglers to "Clean, Drain and Dry" their boats and pull the boat plug when leaving any affected waterway Failure to do so may result in a citation for the boat owner and possible

Game and Fish has stepped up enforcement because invasive species have found their way into several Arizona lakes and rivers after being transported from one body of water to another. Inattention by boaters has already introduced invasive species such as quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, didymo, giant salvinia, apple snails, whirling disease and Largemouth Bass Virus throughout the state.

In 2009, the Arizona Legislature passed the Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Act (A.R.S. §17-255), authorizing regulatory measures making the Game and Fish Department responsible for establishing mandatory protocols to stop the spread and transport of these invasive organisms, and enforcing public compliance with these protocols

To help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species, it is illegal for boaters and anglers to transport water, live fish or fish body parts from one body of water to another. Law enforcement offi-cers will cite boaters who fail to wipe down their boat, pull the plug, and drain all water whenever leaving an AIS-affected water

"Going through the steps to prevent the spread of AIS is easy and should become as routine as securing your boat to its trailer," said Chris Cantrell, Chief of Fisheries for Arizona Game and Fish. "Doing this every time you pull your boat out of the water is the best way to protect your boat, and your favorite places to boat and fish in Arizona.

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

January 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary	January 18 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Suddenlink Center 2380 3rd Street, Room 704 Bullhead City	\$30	(928) 219-4836 jcarpie1@gmail.com
Coast Guard Auxiliary	January 18 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Bass Pro SHop 1133 N Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 437-0944 boatingsafety@a1141008. uscgaux.ino

February 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary	February 1 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Suddenlink Center 2380 3rd Street, Room 704 Bullhead City	\$30	(928) 219-4836 jcarpie1@gmail.com
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 4 4 p.m 10 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	February 15 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 437-0944 boatingsafety@a1141008. uscgaux.ino
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 15 10 a.m 3 p.m. (Kayak Class)	Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 West Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	February 15 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Suddenlink Center 2380 3rd Street, Room 704 Bullhead City	\$30	(928) 219-4836 jcarpie1@gmail.com
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 22 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

2014 Arizona Hunting and Fishing Licenses on sale

(PHOENIX) - Arizona 2014 Hunting and Fishing licenses and nonpermit tags are now available at any Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office and at Arizona sporting goods retailers and other authorized license dealers. Licenses may also be purchased online at www.azgfd.gov. Starting in 2014, Arizona Hunting and Fishing licenses are good for one year from the date purchased. Get out and enjoy hunting and fishing in the New Year!

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Filing a Float Plan

Before going out on a vessel, it is always a good idea to leave a float plan with a relative or friend, or at least with a local marina.

- A float plan should:
 - Describe the vessel, including its registration number, length, make, horsepower, and engine type.
 - State where you are going, the detailed route, and your expected return time.
 - Give the name, address, and tele phone number of each person on board and an emergency contact.
 - Include the description and license plate of the tow vehicle and trailer, and tell where they will be located.
- Notify the person who has your float plan when you return or if you decide to extend your time on the water



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International Sportsmen's Expo Comes To Phoenix

Dates: Feb. 20-23, 2014

University of Phoenix Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305

Hours

Thursday — 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Friday — 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday — 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tickets

\$12, Adults; Free, Youth and Children under 16; Free, Active Military with Mili-

Parking

Free parking is included with paid admission.

No pets, please.



THIS IS THE PLACE — to be Feb. 20-23, 2014 when the International Sportsmen's Expo and Arizona Boat Show™ comes to Phoenix. For "everything outdoors," be sure to come to the University of Phoenix Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305. You'll be glad you did!

Our 14th annual Sportsmen's Expo will include the Arizona Boat Show, hosted by the valley's top dealers. Show-goers will capture the best buys on boats for fishing and family fun, accessories and more.

Plus, there will be hundreds of fishing,

hunting and outdoor-product and service companies. And, come learn from experts at the giant Aquarium Tank and the Adven-ture Theater. Two all-new trophy displays spotlight elk and deer. Watch or participate in contests: DockDogs, and Team Humphries Pop-Up Archery — bring your

Check out the Youth Fair — help pass on our traditions to the next generation.

ISE is proud to once again support the Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council, whose valley-wide Scout-o-Rama takes place Saturday, outside the stadium's giant silver dome.

 Camping and survival seminars by inventor and owner of Scottsdale-based Gear Up,Tim Ralston, from National Geo-graphic's *Doomsday Preppers* TV

• Expanded sales of camping, hunting

and boating products

• Finest-ever lineup of experts in

RMEF's Adventure Theater, including the hosts of Davidson's Gallery of Guns TV and The Outfitters, plus Arizona top hunters Randy Ulmer and Steve Chappell

Shooting-safety clinics, hosted by Shooter's World

Two new trophy displays — Eastmans Deer and RMEF's Great Elk

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 Among the favorite and best-attended events of the year is Arizona Game & Fish's Outdoor Expo. Save the dates: March 29-30, 2014 and join the fun at Ben Avery Shooting Facility. One of the best parts of this family friendly, exciting event is that both admission and parking are

Mark Your Calendar For Game & Fish's 2014 Outdoor Expo One of Arizona's favorite outdoor events is free and free!

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo will be held on Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, 2014, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

The free event offers loads of activities.

presentations and exhibits for everyone ranging from novices to seasoned outdoor recreationists. Activities and attractions include the following:

· Live wildlife exhibits (hawks, reptiles, small mammals, more).

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· Learn target archery and get tips from

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Elisabeth Jean (Lisa) Brookes-Haws Oct. 31, 1964-Dec. 20, 2013



Lisa and Paul celebrate Kelsee's 16th birthday.

Lisa, we'll forever treasure the pre-



Kelsee and Lisa In Havasu City For





A Christmas Past: Sisters Chelle and Christi, Lisa, and mother, Carol





Lisa and Her Youngest Sister Chelle

Fire Fighter/EMT degree from Mesa Community College, and entered her career with Rural Metro Fire Department as a FF/EMT, and later, as a 911 dispatcher and

> Lisa continued until she retired to care for her daughter Kelsee Pearl. (Much to Lisa's delight, Kelsee is following in her mother's footsteps, now in training herself to be a Firefighter/ EMT.)

Lisa loved music (and could really sing country!), all animals (including her horses), the outdoors, decorating, crafts, flower arranging, movies, shopping for bargains, giving to others, and above all, her family





A Birthday Cake for Kelsee: Her dad Paul, little Kelsee, and her mother Lisa

cious years we shared - Her Mother, Carol L. Allen Beloved daughter, mother, wife, sister, and friend: Lisa was a loving, giving, kind, bright, funny, beautiful young woman, and oh, so much more. Born in Calgary,

Canada, Lisa graduated from Central Memorial High School, excelled in swimming, and began her service to others as a young member of St. John's Ambulance (a first-aid service organization).

The Life She Loved

was Lisa's

favorite

She moved with her family to Arizona in 1982, and while working as a florist, began studying for her career choice as a first responder. Lisa successfully

completed her Fire Academy,

Evil'

Chandler.





Sisters: Lisa, Christi, Chelle Coloring



Lisa's Graduation from Fire Academy: (She is in the first row, second from the right.)

The Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert, and hear the weakest shout, quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling, to give the best in me, to guard my friend and neighbor, and protect his property. And, if according to Your will, must answer death's call, bless with your protecting hand, my family one and all.

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PUT SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Great Hiking Trails Await You Now

By Margie Anderson M.L.Anderson@cox.net

Early Spring Hikes: Being able to hike year 'round is one of the many blessings of living in Arizona. In the winter, you hike in the desert; in the summer, you head for the mountains.

And now, if we've had decent winter rains, wildflowers will start to show up in mid-February and continue through the middle of June. They will be particularly abundant from mid-March through April, making hikes at that time of year almost unbelievably gorgeous.

For the three and a quarter million people who live in the Phoenix area, great hiking trails are easy to access – there are lots of trails within the city limits, and plenty of spacious parks and preserves just on the edge of town. Some of these trails can be so dearly loved that hiking is more like a morning commute: crowded and noisy.



The Treasure Loop Trail takes you right up to the roots of the Superstitions. (Margie and John Anderson with their fabulous French Brittany, Rose.)



The view from the top of Lookout Mountain: Emily Anderson (L) and Ericka Ross (R).

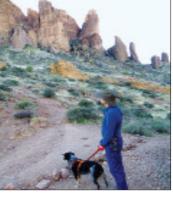
Camelback Mountain trails and Piestewa Peak can be like that. But, nearby are trails that are lesser known but every bit as much fun. Do you like to climb? Maybe even to the point where you have to use your hands as well as your feet to scramble up a steep trail? Have I got a hike for you!

Lookout Mountain

Lookout Mountain is part of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve and is located between Greenway and Bell roads around 16th Street. You can get to the Lookout Mountain Summit trail by taking Greenway Parkway to 16th Street, then take 16th Street north until it dead ends at the trailhead parking lot.

Be Prepared

There are no tables or restrooms or water — so be prepared. The trail is only about a mile total, and it's an out-and-back trail. In the half-mile or so to the top you'll gain almost 500 feet of elevation. The trail begins at the south end of the parking lot and you'll hike southwest for less than 200 yards to a post that marks the junction of the Summit Trail and the Circumference Trail. Take the left fork (trail



Treasure Loop Trail near the Parying Hands: Many people bring their dogs on this trail, and it is gorgeous!

We took a difficult way up the first time because we didn't know which trail was the "real" trail, but on the way down, we realized that the best trail is marked by large white spots that someone has painted on the rocks. Still, you're going to have to use your hands now and then - the trail is narrow and steep and the rocks are



Jonathon Beeman and Trinity Anderson take a breather at the saddle of Lookout Mountain. The view from here is great, but not as good as the one from the top!

You'll hike along an old road part of the way, and then zig-zag up the hill until you reach the saddle between the two peaks. If you go west you'll have a very short hike to the smaller peak.

Go east (left) and head up to the higher peak. At this point (and even before this, to a degree), the trail can get confusing. People have tried so many ways to get to the top that there are many paths worn into

Soon At The Top

This part of the climb is mercifully short and before you know it you'll be at the top. Your reward is a small flat area that gives you a glorious 360-degree view of the Valley of the Sun. I hope you haven't forgotten your camera! Be extra careful going back down - those loose rocks can make you lose your footing pretty easily.

If you'd rather skip the climbing and just take a nice walk around the mountain, the Circumference Trail is the one for you. This trail is a loop and is about 2.6 miles

You can find maps of this trail and many others at the City of Phoenix Web site at http://phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/north/hiking/index.html

Treasure Loop Trail -**Superstition Mountains**

I must admit that I am partial to loop trails. On an out-and-back trail, you simply go back the same way you came, and I figure I've already seen that! It's true that you do notice things coming back that you didn't notice on the way out, but I still love

One Of My Favorites
One of my favorites is the Treasure Loop Trail in the Superstitions. This loop trail is less than two and a half miles total and takes you right up to the roots of the Superstition Mountains. A little side hike will get you to the Praying Hands rocks.
The trail starts at the Lost Dutchman

State Park on the Apache Trail (Arizona Highway 88). Once you get to the park, pay the entry fee (\$7.00 per car) and follow the road to the Cholla Day Use Area.



Ericka Ross and Emily Anderson on the Summit Trail at Lookout Mountain

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IT'S BIG! Bill Luke Bass Days Set For March 14-16

Bill Luke Bass Days is the Southwest's largest family fishing tournament and festival — held March 14, 15, 16 at Lake Pleasant. This year's is sure to be one of our biggest events!

For the fishermen, we are featuring over \$50,000 in cash prizes. For everyone, we will have a day and night time festival featuring a Cornhole Tournament, carnival rides, vendors, food, wildlife exhibits and live music.

Tournament Prize List

The prizes for this year's Bass Days Tournament are spectacular. This year's overall big bass will take home the \$10,000 Grand Prize, but daily winners take home over \$3,000. This year we have added 3 more hourly prizes each hour now paying out the top 10 per hour

Sign-Up Has Begun

Online Entry/Sign Up began Jan. 8 and ends Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. But, don't worry; if you miss this date, you can still enter at the lake!

For the Cornhole Tournament, sign-up ends Thursday, March 13

Tournament Times

The Bill Luke Bass Days 2014 Fishing Tournament starts at sunrise on Friday, March 14 at 4:30 a.m. and goes until Sunday, March 16 - with the scales opening at 7:30 a.m.

The Cornhole Tournament starts with registration from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, and the event itself goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More About The Cornhole Tourney

Bill Luke Bass Days 2014 is hosting its second annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 15. Open to the public, the cost is \$60 per team, with payouts for the top four teams: \$1,500, \$750, \$500, and \$250. Come out and enjoy the weather and enjoy a cool beverage while tossing some bags in our huge grass area lakeside. Enter online.

Tournament Fishing

Bill Luke Bass Days is a bass, catfish, and carp tournament at Lake Pleasant in Peoria, Ariz. Qualifying fish for the general bass tournament are the largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

Bill Luke Bass Days is all about fishing and family. We take pride in our practices and work closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and other wildlife organizations to ensure the fish are released humanely. Our in-house deep release procedures allow us to release all of the fish back into the habitat without use of side fizzing or other needling practices.

Striped Bass Option

If you participate in the striped-bass option, you can bring in striped bass to be weighed. ("Stripers" can be quite large.)

ACCA Catfishing

This year we are proud to welcome the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association. The Arizona Catfish Conservation Association, (ACCA) is a non-profit organization with the goal to promote awareness and conservation for catfish in AZ lakes and rivers

The participants will catch Channel Catfish on Friday and Saturday, and Flathead Catfish on Saturday night.

For More Information

For more information and/or to register now, visit www.billlukebass.com

Get Ready For Some Good Catchin'

By Nick Walter, AZGFD

Hello, anglers,

Get ready for more winter trout stockings; they began Jan. 13 in the Verde River (Clarkdale to Camp Verde), Fain Lake, the Lower Salt River, Saguaro Lake, Patagonia Lake, Pena Blanca Lake, Fortuna Pond and Redondo Pond.

See our nifty Fish&Boat Arizona map for finding the state's best fishing and boating spots.

In addition to an incredible turnout for the kickoff fishing clinic and trout stocking at Pioneer Lake in Peoria, we received some great anglers reports and questions this week from those who emailed their stories to BFishing@AZGFD.gov. Keep 'em coming!

Oh in case you missed it see the full details of the new license structure. The new General Fishing licenses include bundled privileges: trout, two-pole fishing, Community Fishing privileges, and privileges for fishing Arizona's shared Colorado River waters with California and Nevada are now included in the price of the license (no need to buy separate stamps for those privileges).

Plus, licenses are now good for 365 days from the date of purchase instead of for just the calendar year. Buy a license

So let's get right to the good stuff.

O & A

I have a question. I want to take my grandson fishing with me at Lake Pleasant but we don't have a boat. Where are the



PIONEER PARK PRIZE caught this 22-inch, 5-pound rainbow trout on Jan. 7 at Peoria's Pioneer Park on spinning tackle.

best chances of catching something from the shore? Thanks. David S.

David - A good bet is the shoreline by the 10-lane boat ramp. Anglers have been known to have success catching stripers there. Kyle from Pleasant Harbor Marina said that just two weeks ago, a man caught a 20-pound striper from one of the banks near the ramp on anchovies. Try chumming with anchovies and following the chum by baiting with a cut anchovy (free-line it). Thanks for the question, and good

Hello I am looking a visit to your state and am interested in the Prescott area. Can you recommend a river or two that one might trout fish on in this area? Can you suggest an area in your state that has your best river fishing of trout as well? It's darn cold up here in Wisconsin. I need a break. Mike T.

Hi, Mike. Great question. And glad you're coming to Arizona to get warm

and fish! There isn't a wild trout fishery in the Prescott area (if that's what you're looking for), but if you're coming during the spring, the weather is perfect to target the roundtail chub, which are better fighters than rainbow trout and often give an even better tug than smallmouth bass. Plus, it is native to Arizona. Try the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area for some roundtail chubs. It's near Paulden, about 30-40 minutes north of Prescott. See information on this area, including a map. Although it's now catch-and-release-only, this can be some great fishing using spinners, crappie jigs or flies.

If you just want to catch trout, we stock rainbows during the winter. See the stocking schedule

Finally, if you're feeling ambitious and are willing to drive a few hours, Lees Ferry in northern Arizona is one of the best clear-running tailwater fisheries in the country for catching wild rainbow trout. It's a can't-miss fishing destination that has some of the best red-rock canyon wall formations you'll ever see. See what I mean. Don't miss out.

And thanks for the question! - Nick

Angler Reports

Alex M. pulled out two trout in Green Valley Park in Payson. The weather was a little cold in the morning. The bait was Power Bait and he used 10-pound line.

Alex just got his \$5 license (he's 11). He definitely earned that license fee! We were really excited that he could have

See CATCHIN' on page 14







Tackle & Target

LAKE POWELL REPORT

The Fishing Season Is Off To A Good Start

By Wayne Gustaveson

Ron Colby started the Lake Powell fishing season off right by catching his personal best striper which weighed 13.33 pounds.

It had been a while since Colby and friends had fished at Lake Powell so they were excited to finally get back out on the smooth clear water reflecting images of tall red rocks. They started fishing in Navajo Canyon where striper fishing reports were good from the week before but his group had no success there.

After a fishless morning, they ran back to the starting point at Wahweap and then on to Lone As often happens, a slow fishing day in one spot equals a slow day over the entire lake. By mid-afternoon the spirits were down and reluctant anglers were starting to think about heading back without any fish.

But Colby was driving the boat and kept them out there for a few more minutes while he searched for any sign of fish. At 4 p.m. a lone school of stripers lit up the graph. Spoons

dropped right into the school were immediately consumed and all the school fish were hungry. In the next 30 minutes, 45 stripers were caught

and placed in the live well. The school was found in 45 feet of water. It makes one wonder if the fish in Navajo Canyon began feeding at the same

On the very next day the re-energized Colby fishing group went farther uplake and immediately found a nice striper school in Gunsight Canyon. They started catching the little ones and worked on filling the live well when the school of small fish skeedaddled.

A few larger fish continued to hit the spoons and Colby was surprised when the 5-pounder he thought he was playing suddenly turned into a 13pound monster when it saw the boat and headed for the bottom. After a few minutes of searching for a net that hadn't been used in a while, the big fish was landed, weighed and admired for about 30 seconds before the group went back to fishing for schooling stripers.

See SEASON on page 18



A GOOD START — Ron Colby, Page, Ariz., started the fishing year at Lake Powell off right by catching a 13.3 pound striper on Jan. 4. Fishing is not fast but dropping spoons vertically where bottom depth is 45 feet in the backs of canyons may be rewarded by a bunch of small stripers or one quite a bit bigger.



FROM AZGFD **Enjoy Hunting And** Fishing In The New Year

The 2014 Arizona Hunting and Fishing licenses and tags have been available at most Arizona sporting goods retailers and other authorized license dealers beginning Jan 1. Delivery of these items to dealers was delayed by production issues, but Game and Fish Department officials took extra measures to ensure that licenses and tags would be in stores on time.

Arizona Hunting and Fishing licenses for 2014 may also be purchased online at www.azgfd.gov. Customers who want to buy their annual license and seasonal nonpermit tags in person can purchase them at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices, or from the supply already delivered to dealers.

Non-permit tags from this supply may look and feel a little different, and are not made of the normal adhesive "tear-resistant" material, but they are authentic and valid for the take of wildlife. Tagging instructions are printed on the back of the permits

Starting in 2014, Arizona Hunting and Fishing licenses are good for one year from the date purchased. Non-permit tags for various wildlife hunts are valid for specific seasons and areas as described in the regulations.

Customers with other questions can call the Game and Fish Department at (602) 942-3000





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Game & Fish Commission, Department Of Emergency & Military Affairs Agree On Camp Navajo Hunt Rules

Parties agree on rules for 2014 elk and pronghorn hunts on Arizona National Guard facility.

After working together for more than a year, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) have agreed on rules for the 2014 elk and pronghorn hunting seasons at Camp Navajo, a secure military installation west of Flagstaff operated by the Arizona Army National Guard.

The agreement meets the security and operational requirements of Camp Navajo, honors the service of men and women in the military, achieves wildlife management objectives, and provides for participation by the general public.

Arizona Game and Fish Department's

Flagstaff Regional Supervisor Craig Mc-Mullen said, "Game and Fish and the Arizona National Guard have agreed on new rules that allocate the majority of 2014 hunting opportunities at Camp Navajo to uniformed military and honorably retired veterans from all branches of the armed forces, disabled veterans and Wounded Warriors.

A Win For All

Part of the opportunity is still retained for the general public. Both parties believe this model provides a win for wildlife management, the military, and the general

The agreement clarifies the eligibility qualifications for the 2014 elk and pronghorn hunts and tag allocations, and represents a change from previous years. Elk and pronghorn tags will be offered in the





following categories through the upcoming elk and antelope draw:
"Wounded Warrior" –

- Purple Heart recipients and enrollees in the Military's Wounded Warrior program,

"Disabled Veteran" (DAV) — Requires a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certification of a service-connected disability of 50 percent or greater, or an Arizona Game and Fish Department Disabled Veteran's hunting license (requires 100 percent disability),

"Military" — Uniformed active duty and honorably retired personnel from all military services and components, but not civilian employees on a military facility who do not otherwise meet these criteria,

"Other" - All eligible applicants, including civilians, military, disabled veter-ans, Wounded Warriors, members of the National Guard, and any other applicant who is eligible to hunt in the state of Ari-

Distribution of elk tags for the 2014 season was established in the agreement as follows: 12 Wounded Warrior tags, 25 Disabled Veterans tags, 88 Military tags, and

The Commission also approved four "archery only" buck pronghorn antelope tags that will be available for the Military category only.

"All pronghorn hunting opportunity is offered archery only to the military because the pronghorn spend all their time in an area of Camp Navajo where civilians are not allowed and where archery is the only weapon type authorized," McMullen

'This is an example of the effort by both agencies to strike a balance between security, wildlife management, and the appropriate allocation of hunting opportu-

Offered for the first time at Camp Navajo, the 2014 Wounded Warrior elk tag honors the service of veterans who have been injured or have become ill as a result of their service but may not qualify as Disabled Veterans. The Military category of tags is also new for 2014 as a way to expand Camp Navajo's longstanding tradition of specific hunting opportunity for members of our armed services.

Hunters wishing to apply for a Camp Navajo elk or pronghorn tag will need to visit the National Guard's Web site to see security and access restrictions and to get access to hunt numbers for the 2014 elk and pronghorn hunts. Because Camp Navajo is an active military installation, hunts may be cancelled whenever military necessity dictates.

The new Web site for 2014 Camp Navajo http://www.azguard.gov/CampNavajo.htm , is now available to hunters.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department appreciates the dedicated work and professionalism of the more than 8,000 Arizona Army and Air National Guard members in the state, and the critical services they provide to the nation and the citizens of Arizona. Since 2001, more than 10,000 Arizona Guardsmen have deployed in support of overseas contingencies.

Camp Navajo is the secure training destination for the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). The Arizona Army National Guard operates under DEMA. Established in 1942, this military installation is located west of Flagstaff on more than 28,000 acres of diverse terrain that includes modernized weapons ranges, land navigation courses, an air operations drop zone, more than 200 miles of tactical road networks, and 38 miles of rail. Camp Navajo is situated to meet Arizona's military requirements for full-spectrum operations.

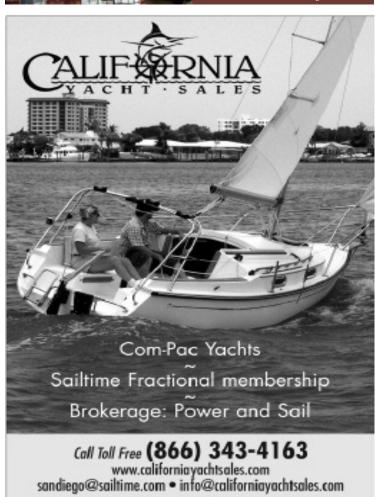


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Golden Eagles Take Flight

Three rehabilitated golden eagles have been released back into the wild.

Early in January, three golden eagles took flight back into the wild after being rehabilitated by the Arizona Game and Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center. The eagles varied in age, but all came to the Wildlife Center in the past two months due to injuries or poor

The rehabilitation staff provided med-ical treatment and strength conditioning and as a result, the eagles were ready to re join Arizona's wild golden eagle popula-tion. One of the eagles was found by a hunter near Prescott and information from the bird's identification band indicates it was born in Oregon last year.

Golden eagles are large, impressive raptors, but little information exists about their population and habits in Arizona. Growing conservation concerns have increased the demand for a better understanding of the current status of the species



IMPRESSIVE RAPTORS — Golden eagles are readily distinguished by their brown plumage, paler than most other Aquila, and pale nape patch. Golden eagles are large, impressive raptors, but little information exists about their population and habits in Arizona.

and its needs. The Game and Fish Department kicked off a multi-year population assessment in 2011 and already more than 160 breeding areas have been identified through helicopter surveys

The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center treats more than 1,000 sick and injured an-

imals annually and provides wildlife education at events and schools across the state, reaching more than 100,000 Arizonans a year. The facility was founded in 1983 and is operated by Game and Fish through support from the Heritage Fund (Arizona lottery dollars).

FREE SEMINAR - Would you like to know more about one of our great symbols of national pride – the bald eagle? Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists will conduct their annual educational seminar for the public on bald eagle natural history at the department's Pinetop office on Sat-urday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m.

Learn More About The Bald Eagle

Free bald eagle workshop in Pinetop on Feb. 1 offers insight into the great American symbol.

From AZGFD

PINETOP, Ariz. - Would you like to know more about one of our great symbols of national pride – the bald eagle? Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists will conduct their annual educational seminar for the public on bald eagle natural history at the department's Pinetop office on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m.

The program is free to the public and will consist of a classroom presentation about bald eagle life history, identification, behavior patterns and current status in Arizona and North America. The classroom portion of the seminar will be followed by an optional field trip to a local lake to observe eagle behavior first-hand.

Participants are advised to dress appropriately for weather conditions and to bring binoculars or a spotting scope for improved observation.

Research suggests there were as many as a half a million bald eagles in North America before European settlement; however, their numbers tumbled to less than 500 nesting pairs in the lower 48 states by the late 1960s, just prior to the passage of the Endangered Species Act.

The specie's tremendous population drop was blamed on habitat loss and use of the pesticide DDT, which collected in fish the eagles fed on and disrupted the birds' fertility and egg production. Bald eagles are a true wildlife conservation success story with an estimated 70,000 bald eagles in North America today.

Arizona's bald eagles are also flour-

ishing and continue to set productivity records year after year thanks in part to the oversight of the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee, a coalition of 26 government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes. Bald eagles in Arizona were removed from the federal Endangered Species Act in 2011.

Dan Groebner, a nongame specialist in the department's Pinetop region, says, "Most of Arizona's bald eagles are snowbirds. They move down from the north in December, are commonly seen perched at White Mountain lakes and reservoirs in January and February, and begin moving back north by March.

In recent years though, more pairs have decided to stay in the White Mountains to breed and raise young in the summer"
For more information on bald eagles,

visit www.azgfd.gov/baldeagle. For questions on the seminar, call the Pinetop of-fice at (928) 367-4281.

THE BALD EAGLE

American Symbol Has Amazing Life Story

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Focus On Rebirth

The eagle has the longest life span of all birds; it can live up to 70 years. But, to reach this age, an eagle has to make a

In its 40s, its long and flexible talons can no longer grab the prey that serves as its food. Its long and sharp beak becomes bent. Its old-age and heavy wings, due to the thick feathers, become stuck to its chest and make it difficult to fly.

Then, the eagle is left with only two options: die or go through a painful process of change that lasts 150 days.

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When the new talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking its old-age feathers. And, after five months, the eagle takes

its famous flight of rebirth and can now live for 30 more years.

Other Eagle Details

When it rains, most birds head for shelter; the eagle is the only bird that, in order to avoid the rain, starts flying above

An amazing tidbit about the eagle's eyesight: The eagle can probably identify a rabbit moving almost a mile away. That means that an eagle flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position.

From An Anonymous Ornithologist





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Arizona State Parks Hosts The Director's Historic And **Archaeological Preservation Series**

Arizona State Parks Director Bryan Martyn is coordinating public meetings and will travel across the state in a new program called "The Director's Historic and Archaeological Preservation Series' that will focus on Arizona's historic and cultural treasures.

The Arizona State Parks department not only manages all 27 State Parks, but also the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which has various roles in 90 communities across the State. Martyn will engage local leaders, residents, museum leaders and other preservation enthusiasts in discussions about Arizona's important historic and archaeological resources

SHPO manages the nationally acclaimed Site Steward program that protects archaeological resources throughout Arizona. The program has more than 1,000 volunteers to oversee millions of acres of state/federal and tribal land. (Watch video: Harrison Ford www.AZS-tateparks.com/SHPO/index.html).

The SHPO also reviews properties for the National Register of Historic Places, reviews actions that might affect historic properties, provides technical assistance to historic property owners and Certified Local Governments, and oversees historic matching grants.

Martyn says, "I am planning meetings about our important historic and archaeo-logical resources that need to be preserved and promoted for tourism, such as the historic State Parks. But I also am interested in supporting the 'Main Street Program' which is now managed by the State Historic Preservation Office.
"I hope to start a dialogue about how

we can work together to protect resources and re-adapt or re-use historic resources and focus on how these resources provide economic benefits for the communities. My goal is to bring attention to critical historic structures and how they could be protected through adaptive re-use."

A schedule of each town visited will be

oosted on AZStateParks.com (Director's Series) and the public is welcome to contact him about issues in their communities as they relate to historic and cultural resources and talk with him while he is

Follow the series on Twitter and Facebook at AZStateParks. If you would like to contact the director, e-mail pio@azstateparks.gov. (Below are the remaining preliminary sites to visit with a final schedule posted on the Web site weekly.)

Historic and Archeological **Preservation Series Schedule**

Jan. 20 — Yuma: Main Street, Yuma Territorial Prison SHP, Yuma Quartermas-ter Depot SHP, National Historic District

Jan. 21 — Quartzsite/Parker: High Jolly Tomb, Main Street Programs Jan. 24 — Florence: McFarland SHP,

Pinal County Courthouse, Main Street

Jan. 28 — Camp Verde/Jerome: Fort Verde SHP, Jerome SHP, Mine Museum, Main Streets, Gold King Mine

Feb. 5 - Phoenix: ASU historic buildings, David Wright House, A.E. England Bldg., Tovrea Castle, Pioneer Cemetery, Orpheum Theater

Feb. 7 — Superior/Miami/Globe: Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP, Picket Post House, Besh-Ba-Gowah, Main

Feb. 11 — Wickenburg/Kingman: Route 66 Museum

Feb. 12 - Kingman/Prescott: Hoover Dam, Sharlot Hall Museum, Courthouse Square, Arizona's First Territorial Capitol (Chino Valley)

Feb. AJO/Gila Bend



ROUTE 66 - One of the stops Arizona Parks Director Bryan Martyn will make during "The Director's Historic and Archaeological Preservation Series" — that will focus on Arizona's historic and cultural treasures — is scheduled for Feb. 11 in the Wickenburg/Kingman area's Route 66

Painted Rock

Feb. 21 — Tucson/Tubac/Nogales: San Xavier Mission, Tubac SHP, Tumacacori, Bowman Hotel

Feb. 22 - Green Valley: Ruby, Titan Missile Museum

Feb. 25 — Sierra Vista/Tombstone: Fort Huachuca Black Officer's Club, Tombstone Courthouse SHP, Main Streets

Feb. 26 — Bisbee, Warren, Douglas: Warren Baseball Park, Naco (Fort Naco) March 1 — Tucson: Kickoff to Archaeology Month - Catalina SP

For more information about the Director's Historic and Archaeological Preservation Series or for information about all of the Arizona State Parks visit AZStateParks.com or call (602) 542-4174



BLM Sets Fee-Free Days For 2014

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related day-use fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (January 20); Presidents' Day weekend (February 15 - 17); National Public Lands Day (September 27); and Veterans Day (November 11) in 2014.

There are over 12 million acres of BLM Public Lands in Arizona to visit, enjoy and explore. Fee-free days provides a great opportunity to visit a new area, and explore the

wonder of your public lands in Arizona.

"Arizonans have long recognized the value of open space, and beauty of the public lands. This provides a great opportunity to explore and enjoy your public lands," said BLM Arizona State Director Raymond Suazo

Site standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, and group day-use, will remain in effect. In Arizona, day-use fees will be waived at the fol-

Area	Site Name	Contact Number
Arizona Strip	Virgin River Gorge Recreation Area	(435) 688-3200
Kingman	Burro Creek, Wild Cow Springs and Windy	(928) 718-3700
	Point Recreation Sites.	
Lake Havasu	Crossroads and Empire Landing campgrounds,	(928) 505-1200
	Bullfrog Day-use Area, and the 87 Lake Havasu	
	boat-in campsites	
Phoenix	Painted Rock Campground and Painted Rocks	
	Petroglyph Day Use Area	(623) 580-5500
Safford	Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area	(928) 348-4400
Tucson	St. David Cienega/Land Corral, Fairbank	(520) 258-7200
	Historic Townsite, San Pedro House and	
	Hereford Bridge Trailheads	
Yuma	Squaw Lake Campground and Boat Launch,	(928) 317-3200
	Senator Wash Boat Ramp and Day Use Area,	
	Senator Wash North and South Shore	
	campgrounds, Oxbow Recreation and Wildlife	
	Area and Ehrenberg Sandbowl Off-Highway	
	Vehicle Area (Betty's Kitchen Watchable	
	Wildlife Area remains closed due to the	
	Laguna Fire in 2011)	

The BLM manages more land - over 245 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to

sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock graz-ing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.





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Camp In Style At White Tank Mountain Regional Park

birds alike pack-up their RV's and head out to explore new and familiar territories has arrived! This year, however, those who set their sights on White Tank Mountain Regional Park will be pleasantly surprised by the addition of several new services.

"During the slower season, the park shut down the Family Campground so they could install electrical hook-ups, run waterlines and level the campsites. The work has been completed, and the sites are once again available for reservations," said Maricopa County Board of Supervisor Clint Hickman, District 4.

"We're pleased to be able to offer the new services to our visitors and believe they will help to enhance their stay at the park," added R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department director. "In addition to these improvements, we're also in the process of finalizing plans for the installation of an RV Dump Station at the park for camper and recreational vehicle use."

The campsites feature a large parking



Petroglyphs In White Tank Mountain Regional Park



Clouds Over White Tank Mountain Regional Park

area to accommodate up to a 45 ft. RV, water and electrical hook-ups (50 amp. pedestals), a picnic table, barbecue grill and a fire ring. Sites vary in dimension. Visitors will also find a family friendly play area at the campground as well as restrooms that offer flush toilets and show-

All campsites may be reserved online at http://maricopacountyparks.org. "The reservation system includes photos of the pads, site dimensions and a level rating," said Cardin. There is a \$25 per night fee for each site.

The campsite project scope of work included the installation of four new electrical service entrance stations with pads, APS transformer pads, 40 campsite pedestals and installation, trenching, conduit work. Total costs for the project were approximately \$227,841.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park is located at 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Road in Waddell. For additional information about the park, visit www.maricopa. gov/parks/white tank.

Grand Canyon To Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day With Free Entry

Grand Canyon National Park will be joining national park units across the country in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with fee-free entry into the park on Monday, Jan. 20.
Park visitors are reminded that fee-free

designation applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping, reservations, tours, or use of concessions. Park

entrance stations will have the Interagency Senior and Annual Passes available for those who wish to purchase them. Visitors who plan to spend time in the park beyond January 20 will need to pay the regular entrance fee for the remainder of their stay.

Grand Canyon's South Rim sits at approximately 7,000 feet. As a result, visitors should be prepared for winter weather and driving conditions, and should be aware that road closures and temporary suspension of shuttle service may occur with little or no notice if winter weather passes through the area.

This year, additional fee-free days will occur in honor of Presidents Day (February 15-17), kick off to National Park Week (April 19-20), National Park Service Birthday (August 25), National Public Lands Day (September 27) and Veterans Day (November 11).

For more information on what there is to see and do in Grand Canyon National Park. Please visit the park's website www.nps.gov/grca. For more on national park fee-free days, go to http://www.nps. gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm



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Forest Service Clarifies Miscommunication About Trailers

Forest visitors comping and actively engaging in hunting or other recreational activities on the Coconina, Kuibab or Prescott National Forests are not at risk of being cited or hav-ing their property considered abandoned after 72 hours

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a clarification to address concerns that were raised

in the months following an August news release. The release stated that trailers left unat-tended for more than 72 hours on the Coconino, Kaibab or Prescott National Forests could be considered abandoned property and subject to removal, with the owner subject to pos-

The news release caused husters, other outdoor recreationists, county sheriffs, the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission, and elected officials to express concerns about what appeared to be an unprecedented change in the Forest Service's 14-day stay limit for camping. The Forest Service's clarification indicates this is not the case.

The full clarification notice, written by Mike Williams, Katbab National Forest super-

vizor, and Earl Stewart, Coconino National Forest supervisor, was recently sent to media outlets around Arizona and is reprinted below. Also, a clarification letter was sent by U.S. Forest Service Chief Tone Tidwell to Senator John McCain.

Northern Arizona Forests Welcome Hunters

By Mike Williams, Kaibab National Forest Supervisor, and Earl Stewart, Coconino National Forest Supervisor

We are concerned that hunters may have recently been given the impression that they are at risk of having their trailers or other vehicles towed while visiting the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests in northern Arizona. This is simply not true, and we want to set the record straight in the hopes of reducing any residual anxi-

eties that our forest visitors might have. Back in August, the Forest Service distributed a news release that attempted to explain rules regarding abandoned property on the National Forests. The intent of the release was to provide information and clarification on a growing issue facing forest managers. We regret the confusion and concern, particularly among the hunting community in Arizona, caused by

our miscommunication.

Clarification

Let us be 100 percent clear. Forest visitors camping and actively engaging in hunting or other recreational activities are not at risk of being cited or having their property considered abandoned after 72 hours. Hunters and other campers have never been required to move earnp every 72 hours and will not be required to do so

The Kaibab and Coconino National Forests are not implementing any new regulations or policies. Both forests have orders in place for a 14-day stay limit for camping occupancy.

Forest users may camp and occupy a site for as many as 14 days in a 30-day period. Most of our hunters and campers have long been familiar with this 14-day stay limit, and it has not changed.

Some Concerns

While we welcome legitimate uses of the national forests such as hunting and camping, we do have concerns about some other activities and uses that are becoming



all too common. Specifically, we have seen a steady increase of recreational trailers, vehicles and other personal property being abandoned on the Kaibab and Coconino forests in recent years.

The Forest Service has the authority and the obligation to remove abandoned property in order to protect the public from potential hazards and to keep the forests from becoming a dumping ground for unwanted items

We apply these regulations as a tool when appropriate to address this growing concern, consistent with state law. Practically speaking, visitors cited for abandon-ing vehicles and property represent an incredibly small percentage of the millions of visitors to the Kaibab and Coconino forests each year.

The number of abandoned vehicles towed is an even smaller percentage. We also make every effort to locate and contact owners of property that we suspect has been abandoned prior to any enforcement action being taken.

Outdoor Enthusiasts Welcome

The Kaibab and Coconino forests welcome hunters and other recreational visitors. We cherish our heritage of providing outstanding natural and cultural resources for members of the public to experience and enjoy. We have no interest in interfering with our visitors' legitimate uses of the forests, and we look forward to continuing our legacy of being a premiere destination for Arizona's hunters



Descending Lookout Mountain: You can see the lower peak in the background and a great view of Phoenix (looking west).

HIKING

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The trailhead is on the north side of the parking lot. There are restrooms, water and picnic tables in the Day Use Area.

The Treasure Loop Trail goes steadily uphill for the first mile or so. It's a very gentle slope until it intersects with Jacob's Cross-cut Trail, and then it's a little steeper but nothing major.

It's A Gorgeous Hike

It's a gorgeous hike that takes you straight toward the Superstitions, and, in fact, you get above some of the big rock formations. There are frequent benches if you need to catch your breath.

If you go early in the day, you'll be treated to the sight of the sun rising over the Superstitions. This also means that a large part of the trail will be in the shadow of the mountain, and it can be a bit chilly in the shade. Bring a sweater.

There are lots of opportunities for great photos on this trail. The mountains are

simply giant vertical rocks at this point pretty spectacular. And, here is something you may not know - the Superstition Mountains are actually the end result of the actions of three super-volcanoes. Some scientists believe that the Superstitions are netually the plug of an enormous

The Superstitions Are Beautiful

However they got there, the Supersti-tions are beautiful. If you get the chance to hike there, don't pass it up.

The Treasure Loop Trail is an easy hike. The only difficult parts are the steep bits and that is only because of loose gravel. Take a hiking stick and you'll be

We took our dog and so did lots of other people we saw on the trail. It is a popular hike, but you'll still have plenty of time to

You can find more information, including maps, here: http://aestateparks.com/ Parks/loDU/index.html



LISA

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Lisa's Family

Lisa left us far too early, and we grieve for her. However, we are sharing her joyful spirit in memories of our treas-



Lisa in a Typical Fun and Silly Mood.



Lisa and her dad Mike Brookes enjoy a hike together in Red Rock Country

ured times with her.

She is survived by her loving family: husband, Paul; daughter, Kelsee; father, Mike Brookes (and wife Maxine); mother, Carol Allen (and husband Jim), and two sisters, Christi (and husband David Proctor) and Chelle Brookes.

See LISA on page 19



Lisa and Gila River FF David Knaust after the funeral of a fallen firefighter and friend, Capt. Eric Tinkham.

CATCHIN'

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taken home more than two trout, but we called it quits early since we had a really good day! Thanks!

This fish was caught at the new Pioneer Park in Peoria, Ariz.on Jan 7. It was accidentally caught on my fly rod. "Accidentally" meaning she was trying to untangle some line when the fish hit. About a pound, maybe a little more. Her biggest fish to date. Fish were on the fly about every east. Fish was released unharmed. Have fun out there ...

Charles S. with a Colorado River re port from Picacho State Park to Imperial Dum: Water surface temps have been averaging around 52.4 degrees and fishing has been slow. But that doesn't mean that you cannot eatch a decent largemouth here and there.

Peggy and I went out one day and threw chrome/blue/orange Rat-L-Traps all day, and while we only bugged only three fish that particular day, one weighed at 3.9 pounds and made it all worth it. The fish in the picture wasn't anymore photogenic than I look in the picture, but after cranking miles of shoreline that was all I could master. But I assure you that I was happy inside. Water levels had been low to OK for the last 10 days, with a noticeable rise in water levels after the first of the year.

Community Fishing Program

PEORIA, Ariz. The Community Fishing Program kickoff event at Pioneer Lake was huge! The scout den lender of Cub Scout pack 618, rod in hand on Saturday, Jan. 4 during the first rainbow trout stocking and fishing clinic at Peoria's Pioneer Lake, turned to a cluster of eager young anglers, then swayed into a back-cast.

'The main rule," Cal Carlson said, "is look and see who's behind you."

Of the estimated three hundred anglers who encircled the shoreline at the recently opened Pioneer Community Park, this group of scouts had perhaps the most success catching the rainbow trout that the Arizona Game and Fish Department

had stocked the night prior. From Jan. 6-11, the lake that is marked by its spewing fountain is being stocked with incentive trout. The lake will be stocked every other week.

The Department-hosted event included a fishing clinic, loaner rods and bait, and kicked off the first of 15 new waters that are being added to the Community Fishing Program. See an www.azcentral.com video from the event.

Carlson cast a chunk of Power Bait and handed the rod to six-year-old Caden Chantel. For minutes, the boy was fixed on the red-and-white bobber some 15 feet. away, hardly flinching in his tiny fold-out

Then he caught a trout of about 12 inches, one of eight the group of scouts had caught by 10 a.m. - just one hour into

The 81-acre park on 8755 No. 83rd Ave. opened in September with a particularly posh playground area that includes swing sets and a splash ground. The park also beests four multipurpose ball fields, a dog park, picnic ramadas with grills, and a Heritage Garden for small events.

This area needed a lake like this, big time," said Al Schmidt of Surprise. "Because the closest one was in Surprise and Rio Vista is a pond, which means the limit is two trout (and catfish)."

Duily bug limits at Pioneer Lake are four catfish, four trout, two bass (13-inch minimum), 10 sunfish and one white amur (30-inch minimum). Statewide limits apply to other species.

For More Information

For more information on the park, call (623) 773-7137 or visit the park's page on the city of Peoria's website.

For more information on the CFP, including maps, fish stocking schedules, regulations and fishing tips, pick up a new and expanded 2014 Community Fishing Guidebook that is available at more than 300 license dealer locations and Game and Fish offices. The guidebooks are free.

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AWARDS

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Larry Audsley (Conservationist of the Year):

Julia Fonseca (Natural Resource Professional of the Year);

John Kulberg (Volunteer of the Year); Tom Brennan (Educator of the Year); John Griess (Mentor of the Year):

Senator Steve Pierce (Advocate of the Year):

Jim Rich (Buck Appleby Hunter Education Instructor of the Year);

Anita Waite and Sherwin Kochn (Wildlife Habitat Stewards of the Year); and

John Hervert (2013 North American Model Commissioner's Award).
All costs associated with the awards

banquet are paid for each year by ticket sales and sponsorship donations. More information is available at www.azgfd.gov/ commissionawards.

WEEKEND

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class on optics. There will also be a session on hunting javelina, and a varmintcall stand.

Jean Groen, author of "Foods of the Superstitions," will be on hand to give a presentation about edible and medicinal plants of the Southwest desert. The desert survival class is informative and fun.

Dutch oven classes will guide guests through the preparation of the evening meals. After dark, things always heat up.

There will be a fashion show, a wine and cheese tasting, and a javelina presentation.

The cost is \$380, and includes instruction, program materials, use of equipment, deluxe lodging and meals Friday evening through Sunday lunch.

Details of class descriptions can be found at www.azwildlife.orgor call 480-644-0077.

The Becoming and Outdoor Woman program is sponsored by Arizona Wildlife Federation with the support of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

BIRTHDAY

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King Jr. weekend. It's Arizona Yacht Club's premier event.

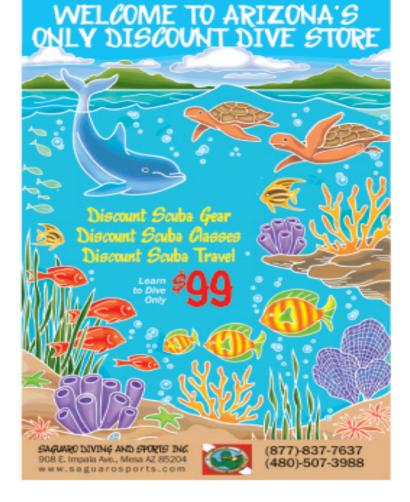
The expected classes at press time include Capri 14.2, Laser, Buccaneer, Portsmouth, Thistle, Catalina 22, Viper 640, Merit 25, Montgomery 17, Santana 20, PHRF spin, PHRF non-spin, Multi-Hull - or create your own one-design fleet, or just come out and cruise! Yes, this is a Leukemia Cup event,

though without the live auction of years past. We're still raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and invite you to sign up for the Leukemia Cup scoring on Saturday. The top-finishing eukemia Cup entrant in each floet will be the winner. Tony Chapman is heading up fundraising and invites you to begin collecting money and to set up a fundraising page. If you have questions, please contact him at (602) 956-5101.

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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Jan.

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BOATING

TEMPE TOWN LAKE: Jan. 26 start — AYC Lake Pleasant racing; register online. LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class. Registration is open now and the class often fills up fast. Other ASF classes are also ready for registration.

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Feb. 22 — 11th Annual APBA Mark Hahn Memorial Hayasu 300 – Crazy Horse Campgrounds, personal watercraft racing world's longest personal watercraft event, 300 mile team endurance race, begins at 10 am, free, 714-241-9600 or http://pwcfun.com/mark hahn300.asp

LAKE HAVASU: Feb. 8-15 — 7th Annual Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention The Nautical and London Bridge resorts, more than 110 sailors with their pocketsized sailboats, includes fun races, a show and shine, a poker run, and annual Grudge Match, http://www.sailhavasu.com

ARIZONA YACHT CLUB: BIRHT-DAY REGATTA, LEUKEMIA CUP: Jan. 17-19 — 54th Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta and Leukemia Cup-Pleasant Harbor Marina, participants from all over the U.S., 100 boats in 10 classes, sailboat race, benefits Desert Mountain States Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, free to spectators, 12:30 pm, http://www.arizonayachtclub.org. See story on page 1.

SAILING FORUM IN SAN **DIEGO:** Feb. 6-9 — US Sailing, the national governing body of the sport, will take the lead in hosting a groundbreaking event on Feb. 6-8, 2014 at the Hilton San Diego Resort. http://media.ussailing.org/ Latest News/2013/SLF 2014.htm

ASF SAILING CLASSES 2013 AND 2014: arizonayachtclub.org.

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

PHOENIX: Corks and Cactus: Feb. 22-- Desert Botanical Garden, guests can sample a variety of wines from different regions of the world and to talk with representatives from the different wineries, \$35, 1-5 pm, 480-481-8188 or http://www.dbg.org

APACHE JUNCTION: Feb. 15 — Celebrate Desert Gardening – Superstition Mountain Museum, http://www.supersti- tionmountainmuseum.org

PHOENIX: BECOMING AN OUT-DOORS WOMAN: Jan. 24-26 — Saguaro Lake Ranch, offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes, \$420 includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or http://www.azwildlife.org

QUARTZSITE: 32ND ANNUAL SPORTS, VACATION & RV SHOW: Jan. 18-26 — RVs, supplies, camping equipment, food, entertainment, free, 9 am 5 pm, 928-927-6888 or 800-969-5464 or http://www.quartzsitervshow.com



PHOENIX: CHIHULY: into May 2014 - Desert Botanical Garden, the exhibition will feature multiple installations and artworks on view throughout the Garden's trails by artist Dale Chihuly, Chihuly is credited with revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement and elevating the perception of the glass medium from the realm of craft to fine art, http://www.dbg.org/

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

PHOENIX: Feb. 2 — 62nd Annual Great Canadian Picnic – South Mountain Park, celebrate all things Canadian, with live music, games, bring a picnic or purchase, bring a donation for the food bank, free, 10 am - 3 pm, 480-255-5865 or http://www.canadianpicnic.com

QUEEN CREEK (SAN TAN VALLEY) STUDENTS TO UK: Spring Break 2014 -Call Poston Butte High School re: a taxdeductible contribution to help them

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FISHING

BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 14-16 - Lake Pleasant; see story on page 7.

LITCHFIELD PARK: Winter Trout Fishing Derby: Jan. 25 — Tierra Verde Lake Park, fish with more than 500 lbs of



CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING: April 9 — <u>The Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits</u> and <u>Arizona Grantmakers Forum</u> have announced the return of Arizona's statewide day of giving, presented by First Bank. The 24-hour online giving initiative encourages Arizonans to recognize and financially support the efforts of various nonprofits from across the state. Non-profits are still able to sign up for Arizona Gives Day.

SCOTTSDALE: Feb. 28-March 2 61st Annual Parada Del Sol Rodeo - West-World, rodeos, major dances, concerts, live country western music, children's activities, \$, Friday & Saturday 1 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm, 480-990-3179 or http://www.paradadelsol.org

GOLD CANYON: Feb. 8-March 30 -26th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival - a medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure, \$12-22, weekends & President's Day, 10 am - 6 pm, 520-463-2600 or http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/

SCOTTSDALE: Feb. 8 — 61st Annual Parada Del Sol Rodeo Parade - starts at Indian School Rd to Oak St. on Scottsdale Rd, free, 9 am, followed by Trail's End Party, 480-990-3179 or http://www.paradadelsol.org

trout stocked in the lake, food, prizes and giveaways, license not required for this event, must provide your own fishing equipment and bait, \$4 per pole 15 and under; \$6 per pole 16 and over, 7 am - 3 pm, http://www.litchfield-park.org

FISH C.C. CRAGIN FOR RAINBOW TROUT: Until April 1, 2014; AZGFD

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

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

TUCSON: Feb. 24- March 3 - 38th Annual Spring Grand American Trap Shoot -Tucson Trap & Skeet Club, annual tournament for competitive shotgun shooting at clay targets presented by Tucson Trap and 520-883-6426 Skeet Club. http://www.tucsontrapandskeet.com http://www.shootata.com

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CEN-**TER:** Current — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

SHOWS AND EXPOS

ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO: March 29-30 — At Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix; see story on page 4.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO AND ARIZONA BOAT SHOW: Feb. 20-23 — For "everything outdoors," be sure to come to the University of Phoenix Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305. See story on page 4.

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<u>Frozen Watersports:</u> FLAGSTAFF: 2014 DEW DOWN-TOWN FLAGSTAFF FESTIVAL: Feb. 8-9 — The 3rd annual Dew Downtown Urban Ski and Snowboard Festival will return to the streets of historic downtown Flagstaff on February 8-9, 2014. For participant registration information and schedule of events visit dewdowntownflagstaff.com. There is still availability for featured listings on the accommodations page of the Web site.

MESA: Feb. 8 — TRI Catching Cupid Reverse Spring and Youth Triathlon – Skyline Aquatic Facility, Adult TRI and Relay: 3.1 mile run, 12 mile bike, 400 yard swim; Youth: 1/2 mile run, 4 mile bike, 100 yard swim; Adult 5K: 3.1 miles, 7 am, 480-313-4350 or http://www.getsetaz com http://www.tricatchingcupid.com/

WILDLIFE-RELATED

BENSON: Feb. 8-9 — Cave Fest -Kartchner Caverns State P ark, live animal displays (reptiles with Tom Miscione & birds with Liberty Wildlife), children's activities & crafts, mining history & caving equipment display, plus a Speleothem cave formation display, a book signing by Conrad Storad, 10 am – 4 pm, <a href="http://AZS-pm, http://AZS-pm, http://az tateParks.com

WILLCOX: Through Jan. 19 - 21st Annual Wings Over Willcox Birding & Na-ture Festival – Willcox Community Center, a celebration of birds, nature and culture, includes guided tours and field trips for bird watching, photography, geology, ranching, agriculture, history and more, free seminars, a crafts and trade show, live animal educational booths, workshops, banquet, silent auction and keynote speaker, \$5-90, 800-200-2272 or http://www.wingsoverwillcox.com

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LAKE PLEASANT SAILING CLUB -If you own a sailboat and are looking for a fun group of people to sail with, consider The Lake Pleasant Sailing Club. Held every monthly except for July at Rolling Hill's 19th Tee (Rolling Hills Golf Course) 1405 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, Az. (where Van Buren turns into Mill Ave near Phoenix Zoo). info@lakepleasantsailing.com

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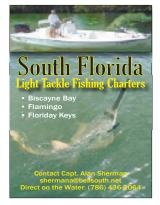


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SPORTFISHING





Ammons Appointed To Arizona Game & Fish Commission

Governor Jan Brewer recently announced the appointment of James R. Ammons to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

"A third-generation Yuma native and avid outdoorsman, Ammpms is wellversed both in business and wildlife issues," said Governor Brewer. "His diverse background and passion for preserving Arizona wildlife, habitats and resources will be a significant asset to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Mr. Ammons has owned and operated Yuma-based transportation service, River Cities Adjusters, since 1978. He previously was a board member of AEA Federal Credit Union (1981-94) and Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club (2007, 2010), which he also served as president (2004-06, 2008-09).

In this role, Mr. Ammons was in charge of implementing multiple annual waterwith the Arizona Game and Fish Departservation initiatives, including Sonoran was involved in BLM Recreation Management planning; and played an instrumental

He is a member of several Arizona wildlife associations — including Arizona Antelope Foundation; Arizona Mule Deer Association; Arizona Elk Society; and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation — and is a life member of the Wild Sheep Foundation; Grand Slam Club; Arizona Desert

Shot at Show Low Lake, she described her first fish - see this heart-warming, and hilarious, video.

Stay tuned for future additions of "Fish Stories," which will frequently appear here in print, online or on television

Tip Of The Week

Plus-size rainbow trout - most weighing 1-3 pounds but up to 8 pounds — have just been stocked into all of the Community Fishing Program waters. (All except the CFP waters that are yet to be included in the ongoing expansion.)

hole development projects in cooperation ment; contributed to various wildlife con-Pronghorn recovery projects and Kofa Mountains Bighorn Sheep herd concerns; role in implementing policy and bylaw changes that allowed membership for women after 70 years of operation.



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Fish Stories

Have a fond memory? An exciting experience? A funny situation? Or, just a special day on the water with family and friends enjoying Arizona's amazing outdoors? Email your story to bfishing@azgfd.gov, and we may share it with others online, in print, or on televi-

In the first video segment of "Fish Stories," we bring you "Rylee's First Fish."

Bighorn Sheep Society; and Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, where he was named Sportsman of the Year (2010). He attended

the University of Arizona.

Ammons has been appointed for a five-year term, effective Jan. 20, 2014.





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It must have been Colby's day because another monster hit his spoon. But this one came off before it could be netted. The school of big fish disappeared as they apparently followed the recently hooked fish to safety

I surmise that the feeding action of the small schooling fish attracted the attention of the larger fish. The small fish ran away from danger as the large fish began eating the spoons that the little ones were enjoy ing a few minutes earlier. One large fish was landed and another hooked before

coming unbuttoned and leading the rest of her schoolmates away from the danger

Colby and group returned to Gunsight the next morning, but the results of the next day's trip back to the Big Honey Hole went unrewarded. No small fish or large fish were found or caught.

This story sums up winter fishing at Lake Powell quite well. There is always the possibility of catching a lot of fish, or a big one, and sometimes both. But, on days when they don't bite, boating on Lake Powell without anyone else putting a ripple through the tall red rock wall reflections makes the trip worthwhile.

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With Gratitude From Her Family

Lisa's family would like to express deep gratitude to those below who contributed their special gifts for her service:

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Larry Norris, senior pastor of Central Methodist United Church and long-time family friend (and the pastor who married Lisa and Paul and baptized Kelsee), with the blessing of The Rev. Eric Ledermann, pastor of University Presbyterian

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Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts may be made to any animal shelter group (including horse rescues), to the Firefighters' 100 Fund, to the American Diabetes Association, or a charity of one's choice, including one's own family needs. Lisa also loved flow

the vendors who will be on site.

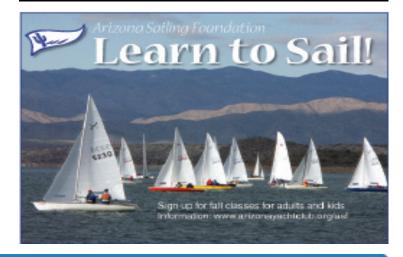
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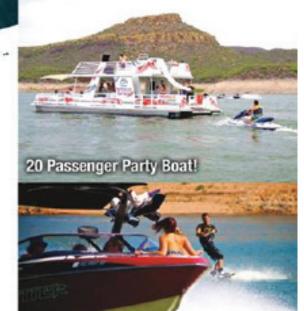




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