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BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Finally cool weather is ahead and along with that are some great autumn events. Now is the transition time to fall and winter outdoor activities, including all that is available on local deserts, mountains, rivers and lakes.

And, for women especially, the *how* to get the most out of the myriad of outdoor activities in the Southwest, is what "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" is all about. It's coming up soon — Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 6-8 — at Friendly Pines Camp near Prescott. Sponsored by the Arizona Wildlife Federation in partnership with the Arizona Game & Fish Department, this is a wonderful learning opportunity supplemented by fun and entertainment.

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With cooler Arizona temperatures on the way in a couple of months, recreation enthusiasts begin the seasonal transition to fall and winter outdoor activities like camping, fishing, travel and off-roading. This means Southwest residents and vacationing visitors alike are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to enjoy everything that local deserts, mountains, rivers and lakes have to offer.

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Country Music Will Rock At Lake Pleasant

Pleasant Harbor, The City of Peoria, and Dillon's Restaurant will host the 1st Annual Peoria Country Music Fest on Saturday, Oct. 19, featuring live country music from four popular country bands, as well as food trucks, a beer garden serving a variety of "adult beverages," as well as a fan experience, including live bull riding, a cigar lounge and



Rob West

corn hole. The event runs from 2 p.m.-11 p.m., with gates opening at 12 p.m. The event site features panoramic views of Lake Pleasant and easy access to a variety of lakeside water sport activities.

Advanced online tickets are \$15.00 per person and \$5.00 for children, 12 and under. Tick-

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Learn How To Become An 'Outdoors Woman'

Register now for the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (BOW) workshop on Sept. 6-8 at Friendly Pines Camp near Prescott.

The program introduces women to outdoors skills in an enjoyable, non-threatening environment with expert instructors. Classes include horsemanship, rappelling, wilderness medicine, birding, hiking, archery, fly and warm-water fishing, paddling a kayak, and shotgun/rifle/pistol

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September 2019 Events Calendar

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BOATING

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

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



▲ Lake Havasu City

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

Tempe

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

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the tenth (10th) of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information. You can also submit your event individually at westernoutdoortimes.com/classifieds.

Sierra Vista

5 — Patterson Observatory Public Night - weather permitting, the public is invited to observe the night skies through the 20-inch Patterson telescope and with other instruments, you might see craters of the crescent moon, gas giant planets, Uranus, Neptune, double stars, star clusters, nebula, planetary nebula and distant galaxies. Free. 7 pm. 520-417-6960 or <https://www.hacastronomy.org/>

Prescott

6-8 — Becoming an Outdoors Woman - Camp Friendly Pines. Offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes. \$275, includes meals, lodging and classes. 480-644-0077 or <https://azwildlife.org/bow/>

Clarksdale ▲

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



Grand Canyon

7-15 — 11th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art – A unique opportunity to view and purchase high-quality Grand Canyon art. Features a juried art competition and show; Plein Air artists painting on the rim; see works of some of the best master artists in the nation as they seek to capture the beauty of the timeless Grand Canyon landscape on canvas. Free. www.grandcanyon.org/events/celebration-of-art-2019/

Sedona

13 — Full Moon Hike - August - Red Rock State Park. Led by a naturalist, this moonlit hike gives participants the rare opportunity to enjoy the sunset and moon rise from an overlook and return by the light of the moon, while also having the chance to learn about Sedona and the surrounding areas. Verde Valley and park history, as well as archaeology, geology, botany, and riparian wildlife information, are also possible topics offered by a knowledgeable guide. Pre-register. 5:30 pm. 928-282-6907 or <https://azstateparks.com/red-rock/events/full-moon-hike-red-rock-hiking-sedona>

14 — Sedona Full Moon Lantern Festival – Sedona Mago Retreat

Center. Festivities include live music and cultural dance performances, calligraphy art exhibition, vortex tour, and Wellness classes (Sound Healing, Detox, Qi-Gong, Qi-Energy Calligraphy), children's crafts, and face painting. The highlight of the evening is an opportunity to light and float a lantern, filled with your intentions for joy, peace and prosperity. 2-9 pm. 928-20-3391 or <https://sedonamagoretreat.org/lantern-festival>

Pine-Strawberry

14 — Annual Fire on the Rim Mountain Bike Race - Test your skills on some of the sweetest technical singletrack in the state, while supporting a great cause. Every penny earned by this charity event goes directly into trail building and wildfire protection in the Pine Strawberry fuel break. Includes kid's race, beer garden, auction, live music, ride on ranch land opened just for this event, and kid's kamp. www.fireontherim.com/

Benson

28 — Sunset Hikes - Karchner Caverns State Park. Hike through the beautiful Whetstone Mountains as we journey along this trail that climbs the limestone hill north of the cave and descends into the wash that follows the fault between the Whetstone Block and the San Pedro Block. A short spur trail at the upper portion of the Foothills Loop Trail leads to a scenic mountain viewpoint. All hikes meet at the group ramada. \$7/vehicle entry includes up to four adults. This 2.4-mile hike is rated as moderate, and participants should wear appropriate footwear, and bring a flashlight and plenty of water. 5 pm. <https://azstateparks.com/karchner/events/karchner-sunset-hikes>

Winslow

28 — Star Party: Homolovi State Park - Come out to Homolovi's Visitor Center Museum and Observatory for a night under the stars! Free with cost of park entry. Dress warmly and bring your sense of wonder! Telescopes will be available. \$7 day use fee per car with up to 4 adults. 30 minutes after sunset. 928-289-4106 or <https://azstateparks.com/homolovi/events/star-party>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Clarksdale

14 — Summer Starlight Rides - Verde Canyon Railroad. Monthly Starlight excursion on select Saturdays, departing the depot during the cooler temperatures of later afternoon and traveling through the dramatic colors of sunset and into the moon glow of twilight. Sandwiched between two

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- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
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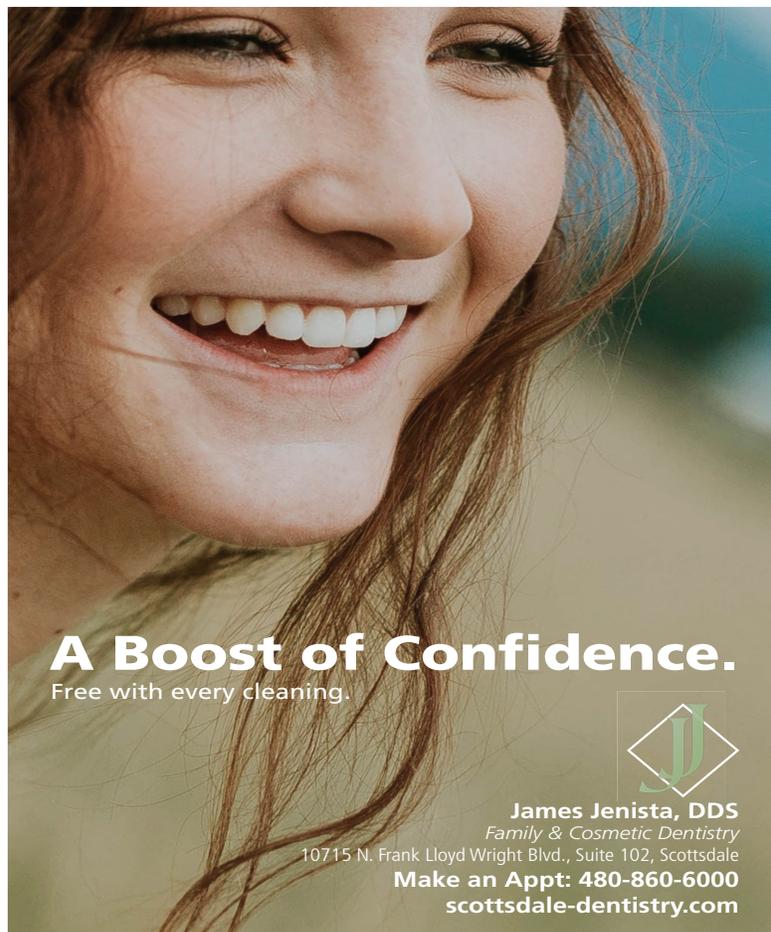
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- "We became customers of Uriah in early 2012 and have been consistently impressed with his professionalism, amazing service and great work. He custom built a trailer for our 23-foot powerboat and we couldn't be happier with the excellent construction. He also went out to our boat storage place for us at no charge when we needed some help with one of the wheels. Uriah is the best!! You can't go wrong if you need a boat trailer anywhere in the Valley."

Kokopelli Trailers is owned by Uriah



Owsley. He started building trailers in 1999 for a company on the East Coast. With a passion for building quality trailers and a dream to own his own company one day, he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 2010 and opened Kokopelli Trailers.



Kokopelli Trailers builds the same high-quality trailers on the West Coast that the boating community on the East Coast has long been accustomed to. Their process and perfect location in the Valley of Phoenix have helped eliminate the high cost of shipping brand-new trailers from coast-to-coast.

And, Uriah Owsley is passionate about supporting the community. For the Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic at Bartlett Lake on August 25, he donated a custom-built, bass-boat trailer to the organizers of the event. It will be raffled off with the proceeds' going to the winners of the Classic to help defray the costs of one of the major prizes: a trip to San Diego for sport fishing on *Malihini*.

For more information on this successful home-town business, phone (602) 256-1300, visit them online at kokopelli-trailers.com or in person at 1424 E Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040 ■



ONLINE REGISTRATION

Renewal System Is Now Mobile Friendly

Arizona boaters now can renew their watercraft registration in the palm of their hands. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has revamped its online watercraft registration system so that it is easy to use on a smart phone or tablet as well as on a desktop computer.

As was the case before, to access their watercraft records, boaters will need the watercraft number and ONE of the following: birth date of the first named owner; OR the current renewal authorization number; OR a password (if they have established one).

To renew your watercraft registration, visit <https://watercraft.azgfd.com/>.

For general watercraft registration information, visit www.azgfd.com/boating/registration/. The online watercraft registration system allows individuals to renew their registration and have immediate use of their watercraft.

Required information includes your Arizona boat number and one of the following:

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Attention Active Duty Boaters: Free One-Year BoatUS Membership Will Make Your Boating Life Better

If you're a member of the military and enjoy boating, the nation's largest recreational boating advocacy, services, and safety group has an offer that will make your off-duty boating life better. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) in partnership with GEICO Military is offering active-duty U.S. Armed Forces members a complimentary one-year BoatUS membership (\$24 value) as a way to say thanks for serving.

With more than a half-million members nationwide, the association offers a range of valuable and practical benefits that will help any service member get more out of his or her love for boating. They include reimbursement of the first \$50 for any on-the-water or on-the-road breakdown towing and assistance service, free online boating safety courses that meet boating safety certificate requirements in 36 states, and a subscription to the No. 1 boating publication, *BoatUS Magazine*.

The BoatUS Foundation's online boating safety education programs fit well with busy military schedules, and new on-the-water courses offer an affordable way to get hands-on training with U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captains. BoatUS government advocacy efforts make boaters' lives better by pushing for pro-boating legislation, and BoatUS Consumer Protection programs help educate boaters to make them smarter consumers of power, sail and fishing boats, boating products and services.

Also included with membership are discounted tickets to boat shows; discounts at marinas, bait shops and fuel docks; shopping rewards at boating retailer West Marine, and the free BoatUS App which can summon on-the-water or



ATTENTION! — Members of the military who enjoy recreational boating can get a free one-year membership with BoatUS, the nation's largest recreational boating advocacy, services and safety organization.

on-the-road assistance 24/7 at the touch of a button.

Military members who own a boat also receive a 10 percent discount on BoatUS Unlimited Freshwater, Unlimited Saltwater and Unlimited Gold towing service plans that can be added to their membership.

The BoatUS Membership for U.S. Armed Forces offer is being launched with the placement of point-of-sale materials — a tabletop stand with brochures — at 14 on-base Military Welfare Recreation (MWR)/Outdoor Recreation facilities, including Fort Bragg, Fort Meade, MacDill Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune/MCAS New River, and Naval Air Station

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Reduce Plastic Waste And Pollution When Boating



Each year, an estimated 18 billion pounds of plastic is dumped into our oceans from coastal regions. According to a study by the World Economic Forum, at the current rate of pollution, there will be more plastics than fish, by weight, in the ocean by 2050. To help reverse this trend, here are three tips from the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water to help boaters reduce plastic waste and pollution while on the water.

Pack for the boat trip: Microplastics are very small pieces of plastic, less than 5mm in size, that are the result of larger plastic products partially decomposing from sunlight, heat and wave action. While we haven't seen the full effects on

humans' consuming fish and other marine species contaminated with microplastics, studies show that ingested microplastics can seriously damage marine organisms. One of the simplest ways to reduce plastics aboard your boat is to fill up and carry aboard (or stash in a cooler) an insulated container that can hold enough cold water for the day instead of buying individual bottles. Invest in a set of non-breakable plates, cutlery, and food and drink containers to limit single-use plastics aboard. These efforts won't break the bank, don't take a lot of extra effort, and can pay big dividends for boaters and the environment in the long-term.

Get your crew involved: Before heading out, make sure you have a plan for **WASTE, continued on page 18**

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TOP-FIVE FAMILY CAMPING, FISHING SPOTS

These Cool Sites Are Recommended As Summer Temps Continue Into Fall

BY NICK WALTER
FOR AZGFD

Sun sweats, triple-digit fidgets, dog days — they seem to make most outdoors lovers crave cool times in the high country.

Some of the best family camping and fishing options include waters with stocked or self-sustaining fish, quality camping amenities, and striking scenery. Those factors were used by AZGFD fishing report editors and regional staff to determine this list.

Be sure to check the latest fire restrictions.

Reserve Ahead

It's a good idea to reserve a campground in advance if possible, but if you're looking for a walk-in site, consider booking your spot before you start fishing. Finally, please remain vigilant with fire safety, and also be safe with summer monsoon storms — get off the water when you hear lightning, watch out for flash flooding, and don't forget to bring a few extra layers and a rain jacket to stay comfortable in the mountain cold.

Okay, here is this year's top-5 list of family camping and fishing spots. See the video and expanded information below and at <https://fishaz.azgfd.com/fishingwaters/top-5-family-camping-and-fishing-spots-for-this-august/>; also find them on

our updated Fish & Boat AZ map. Are any your favorites?

5. Ashurst Lake

Doug Avakian caught a three-pound rainbow trout from Ashurst Lake southeast of Flagstaff in June from a boat on a Kastmaster. At 7,113 feet in elevation, this 229-acre lake southeast of Flagstaff has good shoreline access, wide-open water for boat anglers, and has had great summer fishing. Anglers have been catching trout on the lake using PowerBait and lures. The fish are moving deeper as the water warms. Try flies or lures to catch the bigger trout. Bait anglers fishing worms under a bobber have been catching some fish.

Good Shoreline Fishing

There is a boat ramp and 50 single-unit campsites (25 at each of two campgrounds on both sides of the lake) with tables, fire rings, cooking grills, plus drinking water and vault toilets. A seasonal store typically operates out of a trailer from late spring to early September. Don't forget your crayfish traps — the lake is full of "mudbugs". Ashurst Lake has good shoreline fishing options.

4. Bear Canyon Lake

Bear Canyon Lake has great water quality and has been stocked with extra rainbow trout. Bear Canyon has good



Woods Canyon Lake

water quality (due to its max depth of 50 feet), appears to be near full, and as of mid-July had no fire restrictions. Plus, we added an additional 3,000 fish to the already scheduled 2,000 catchable rainbow trout that were stocked.

Bring Boats To Carry

There's no public boat launch, so the only option at this walk-in lake is to bring "carryable" boats. There is only dispersed camping in the nearby forest, but you don't have to pay fees in order to camp. Be sure to be "Bear Aware" with bear activity rising statewide.

3. Fool Hollow Lake

Fool Hollow Lake State Park has some of the best camping amenities in the state. Don't be fooled: this is an excellent fishery for getting the family into the outdoors and onto sunfish and mudbugs (crayfish). Fool Hollow Lake State Park has excellent family fishing amenities such as clean and spacious campgrounds, picnic areas and fishing piers. The lake nearly reached full pool and both boat ramps are in good condition.

Kids Can Catch Sunfish

Kids can catch sunfish off piers and over rocky shoreline areas using No. 12 hooks and small pieces of worms. Crayfish can be trapped here as well. The lake has self-sustaining populations of largemouth and smallmouth bass, sunfish, walleye, carp, catfish, black crappie and black bullhead that are easy for kids to catch (try a simple worm on the bottom). Fishing also is good for 12-inch stocked rainbow trout — try fishing at least 10 feet deep.

2. Big Lake

Big Lake is known for big trout. It's an Arizona summertime family staple. Cutthroats have been biting on and off, and there are plenty of rainbow trout along with lots of crayfish for kids if the trout are not biting. The best part may be the excellent and plentiful campground amenities. There are two subspecies of cutthroat at Big Lake: Snake River finespot cutthroat, which are more commonly caught in Railroad Cove and prefer dry

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ARIZONA LAKES, ARIZONA PROS: JERRY WESTON/BARTLETT LAKE

Put Fish In The Boat, Even During 'Dog Days'

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

If you go to the Mesa Bass Pro Shops bass seminars, you've probably seen Jerry Weston. If not, get out there and meet a bunch of Arizona bass pros! Jerry was kind enough to take us out to Bartlett Lake one morning and show us how he puts fish in the boat during these dog days.

The water temperature was in the high 80's right from the get-go, but it was cloudy and the barometer was falling, so Weston opted for a reaction bait first thing. We were on the water before sunrise, and he went straight to a main-lake area past the S-curve and across from that second boat ramp.

Ideal Summer Fishing Areas

These main-lake areas with small cuts are ideal summer fishing areas because bass like to have immediate access to deep water in the summer. Jerry was throwing a Berkley Dredger 14.5, which is a 5/8 oz bait. It was silver and blue. For these deep-diving baits he uses 12-pound-test fluorocarbon line because it sinks and helps the bait get down. He put a fish in the boat before 5:30 a.m.

Weston keeps a variety of baits tied on and when the bank changes, he switches baits. On Bartlett, in this area, you can be fishing a shallow gravel slope, then twelve feet later it's big rocks, then again a bit later it's a cliff. When the bank changes, he changes. He picked up a Bass Patrol 1/2-ounce jig and started dragging it around on a deeper point.

Start Fast, Then Slow Down

"Start fast, then slow down if you don't get bit," he says. Starting fast lets you see if anything is active. If so, you can continue with a variety of reaction baits, or fish



a jig or a worm quickly. When we passed the point, he went back to the crankbait. Meanwhile, John caught a nice bass on a topwater popper. It's always a good idea to have your fishing partner do something different.

Jerry used the Dredger, a chartreuse and white spinnerbait, and that jig just covered the shoreline thoroughly. He caught fish on every bait. When the shoreline changed, he changed baits, but just kept moving. When he caught a fish, he'd stay in the area for a bit and see if any others were around. When he came to a long point, he would fish it thoroughly, then move up and fish uphill. That often did the trick.

Weston Knows Boats

Jerry works on boats, so he knows what works and what doesn't. One thing he really likes is his Ultrex trolling motor. If you need to re-tie, or you just want to

stick around and fish a certain area, you can set the trolling motor to keep you in place. He also likes the Hydrowave, which is an electronic device that puts out sound that is said to attract bass. One takeaway from our trip with Jerry was this: Even if you don't have a boat, you can catch bass if you thoroughly work a bank. If you are a shore fisherman, take two or three rods with you. Have one set up for reaction baits and one for jigs or worms. Weston recommends 14- to 17-pound-test fluorocarbon for jigs and worms — heavier line if there is a lot of cover. Just work the area and change your bait to suit the structure. If you come to a long point, throw as far out as you can and work the lure back. Start with reaction like a crank or spinnerbait, then use a worm or a jig.

Cloudy Or Sunny

Cloudy weather usually means you can work a little faster, while bright sunny days call for slower retrieves and more subtle baits. Nighttime fishing is awesome at Bartlett, especially when it is so hot during the day. Try going out in the late afternoon and staying for a couple of hours after dark, or go out at three in the morning and stay until after sunrise. You'll not only be more comfortable, you'll also have a dynamite chance of catching some nice Bartlett bass. Jerry says he loves jigs at night, and he uses a Berkley Powerbait Chiggerbug on his jigs. These little lures are only three inches long, but they have big "claws" that put out plenty of vibra-

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IVAN WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED!

The Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic Was A Huge Success

BY CAROL L. ALLEN
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BASS JUNKYZ AND DON MCDOWELL

As Carol Nelson, Ivan Nelson's wife, presented the winning trophy, all in attendance celebrated with her the successful event that had paired pro-anglers and veterans in the August 25 fishing tournament at Bartlett Lake, Ariz. A community had truly come together to honor her late husband and to give veterans (many who had never fished before) a chance to enjoy this sport and to get out on the water with those who are experienced anglers.

This event would not have been possible without the valuable assistance and expertise of many individuals. At the risk of omitting someone, and I apologize in advance if I do, and give a sincere thank you (in alphabetical order) to the following people and businesses who were keys to the success of this event:

- **Anderson, Margie and John:** These well-known outdoor enthusiasts and writers helped spread the word about the Classic, promoting it with their plethora of valuable contacts.

- **Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times/Florida Boating & Watersports, Jim and Carol Allen:** These publications have been covering the Classic in both its print and online versions.

- **Arizona Color:** The banners hung around the event and the surrounding area were donated by Arizona Color. They were outstanding. Thank you to Samantha Marcantonio, Matt Nisbet, Adam Wheat, Tom G., Mike H. ("Stallone"), and Cory G.

- **Bartlett Lake Marina, Bryan and Eric Church and family:** The Church family bent over backwards to welcome anglers, vets, and many others in attendance. In addition to many other offers of help, they provided food for the lunch following the fishing, kept their restaurant The Last Stop open past regular hours for the participants, and made the marina's party boat available to those who wanted a tour around the lake before the awards ceremony.

- **B.A.S.S. Arizona High School Nation, Goodyear Bass Club Mike Hofarth:** Mike offered his invaluable knowledge and expertise in helping organize the tournament, assembling gift bags for the vets, supervising and cooking the after-fishing luncheon, and so much more.

- **Bass Junkyz, Tim Price:** Without his knowledge and expertise, this event would not have happened. Tim's input and hard work were critical to making this event a success. Bass Junkyz had all the equipment on site, including stage and audio equipment, all the weigh-in tools for safe, successful treatment of the fish. We also thank his staff, including his wife Claudine, Greg Krueger, Stephen Price, Brian Price, Don Ashford, Kirk McKinney, Mahone Maktima, and photographers Rick and Angie Barushok.

- **Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11,** June Esparza and other members of the flotilla were on the water, ensuring safety for all the participants. The flotilla's valuable supporters included Commander P. Swietek, Vice Commander L. Lamb, and Capt. Dave Esparza. A special thank-you goes to Mark Becker who drove the party boat for some of the guests and participants.

- **Don McDowell Outdoors Host of the Don McDowell Outdoors radio show (formerly Shake, Rattle, & Troll):**



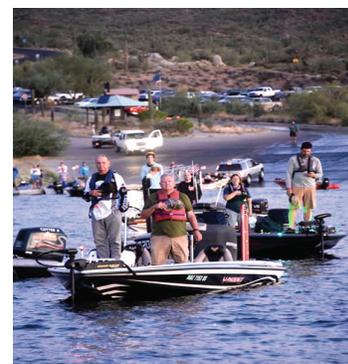
THE ORIGINATORS — From left, Jim Allen, Don McDowell, and Uriah Owsley were the "idea men" who originally came up with the idea for a veterans'/pro-angler fishing tournament. The result: the Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic.

Don was the overall captain of the event, and its success would not have happened without his leadership. Don not only devoted his time in running all the planning meetings, but also was the catalyst for bringing together pro-anglers to participate in the tournament. His knowledge of all aspects of planning such a big event, including the legalities, was vital.

- **Frasher's Smoke House and Mrs. Chicken, George Frasher:** A week prior to the actual fishing tournament, George provided a meal for the Pairing Dinner (held for anglers and vets to meet one another) at VFW Post 3513. His donations of delicious pork and chicken were enjoyed by all.

- **Kokopelli Trailers, Uriah Owsley:** Uriah was actually the first to suggest a tournament where he might give one of his custom-built bass-boat trailers as a prize. Fast forward to the Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic, and his original idea evolved into something even bigger.

- **Marc Townsend, owner of Custom Garage Floors and pro-angler:** His expertise as a pro-angler has been invaluable to the planning and success of this tournament. He invested time and effort from the onset of the planning right through the



Poston Butte High School AFJROTC Cadets

awards ceremony which he co-emceed.

- **San Tan Valley Poston Butte High School AFJROTC cadets (AZ-20171), MSgt. Debbie Melton and Major John Napier:** If you were at the event as the anglers and vets came in around 10 a.m. with their catches, you might have seen a group of fine young people (in orange tee-shirts) welcome them and saluting each veteran as he or she arrived at the ramp. These were the cadets from the AFJROTC unit at Poston Butte High School, San Tan Valley, Ariz. The unit is the adopted unit of VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary, which offers them support. The cadets are ready and willing to participate in future Post events.

- **VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary, Senior Vice President Jim and Carol Allen, and key supporters of the Post, Jeff and Mona AArnold, Carol Nelson:** The originator of the idea of this tournament, Uriah Owsley, first approached Jim Allen of Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times with his idea. The two conferred, enlisted others, and the rest is history. Jim and Carol have been instrumental in publicizing the tournament, and Jim especially has been a vital part

of the organizing and implementing of the event. His contacts, including the pro-anglers and businesses, have been invaluable. Kudos also go to Jeff Aarnold, whose help with the awards ceremony was much appreciated, and to his wife Mona who, along with Carol Nelson, served the food at the Pairing Dinner.

- **VFW Post 3513, Jeff Jones, Tom Kendra, and Tom Cole:** Commander Jeff Jones and Quartermaster Tom Kendra played important roles in this event -- with publicity and their attendance at planning meetings. They made sure the Post was available for all the planning meetings and the Pairing Dinner. At the Pairing Dinner, Chaplain Tom Cole offered a prayer for the safety and success of all involved in the Classic.

- **VFW District:** Joe Dora, who is District Commander and Commander of Post 720 offered valuable interest and support that reached beyond the local.

- **VFW State:** Department Commander Tom Judd and Department Surgeon Mark Short gave their support for the Classic from its inception to its successful conclusion.

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Other Valuable Partners

In one way or another (i.e., donating prizes for the after-tournament drawings and/or offering their support in other ways), each of the following were significant partners in the success of the Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic.

- Ace Hardware
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And, The Winners Were —

Congratulations! The three top teams who have won the San Diego Malihini sport-fishing trip this fall are the following:

- #1: Boater Andrew Goettl and Veteran Mitch King with a total weigh-in of



- 8.64 pounds and a big fish of 2.45 pounds.
- #2: Boater John Griffith and Veteran Robert Gofline with a total weigh-in of 6.78 pounds (They did not weigh a big fish.)
- #3 Boater Corey Kramer and Veteran Jimmie Colman with a total weigh-in of 6.50 pounds and a big fish of 2.13 pounds.

About The Kokopelli Trailer Raffle

Kokopelli Trailers has donated a custom boat trailer to be raffled off for the good of veterans participating in the Ivan Nelson Veterans Fishing Classic.

Raffle Rules

- We will be donating a \$5500.00 aluminum bass boat trailer for the raffle to fund the 5 teams who won the trip on the Malahini in San Diego.
- The tickets are \$25.00 each.
- Once 300 are sold, we will be picking a winner.
- Winner to be drawn live on the Don

McDowell Outdoors radio show.

- If you have a larger boat or a different boat than a bass boat you are able to take the \$5500.00 and put it towards the trailer that you want or the trailer that will fit your boat.
- The raffle is nationwide and will be highly promoted on Don McDowell Outdoors radio.

- If you are the winner, you must make arrangements to have the trailer picked up in Phoenix, Ariz.
- To enter, go to <https://www.vfw-post3513.com/kokapellitraileraffle?fbclid=IwAR0e-EsLD2ZP5CwiWL5-pM-H7F-Egr66S9fxqIZ-3mGSoFcFCTn-juZ0gBtA>

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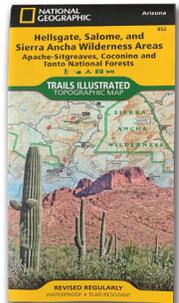
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Get Out Of The Heat With A Great Day Trip

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Almost thirty-five years ago, John and I and our American Brittany, Katie, went to Haigler Creek for the weekend.



We camped in the woods right next to the creek and never saw anyone else the whole time we were there. Recently, John and I and our French Brittany, Mochi, went back to Haigler Creek just for a ride to get out of the heat. It makes for a great day trip, especially if you take the dirt roads down through

Young afterwards and head north from there.

Through Young

The main road north from Young offers a bit of a side trip which we didn't take the first time we were on that road, but we took it this time and it was great. To get to Haigler Creek, take Colcord Road (291) south from Highway 260 east of Payson. After about four miles, turn right onto the Chamberlain Trail (200) and it takes you down past Fisherman's Point trailhead to Haigler Creek and Alderwood.

Haigler Creek

Thirty-five years ago, Haigler Creek was just another little creek with dispersed camping and beautiful scenery. The creek



Haigler Creek flows right across the road, and there are day use areas on either side of the creek.

and the scenery are still there, but now the road is lined with "no camping" signs and there are day-use areas on either side of the creek. We stopped at one of the day use areas – both have pit toilets and tables. There are also two campgrounds on the road to the creek, but they are a bit farther away. Not too far to walk, though.

Plenty Of Hiking Trails

There are plenty of hiking trails around there as well. When we were on our way to the creek before, there was a Jeep trail at Gordon Canyon and you were able to drive down the canyon to Fisherman's Point. Now there is a barrier and some



Haigler Creek



There are several little riffles like this downstream from the road, and a very nice trail to follow.

day-use areas on either side. It is stocked with trout and when we walked along the creek near the road, we came to a pool where we could actually see the trout hanging out. Mochi thoroughly enjoyed jumping in and out of the water, so I'm pretty sure the fish wouldn't be biting with her around.

Take The Kids For A Picnic

There are several pretty little riffles



The bank is beat to dust near the day-use areas, but there are trout in this pool.

parking, and if you want to go down to Fisherman's Point, you need to hike. It's a 350-foot descent covered in half a mile, and it's pretty steep, so bring trek poles. If you want to, you can fish down there or keep hiking up or down the creek. It's a gorgeous little creek and it flows all year.

A couple of miles past Gordon Canyon, Haigler Creek flows right across the road and forms pretty little falls on the downstream side. This is the spot with

and short waterfalls along the creek, so it's a great place for photos. It's also very shady for the most part, so it's nice and cool. This is a great place to bring the kids for a picnic and a little cooling off in the water.

Further down the road is Alderwood site, another area where you can enjoy the creek. We drove down there and the roads get a bit confusing, but there are camping,

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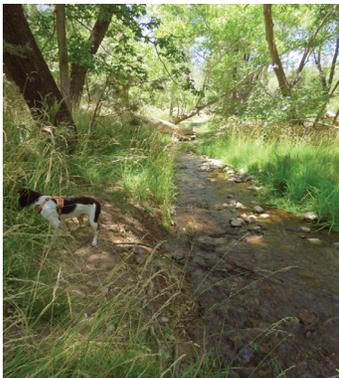
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50/50 Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 for persons over 16. The winner will be drawn at 3 PM on Sunday. You need not be present to win. ■



This is Haigler Creek at the Alderwood site.

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fishing, and a few tables scattered around the area, so we just chose a place to park. There are trails that almost all lead to the creek, so we walked down one of them. The creek here is narrower and a lot more private. We enjoyed it until someone's dog decided he didn't like our being there. The guy kept yelling at the dog but it ignored him and pretty much chased us back to the truck.

You Can Go Around

My map said that the road crossed the creek very near where we were, but the dog guy was parked right in the road so we couldn't get past to see if it really went through. I'm pretty sure the road was fenced off so you couldn't drive across the creek any more, but I'm not positive. However, you can go around and get to the other side without having to drive far at all. We actually started to do just that, but after going just a little way, we decided that we had seen enough of the creek for the time being, and decided to leave it to the dog.

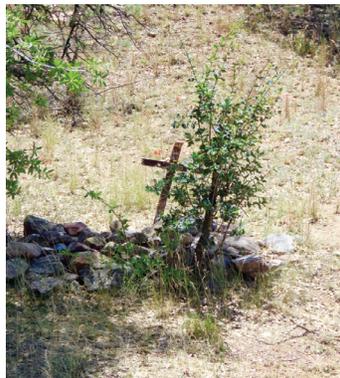
Shepherd's Grave

Instead of going back the way we came (what's the fun of that?), we stayed on 200 and went south to 2993 toward Pleasant Valley. I saw a place called Shepherd's Grave on the map and wanted to see what that was about. I think we were back on 200 by that point. We had taken a little side loop to see a well.

Anyway, the Shepherd's Grave is on the side of the road just before you get to highway 288 and there is a sign near



Shepherd's Grave sign: Keep your eyes peeled or you'll miss it.



The Shepherd's Grave: He was the first casualty of the Pleasant Valley War.

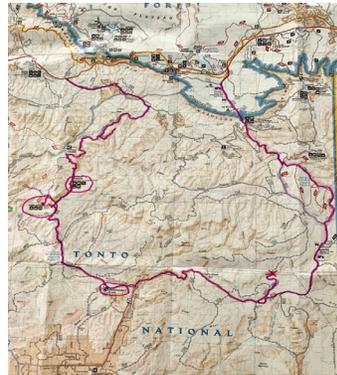
it, but you need to keep an eye out for it or you'll miss it. This unnamed Navajo shepherd was the first casualty of the Pleasant Valley War, a feud between cattle herders (the Grahams) and sheep herders (the Tewksbury's) that went on from around 1882 until the last Graham died in 1904. In all, at least 19 and possibly 30 people were killed in this dispute. It's an interesting story, so if you have time, look it up.

288 And 109

From there, we went on to Highway 288 and turned left (north) toward Highway 260. I've written about Highway 288 before – it's mostly gravel road, but not bad at all. Last time we were on it, we took it straight through, but I could see on the map that there was a bit of a loop to the east at one point that looked like it didn't add much mileage to the route, so we decided to take that way this time.

Creeks And Hikes

Once you pass Red Lake Forest Ser-



This is the route described in the story. This is from the National Geographic Trails Illustrated map of Hellsgate, Salome, and Sierra Ancha Wilderness Areas. I bought it at Sportsmans Warehouse.

vice Station, keep an eye out for a road to the right, number 109. I'm really glad we decided to go this way because that loop (109) goes over to the edge of Hell's Canyon where Canyon Creek flows, and follows the edge of the canyon for a couple of miles before looping back through the forest to 288. The views are gorgeous from this road, and I highly recommend you take it.

The area between 109 and 288 is crisscrossed with hiking trails through the woods. We saw a few RV's parked off the road as well. Highway 288 is called "From the Desert to the Tall Pines" Scenic Byway, and it's a fun road. The road crosses several creeks as it meanders from Highway 188 to Highway 260, and there are many side roads to explore. You could spend years discovering all the cool stuff around there.

National Geographic Map

The photo of the map is from a National Geographic map of Hellsgate, Salome, and Sierra Ancha Wilderness Areas. This map shows all the Haigler Creek recreation sites, and those sites are not on my DeLorme Atlas or my 1:100,000 maps. It pays to have several maps of the same area. Another thing I like about the National Geographic Trails Illustrated Topographic Maps is that they show hiking trails.

The trails are easy to see because they are red to distinguish them from the roads. If you look closely at the pink line that shows our route, you can see that we took a Jeep Trail to Cherry Creek (861



Haigler Creek recreation sites: The one at Gordon Canyon shows a road, but it is closed and is now a hiking trail down to the creek. It's very steep.

and 868). On the map, it shows the road crossing the creek and continuing on to a road that ties back in to 288. However... that road virtually disappears and we had a very hard time following it. It got so bad that we stopped and walked the rest of the way to Cherry Creek, which was dry anyway. But you never know until you try.

Half The Fun Of Day Trips

That's half the fun of day trips, especially the ones on dirt roads. This trip was almost all dirt roads once you leave Highway 260, but aside from the side roads, any truck and many cars would have no problem on it. All bets are off if it rains, though.

As always, I used my Topo Maps app the entire time, and I highly recommend you download it. If storage on your phone is an issue, just download the quadrants you need. My phone has tons of storage, so I downloaded every Arizona quadrant map in high def. These maps are very helpful – they not only show you where you are, they show you things that probably aren't on your paper maps.

Start Adventuring

You don't even need to have service to use them, as long as your device is GPS capable. You do need to have WiFi or cellular service while you're downloading the maps, but once they're on, you can access them and see where you are whether you're out of service or not. Get the app today and start adventuring. ■

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Carrillo is no stranger to Aqua-Hot, having worked for the company for nine years before starting his own company, Heat My RV. But while he has a vested interest in the product, it's his personal experience that solidifies his commitment to the innovative heating solution.

After a year of near-continuous use, including a 13-degree evening in Flagstaff, Arizona, Carrillo found the comparison to forced air is like night and day. "I was as warm as can be on that night. The Aqua-Hot 250P is super-quiet, especially the burner, and running off of propane is a definite improvement over traditional systems."

The ultra-compact Aqua-Hot 250P delivers gentle currents of warm air, evenly circulated through the trailer via heat exchangers and/or in-floor radiant heating. 40,000 Btu/hr ensures there are no cold spots, even on the frostiest of mornings. Its compact size of 21.61" L x 12.45" W x 11.69" H and mere 84 lbs. makes it ideal to fit into even the smallest of RVs. To enhance the already luxurious environment, Carrillo is creating temperature zones in his trailer by installing separate thermostats for each of the five registers.



The other aspect of the Aqua-Hot 250P that Carrillo is enthusiastic about is the continuous 110-120° F hot water. Flowing at a rate of 1.5 gpm, it provides for virtually unlimited showering, a big selling feature for married couples, he notes.

Founded by John Carrillo in 2008, Heat My RV is an Aqua-Hot Mobile Authorized Service Center and Dealer. The company installs and repairs hydronic heating solutions for OEMs, service centers and owners at its Frederick, Colorado, headquarters and at major RV rallies. Its 2019 itinerary is at www.heatmyrv.com. An RVer who's frequently on the road, Carrillo can be reached at jcarrillo@heatmyrv.com.

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Here's The Shocking Truth About RV Shore Power Problems

Few people underestimate the dangers of an incorrectly wired home electrical

system, yet RV owners routinely tolerate problems that would raise red flags if they happened at home. From seeing heat-browning and melted plastic around the shore power connection to a light "zap" when touching the RV, warning signs that something is wrong should be taken seriously before someone is injured or something catastrophic happens. SmartPlug Systems, pioneer in RV shore power safety, takes a close look at altogether too common problems plaguing RVers and offers tips on how to prevent them.

AC current from the campsite's shore power pedestal flows through the shore power cable and into the RV through the inlet. If the plug or cordset have been compromised—such as by pitting, corrosion or physical damage—it creates resistance. This is the primary pitfall of traditional twist-type connectors with thin metal blades. The situation is somewhat like a slow-moving river that suddenly has to squeeze through a small hole: an enormous amount of pressure is exerted. The result for the plug is massive heat generation that can build to the point of starting a fire. A brown singe in the plastic insulation around the connection is a tell-tale warning that this is happening.

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"I recommend the SmartPlug without reservation," said Mike Sokol, noted expert on RV electrical safety and author of No-Shock-Zone RV Electrical Safety. "It's by far the easiest plug to use and certainly the safest."

The adage "water and electricity don't mix" is more than applicable to a campground that's exposed to the elements. When plugging in, first switch off the power pedestal's breaker and avoid standing in water or on wet ground. And while it's difficult to do with a twist-type connection, only use one hand to make the connection. This avoids having one's body become part of an electrical fault,



where the current path would be up one arm, through the heart and down the other arm or legs to complete the circuit.

Like a home, RVs rely on the EGC (equipment grounding conductor) for electrical safety, which is typically known as the ground wire. If there's a break in the RV insulation resulting in contact with any metal, a fault current should be created which will trip the circuit breaker. However, if the EGC connection fails due to corrosion or a loose connection in the plug, it can manifest itself as what many may assume is static electricity or even an arm-numbing shock. Both scenarios should be taken seriously and addressed immediately since a heart can be stopped by less current than it takes to power a small nightlight bulb.

Plugging an inexpensive, commonly available three-light outlet tester into each outlet in the RV will identify problems. They typically have three colored lamps and a chart that, depending on the sequence, will display open ground, open neutral, open hot, reversed hot/ground, reversed hot/neutral and correct wiring. If the problem began after a piece of equipment was added, it may be easy to correct. Otherwise, a trained RV technician should be consulted.

"Just like in a home, there are DIY jobs the average RV owner can easily undertake and then there are those that require specialized training," continued Sokol. "Bringing in a qualified technician to troubleshoot and correct an electrical problem will not only save a lot of time but could also prevent someone from being injured." Sokol's websites are www.rvtravel.com, www.rvelectricity.com and www.noshockzone.org.

Contact local dealers or SmartPlug Systems, 2500 Westlake Ave N., Ste. G, Seattle, WA 98109-2262. 206-285-2990; Fax: 206-285-2981. Sales@smartplug.com; www.smartplug.com; www.facebook.com/SmartPlug; twitter.com/smartplugs. ■

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Another outdoor feature this fall is the first annual Peoria Country Music Fest on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Pleasant Harbor. Attendees can look forward to an exciting day of great country music, bull riding, a cigar lounge and corn hole. And, of course, there are all the amenities that are included with time spent at Lake Pleasant: dining, boating, and camping. This promises to be a great event.

Rounding out this full, fun fall schedule is the 8th annual Sand-Water-RV Expo at Lake Havasu on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17. Here you will find all you need to start enjoying the Southwest's outdoors: off-road vehicles, RVs, boats (all kinds of craft), motorcycles, bicycles, and much more — plus all related accessories and services. Plan ahead for this exciting show with all you need to celebrate the cooler weather in the great outdoors.

So, we urge you to hop on board and enjoy at least one — preferably all — of these fantastic fall events. ■

As Temperatures Climb, AZGFD Assists Thirsty Wildlife

Water is the essence of life and it's just as precious for Arizona's wildlife.

For that reason, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has trucked or airlifted more than 1.5 million gallons of precious water to catchments throughout the state since January 2018. And trail cameras tell the tale of this important work with footage of elk, deer, bighorn sheep and countless other species leaning over for a refreshing drink at one of 3,000 catchments maintained by the department.

"Water catchments are used by all wildlife and while badly needed monsoon rains recently returned, storms are often sporadic and large sections of the state do not receive adequate water to sustain local

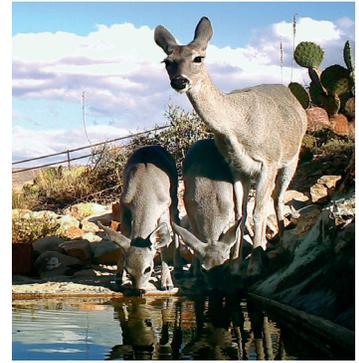
wildlife populations," said Joseph Currie, AZGFD Habitat Planning program manager, who oversees the department's water catchment efforts. "By hauling to water catchments, we're helping to prevent the localized wildlife die-offs that could happen if water simply wasn't available."

Last week crews conducted emergency water drops via helicopter at catchments that were bone-dry near Kingman. Given that AZGFD doesn't receive state general fund tax dollars, costs to drive and airlift water continue to mount.

To help defray rising costs of providing life-sustaining water for Arizona's wild-

life statewide, AZGFD began its "Water for Wildlife" donation campaign last year to give the public an opportunity to support department efforts by texting SENDWATER to 41444 from any smart device. After sending the text as one word, without a space, a link with the department's logo will be sent to the phone to complete the donation.

Funding raised ensures that the department can deliver water to remote regions of the state, which helps mitigate population fluctuations and keep wildlife out of urban areas in their search for water. Because of the donations, the department



was able to purchase a trailer and new tires for a water-hauling truck, fuel and help offset costs to airlift water to catchments for bighorn sheep.

While AZGFD partners with many great wildlife groups, the department bears much of the costs to haul water to and maintain about 1,000 of its own catchments statewide. Additionally, the department also maintains an additional 1,000 Bureau of Land Management and 1,000 U.S. Forest Service water catchments.

For more information about how the Arizona Game and Fish Department conserves and protects the state's wildlife or to make a donation to the Water for Wildlife campaign, visit www.azwildlifehero.com, or use your smart device to text SENDWATER to 41444.

Did You Know?

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

AZGFD Commission Honored By Western Association Of Fish And Wildlife Agencies

The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) honored conservation professionals from several western states with awards commending their work to conserve fish and wildlife resources at an awards ceremony July 15 at the organization's annual conference in Manhattan, Kansas.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission was recognized with the WAFWA Commission of the Year Award.

Current AZGFD Commission members are: James Zieker; Eric Sparks; Kurt Davis; Leland "Bill" Brake; and James Goughnour.

"As a staunch advocate for the state's authorities to manage wildlife in Arizona, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is

a national leader in wildlife conservation," AZGFD Director Ty Gray said. "This leadership and support allows the Department to generate innovative ways to better serve our customers and ensure Arizona's wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities are around for future generations to enjoy."

WAFWA also honored Bureau of Land Management Arizona State Director Ray Suazo as its Federal Conservation Partner of the Year. Since his appointment as State Director in 2011, Suazo has supported AZGFD's mission to conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife resources.

For more information about WAFWA and to review a complete list of award recipients, visit www.wafwa.org. ■

Volunteers Sought To Help Plant Monarch Butterfly Habitat

In an effort to support and reverse declining monarch butterfly populations, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteers to help plant milkweed this fall and winter at wildlife areas statewide.

Over the last two decades, populations of the iconic monarch butterfly have declined 80 percent throughout its historical range in the Western U.S. To help stem the losses, AZGFD plans to enhance butterfly habitat at wildlife areas statewide under the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan.

AZGFD staff and volunteers will plant native milkweed — a critical food source for caterpillars — and other flowering plants that are sources of nectar for adult



monarchs. The locations are known as "monarch waystations," where monarchs receive the necessary food and resources to produce successive generations and sustain their migration from Canada, to North America and into central Mexico.

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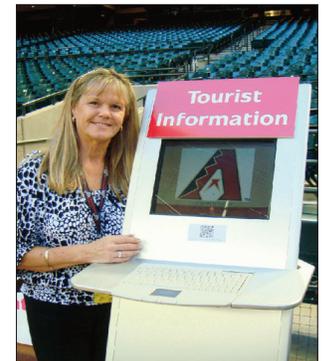
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Voice of Democracy

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

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements, then download and complete the 2019-20 entry



Christine Troll

form. All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31.

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

About The 2018-19 Winner

Christine Troll, a senior home-school student from Somerset, Pa., was named the 2018-19 Voice of Democracy first-place winner. Christine's speech on the theme, "Why My Vote Matters," won her a \$30,000 college scholarship. Christine was sponsored by VFW Post 554 and its Auxiliary in Somerset, Pa. Watch as Christine delivered her winning speech.

Want to catch up on everything that happened this year? You can watch the Parade of Winners ceremony from the 2019 VFW Legislative Conference, see this year's complete list of winners, or listen to the winning essay from your state.

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



Daniel Rodriguez

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Patriot's Pen

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

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility require-

ments, then download and complete the 2019-20 entry form. All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31.

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About the 2018-19 Winner

Daniel Rodriguez, a sixth-grade student from Nogales, Ariz., was named the 2018-19 Patriot's Pen first-place winner. His essay on the theme, "Why I Honor the American Flag," won him a \$5,000 award. Daniel was sponsored by VFW Post 2066 in Nogales, Ariz.

An Arizona Contact

Who: Carol L. Allen, VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary Scholarship Chair

What: VFW Scholarships 2019-2020

When: Deadline is October 31midnight.

Where: Veterans of Foreign Wars Stanley A Crews Post 3513, 7220 E Wilshire Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85257, (480) 941-9849

Why: The Veterans of Foreign Wars(VFW) and its Auxiliary are dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation and offer these chances for high and middle-school students to win scholarships.

How: Student entries may be submitted (along with a completed entry form) to their local participating VFW Post. ■

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- be used.
- Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.
 - Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
 - Other entries must be matted in white. Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may also be used.
 - The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.
 - Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc.
 - Pieces should be no larger than 18" in any direction.
 - Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight.
 - Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted.
 - Complete entry form (https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Patriotic-Art-Fillable-Brochure_071018.pdf) and attach to back of entry.
 - Submit a typed explanation of patriotism expressed in art (250 words or less).

Each year, more than 4,000 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

Who Is Eligible To Apply?

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

What Is The Scholarship Amount?

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

What Are The Scholarship Submission Requirements?

• Two-dimensional art must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught may

What Are The Scholarship Contest Deadlines?

- March 31: Student Entry Deadline to

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In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky, The larks, still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago, We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you, from failing hands we throw, The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep, though poppies grow, In Flanders fields.



EXPO

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Arizona's Premier Motorsports Show

As it has for the past seven years, the official kick-off of approaching fall and winter recreational sports is the 8th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo, the premier motorsports show in Arizona. The Expo returns to Lake Havasu City, November 16-17 for its eighth consecutive year. And again for 2019, the Expo is growing, 25 percent bigger and better than ever with over 145 exhibitors and vendors eager to display everything for the coming season including the newest and greatest in off-road vehicles, UTVs, trucks, Jeeps, RVs, travel trailers, fifth wheels, toy haulers, boats, pontoons, wakesport boats, motorcycles, bicycles, kayaks, paddleboards and all related accessories and services.

Two Side-By-Side Venues

One thing visitors to the 2019 Expo will immediately notice upon arrival is a totally new and larger show footprint, now occupying two side-by-side venues, Windsor Lot 3 & 4 at Lake Havasu State Park. This new floorplan also invites Expo visitors to conveniently park for free inside the venue. Upon entrance



to the Expo, visitors are also encouraged to sign-up and participate in a free "poker run" where vendor/exhibitor card stops will be located throughout the Expo. At the end of the day, collected cards will be revealed to determine the winners of many valuable prizes.

Paddlefest Is Back

On-the-water, kayakers, paddleboarders and Hobie Cat sailors will also seek their own form of adventure during the two-day Expo, as Lake Havasu Paddlefest is once again part of the Sand-Water-RV Expo on Windsor 4 beach. Paddlefest welcomes all non-motorized craft to join in for a weekend of games, activities, demos, and instructions. There's also the opportunity to win one of two Hobie kayaks as the raffle grand prize. For participant convenience, over-night dry camping is also available on-site. Event

pre-registration for Paddlefest is strongly recommended.

Need-To-Knows

The Sand-Water-RV Expo is presented by JetRenu with co-sponsorship support from Sunshine RV of Lake Havasu. The Expo will be open to the public from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, November 16 and on Sunday, November 17 from 9pm to 3pm. Adult admission is only \$5.00, children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free.

If you'd like to make the Expo a two-day affair, 2-Day VIP discount admission passes will be available at the Expo ticket office on Saturday, November 16. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site, dogs okay on leash. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 3 & 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

More Information

Exhibitor space applications still being accepted. For additional information and the latest updates regarding Expo exhibitors, special attractions/entertainment, and vendor opportunities, please visit <http://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> or email info@sandandwaterexpo.com. ■

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• May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) Winners to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Local VFW Contact

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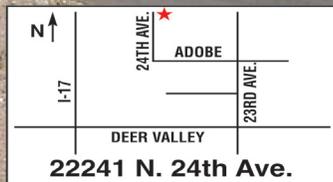


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5-7 — 65th Annual Northern Gila County Fair – Payson Event Center. This home-grown fair features everything from kid games to blue ribbon pies, come watch (or bid) at the 4 H Livestock auctions, featuring award winning animals raised by local kids, stroll through the arts and crafts tent on your way to the bounce house, open horse show, livestock, small animals, handicrafts, lapidary, fine arts, photography and other exhibits. 928-474-5242 or <http://ngcfair.com/>



▲ Prescott Valley

5-8 — 45th Annual Yavapai County Fair – Prescott Frontier Rodeo Grounds. Exhibits, carnival, pig racing, entertainment, food. \$3-6. www.yavapaifair.com/

Holbrook

11-14 — 88th Annual Navajo County Fair Rodeo and Little Buckaroo Rodeo – Navajo County Fairgrounds, Rodeo, arts, crafts, food, entertainment, 4-H competition, carnival, demo derby. \$1-3. noon – 10 pm. 928-524-6407 or 928-524-4757 or 800-524-2459 or www.navajocountyfair.com/

Globe

19-22 — 50th Annual Gila County Fair – Gila County Fairgrounds. Celebrating our 50th year this year! We will have live music, farm experience, ranch rodeo, team roping, livestock shows, livestock auction, All-American Cook-off, carnival, old fashioned fair night, exhibits and much more. Come celebrate 50 years and bring the whole family. There is something for everyone. www.gilacountyfair.com/

RENEWAL

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1. Date of birth of the primary (first) owner.
2. The authorization number as listed on your renewal notice.
3. Your password if one has been established.

LIFE JACKETS

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jackets, look for any rips or tears, missing straps, broken fasteners, and to ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted. Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials.

State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while on board and each passenger must

WASTE

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ing out, provide your crew with a pre-departure briefing and remind them not to put anything overboard. Boats are notoriously windy places, and popular, crowded summer anchorages are particularly prone to wind-driven pollution. When underway, secure possessions as well as any trash below deck or in a storage container. If anything is lost overboard, or if you come across plastic pollution such as a deflated birthday balloon, and conditions permit, it may be a good opportunity — and good practice — for the captain and

Humboldt

21 — 112th Annual Agua Fria Festival – D-H Museum. Activities include a pet parade, Old West Day parade, square dancing, silent auction. The Regulators shoot out, western art & crafts, pan for gold, working blacksmith, games for kids. \$2 before the day of event, \$3 day of event. 8 am – 4 pm. 928-449-9972 or www.dhmsmuseum.org/

Phoenix

21-11/3 — Fall Butterfly Exhibit – Desert Botanical Garden. Experience a diverse kaleidoscope of butterflies from the Southwest, and discover the magnificence of the mighty monarch butterfly—from their amazing migration to the plants they need to survive. Take a closer look at the butterfly lifecycle, and learn how to support and protect beneficial insects and pollinators. 9:30 am – 5 pm. <https://www.dbg.org>

Scottsdale

25-28 — Arabian Breeder Finals – WestWorld of Scottsdale. An unprecedented halter/breeding showcase opportunity that offers prize money and abundant marketing opportunities for breeders and purebred Arabian horse enthusiasts, produced by the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona. www.scottsdalshow.com/

Flagstaff

28-29 — 6th Annual Cornucopia Fall Festival – Thorpe Park. Cornucopia is a community celebration of fall. Cornucopia will feature carnival rides, hay maze, pumpkin patch, pie-eating contest, hay rides, petting zoo, carnival games, circus performers, kids talent show, pony rides, huge kids area, live entertainment, local microbrews, great food, lots of vendors, and more! \$7-35. 10 am – 8 pm. <http://www.flagcorn.com/>

Tempe

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

- We are no longer accepting watercraft registration renewals by telephone.
- You can renew your registration online.
- Registration renewals are still accepted in person at any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or by mail.
- For additional watercraft registration information, please call 602 942-3000. ■

have a properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

Drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2017, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's most readily available statistics. In the 449 water-related deaths that year, 370 people — approximately 84.5 percent — were not wearing a life jacket. These deaths are preventable.

For more information about boating in Arizona or to sign up for a free safety course, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating. ■

crew to safely conduct a man-overboard drill to retrieve the item.

Recycle: If your family gets you a fishfinder, a pair of shiny, new boat fenders, or a new boat doodad for your birthday or other event, thank them profusely but unwrap the gift at home and recycle the gift's packaging if possible. If your marina or boat club doesn't have a recycling program for plastics and other recyclables, ask about starting one. Ensure all your boating guests know where recyclables go. When fishing, do your best to retrieve fishing line snags, and when re-spooling, recycle the old line instead of throwing it in the trash. ■

OUTDOOR

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shooting among more than 30 others.

Evenings and mornings are filled with fun and entertainment, including bird walks, yoga, fly tying, night fishing and presentations.

Participants stay in rustic cabins, but there are showers and bathrooms in each cabin, and a central dining hall for meals.

The program is sponsored by the Arizona Wildlife Federation in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

For more information, a schedule of classes, and a registration form, visit www.azwildlife.org/bow. ■

BUTTERFLIES

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Opportunities for the public to help plant milkweed at the wildlife areas will be available in the coming weeks and months. Planting will be timed to take advantage of monsoon and winter rainfall, so the schedule of events is tentative. The following tentative locations and dates include:

COLORS

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flies or nymphs, especially in the mornings and evenings, and Bonneville cutthroat, which are behaving more like rainbows and cruising along the bottom or several feet off bottom.

Try Trolling

Trolling should be effective for both rainbows and Bonneville. Shore-angling is still an option, but as the summer goes along, you might want a boat (rentals are available at the store) because most trout will be deep. Trolling from a

MUSIC FEST

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ets purchased at the gate are \$20.00. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available at \$45.00 and include two complimentary drink tickets, one Dillon's Restaurant meal and access to a special seating area with a dedicated cash bar. Tickets can be purchased online at www.pleasantharbor.com.

Ticket prices do not include entry into Pleasant Harbor, which is an additional \$10 fee per vehicle for this event. No coolers or alcohol are allowed; however, unopened plastic water bottles, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome.

- Page Springs Fish Hatchery near Cornville on Sept. 30, 2019
- Sipe, Wenima and Becker Lake Wildlife Areas near Springerville on Oct. 19, 2019
- Colorado River Nature Center in Bullhead City on Oct. 26, 2019
- Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area in McNeal on Nov. 2, 2019
- Robbins Butte Wildlife Area in Buckeye on Dec. 7, 2019
- Horseshoe Ranch near Black Canyon City on Jan. 18, 2020

boat is the most productive method during the summer. If shore fishing, get out early or late in the day, and take cover in your vehicle or camp during monsoon/lightning storms.

1. Woods Canyon Lake

Woods Canyon Lake near Payson is an ideal to cool off from the summer heat and catch fish. The Arizona nerve center of friends, families, fishing, and camping, Woods filled and spilled, has a newly paved parking lot and road leading to the boat ramp, and has been stocked with tiger trout. Along with nearby Willow Springs Lake, Woods has been scheduled to be loaded with rain-

Festival attendees are encouraged to buy tickets in advance.

For those wanting a Weekend Experience, camping is available, both full 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 watersports and lakeside activities featuring the world's largest floating water-slide (H2-Whoa!), boat, sail and jet ski rentals, hydro flying, kayak and paddle board rentals. In addition to the many on-site food trucks at Saturday's event, Dillon's Bayou Restaurant, located at Pleas-

- Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area near Safford on Feb. 8, 2020

The waystations are being developed through AZGFD's collaboration with Southwest Monarch Study and the Gila Watershed Partnership. Southwest Monarch Study is a non-profit agency focused on monarch conservation that is providing materials and expertise for the waystations through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Gila Watershed Partnership is a local non-profit focused on watershed conservation

bow trout weekly.

Forest Lakes Lodge

For families that don't enjoy camping in a tent or camper during the summer monsoon storms, the closest lodging is at Forest Lakes Lodge, just 11 1/2 miles away on Highway 260. A little tip: refuel your automobile at the Rim Resort Filling Station, just a mile east of the Forest Lakes Lodge on Hwy 260. Call 928-535-9682 to ensure it's open. At this small town station, the pumps are "old school". Back to fishing. For a novice angler - or for a kid's first fish - try putting a small piece of a worm on a small hook (No. 12 or smaller) and dangle it in

ant Harbor Marina, is open throughout the weekend for breakfast, lunch and dinner and will feature three days of live country music.

"Peoria Country Music Fest is going to showcase some of the best country music around at a one-of-a-kind location," said Bridget Binsbacher, vice mayor of the City of Peoria. "We are so proud to have beautiful Lake Pleasant in our city with easy access and the perfect spot to kick up your heels for an entire weekend of entertainment and fun!"

For more information about the Peoria Country Music Fest, tickets or camping, please visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173. ■

that is growing the milkweed plugs to be planted.

For additional details or to reserve a spot to volunteer, complete the sign-up form. Those with questions should email questions@azgfd.gov.

To learn more about how AZGFD works to conserve and protect the state's wildlife visit www.azgfd.gov. To provide a contribution to support the department's on-the-ground conservation efforts, visit www.azwildlifehero.com. ■

shallow water between rocks for sunfish. Don't forget about catching crayfish, too. The best bet for anglers with boats or kayaks (the Woods Canyon Lake

Boat And Paddlecraft Rentals

Store has boat and canoe/kayak rentals and necessary camping amenities) is to hit the water just before sunrise and troll, or slowly work, small in-line spinners 15 feet deep. Any deeper, and you're typically fishing below the thermocline where during the summer there is no oxygen. Anglers could have no problems getting a six trout daily bag limit or hooking into a rod-rattling tiger trout. ■



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