

ON THE COVER



It's All About Fish

By Carol L. Allen

As the weather warms, a young man's (and woman's) fancy turns to thoughts of — fish. And, although there are many fantastic angling destinations in Arizona, Margie Anderson says to keep in mind the community waters that make fishing possible in waters near you. For some, this is the first opportunity to enjoy casting a line and a good chance to teach little ones the joy of catching. It's handy too that you will not have to drive for miles to enjoy the sport.

Also, at the end of the month, Arizona Game and Fish lure kids to their fishing pond at the March Expo. A family friendly event, the Expo has something for everyone from, obviously, fishing, plus archery, wildlife meetings, paddling, shooting, and so much more. This free event is one of the favorites for outdoors lovers; one can learn a great deal while enjoying a day filled with exhibits and activities.

One more favorite we have mentioned in past issues is the Arizona Renaissance Festival which fills March weekends with fun and frivolity. Our friend Jeff visited Fairhaven for the first time and wrote us a glowing report that we have included in this issue. Thank you, Jeff.

Now, together we spring into one of the best seasons in Arizona to embrace the outdoors. ■

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Fishing at your local park is a wonderful way to spend quality time outdoors with your kids.

ARIZONA'S COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

These Are Great Places To Fish!

By Margie Anderson

Our community lakes are such great places to fish – the Game and Fish stocks them with a variety of fish at different times of year, including trout, catfish, and bluegill. Some of the lakes have bass in them, too! You've probably got an urban lake close by – there are over 50! - and sitting on the bank with a line in the water is one of the best ways to spend a day that I know of.

We've been taking our granddaughters to urban lakes since they were very small, and they not only love to fish, but they also love to play in the parks where the urban lakes are found. So even kids with short attention spans can have a great day outdoors if you take them to an urban lake. It's a win-win!

Where Are Community Lakes?

There are 29 community lakes in the Phoenix area, 5 around Yuma, 1 in Casa Grande, 2 in the Prescott Valley area, 4 around Tucson, one gorgeous lake in Payson, one near Ash Fork, one in St. Johns, one in Show Low, and one in the Safford area.

What Kind Of Fish Do The Community Lakes Have?

The Game and Fish Department stocks channel catfish, bluegill, and rainbow trout in the lakes. Channel cats between 13 and 18 inches long are stocked spring and fall, bluegill in spring, and 10- to 13-inch trout are stocked in winter. All of these are scrappy fighters and a lot of fun to catch on light tackle.

What Kind Of License Do You Need To Fish At A Community Lake?

A general fishing license in Arizona allows you to take fish statewide, including the Community Fishing Waters. For residents, a license is \$37, and for non-residents it's \$55. You can buy one online and print it out! For kids ages 10 – 17, a Youth Combination allows fishing at all the lakes as well. A Youth Combination license is only \$5 for a resident OR a non-resident.

The best part is that your regular license isn't for just the year you bought it in, it's

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This is John Anderson helping a beginning fisher at Cortez Park.

History Comes Alive In Fairhaven!

A first-time visitor reflects on the Renaissance Festival.

By Jeff DiDomenico

A short drive through the east valley from Phoenix transported me Back in Time to The Enchantment of the Renaissance Festival. After quickly navigating a well-designed parking lot, I was whisked away to a vibrant tapestry of the 16th century, where history comes alive in a whirlwind of color, music, and merriment!

It was soon clear that folks from all ages made the most of the opportunity to dress in attire from the period or any interpretation of history. More than half of the guests were invested in costumes from ninjas to mermaids. I was left wishing my imagination had been jump started before I left the house instead of the minute I entered the gates.

This family-friendly event provided a delightful escape into a world where knights clash in daring jousts, maidens twirl in beautifully crafted gowns, and the aroma of hearty fare fills the air.

Visitors can immerse themselves in a variety of attractions, including captivating performances from skilled acrobats, minstrels and jesters who will have you laughing and singing along. I watched as skilled craftsmen showcased their remarkable talents, from intricate pottery to dazzling jewelry and blacksmithing. At every turn there



were many opportunities to snag a unique treasure.

For the daring, you can participate in mini sword-fighting lessons or try your hand at archery, guided by master instructors. Kids were reveling in the rides, the magical realm of storytelling and face painting, leaving them enchanted and full of wonder.

My hunger was satisfied by feasting on mouthwatering delights from local food vendors offering everything from hearty turkey legs to sweet pastries, fit for royalty! I was able to pair my meal with a refreshing goblet of mead from the artisan brewers as I celebrated the artistry, culture, and spirit of the Renaissance.

I found myself following the royal parade through town as it led me to the jousting field where Maximilian and the Duke of Arcadia, Sir Larrison, faced off in a battle of bloodshed and violence. This event is

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2025 AZGFD Expo Slated

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AZGFD) 2025 Outdoor Expo will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, 2025. The event will take place at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona.

What to expect

- **Wildlife exhibits:** See wildlife mounts, taxidermy, and artwork
- **Fishing:** Try fishing in family-friendly tanks
- **Firearms:** Try out firearms in a safe environment
- **Animal ambassadors:** Meet the AZGFD's animal ambassadors, including a female great horned owl and a female rosy boa
- **Wildlife asset auction:** Purchase wildlife assets like antlers, hides, and

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FISH ARIZONA

Fishing, Birding, Cleaning: All On March Calendar

Arizona has extensive opportunities and destinations to go fishing, from a local pond to a remote mountain stream, but many don't know where to get started. The Arizona Game and Fish Department's **FishAZ Network** brings all these opportunities in one place offering instructional and educational events, hands-on beginner fishing events, and other fishing based on your skill level and interest.

Event Type

- All Events
- 1 - Introductory
- 2 - Beginner
- 3 - Developing
- 4 - Intermediate
- 5 - Experienced



Examples for reference only: Backpack fly-fishing trip, destination hike in fishing, fishing tournaments, Trout Challenge trip, Native fish Challenge trip.

MARCH 8 AND MARCH 9

Family Campout at Alamo Lake - AZSP

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 8:00 am - 11:45 pm
 Sunday, March 9, 2025 6 am - 4 pm
 Salt River Saturday - Trout Unlimited March 8, 2025 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Blue Point Recreation Area - Salt River Fort McDowell, AZ 85364

MARCH 21

Fishing Series - Peoria Park Rangers

Pioneer Park Peoria, AZ 85345
 March 21, 2025 9:00am - 12:00pm

MARCH 22

Salt River Saturday - Trout Unlimited

Blue Point Recreation Area - Salt River Fort McDowell, AZ 85364
 Saturday, March 22, 2025 9:00am - 12:00pm



MARCH MONDAY MORNINGS

Lake Pleasant is creating a Monday clean-up crew. If you are available on any Monday, please join us as we pick up litter along the shoreline.

What should the volunteers bring? – Water, salty snacks and fruit (oranges are best for hot weather), hat, sunscreen,



closed-toed shoes/boots made for uneven surfaces, sunglasses, and work gloves.

What equipment will be provided? Some additional gloves are available, limited supply, litter pickers, and bags.

Contact information of person-in-charge: Koy D. Mangan, Lake Pleasant Regional Park Supervisor, koy.mangan@maricopa.gov, 602-506-9555

Event Description – Volunteers will meet staff outside of the main building at the entry station where they will sign them in. After signing in, volunteers will be directed to where to park for litter pick-up efforts. Volunteers should be prepared to pick up litter along the shoreline and throughout the park as directed by staff. Volunteers should be heat tolerant and mindful of their walking and hiking ability.

Time: 7:00 am - 9:00 am
 Website: <https://tinyurl.com/muvpjzs9>
 Organizer: Lake Pleasant Regional Park

Phone: 928-501-1703, 928-501-1700, 928-501-1710

Email: terrygerber@mail.maricopa.gov

To Register: <https://signup.com/go/wWCmsDW>

MARCH SATURDAY MORNINGS

First and third Saturday of the month at 8:00 am, January-April and September-December.

Date: March 15

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

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Under state law, life jackets are required to be worn by children 12 years old and younger, but it's strongly urged that everyone wear one while on the water. Life jackets save lives.

Before heading out on the water, it's important that boaters check to ensure that their life jackets are in good condition and that they are the right size and fit for passengers. Look for:

- Any rips or tears
- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
- Ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted.

Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials and replaced if necessary.

Register Your Watercraft

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Nominations Open For Arizona Outdoor Hall Of Fame

Deadline to submit nominations is April 7.

Wildlife for Tomorrow is now accepting nominations for the 27th annual Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Established in 1998 through a partnership between Wildlife for Tomorrow and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame honors individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to wildlife conservation, natural resource preservation, and the promotion of Arizona's outdoor heritage.

To submit a nomination, go to <https://secure.lglforms.com>, complete the form, and click "submit." Any additional materials can be scanned and uploaded directly through the form. The deadline for nominations is Monday, April 7, 2025. For inquiries or more information, please email Rebecca Bouquot at info@wildlifefortomorrow.org.

This year's inductees will be celebrated at the annual Outdoor Hall of Fame Induction Banquet this summer. Details regarding the date and location will be announced soon.

Notable past inductees include prominent figures from various sectors such as wildlife volunteerism, corporate leadership, politics and the media. Honorees like Margie Anderson, Ben Avery, Barry Goldwater, Morris Udall, John McCain, Bill Quimby, Tom Woods and Steve Hirsch, as well as esteemed organizations like Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Rio Salado Sportsman's Club and Audubon Arizona, have all been recognized for



their outstanding contributions. A full list of past inductees can be found at <https://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/halloffame> (scroll down the page).

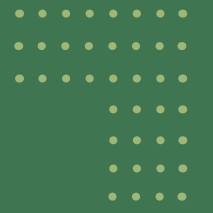
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Wildlife for Tomorrow is committed solely to supporting meaningful projects within Arizona, ensuring that funds remain dedicated to local efforts. The organization refrains from engaging in or influencing regulatory, management, or legislative decisions and does not take positions on controversial or sensitive issues. Its primary mission is to back initiatives that positively impact both wildlife and the communities of Arizona.

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Quagga mussels attached to a fishing rod and reel, left; New Zealand mudsnails, right.

Help Stop The Spread Of Harmful Invasive Species

Did you know that invasive quagga mussels cause millions of dollars in damage to boat motors, docks and water intake systems?

Or that unwanted turtles, tortoises, fish, and other pets illegally released into the wild can hurt our native species by introducing disease or outcompeting them for habitat and food?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is participated in National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Feb. 24-28. The nationwide event aims to educate the public about the harmful impact of invasive animals, plants and other organisms. During the week, AZGFD posted information highlighting some of the invasive species in Arizona, and how people can help slow their spread.

“Taking a few minutes to clean your gear, especially footwear, after use is one of the best ways to protect Arizona’s waters and fisheries regardless if you are in an AIS-affected water or not,” said Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Kate Dukette of AZGFD.

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

- Learn about invasive species, especially those found in this region. AZGFD’s website and the National Invasive Species Information Center are both resources.
- Boaters and anglers should remember to clean, drain and dry your boat (and leave the plug out) before moving to another water. This helps stop the spread of quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species. It’s not just a good practice,

it’s the law. www.azgfd.gov/AIS (scroll to bottom).

- Anglers should clean and dry their gear. Don’t forget to clean those wading boots. Never transport live fish from one body of water to another. AZGFD AIS Angler Recommendation & StopAIS.org.

- Don’t release pets into the wild. It is illegal for pet owners who no longer wish to care for their exotic pets to release them into the wild, or dump their aquariums into bodies of water, potentially harming local ecosystems. DontLetItLoose.com.

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

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

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

- Buy forage, hay, mulch and soil that are certified as “weed free.”

- Be a Citizen Scientist and report observations of invasive species at invasives.natureserve.org.

“It is everyone’s responsibility to be stewards of the places that we love so we can protect Arizona’s waters for future generations,” Dukette said.

For more information about National Invasive Species Awareness Week, visit www.nisaw.org. ■

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Eight TowBoatUS Captains Honored For Lifesaving Acts

For the more than 600 red boats of TowBoatUS, the on-water towing and assistance fleet for recreational boaters, a routine day typically includes towing disabled boats back to the launch ramp, providing battery jumps, dropping off fuel, or offering a gentle tug out of the shallows. For each of these towboat captains and crews, however, one workday was far from routine.

At the annual gathering of the TowBoatUS fleet, company owners, captains and BoatUS staff honored eight captains in Florida, Washington, Virginia and Michigan who selflessly acted to provide good Samaritan lifesaving assistance in 2024. A Woody Pollak Award, the highest honor in TowBoatUS lifesaving and named for the late Capt. Woody Pollak who died on duty and was known for his unselfish acts, was bestowed along with seven Meritorious Service Awards.

Woody Pollak Award: Capt. Kevin Freestone, TowBoatUS Big Pine Key, Florida

It's a call that no TowBoatUS captain wants to hear. Late one midsummer night at 1:30 a.m., TowBoatUS Big Pine Key received an urgent request from Monroe County Fire Rescue asking for assistance with a 35-foot center-console with eight passengers aboard that struck a concrete bridge. Children were aboard, and persons were thought to be in the water. TowBoatUS Big Pine Key immediately launched two response boats, with Capt. Kevin Freestone the first to arrive on scene and the second following minutes later.

It was immediately apparent to Capt. Freestone that the large center-console was full of passengers when it struck the bridge at high speed. The boat had heavy bow damage, its leaning post and center-console ripped free. When he arrived, it was pinned against the bridge in heavy current, listing to port. With no on-water assets available, first responders on the bridge were using a ladder to evacuate passengers who were able to do so. Not everyone was.

Capt. Freestone swiftly laid his 26-foot towboat alongside the stricken vessel, pinning the response boat's bow under the tangled vessel's T-top to prevent it from capsizing with three critically injured persons still aboard, including a 12-year-old boy screaming in pain. The operator of the vessel had a makeshift tourniquet around his leg, and he had lost a lot of blood. With the vessel flooding in the swift current, there wasn't much time.

With the help of EMTs, Freestone took the three injured aboard and carefully pulled away. The wreck immediately capsized. Freestone then rushed the injured with responders to shore where life flights were waiting. All eight persons survived the incident.

As a result of his actions and act of selflessness, Freestone was later recognized by the Monroe Board of County Commissioners, receiving the first S.A.F.E.R. award (Selfless Actions For Emergency Response) for his lifesaving actions.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. James Freeman, TowBoatUS Tarpon Springs, Florida

While headed to a routine call for assistance one February afternoon, Capt.



James Freeman approached the Dundin Causeway where a bystander on the bridge flagged him down, yelling that a man had jumped from the bridge and was in the water.

Capt. Freeman immediately activated his response vessel's emergency lights and swung around to the person in the water. Upon approaching the man, Freeman tossed a rescue line, but the man refused to take it, instead forcing himself below the water face-down. After cautioning an approaching vessel to pull back, Freeman made operating room to reposition himself closer. As he did so, the suicidal man expressed his unwillingness to be recovered. That was when Captain Freeman grabbed his boat hook and secured the man in the arm pit and shirt, pulled him safely alongside, then lifted him into the towboat.

Lying prone on the deck of the vessel, the man stated that he wanted to die and began to squirm. Capt. Freeman restrained the man while he sped to nearby police and EMS. He was unable to transfer the bridge jumper at that location due to an obstruction, so a Pinellas County Sheriff boarded the vessel and secured him. Both were safely transported to awaiting EMS crews.

Though he received an injury during his actions, Freeman continued to his original stranding call, advising the customer about the unexpected delay. He later recovered.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. Kevin Lankowicz, TowBoatUS Tarpon Springs, Florida

Around lunchtime on a summer weekday, Capt. Kevin Lankowicz received a call for routine service about 40 miles offshore. On his way out of Clearwater Pass, Lankowicz noticed two personal watercrafts (PWCs) about a mile offshore. He was troubled by what he saw.

One watercraft was unoccupied, slowly idling in circles, while the other had a man on board and a woman in the water, gripping the PWC. A third woman, in an undersized life jacket, swam over to the unoccupied circling PWC but was unable to reboard. Lankowicz asked the woman in the water with the undersized life jacket if she knew how to swim. In a panicked state, she replied "no." The TowBoatUS captain maneuvered the towboat to her side and shut down the engines. He

reached out to her, grabbed her hand, and told her to let go of the PWC, assuring her that she would be safe in his hands.

After catching her breath, she finally let go of the PWC, and Lankowicz held her head out of the water while he guided her to his swim ladder. She was able to climb the ladder into the towboat where she rested. After declining further assistance, she safely transferred back to the PWC. The two watercraft then carefully proceeded back to land.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. Danielle Farace, TowBoatUS Tacoma, Washington

While en route to a member tow, a TowBoatUS Everett crew overheard a vessel calling out to law enforcement on VHF channel 16. The caller stated he needed advice on how to enter Everett. When law enforcement didn't answer, Capt. Danielle Farace of TowBoatUS Tacoma responded, asking what the vessel needed. The vessel master reported he was on a 36-foot powerboat and stated that he had been treated for heat stroke. Feeling lightheaded and confused, he needed help getting into Everett.

Capt. Farace advised the boater that she would be on location within five minutes. Once she arrived, she deftly pulled the TowBoatUS response vessel alongside the powerboat to make verbal contact with the vessel's two occupants. After speaking with the occupants and recognizing the need, Farace offered to board the vessel, check out the male and assist the couple to the Port of Everett where first responders would meet them.

While Farace's crew took the towboat back to Everett, Farace monitored the patient's condition, assisting with the operation of the vessel, safely getting the boat back to Everett where the man was delivered to awaiting EMS.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. Gilbert James Jr., TowBoatUS Potomac Marine, Woodbridge, Virginia

On a late summer afternoon, a good Samaritan called Capt. Gilbert James of TowBoatU.S. Potomac Marine to notify him of a boat in distress near Fairview Beach on the Potomac River. Just minutes later, Capt. James was underway at the helm of the towboat *Aquia* when the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed over VHF radio

that a vessel capsized just west of Fairview Beach. A severe thunderstorm had just passed through the area, and the National Weather service had issued a small craft warning with gusts up 39 knots and waves upward of 2 feet. Five persons were now in the water with one missing.

Using his knowledge of the river and weather conditions, Capt. James swiftly located, with the help of another good Samaritan, the capsized pontoon boat, where he found the five victims without life jackets clinging to the vessel. Capt. James and his son, Ryan, safely approached the pontoon to remove all five souls from the water.

Once aboard, Capt. James' 23-years' experience as a Prince George's County firefighter paramedic helped him to quickly assess the victims for any major medical attention while safely transported them to awaiting EMS crews. One victim required transfer to the hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

Sadly, a day later, first responders located the missing victim tangled in the wreckage of the pontoon when Capt. James parbuckled it during salvage operations.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. Christopher Lakeman, TowBoatUS Big Pine Key, Florida

On a late Spring afternoon, Capt. Chris Lakeman of TowBoatUS Big Pine Key was in the area of Content Keys on the Gulf side of the Lower Florida Keys, helping out two different grounded vessels on opposite sides of an island.

While traveling from one case to the other, Capt. Lakeman headed into the Gulf of Mexico to go around the island. Winds and seas picked up dramatically from flat calm to 3- to 4-foot short-stacked waves. As Capt. Lakeman slowly quartered his way in the rough seas, he encountered a small 17-foot flats boat overturned with items floating around it. The boat hadn't been there when he went by an hour before, and he intuitively knew this was serious.

Capt. Lakeman immediately began a search and after just few minutes, he came across two men clutching life jackets about 75 yards away from the capsized boat. Waves and whitecaps had made it difficult to see the men, who were safely recovered and brought to shore.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. Kevin Jones, TowBoatUS Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

In a moment of downtime, Capt. Kevin Jones was aboard his company's "3 Boat" response vessel, talking with his boss on the adjacent "5 Boat," when their emergency communications app alerted them to a nearby sinking just a short distance away. Both boats immediately responded, but Capt. Jones, in the much faster boat, was first to arrive.

What he saw worried him: A capsized vessel with only its bow poking above water was in the 3-foot chop. A short distance away was second vessel, a 15-foot Key Largo afloat low in the water, had two men aboard, one yelling, "Help! Help! Help! He's gonna sink my boat!"

Capt. Jones swung around the aft end

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AZGFD, National Forests Urge Caution On Lake Ice

Inconsistent, thin ice is not safe; high-country anglers need to be aware.

High country temperatures have been up and down this winter. Before taking that first step on an ice-covered lake to do some fishing, or to simply enjoy the winter weather in Arizona's high country, take a step back and consider if the conditions are safe.

First Ice, Last Ice

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), along with the Coconino and Kaibab national forests, are urging outdoor recreationists to be aware that "first ice" and "last ice" (also known as freeze up and ice out) are some of the most dangerous times to be on the ice.

During these times, ice may be inconsistent and too thin, or of poor quality, to be safe. Many of the higher-elevation ar-



reas of northern Arizona are experiencing large temperature changes over short periods of time. These conditions frequently create ice typical of first and last ice throughout the winter.

Never Assume

Never assume that ice in Arizona is safe to walk on. No ice is "safe." Before taking that first step, consider these following tips:

- Check the thickness of the ice. It is generally accepted that new, clear ice

needs to be at least 4 inches thick to walk on. Cloudy or white ice is not as strong as clear ice and can be unsafe.

- Never assume that the ice is safe just because it was recently checked, or because others have already walked out on the ice. Conditions can change quickly and should be checked each time before stepping out on the ice. Ice is almost always inconsistent across a body of water.

- Check frequently for soft or thin spots in the intended direction of travel

- Consider partnering with someone with experience traveling on ice to demonstrate how to use an ice chisel or "spud bar."

- In northern Arizona, ice may be relatively safe early in the morning and then unsafe by the afternoon. Always be aware of the weather and the impacts that it may have on the ice. When in doubt, get off the ice.

- Carry rescue equipment for yourself and for others, and know how to use it.

Ice safety picks are a piece of equipment that all people traveling on the ice should have. They are frequently worn around the neck or inside sleeves and aid a person in pulling themselves out of a hole in the ice. This inexpensive piece of equipment (about \$10) can make the difference in any self-rescue.

- Wearing a flotation ice-fishing suit or a life jacket can be a life saver. A safety whistle is also useful to get the attention of other people if a self-rescue is not possible. Carry a throw rope to rescue someone other than yourself. Don't become another victim.

- Wear ice cleats. Ice is slippery, and cleats can help a person avoid a nasty fall. A pair of good ice cleats can be purchased for less than \$20.

- Don't go on the ice alone. Make sure there are other people nearby to assist in the case of an emergency, but remember not to stand or travel near a partner unless the conditions make it safe to do so. ■

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valid for a year from the date you buy it. All licenses that allow fishing are valid for trout as well, and also for simultaneous fishing with two poles or lines.

If you're just visiting Arizona, or you just want to try your hand at Community Fishing, a short term combination hunt and fish license lets you fish anywhere in the state for \$15 a day for residents, and \$20 a day for non-residents. When you buy your short-term license online, you can select the day it's valid on, so you can plan ahead. You can get all the info you need and buy a license online at www.azgfd.com.

What Kind Of Equipment Do I Need At The Community Lakes?

A simple, light spinning or spincasting outfit like a Zebco is great – you'll probably want to throw lightweight lures and baits. Another great option is the bait finesse system for bass. You can use a variety of small baits such as spoons, plastic worms and grubs, and small crankbaits and poppers, as well as things like salmon eggs and Power Bait.

What Are The Bag Limits At The Community Lakes?

Every community lake has a special sign that will tell you everything you need to know about fishing at that lake, includ-



This is Emily fishing at Cortez Park when she was little. She still loves the outdoors!

ing rules about boats, baits and lures, and about bag limits.

How To Enjoy A Day Of Fishing At A Community Lake

You don't need to carry a lot of tackle and gear with you, but there are a few things that always make any fishing trip more fun. Here are some ideas of things you'll need:

- License

- Hat
- Polarized sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Fishing rod and tackle box
- Drinking water
- Snacks
- Fishing net, preferably rubberized so hooks don't stick to it
- Chair
- Cooler and ice if you plan to take fish home

You may be able to find a shady spot to sit in, but not always – so consider bringing a chair that has its own shade, or at the least a hat with a nice wide brim.

Low-Light Fishing On Community Waters

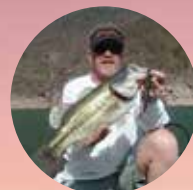
Some community waters close at night because they are located in parks, but at some places you can relax on the banks at night and soak a line for catfish. We love to do this, and we've fished on urban lakes all around the valley in the dark. This is ideal for those who work and would rather not face possible park crowds on weekends.

For night fishing, take chairs or a blanket and just relax on the shore – at many of the lakes you can find grass

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This guy at Rio Vista has a fish on!



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AZGFD gives tips to avoid contact with wildlife.

Keep Our Wildlife Wild

Wildlife has been active in the mild winter climate of Arizona's lower and mid elevations, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department has been receiving increased reports of human-wildlife conflicts in many parts of the state.

Here's some recent activity:

- The Tucson area has received more than 20 wildlife feeding complaints since August – made all the more concerning in light of the fact that Pima County has seen an uptick in wildlife rabies cases this year.

- Pima County is also seeing issues involving unsecured backyard chickens and livestock, which bobcats and other predators see as an easy meal.

- The communities of Peeples Valley and Yarnell southwest of Prescott are dealing with a growing number of nuisance deer and javelina conflicts due to people feeding wildlife.

- There have been reports of conflicts with coyotes and javelina due to wildlife feeding in the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas, as well as in Sedona and Lake Havasu City. Most callers are seeing these animals in their backyards and are concerned about the safety of their pets.

- Payson, Pine and Strawberry continue to have nuisance elk and deer issues due to wildlife feeding. These instances are leading to property damage and an increased chance of potentially fatal vehicle-wildlife collisions.

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VIRTUAL SPEAKER WILDLIFE SERIES

Learn About Snakes, Wolves, And Coyotes

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has partnered with the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center (SWCC) to host virtual wildlife lectures.

Coming up:

- **Wild About Arizona: Learn the Truth About Rattlesnakes (Beyond the Bad Rap) — 6:30 p.m. March 20 (AZGFD).** Description: Snakes have received a lot of bad press over the centuries, and most of that criticism — and even fear — has been directed at rattlesnakes more than any other species. Truth: Snakes serve an important ecological niche and have their own intrinsic value. Learn the truth about the different spe-

cies, their behaviors, diet, and just how dangerous — if at all — Arizona's snakes actually are. Presented by AZGFD wildlife biologist Jeff Meyers.

- **Wild About Arizona: Deep Dive into the Natural History of Wolves and Coyotes — 6:30 p.m. April 24 (AZGFD).** Description: Learn about the highly adaptable coyote, an extraordinarily intelligent and opportunistic species. That will be followed by a deeper look into the history of Arizona's wolves. Find out what caused them to become extinct and how AZGFD, along with other federal and state agencies, have reintroduced the Mexican gray wolf back into our ecosystem. Presented by AZGFD wild-



life biologists Jeff Meyers and Cheyenne Towne.

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The Willcox Playa Wildlife Area is home to thousands of wintering sandhill cranes.

A Walk On The Wild Side

Willcox Playa Wildlife Area is best known for its wintering population of sandhill cranes that annually migrate to the playa in large numbers.

It's not unusual to see several thousands of the winter visitors from the viewing area at the power-plant ponds, located on the southwest side of the playa, or at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 600-acre wildlife area on the southeast side. The cranes feed and court, but will begin their migration to their summer breeding grounds in the northern Great Plains in February.

The best opportunity for birdwatchers is from mid-October through March, when more than 15 species of birds of prey may also be found here. It's also possible to spot a mule deer, javelina, coati, badger, jackrabbit, skunk, fox, bobcat, coyote, or raccoon.

Directions: From Willcox, drive east on State Route 186 for six miles, turn south on Kansas Settlement Road for four miles to the wildlife area. ■

Be A Good Steward Of The Land

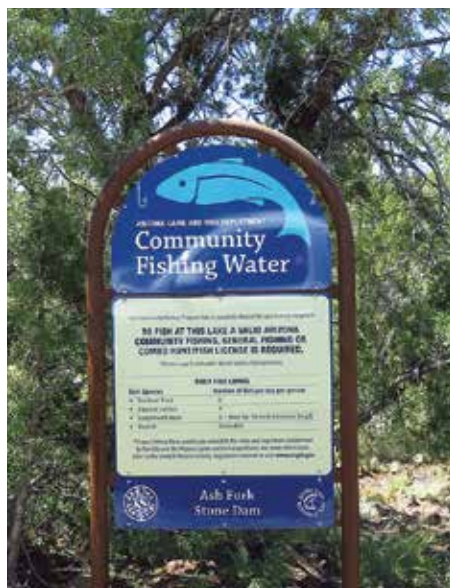
A different type of hunt takes place for wildlife enthusiasts in the late winter and into spring — the hunt for antlers. Deer and elk shed their antlers each winter, providing an opportunity for people to search for them and further their connection with and understanding of wildlife.

Elk antlers start dropping in mid-February, deer start dropping in March, and the season progresses through the end of April.

Arizona doesn't regulate shed antler hunting, but if you set out in search of a set, it's important to be a good steward of the land. Remove all trash, clean up after yourself, and stay on designated roadways for all full-size and off-highway vehicles. Ask permission for access to private property in advance of the outing, and leave all lands better than you found them. ■



Searching for shed antlers provides an opportunity to further one's connection with and understanding of wildlife.



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nearby. If the lake you choose has a concrete walkway around it, you'll have to use chairs.

Consider bringing a UV lantern and using fluorescent fishing line. The light will make your fishing line glow, making it much easier to detect bites. A lot of the bass fishermen I know use a Magic Marker to darken the last 5 to 7 feet of their line in case the fish can see the glow.

If you have kids with you, bring alternative entertainment for them in case the fish aren't biting and they get bored.

We always avoided electronic games and opted for things like mitts and balls, jacks, etc. Even coloring books can be great for the smaller kids. They also like to have their own lanterns and flashlights, especially the kind that change colors.

Bottom Line

I love the changes that the Game and Fish has made to the regulations — not having to buy an additional fishing license, etc. I hope you'll get out to the closest Community Waters this spring and try your hand at catching some of the fish that have been stocked there just for us. Have fun and be safe! ■

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The root cause of most human-wildlife conflicts is giving wildlife easy access to food, water and/or shelter.

"People who love wildlife should understand that feeding wild animals or leaving food accessible to them is not a good practice and can put the animal and people in danger," said Locana de Souza, AZGFD urban wildlife specialist. "When wildlife such as coyotes, javelina, bobcats, bears or mountain lions learn to associate humans with food, they lose their fear of people, and that can lead to conflict situations that end badly for both humans and wildlife."

De Souza added that it's also important to not accidentally feed wildlife — measures such as landscaping your yard with plants that aren't attractants to wildlife, picking up downed fruit, or taking in bird feeders can all cut down on unwanted animal behaviors. AZGFD offers the following tips for people to discourage wild animals from taking up residence in populated areas:

- **Don't feed wildlife.** It is unlawful to feed wildlife (except for birds and tree squirrels) in Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties per Arizona Revised Statute 13-2927. Some cities and less populated counties have also adopted ordinances against feeding. Check your local city and county ordinances.

- **Remove pet food,** water bowls, garbage and other attractants from around your home and put them in a secure location inaccessible to wildlife.

- **Feed your pets inside** and never leave them unattended, especially at dusk and dawn. Predatory animals may opportunistically see small pets as a food source. Keep domestic livestock and poultry in a secure area. Don't feed feral or "neighborhood" cats.

- **Don't let animals** such as coyotes get comfortable in your neighborhood — spray them (from a safe distance) with a hose, throw pebbles in their direction, light up the area at night, or bang pots and pans to keep the animals moving.

- **Secure garbage containers** and eliminate odors by cleaning trash cans with a 10-percent chlorine bleach solution. Put out trash containers on the

morning of pickup, not the night before.

- Keep an eye on small children.

The department's Living with Wildlife web page has tips for what to do if you encounter a wild animal (these may differ depending on the species).

If a wild animal has attacked or bitten a person, call 911. Anyone bitten should immediately seek medical attention from a qualified healthcare provider.

If you encounter any wildlife acting aggressively toward people, call the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour Communications Center at 623-236-7201.

AZGFD will respond if there is an immediate public safety threat. The department does not provide removal or capture services for nuisance wildlife but does offer self-help advice. If necessary, homeowners can contact a qualified wildlife control business to attempt to capture and remove nuisance wildlife for a fee. Keep in mind that even if coyotes, javelinas or other animals are removed from an area, others will probably subsequently move in if attractants remain.

Please keep wildlife wild and help reduce the chance of conflicts that can be bad for both wildlife and people. ■

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skulls, through a silent auction.

- The event is free and open to the public
- The event will run from 9 AM to 3 PM on both days
- You can share your plans for the event using #azgfdexpo
- The AZGFD will post bidding rules and auction procedures on Instagram
- Funds from the wildlife asset auction will be used to purchase equipment and technology for wildlife crime investigations ■

Great Drives For March – Some Easy, Some Hard

By Margie Anderson

This month is probably your last chance for a great low country outdoor adventure before it gets too darn hot and you only want to head for the forests. With that in mind, I've gathered up four of my favorite drives that John and I have done in the month of March. The best part is that each of these drives has great stuff to see even if you don't have a 4WD vehicle, with an added attraction for those of you who DO have a 4x4.

Fairly Easy: Agua Fria Petroglyphs

Take Bloody Basin Road east (I love the spot near the beginning where you cross the Agua Fria!) until you see a kiosk that has information about the



This cliff in the Agua Fria National Monument has tons of petroglyphs on it.

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Agua Fria National Monument. You'll see a marker for FR9014 heading south. Up until this point, the road is nice and wide and pretty flat, but once you get off Bloody Basin onto the side roads you'll probably need a pickup truck or high clearance vehicle.

In just under a mile you'll come to a big corral. Stay on 9014 and pass by 481 and 9025 as well. About two and half miles from where you started on 9014 you'll come to a cattle guard and the boundary of the Agua Fria National Monument. 9014 is now Tonto National Forest trail FR14 and you continue south on it. Just before the 4.4 mile mark (watch your odometer) you'll come to some Indian ruins. They are just low walls of jumbled stones. Turn right here.



Two of the ruins you can see at Brooklyn Mine, above and right.

Hard Part: Brooklyn Mine

If you don't make that last right turn, you'll head down a fairly steep and very rocky road that was difficult even in the Jeep. After going down, you can see the petroglyph cliff on your right and we saw people walking along at the base. Keep going and soon the road starts to go over a hill. This part of the road was so bad that we decided to get out and walk since we didn't have another vehicle with us. It was only half a mile or so to the old Brooklyn Mine ruins and they are pretty spectacular – lots of walls and floors, a big fireplace all alone, and just all kinds of old broken-down buildings to explore. We had a blast!



Hard Part: Schnebly Hill Road

This is definitely a 4WD road, or at the very least, for high clearance vehicles. It's incredibly rocky with some steep boulders to get over, and add to that the fact that it is almost always a busy road because it is famous for its views. I think the best way to approach it is to get on Schnebly Hill Road off I-17 just south of Munds Park – exit 320.

You'll drive through some beautiful woods and pass some tanks and water, then suddenly you'll find yourself on the edge of the ridge and see an incredible spectacle of red rock bluffs and formations ahead. If you come in from this side, you'll be going downhill so the views are ahead of you.



This is Royal Arch, which is off the Hovatter Road to the east on the far side of a hill, so not visible from Hovatter Road.

The Views Are Worth It

However, if you've visited the Sedona Wetlands Preserve first, catch Schnebly Hill Road from Sedona. If you go on a weekend, be prepared for the traffic. The views are worth it, though, and if you don't have a Jeep or OHV of your own, you can always catch a tour in Sedona.

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Easy: Sedona Wetlands Preserve

We found this place by accident after



This is just one of the spectacular petroglyphs we found.

doing a particularly difficult off-road trip to Oak Creek Homestead. It's located on highway 89A between mile markers 365 and 366. It's free – simply park your car and go for a lovely walk on smooth wide trails between ponds. You'll see lots of birds, maybe some critters, and probably no people. There are observation decks and plenty of shady spots to linger in. We loved it.



The Sedona Wetlands Restoration Project is a beautiful place to visit.

Petroglyphs!

After the right turn, you'll be driving along next to a cliff (you're not close to it, so don't worry), and that cliff has hundreds of petroglyphs on it. We drove to the end of the road (a lollipop) and parked there. The only way to see the petroglyphs from here is to climb down the rocks. I call it a cliff but it isn't bad – I was able to clamber around and get some great photos, but John had to stay up top and hold on to Mochi. This is NOT a good place to let your dog run loose.

We found petroglyphs of a lot of different animals, including coyotes, quail, deer, javelina, etc. I also found some of people and of course a lot of mysterious symbols that I wish I could interpret. We spent a lot of time here and had a very good time spotting petroglyphs – they can be hard to see, depending on the light, so it's like a scavenger hunt!

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To get on via I-17 take exit 320 and head west. In Sedona, take highway 179 south from highway 89A. Turn left immediately after crossing the Oak Creek Bridge. The road is marked.

Easy: Salome Road And Chapel, Conflagration Arch

If you take highway 60 west from Wickenburg, you can drive through the town of Aguila, see Eagle Eye Mountain, and pass through Wenden before coming to the town of Salome. From there, take the Salome Road southeast and keep your eyes open for the little white chapel on the side of the road. Stop and go inside. It's very pretty and peaceful, and it's sort of surprising that it's even there!

After leaving the chapel, continue on the Salome road to I-10 and head on home, or if you have a 4x4 you might want to head west on I-10 to exit 53 and head south on Hovatter Road. Conflagration Arch on Hovatter Road is an easy, short drive, but Royal Arch is a whole other thing. Don't try going past Conflagration Arch in a regular car. When we were there, a sign on the road told you the arch was on your right.

Hard Part: Royal Arch

We saw Conflagration Arch first when we went because we actually came to Hovatter road from the north. If you are coming from I-10 and you just want to see Royal Arch, the best I can do is give you coordinates for a road that will take you to it. On Hovatter Road, turn east on a dirt road that intersects Hovatter at approximately 33°26'25.5N 113°42'27.6"W. Proceed to a road that only goes south at approximately 33°25'09.4"N 113°39'24.1". Head south on this road and you'll see the arch on your right in about 1000 feet

If you look up Royal Arch on the in-



You can hop on Schnebly Hill Road in Sedona or from I-17 south of Flagstaff.

ternet, odds are they will tell you it's right on Hovatter Road and show you photos of Conflagration Arch, which is MUCH less spectacular. Royal Arch is not visi-



Hovatter Road goes through some beautiful desert.

ble from Hovatter Road. I used the Topo Maps app and navigated to it with that. You definitely need 4WD to get there.

Bonus: Easy Drives That Are Still Tons Of Fun
Edge of the World

This drive takes a while, but it's doable with two-wheel drive and moderate clearance, and the reward is well worth it. start out just west of Flagstaff on I-40. We actually had to go past the road and backtrack, so we took the south Flagstaff Ranch exit and went south to West Kiltie Lane and headed east until we got to South Woody Mountain Road. You can also look up the Flagstaff Arboretum and use those directions, since it's along the

road you want. I found this road on www.trailsoffroad.com, and they say it takes about an hour and a half, but we stop all the time and wander around, so for us from Phoenix it was 326 miles total and took the whole day.

Amazing Views Across Sedona

South Woody Mountain Road is also FR231, and you just stay on that road all the way. It's also called East Pocket Road. It's a good gravel road with a few washboard areas, mostly near the beginning. Near the end it might be a little rougher, and of course weather will make a difference. You'll pass the Arboretum and a lovely place called Rogers Lake that has a lot of great trails with signs telling you about the wildlife. We plan to go back there sometime.

What you're really after is the views near the end of FR231 and it's going to take you a while to get there. We went on a weekday and there was almost no traffic. The Edge of the World is what they call the area near East Pocket, because from there you get a magnificent view all across the Sedona area including amazing canyons and bluffs.

Perkinsville Road

Unless the weather has been really bad, this road is totally doable with two-wheel drive and average clearance. It's a very good gravel road. We start from Phoenix, so for us this was an all-day drive. We got on Perkinsville Road just north of Chino Valley and ended up in Jerome, then went home. From Highway 89 north of Prescott Valley, we took Perkinsville Road east all the way to the Verde River crossing near Perkinsville. The views when you get to the plateau on the way are stunning – red rock bluffs with the San Francisco Peaks beyond them. (If you want to keep going north, it will take you all the way to Williams.)

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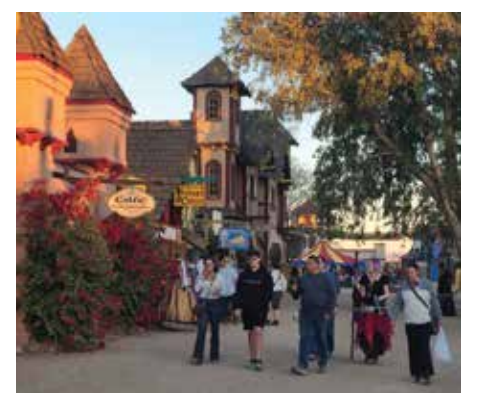
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well suited for the modern ages as the 21st-century crowd is whipped into a frenzy of blood lust. This live jousting event left me unsure if it's staged. The level of risk as these two knights galloped full speed towards each other with lances pointed for brutality surely isn't without grave danger. The stakes are higher than any current sporting event, Super Bowl included.

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- Binoculars and field guides are available to borrow.
- Please meet inside the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center at least 5–10 minutes prior to the 8 a.m. departure time.
- Restroom facilities will be available for use at the center.
- This event is FREE, although dona-

tions to support educational programs are always appreciated. No RSVP necessary.

MARCH 5, 12, AND 19

Bird Watching

Time: 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Series: Wednesday bird walk at San Pedro House

Event Category: Bird Watching

Organizer: Friends of the San Pedro River

Venue: San Pedro House

Sierra Vista, AZ United States

MARCH 14

East Valley Astronomy Club Public Star Party

9:00 pm - 11:30 pm East Valley Astronomy Club Public Star Party

Gilbert Riparian Reserve 2757 E Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert, AZ, United States

The East Valley Astronomy Club sponsors a free public star party each month at the Riparian Preserve in Gilbert. The event is scheduled on the second Friday of each month, weather permitting. The star party begins at dusk. You are encouraged to attend and observe through member's telescopes. ■



TOWBOATUS

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of the Key Largo and discovered a corpulent man in the water hanging on the port quarter, causing a substantial amount of water to enter the vessel. The bilge pump was pumping as fast as it could, and the two men aboard were frantic that the victim was going to drown and possibly sink their boat as well.

Jones radioed that he was going to attempt to pull the man out of the water, but even with safety lines to assist, every effort failed. The victim advised he weighed 450 pounds and expressed concern that he was going to drown. Capt. Jones assured him he wouldn't let that happen.

Shortly thereafter, Capt. Jones' boss arrived on scene and, unable to come alongside, threw a portable boarding ladder to Capt. Jones. As Jones began to rig the ladder, the victim lost all his strength and slipped beneath the waves. Jones was

able to pull the man above water, but he knew there was no way he'd be able to help the man climb the ladder.

While his boss summoned first responders to the scene, Capt. Jones knew he needed to buy time. At only about 185 pounds himself, he summoned all his strength to hold the heavy man out of the water as far as he could. Essentially dead weight in 3-foot seas, the man was beginning to ingest waves, throw up water and panic, repeating he was going to drown. It took everything Capt. Jones had to keep the man's head above the waves.

A few minutes later, a fireboat with six firefighters arrived on scene and were eventually able to get the man aboard their boat, breaking their vessel's winch in the process. The man survived.

Meritorious Service Award: Capt. William Leslie, TowBoatUS Lake St. Clair, Michigan

On a spring afternoon a mayday trans-

mission came over VHF channel 16. Dispatcher Kayla Rock intuitively grabbed the mic when she heard a young child pleading for help. The child frantically stated his dad was in the water and was drowning. The U.S. Coast Guard responded to the child's call and struggled to get the information they needed. The child could not unlock their father's phone and couldn't clearly state where they were.

Several different Coast Guard stations asked questions at the same time trying to understand the nature of the distress, but to no avail. The child uttered "next to the Clinton River" and despite having no other information, Capt. William Leslie of TowBoat Lake St. Clair jumped aboard a towboat and headed to the lake. Within five minutes Capt. Leslie spotted a large cruiser near the river and approached. As he was doing so, about 300 yards away, he found a man in the water clutching a lifeless dog. Water temperature that day was only 50 degrees, and the man, whose skin was pale blue, could barely hang

on to the frozen dog while trying to stay afloat. Daylight was fast retreating.

The child who had placed the call, the man's 7-year-old son, watched the rescue unfold as Capt. Leslie first plucked the man, then the small dog, from the freezing water. He handed the man his float coat which he accepted. After bringing the man and dog back to their boat, Capt. Leslie offered to call for additional medical attention, but the man refused.

Once dry, the man stated he was a former Navy Seal rescue diver, and he'd felt confident jumping into the waters to save his dog. While he was able to grab the sinking dog, he was unable to beat the current and get back into his boat. The man struggled hard for 10 minutes before his young son pressed the mayday button on their DSC VHF radio. Despite being extremely young, the boy did as his father had taught him and initiated the entire rescue. After several minutes of monitoring the man – and his dog – recovered and was reunited with his son. ■

DRIVE

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Jerome For Lunch

On the way back, we went through Jerome (the turns are well marked), and the views from that part of the road are spectacular too. One particularly good viewing spot even has a little kiosk and a bench. We stopped and ate lunch there. The bridge over the Verde is fun – it's a great little one-lane bridge and you can get out and walk around down by the water. This remains one of my favorite drives of all time.

Harquahala Mountain

This is a National Back Country Byway and since there are plenty of steep

and possibly slippery sections and some rough spots, the signs say it's for 4WD only, but it's a pretty easy road, especially since they paved the short stretch that caused the most problems. Catch this road by taking Highway 60 west of Wickenburg to the town of Aguila.

Watch For Eagle Eye Road

In Aguila, watch for Eagle Eye Road and turn south. Watch the road for signs that tell you you're coming to the Harquahala Mountain National Back Country Byway – it's about 4-5 miles south of Aguila. Turn right, and soon you will come to a very nice rest area with bathrooms and shaded kiosks with lots of information about the road and the solar observatory up top.

The dirt road makes its way up the

mountain and it's desert all the way, but we've seen Coues deer, coyotes, burros, and all kinds of smaller critters along the road. When you get to the top you will find a bunch of buildings and signs that tell you about the history of the solar observatory.

Super Day Trip

By walking around the top of the mountain you can get fantastic views in all directions. It really is a stunning spot, and it's a great place to take winter visitors so they get a taste of the desert and have a lot of fun as well. There are picnic tables at and near the top and scattered primitive campsites along the road. This one makes a super day trip from Phoenix during the cooler months. ■



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These Represent Some Viewers' Choices

1. China Beach

TV Series

The trials of a weary nurse, her friends and colleagues in a Vietnam War field hospital.

Creators: John Sacret, Young, William Broyles Jr.

Stars: Dana Delany, Marg Helgenberger, Brian Wimmer

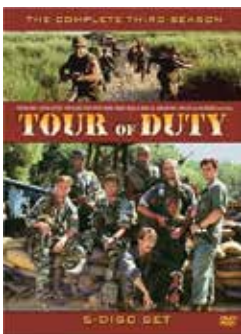
2. Tour of Duty

TV Series

The trials of a U.S. Army platoon serving in the field during the Vietnam War.

Creators: L. Travis Clark, Steve Duncan

Stars: Terence Knox, Stephen Caffrey, Tony Becker



3. A Rumor of War

TV Mini Series

The memories of a US Marine lieutenant in Vietnam who slowly gets disillusioned as the war progresses.

Stars: Brad Davis, Keith Carradine, Michael O'Keefe

4. Vietnam War Story

TV Series

An anthology series featuring stories suggested by true events occurring during

the war in Vietnam, often written by Vietnam veterans.

Stars: Cameron Arnett, Tony Becker, Joshua Cadman

Unnatural Causes

TV Movie

Frank Coleman is a Vietnam veteran dying from cancer brought on by exposure to the defoliant chemical Agent Orange which he turns to Maude DeVictor, a Veterans Administration benefits counselor who teams up with Coleman to fight a lopsided battle against the bureaucratic system for its cover up of the possible dangers of Agent Orange.

Director: Lamont Johnson

Stars: John Ritter, Alfre Woodard, Patti LaBelle

6. Word of Honor

TV Movie

Prompted by a just-published book that holds ex-lieutenant Ben Tyson accountable for a hushed-up massacre committed by his platoon in a Hue hospital 30 years before, the army recalls Tyson to stand trial for murder. Tyson, confronted by an army authority anxious to save its own face, an embarrassed federal government, and a threatened marriage, and entangled, furthermore, in his own past lives and present sense of guilt, must call on all his cleverness and his own inner toughness to fight his case.

Director: Robert Markowitz

Stars: Don Johnson, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Sharon Lawrence

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Thank You For Your Service And Welcome Home

By Tom Cole,
Retired Marine, Vietnam Veteran
 Special Features Writer

Many people feel that it's the politicians or protesters of war who hate war the most. This, even though the vast majority of them have never experienced war firsthand. This is SO not true. It is the warriors who hate war most, for they have experienced it, seen it, smelled it, tasted it and hopefully lived through it.

March 29th we celebrate Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day recognizing those who served in and during the Vietnam War. At VFW Post 3513, Scottsdale, there will be a celebration on April 30th. I like to think of us not just as Boomers, but as the John Wayne generation; those young people who were still selfless enough to volunteer for our nation's needs.

War is a horror that brutalizes those who participate in it. Many are killed or wounded, but for many who survive, it is the wounds that don't show or the wounds that surface later as we age that are the most harmful, the most hurtful.

When we returned from the Vietnam War, many shattered and broken, we were received with a less-than-welcoming response. Instead of the love, respect and adoration we were hoping for, many of us were cursed, abused and spit upon for serving our country. We were the accessi-



Vietnam Memorial Wall

ble embodiment of what people saw as an unpopular war. So, instead of abusing the elected politicians who sent us to war, they abused us who served because we were standing in front of them.

On January 29, 1973 the United States combat forces departed Vietnam when the peace accord was signed. The military had

already won the war, but the politicians signed anyway.

To add further insult to injury, in 1975 our Democrat politicians, who in reality are the ones who lost the Vietnam War for America, reneged on their promise to help the South Vietnamese if the North attacked them again, resulting in North Vietnam overrunning the South. This lack of support caused an estimated 3.8 million South Vietnamese to be murdered, the country of South Vietnam to disappear, and the veterans who had served left wondering what the hell they had served for.

Today we honor those staunch, brave Veterans of the Vietnam War. All of them who served in that war and those who

served from afar. I'm telling you now, you did not serve for nothing. Many who served during that time did not participate actively in the war inside that country, but did provide much needed support in other ways to those of us who were sent and were actually and actively "in-country" — those of us who felt the burning intensity of war and experienced the anguishing sting of great loss.

To all of my brothers and sisters who participated in the Vietnam War, I give you my love, loyalty and respect for the rest of what I hope will be for all of us a peaceful life. God bless each and everyone of you. And from my heart, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND WELCOME HOME. ■

MOVIES

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7. Shooter

TV Movie

The story of a group of combat photographers experience war first hand.

Director: Gary Nelson

Stars: Jeffrey Nordling, Noble Willingham, Kario Salem

8. Ordinary Heroes

TV Movie

This is about a man falling in love with a woman and then immediately gets drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. In the war he becomes blind and gets discharged.

Director: Peter H. Cooper

Stars: Richard Dean, AndersonValerie Bertinelli, Doris Roberts

9. Fly Away Home

TV Movie

An American photojournalist is sent to Saigon to cover the Vietnam War.

Director: Paul Krasny

Stars: Bruce Boxleitner, Tiana Alexandra-Silliphant, Michael Beck

10. To Heal a Nation

TV Movie

The true story of Jan Scruggs, an embittered Vietnam veteran who returns from the war a broken man. However, with the help of his loving wife Becky, he begins to find a new life for himself, and a personal goal when he agrees to begin a determined campaign to raise funds for a veteran's memorial.

Director: Michael Pressman

Stars: Eric Roberts, Glynnis O'Connor, Marshall Colt

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15 Minutes Of Awesome!

By Angela Ogden
Production Manager

That was the prevailing attitude among Kay County, Okla., high school and Career Tech employees after a 15-minute ride on a Black Hawk helicopter. The recruitment event, sponsored by the Okla. Army National Guard, was held on Jan. 29 at the Ponca City Regional Airport.

Ponca City, Okla. — you may ask? Well, that's where I reside and works, and I was fortunate enough to be included in the event.

We climbed, dove, and rolled our way to a nearby Kaw Lake and back. It was an amazing opportunity, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. They are a great bunch of guys and gals who love their country, their state, their community, and, most of all, their jobs.

For more information about the Army National Guard in Arizona, visit dema.az.gov/arizona-national-guard. ■



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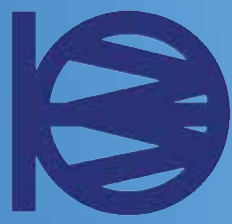
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