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Shoestring Players Open New Season

By Jerry Schultz

The sophisticated wit of Noel Coward, a raucous comedy written by Ray Cooney, and an iconic musical featuring Damon Runyon characters engaged in a floating crap game meandering from New York City's sewer system to a mission for the down and out kick off Shoestring Players' second decade bringing live theater to Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC).

Shoestring's collaboration with the center has been a winner for all concerned, according to Chris Ashcraft, CPAC executive director.

The new season's plays are Coward's "Hay Fever," directed by Regina Ford, and Clooney's "Out of Order," directed by Shoestring Founder Susan Voorhees. The Clooney piece kicks off the season in the fall and Coward's work is the spring offering. Sandwiched between is the musical

end at a country house in England, where four members of the Bliss family have invited a guest to stay, without informing anyone else, and looking forward to a secluded weekend of romance.

"Judith, a recently retired actress contemplating a swift return to the stage, has invited a young man, who believes he is in for a romantic tryst," Ford said. "Judith's husband is working on the last chapter of his novel, *The Sinful Woman*, and has invited a sweet ingénue to keep him company."

"Not to be outdone, brother and sister Simon and Sorel have each invited an older lover, all anticipating having the house, and their lover, to themselves."



Moliere's farce "The Impostures of Scapin" was Shoestring Players' first production, played to a theater in the round in CPAC's rehearsal hall.

At the time, Green Valley Recreation offered the theater experience locally, but it was age-restricted. Voorhees' idea was to offer the opportunity to participate in an inclusive troupe, open to all ages and not restricted to GVR membership.

"It was just a kernel of an idea, but once retired, I got bored and started volunteering at CPAC," Voorhees recalls. "CPAC was just the office, the rehearsal hall and the Pima Community College classrooms. I helped in the office and with set up and take down for the very few shows being produced there in the rehearsal hall."

She floated her idea to retired advertising executive Ray Hathaway, a dear friend and veteran community theater actor and director who assisted with her high school productions for many years.

"He said he had my back if I wanted to try starting a group," she said.

"My mom floated me \$400 to produce the first show. And I am happy to say we were able to pay her back. Since those days, our budgets are still quite modest, but we sure did have to stretch that first cash! No one does a play with \$400."

She asked Marie Cory, the PCC and

learning center director, and Jim Mack, then director of CPAC, if she could put on a play there and chose a Moliere comedy, "The Impostures of Scapin," the story of a scheming servant and undisclosed identities.

"On the night of auditions, I had four people show up for 12 roles," Voorhees recalls. "This had never been a problem at the high school. So after many phone calls to former students and people recommended to me, and a visit to my church's pastor to ask if he knew of anyone who might assist, we got the play cast. Some of those original cast members are still supporting our group."

That initial show was performed as theater in the round in the center's rehearsal hall.

"We had to build a stage and a backstage," she recalls. "Founding member Phil Wenstrand, CPAC's technical wizard, accomplished all this in his garage at home. We put the audience on three sides and conducted sword fights right over the front row's heads."

The first show was well received and a second was staged in the hall, with work underway on the center's new theater.

"When the third show, Oscar Wilde's 'A Woman of No Importance,' was in rehearsal, we prayed the new theater would be done in time," Voorhees said. "It wasn't, but it was close.

So we set up chairs on the unfinished risers and did our dress rehearsal with guys on huge, noisy lifts installing stage lights, huge outdoor work lights blinding the actors, and an occasional mouse scampering around the stage."

In all the confusion, some woman walked in off the desert, stole an actress' wallet and vanished. Then, an actress with a featured role became ill



"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" was an early musical production.

classic "Guys and Dolls," directed by Marcy Miller.

"Our winter play, 'Guys and Dolls,' is a true musical classic and there is no one better to direct it than Marcy," Voorhees said. "We have added extra shows, as we expect a lot of patrons will want to see this one."

Based on recent performance, it could be a sell-out season, notes Voorhees. All six of the troupe's last show, "Exit Laughing," sold out the 200-seat theater.

"Out of Order" is the second Cooney play I have directed and it is drop dead funny as only the British can do it," said Voorhees. "Hay Fever," takes a good look at both the strengths and weaknesses of human nature."

Coward's work is one of the best-loved of all Coward's plays, notes Ford. "This play is fast-paced and brilliant. Coward's wit at its best," she said.

She said it is the story of a busy week-

"Instead, all four guests are forced into close quarters with the four members of the host family, each one more eccentric than the last. Parlor games turn to rancor; romantic alliances split and the fun begins."

For Voorhees, the fun began 10 years ago when she borrowed \$400 from her late mother, Mary Wehmeyer, a long-time patron of local arts, to produce and direct her first play at CPAC.

She was bringing her 32-year career teaching drama and English at Sahuarita High School when the inspiration for the community theater troupe surfaced.

"When I was getting ready to retire, I knew I was going to miss the stage productions and the kids the most," she said. "I started imagining a place where our whole community could come together in a theater experience."



Shoestring technical director Phil Wenstrand and set dresser Carol June Schultz compare notes.

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Shoestring founder Susan Voorhees, left, and the late director Roberta Konen compare notes backstage

Shoestring Players
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and was unable to perform.

“All in all,” Voorhees remembers, “you have what we still fondly refer to as the dress rehearsal from hell. Worst of all for me, I had to step into the actress’s shoes and costumes and do the whole run with a script in my hand. I don’t really like to act. But the show must go on and it did - and the audiences liked it.”

Now, she says, after ten and a half years and 34 productions, the troupe has been fortunate to have a very supportive community, incredibly talented volunteers and a great relationship with CPAC.

“We now have season ticket holders and quite often play to sold out audiences,” she said. “We are a member of The American Association of Community Theaters (AACT) and are on contract with our dear CPAC hosts. Chris Ashcraft is a very special person who supports everything we do and the CPAC Foundation Board has as well.”

For Ashcraft, the feeling is mutual.

“Shoestring has been an integral part of the CPAC from the very beginning,” he said. “The center has benefitted greatly from our close relationship as they have helped to expand our audience by producing high quality pieces of theater.”



“Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” brought young and not-so-young together for a Shoestring summer production.

“There is no doubt that Shoestring’s fan base is growing and this can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the board, directors, actors and back stage crew. There is a high level of talent in this region and when theater attendees attend a Shoestring performance they know they are going to see something that is very close, if not the same, as professional quality.”

The relationship between the two entities is working out pretty much as planned.

“From the beginning, Shoestring was designed to be the resident theater company of CPAC,” Ashcraft said. “Shoestring has a permanent seat on the CPAC board, and Shoestring’s board meets at CPAC. We are in constant communication with the theater company regarding performance and rehearsal scheduling and other support they need.”

“Shoestring utilizes the services of CPAC’s technical director Steve Schmidt, we print their programs and actively promote their performances as part of the CPAC season. CPAC essentially considers Shoestring to be part of CPAC.”

“CPAC has a contract with Shoestring in which CPAC pays for production expenses and splits a percentage of the net revenue with

Shoestring Players. I believe the agreement has worked very well for both parties.”

Ashcraft says he hasn’t missed a show since becoming CPAC executive director.

“I am often amazed at how they seem to transform the theater into a completely different world through amazing sets and costumes,” he said.



The Pulitzer-Prize-winning “Crimes of the Heart” brought some lively scenes to the CPAC stage.

“They attract so many talented actors from throughout southern Arizona and it astounds me that everyone associated with a Shoestring production is a volunteer. I have been extremely proud of them for raising the bar each season. Their repertoire ranges from very challenging pieces of modern theater and older classics to British comedies and well-known musicals.”



The Shoestring troupe took to the links with “The Fox on the Fairway.”

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Veterans Honored with Transatlantic Crossing on Cunard's *Queen Mary 2*

By Margaret Donohoe, Bon Voyage Travel
Photos courtesy of Diane Radcliffe

Being a travel advisor with Bon Voyage Travel has offered me many wonderful opportunities, but none could match my recent crossing from New York to Southampton on Cunard's *Queen Mary 2*. While every voyage on the *Queen Mary 2* is memorable, this one was especially so, given that Cunard had

talked about playing his harmonica in the midst of war. He then shared with us a very touching rendition of "God Bless America."

The World War II theme extended into other onboard entertainment as well. In addition to the daily presentations by veterans, there was a



partnered with The Greatest Generations Foundation to honor World War II veterans. The Greatest Generations Foundation is an organization that works to recognize and honor veterans by ensuring their stories are shared and preserved. The foundation sponsors trips for veterans to return to battlefields and visit monuments to gain closure and honor their fallen comrades. The program on board our ship included lectures on major battles and the chance to hear firsthand from veterans about their experiences during America's involvement in the war. My travel companion's father fought in the Battle for Iwo Jima and we chose this sailing specifically for this unique opportunity to learn from the veterans.

The veterans reflected on the D-Day invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Battle for Iwo Jima. The presentations were well attended by both veterans and history enthusiasts. The veterans' presentations gave Cunard guests a very personal glimpse into the human elements of wartime service. A memory that stands out for me was when presenter Peter DuPre

company of actors on board from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. They performed Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and scenes from Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, which was set at the end of World War II.

Cunard and many other cruise lines offer a variety of theme cruises. History buffs can enjoy itineraries that feature Civil War sites or a visit to Normandy. Other themes include wine, golf, astronomy, music, sports, photography, fitness, and gardening. Some theme cruises have enhanced features while others offer classroom-style seminars. Vacationing on a theme cruise is a unique way to customize your travel and connect with others who share your interests.

This sailing varied from a traditional

cruise because there were no ports of call or excursions along the way. Repositioning cruises are offered when a ship needs to move from one region to another for the season. These cruises and crossings tend to cost less per day than traditional cruises that stop in multiple ports.

While there are no ports of call on a crossing, transatlantic itineraries offer so many activities on board that passengers never have time to be bored. Cunard boasts that there are more than 100 things to do on the ship, and that's not an exaggeration. Staying on the ship means passengers have the chance to enjoy all the amenities; on the *Queen Mary 2*, options included a planetarium, a beautiful theatre, the largest dance floor at sea,

embarking. In New York, we stayed at the Roxy Hotel in the Tribeca area of lower Manhattan. The Roxy has a jazz club in its lower level, and the quintet that played was terrific (and with no cover charge). It is a delightful venue where one can relax after a cross-country flight and before setting sail from the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal the next day. The Roxy's outdoor café was the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely lunch and great conversation.

Once the *QM2* arrived in Southampton, I took an excellent car service called the Silver Fleet into London (a 2-hour drive from Southampton). I spent three nights at The Rubens at the Palace Hotel located on Buckingham Palace Road. The Rubens is one of Bon Voyage Travel's Signature hotels; it is located across from the Royal Mews.

One of my favorite television programs has been *Downton Abbey*, and once I arrived in London I was able to join a small group tour to

Highclere Castle where the series was filmed. The tour was operated by Brit Film Tours. We also toured Bampton, which is where the village scenes were filmed.

The Cunard transatlantic crossing was a wonderful experience. While I also enjoy visiting new ports of call each day on other itineraries, I found this sailing to be more relaxed since we never worried about cutting the fun short to get back to the ship on time. The educational component was important to me; I came away from the trip with a deeper appreciation for our veterans and the sacrifices they made and continue to make for our country.



two wonderful orchestras, five swimming pools, and a Canyon Ranch Spa Club.

Another unique feature of the ship is the ability to transport pets. Cats and dogs are cared for by the kennel master and allowed plenty of exercise and outdoor time. Pets even get their own life jackets and a staff member assigned to handle them in case of an emergency. Over 450 pets have crossed the Atlantic Ocean on board the *Queen Mary 2*.

Although there were no excursions on this crossing, we were able to enjoy some time in New York prior to the sailing and in London after dis-

From the Desk of Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy

Written by Steve Christy, Pima County Supervisor

During its July 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors received general obligation bond program for road repair plan, entitled, "Proposition 463 – Regional Road Repair Bond." The Supervisors voted 4 – 1 in favor of allowing this Regional Road Repair Bond and its implementation plan to be placed on the November General Election ballot, and to be decided upon by the voters of Pima County.

This action by the Board of Supervisors should not be interpreted to mean that the Board approved this – or any – bonding plan for road repair. The Board's vote merely authorized Prop. 463 to be placed before the voters on the November ballot. It will be up to you, the individual voter, to make the final decision and have the ultimate say as to whether Pima County should or should not issue general obligation bonds to fix our roads. As I stated last month and at the July Board meeting, putting this bonding proposal for road repair before the voters is the most proper, fair, and transparent method of deciding how

to fix our roads. I say this because, obviously and ultimately, paying to fix our roads comes out of your pocketbooks.

Allowing Pima County voters to decide is best and is as it should be.

As I also previously stated, there will be – and should be – much information generated on Prop. 463, both for and against the measure. I urge all of you to educate yourselves by considering all legitimate positions, so you are well prepared to make the final and best decision when your time and chance comes to vote either for or against Prop. 463.

A draft of the Bond Implementation Plan for Prop. 463 is posted on Pima County's Prop. 463 website, which can be accessed by going to www.pima.gov/roadrepairbonds. There is ample detail about the total costs of the bonding issuance; the bond repayment schedule; the method of



delineating the monies raised through bonding between the County's jurisdictions, incorporated and unincorporated areas; mandates, restrictions, and requirements describing the uses and purposes for the bond monies, and much more. There will be abilities and opportunities to make and take public comments, as well as for making repair plan adjustments up through the Board of Supervisor's second September meeting. Additionally, the traditional Voter Information Pamphlet will be printed and mailed to all registered voters, at least 35 days prior to Election Day.

After all of this information is made available publically, after all citizen comment and input is received, analyzed, and tabulated, a final version of the Bond Implementation Plan will be placed before the Board of

Supervisors for acceptance at the September 4, 2018 meeting. If the Supervisors want to make any changes or adjustments to the plan at the time, staff will incorporate them and present a revised plan at the September 18, 2018 meeting. Below is a chart describing action dates for key elements behind Prop. 463's public journey to Election Day.

All of us have been talking about our roads, their condition, and how we should fix them for a very long time now. You will have the tools and opportunity, and hopefully the interest and energy, to be a part of this process.

Come November, you will have the responsibility and the ability to help decide if and how we just fix the roads.

Important Dates November 6, 2018 Election – Proposition 463 Regional Road Reconstruction, Preservation and Repair	
July 9-24	Filing period for submitting arguments to include in voter information pamphlet
July 30-Aug 10	Comment period for draft bond implementation plan ordinance
Sept. 4 or 18	Board considers bond implementation plan ordinance after public hearing noticed at least 15 days prior, and Clerk's Office publishes it in the Daily Territorial prior to the start of early voting (before Oct. 10)
Before Oct 2	Voter Information Pamphlet mailed (not less than 35 days prior to Election Day)
Oct 9	Voter registration deadline
Oct 10	Regular early voting starts
Oct 26	Last day to request early ballot by mail
Nov 6	Election Day

Source: Pima County Administration

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Tapping Into Better Water

By Ann Powers

Anyone living in Arizona knows that experiencing a well-hydrated life can pose a flood of challenges beyond dry mouth. There are economical, water-conservancy, time-saving and health-related concerns for homeowners and businesses to consider as well.

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“After almost 49 years we’re still the only patented non-electric system that will do the job 100 percent of the time,” said Jack Eversole, a salesperson for the company’s Southern Arizona district. “Your electricity goes out there’s no TV, no fans, no air-conditioning – especially here in Arizona. But because we’re a twin, alternating tank that works on water pressure, you always have guaranteed, 100-percent soft, conditioned water 100 percent of the time.”

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“There is no other dual tank, non-electric system currently marketed in the United States,” Eversole added.

According to experts, calcium, magnesium, and iron deposits are the main culprits of hard water. They tend to stick onto a pipe’s surface and eventually affect water pressure.



Kinetico’s patented treatment systems provide clean, palatable and safe water on demand to consumers looking to tap into filtered water, softened water or a combination of both.

Photo by Ann Powers

In addition, these minerals cause water spots and limescale formations plaguing coffee makers, dishwashers, showers and wherever else water flows through in kitchens, bathrooms, break rooms, etc. They’re also a nightmare to clean.

“The average person spends an extra six-to-eight hours a month cleaning up tap-water spots, streak and scum caused by hard water build up,” Eversole said. “If the homeowner wants to get rid of that white-scale build up, they’ve got to use a soft water system.”

According to the company website, hard water is softened by removing the calcium and magnesium it contains. When hard water passes through a softening system’s resin bed, the calcium and magnesium ions are removed through an ion exchange process, so only softened water flows through a home or business. An agent is typically used in the regeneration process and restores the resin to a clean state, so the ion exchange process can begin again.

“We use very little water to regenerate,” Eversole explained. “A lot of these other systems out there use a lot of water to back wash and clean with. I’m talking 80 to 100 gallons extra every three or four days added to your water bill. A Kinetico maximum is 10 gallons (per month), so we save on water and we save on electricity.”

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Kinetico’s Jack Eversole tests a customer’s water softness at the company’s Tucson location at 1870 W. Prince Rd, Suite 7.

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eral build up, affecting its efficiency and longevity. Water hardness is measured by how many mineral grains per gallon it contains. Soft water has one grain of hardness or less, and anything over ten is considered extremely hard, according to officials.

“Water is hard throughout the state,” said David Perry, Arizona Water Quality Association executive director. “Tucson is much harder than it was several years ago. Generally speaking, we’re in the very hard ranges of water, over ten or eleven.”

Kinetico representatives said the average life expectancy of a water heater in the Tucson area is five-to-seven years. If a soft water system is added, it can last ten-to-twelve years, if not more.

“There’s a lot of misleading information and marketing in the water treatment business,” he said. “(Some companies) promote themselves as a no-salt water softener, but there are no such products. A true softener is going to use salt, either sodium chloride or potassium chloride. A whole-house carbon filter is not going to give you soft water.”

“I’ve gone into Green Valley a lot and I’ve taken out these systems that sometimes don’t do anything at all,” he recalled. “They promise they will do everything but turn their water into wine. This is not the case. At best, they might slightly improve water taste and odor.”

One local senior David Rick and his wife Mary own homes in both Michigan and Green Valley.

Rick said they had a Kinetico system installed in their Michigan home about 18 years ago and have been sold on the company’s products, reliability and customer service ever since. They went with a Kinetico water softening system again to get rid of hard water in the Arizona townhome they purchased in 2015.

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benefits of drinking water through purification technology utilizing a semi-permeable membrane to remove harmful contaminants. Unlike regular reverse osmosis, the K5 also removes bacteria and viruses. The K5 is consistently rated first in class by Consumer’s Digest.

“It’s not cheap, but they’re reputable,” Rick added. “We wouldn’t have gotten it a second time if we were dissatisfied with it up in Michigan, so we decided to spring for it (in Green Valley).”

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Raising the Bar on Roofing Repairs

Written by Ann Powers

Licensed and bonded contractor TJ Vandiver's reputation is nothing short of *divine* – on which he delivers.

Literally - as in angels.

About three years ago Vandiver was repairing a local church's roof in Green Valley when one of his workers went missing. Concerned, Vandiver called out for him.

"Finally the worker came up from around back and he's like, 'I just fell through the roof,' he recalled. "He went down about 12 feet into the main area of the church."

Just so happens a woman inside the church witnessed the employee's fall and heard Vandiver yelling the guy's name, which happens to be (you guessed it) - Angel. The church's maintenance director followed up with Vandiver the next day.

The Maintenance director said, "TJ what was going on here yesterday? A lady came in here and said angels were falling out of the sky," he said of their conversation. That's just a day in the life of roofing contractor, TJ Vandiver.

TJ Vandiver Construction has been providing out-of-this-world general roof repair, roof coating, landscaping and yard maintenance ever since its owner and namesake graduated from Sahuarita High School

dedicates to every single job.

"I just can't recommend the man highly enough," said Ron McLaughlin, of Green Valley.



TJ Vandiver says proper water drainage and a clean roof will help avert structural damage and costly repairs later on. Photo by Ann Powers.

In 2012, McLaughlin and his wife, Ole, bought a home in the area and noticed a minor leak in the garage's roof. They called TJ Vandiver Construction and Vandiver himself went over to check it out.

Following his inspection, he informed the couple he had repaired that very same roof for the previous homeowners and it was still under the five-year warranty he gives to all his customers. Vandiver honored that warranty and did the repairs at no cost to the McLaughlins.

"I had no idea about it and I had never met him before," Ron said. "So, it was a real tribute to his honesty. He's been hired a lot of times by us since then to do other jobs and he's a real nice guy on top of that."

Not only does Vandiver guarantee his work for five years, he conducts free inspections, provides a written

quote with photos and no hidden fees, cuts out and repairs problem areas (instead of just patching over them), scrapes and cleans surfaces before recoating, applies a three-coat roofing process and offers a tear-proof polyester layer for added

protection when needed.

"I really try to cut out the bad stuff and redo it to get the water to flow," he explained. "Whereas a lot of the other roofers, they don't do that. They just coat over what's there and don't do a whole lot of repair work. I try to work with the customer and take care of them."

Local resident Craig Surprise is one of those well-cared for customers. He said Vandiver shows up on time, provides accurate estimates without any "surprise costs" along the way and thinks outside the box when tackling projects.

"TJ absolutely knows flat roofs and how to repair them," said Surprise, an engineer who quickly recognized Vandiver's unique application of science and mathematical methods to his work. "Including some pretty wild techniques that he has devel-

oped and uses to drain water off areas you wouldn't think would be possible to get it to go away from. He's willing to try new materials and methods."

And the word has spread regarding Vandiver's professionalism and pleasing personality.

"He showed up when he said he would, worked down to dusk and cleaned up the site every day upon completion," said Nancy James of Carmen, who also lives in Tucson part of the year. "He also gave us before, after and during renovation photographic documentation for insurance and potential resale purposes. I have never worked with a roofer as professional, detail oriented, knowledgeable or as conscientious as TJ. What a pleasure!"

Vandiver's expertise and friendly demeanor is so impressive, it's even served as a kind of recruiting agent in hiring skilled labor able to meet his company's high standards.

Chad Couch works for TJ Vandiver Construction as a roofing assistant.

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Chad Couch says he wanted to work for TJ Vandiver Construction after Vandiver did an amazing job repairing his shingled roof that blew off his Sahuarita home. Couch is now a roofing assistant with the company. Photo by Ann Powers.

in 1991. He got his license in 2002.

To hear his customers talk about it, you'd think the veteran contractor practically walks on water himself – given the unwavering honesty, integrity and top-notch quality he

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Three Rodent Proofing Tips for Your Home

Written by
Ryan Bennett, Vice President
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Southern Arizona is home to many different rodent species that thrive in both our natural desert surroundings and developed areas. Whether native to Arizona like pack rats, cactus mice, ground squirrels, and kangaroo rats, or transplants like roof rats, these pests have happily adapted to living along side of humans and in some cases survive because of their communal relationship with us.

However, rodents spread diseases and cause problems in many ways. They contaminate interior living areas with feces and dander and will also gnaw on furniture, walls and wires. If a rodent infestation goes untreated, there can be costly consequences to your health and your home. Fortunately, there are tangible steps that every homeowner can take to keep rodents out of your home.

Block Entryways

There are many ways rodents can get inside. Inspect your home for



gaps at doorways and garage doors, areas where pipes enter the walls of the home, and other cracks and crevices around the exterior of the home – including the roof. Rodents have the ability to squeeze through any opening that's at least the size of their skull, which for most rodents is about the size of your thumb. Rodents are also able climbers, so keep bushes and trees

trimmed back away from the house to prevent easy access to the roof.

Remove Clutter

Clutter provides shelter for rodents and protected pathways both indoors and outdoors. Piles of boxes, storage bins and other debris in the attic or garage are perfect hiding places. Outdoors, rodents enjoy wood piles, unused BBQ grills, unkept plants, bushes and landscaping, and other items that clutter the space. Try to remove the clutter in and around your home to take away desired shelter and hiding places for rodents.

Keep Garbage Bins Secure

Garbage is an easy and continuous food source for rodents. Always keep your trash bins – whether inside or out – securely covered to

prevent rodents from sniffing them out. Outdoor garbage bins should be kept as far away from your home as possible. When rodents find a viable food source they'll also seek shelter close by, making your home a prime target.

There are many factors that attract and make a home appealing for rodents and these simple steps can help, however, in many cases they cannot completely prevent or control rodent activity around your home. Additional control measures like trapping and baiting can be safely performed by licensed pest control professionals that are trained in rodent behavior to specifically target rodents where they live and eat.

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Raising the Roof
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Before Vandiver was paying Couch, it was the other way around. Vandiver re-decked Couch's shingled roof when it blew off his Sahuarita home shortly after moving to town.

"He did such excellent work that I wanted to work for him," Couch said. "I didn't know anybody here and I pretty much started a week after I met him."

And Couch's roof, years later?

"It looks great," he said. "It looks fantastic. No cracks, no problems."

Furthermore, Vandiver's reputation as an employer is equivalent to his reputation as a hired contractor.

"He's a real straight-forward guy," Couch added. "He's a good boss and he even buys (the crew) lunch every day."

Vandiver is just as generous with sharing important tips for evaluating home or business maintenance needs. He recommends:

- **Yearly roof inspections.** Look for cracks, bubbles and water ponding on roofs – often evident by an accumulation of dirt in an area. If water doesn't drain properly, it can eat through a roof's coating causing leaks, structural damage and the need for major repairs later on.
- **Expect free inspections.** Vandiver said most roofers provide a free inspection. "If they don't, they're probably just after your money," he warned.
- **Don't wait too long between coatings.**

"The roof can dry and just start cracking apart," Vandiver said. "Time is definitely a factor."

- **Be debris free.** "Keep tree trimmings off the roof," he said. "If those pile up, they degrade your roof because they hold moisture."
- **Clean before coating.** Vandiver always thoroughly scrapes and cleans an area before treating it. "You want it as flat as you can get," he said. "If it has anything sticking up, it makes little tents. Which isn't a good thing because if there's air, it will just continue growing into a bubble."
- **Take care of the parapet.** A parapet is a barrier which is an extension of the wall at the edge of a roof, terrace, balcony, walkway or other structure. "That's part of the roofing system," noted Vandiver. "A lot of time the leaks are in the walls and they transfer over."
- **Monsoon and more.** While most people equate Arizona rain

with the monsoon season, it's important to make sure roofs are in good shape throughout the year. "Green Valley is really good about pre-monsoon," Vandiver said. "That's when I get my major calls. But, we get winter rains too and we've had some rains with some longevity."

From ponding to parapets and everything in between, Vandiver's commitment to excellence has earned him a concrete-clad reputation in the contracting industry.

"He helped my roof drain a lot better than it's ever drained before," said Green Valley resident Tom Packer. "If you want it done right, he's your guy. Call him."

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TJ Vandiver says he cuts out "the bad stuff and redoes it to get the water to flow," when repairing problem areas, instead of just "patching over them" like many other roofers. Vandiver doesn't take shortcuts. Photo by Ann Powers.



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Green Valley Council

The Green Valley Council's vision is to ensure that Green Valley thrives as a premier community in which to live, work, play, and invest. Over the past 45 years, the Council has played a leadership role in promoting a number of enterprises that have improved services for the greater Green Valley area. Most of these enterprises still require nurturing and support by the Council's Standing Committees and the GVC Foundation programs.

At this summer's strategic planning session, the Executive Committee revised the mission statement:

The Council, as the primary advocate and community voice for residents, property owners, and investors, educates the community, liaises with governments, and collaborates with all for the betterment and economic security of Green Valley as a vital and self-sufficient community.

The committee members all agreed that the core operations are carried out by GVC Standing Committees, which for the most part, coincide with civic functions that are usually the responsibilities of municipalities, town councils, or other governing bodies. As Green Valley is unincorporated, the Council's role in providing leadership ensures that the community can advocate and respond with *One Voice*.

The Council interacts with the County, surrounding incorporated communities and with State and Federal governments which highlights the governmental nature of the Council's responsibilities.

Ensuring that Green Valley Continues to Thrive

At the same time, committee members reaffirmed the Council's vision and made a commitment to look at future economic benefits to the community and its wellbeing

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in guiding the Council's initiatives, partnerships, and decision-making.

Failed Roads First

Working with our County Supervisor, Steve Christy, Green Valley Council influenced the County's decision to focus on repairing failed roads first if Proposition 463 Regional Road Reconstruction, Preservation and Repair passes in November. This is a big win for Green Valley since we have more failed roads than almost any other area of Pima County. Proposition 463 has only one purpose and only one designated use for the money--fixing the roads. However, first we have to ensure that Proposition 463 passes. **What will it cost you to vote in favor of Proposition 463? Nothing.** The County is paying off previous bonds faster than required so the percentage of secondary property tax devoted to paying off bonds is declining. The cost of Proposition 463 will merely keep that part of the secondary property tax at its present rate. **It is a zero sum game with a great prize--our failed roads get fixed faster!**

Dealing with Abandoned Commercial Properties

While Pima County's rate of economic growth has improved over the past year, several commercial properties in Green Valley have either been abandoned or are struggling to

survive. Fortunately, the economic picture for Green Valley residential properties is brighter. The median price of Green Valley homes has risen steadily over the past few years. In fact, realtors are dealing with a limited inventory in southern Arizona, creating a sellers' market.

Helping businesses thrive is the core mission of the Green Valley Economic Development community partnership, led by GVC, the Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce and GVR. These and other Green Valley organizations have started or are in the process of developing several initiatives to help strengthen the economy. They include promoting a year-round economy through tourism, marketing Green Valley as a community for active retirees, conducting a survey and needs analysis for current Green Valley businesses, and developing a plan to attract outside business interests and investors.

Moving the Pima County Open Space Park Forward

The Council has received a lot of phone calls and emails about the progress on the Park. The planned Park is moving forward but not quickly. It took more time than anticipated to survey all 130 acres and determine where there were conflicts with HOA boundary lines--sometimes the HOAs had more land

than they thought and sometimes less land than they thought. The multiple easements over HOA property have also been an issue in a few cases. The County is working with the HOAs to get all of the issues resolved in a fair manner that will also allow a pathway for Park uses that will be a continuous circuit. The Council's new Park Advisory Committee is keeping tabs on the Park's progress. We expect these issues to be resolved this Fall. We certainly will let you know when it's a done deal! Once the Park is established, the fledgling Friends of the Park—a GVC Foundation charitable 501(c)(3) group—will start actively recruiting members.

Public Outreach for the Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital

Kelly Adams, the CEO in charge of the newly reopened and renamed hospital, intends to continue to work with the Citizens Advisory Board, chaired by Don Weaver, to help keep communication flowing between the hospital and the surrounding communities. Adams is currently evaluating needed services, and a new rehabilitation service will be opening soon in the hospital's medical plaza. As more services are identified, the hospital will be actively recruiting for medical personnel.

The Council's Health and Human Services Committee has provided

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- Road improvements of major arteries and local neighborhood roads,
- Household hazardous waste collection events, and
- Removal of the highly flammable, non-native buffelgrass.



View of Canoa Hills Golf Course repurposed for the Green Valley Open Space Pima County Park. Photo by Lisa Coker

Looks to the Future



Roadwork on Portillo Street in Green Valley, August 23, 2018. Photo by Lisa Coker

much needed assistance in this area while the hospital was undergoing bankruptcy. It made information available to the public through Community Forums, at table top sessions, and in newsletters located in highly trafficked areas throughout Green Valley. These efforts will continue in support of the directions set by the new CEO, who will be offering his vision of the future at a Community Forum and a Reception, which will be held in early Fall.

GVC Services

Over the past few years, the Council has steadily expanded free services to members and non-members, alike. For certain services, such as finding a vendor (Preferred Vendor Program), a small annual fee may be charged. The Council cur-

rently has 120 PVP members who, together, receive about 15,000 referrals annually. The Council acts as a clearinghouse for service requests to Pima County, with almost 150 such requests forwarded and tracked throughout the year. These requests service more than notifications about road issues or arroyo problems. They cover requests related to health, environment, and zoning issues. Regularly used services include: services of a notary public; non-binding mediation for homeowners, HOAs, businesses, and members of the community; and delivery of community directories. The Service Line Warranty service referrals has been steadily overcoming issues, and the Council is working with the company to expand coverage for more services,

such as heating and air conditioning service warranties and also for water heaters. If you are uncertain how to request help about an issue, call or email the Council office for help: 520-648-1936 or info@gvcouncil.org.

Community Communication

At its July Strategic Planning retreat, the Council set its number one goal as communicating more and better with our community. Our Communications Task Force is working on plans for an E-Newsletter to be sent out a few times a year to keep all members of our community updated on what the Council is doing for you and seeking your input on what the Council should focus upon. We are here to serve you and only you can tell us what direction you

think Green Valley should move in and what you see as problems that need fixing. We intend to build more avenues for that to happen, including visits by Executive Committee members to HOAs, businesses and public organizations to listen to you, not talk about us.

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Celebrating the Lives and Times of Old Town Tubac During Historic Adobe Buildings Tour

By Nancy Valentine, Lowe House Project Artist Residency

If some of the adobe walls of buildings in Old Town Tubac's National Historic District could speak, they would tell a multi-layered 250-year history of the colorful lives and times of this special place. They can't, of course, but fortunately there are knowledgeable folks with a reverence for these buildings who will give voice to their time and place and to the stories of those who lived and loved in them.

It's a wonder any of them exist at all. Their survival can be attributed to many over time. The loving care of their Spanish and Mexican owners whose hands made and built the thick, sun-dried mud bricks, who mud dabbled repairs and made certain to keep the rain out

Had it not been for Tubac residents in the early 1990's, there would be no National Historic District or Old Town Tubac buildings on the National Register of Historic Places today.

In keeping with the tradition of preserving and sharing an appreciation for the significant history of these buildings, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, the Lowe House Project artist residency program, and owners of some of the historic buildings, are inviting the public for a rare opportunity to tour inside these buildings during the Old Town Tubac Historic Adobe Building Tour on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Docents, some of whom are descendants of families living in them in the past, will share what is known of their layered history, their uses, and the lives of those who occupied them over time. Using a rich oral history tradition, written journals, diaries, letters from individuals visiting Tubac and living in these buildings, and photographic documentation, the buildings' stories have been pieced together by volunteer researchers at the Tubac Historical Society.

The Spanish fort or *presidio* was established in 1752 in what is today the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park in the heart of Old Town Tubac. Portions of some of the buildings on the tour can be found on a

Spanish map of 1767. Some of the buildings have been almost continuously occupied since the 19th century when Tubac was still a part of Mexico. Tubac buildings from the 1820s through Territorial Times to Arizona Statehood in 1912 were used as homes, schools and stores supporting early Santa Cruz Valley settlement and ranching, farming and mining enterprises.

In 1948, Old Town Tubac's historic adobe buildings began to be restored and renovated for use as the homes, studios and galleries of artists and entrepreneurs. This marked the beginning of "Modern Tubac" and the tradition of "Tubac: Where Art and History Meet."

In 1957, Tubac residents began efforts to establish Arizona's first state park—the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum—which now includes three restored historic adobe buildings, museum, exhibits, and an underground archaeological dig site, gardens and on-going events featuring Tubac's cultural heritage. The park opened its doors in 1958 and since has been a focal point for sharing Tubac's histo-



Shannon Stone, Director of the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park rings the bell of the 1885 Tubac School House, one of the historic adobe buildings on the Old Town Tubac tour.



Docents will tell of the church's beginning as a chapel in 1767, and which of Tubac's residents it was named for.



Knowledgeable docents will be sharing historical and architectural features inside the Historic Pink House and other historic adobes in Tubac's National Historic District.

were the first. Those in the new US Territory played their part and restored them for new uses when building a future as part of a growing country. If it weren't for Tubac residents some 60 years ago coming together to save the 1752 Spanish presidio buildings—the site of Arizona's first permanent European settlement which would become Arizona's first state park—the buildings would have very likely melted away in the rains.



ry from its beginnings of human habitation to a rich cultural heritage of today. The Old Town Tubac Historic Adobe Building Tour is one of several special events scheduled in celebration of the Park's 60th Anniversary

All the buildings included on the tour are within walking distance of one another. Some of the buildings retain characteristics of their humble beginnings while others reflect architectural features added over time. Access to and within some of these historic private-

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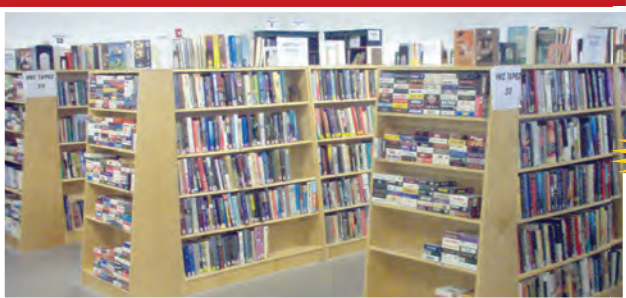
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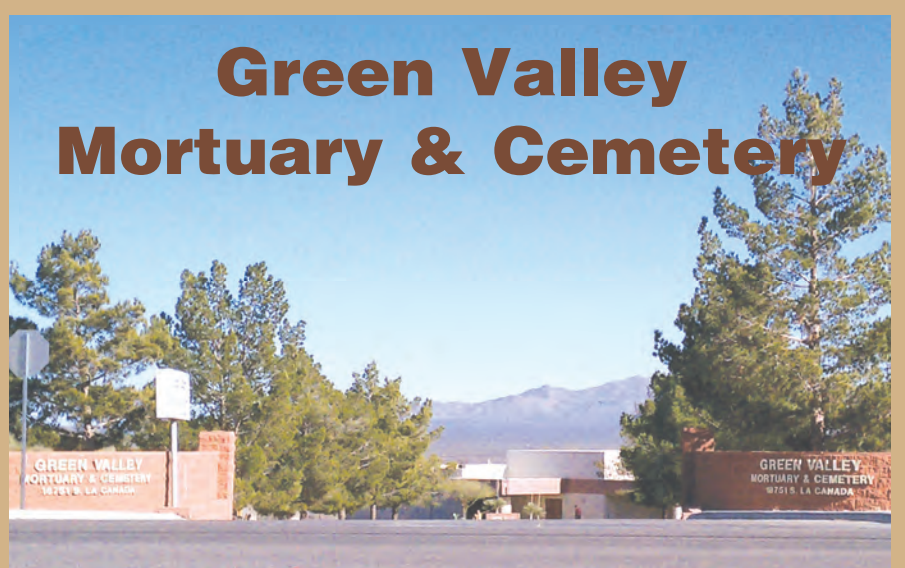
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Celebrating Tubac
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ly-owned buildings include steps and irregular walking surfaces and are not wheel-chair accessible that could be problematic for individuals with mobility issues.

All Tubac roads lead to the start of the tour at El Presidito—home to working artists studios and the Tubac School of Fine Art—located at 4 Calle Iglesia at the corner of Burruel Street and Calle Iglesia. At El Presidito, tour participants will receive a booklet/ticket which includes a map to the tour locations and information about each of

the buildings and their occupants. Volunteer guides and docents will greet and escort small groups through the buildings sharing the history and pointing out historical architectural features.

Parking is available in Tubac Presidio State Historic Park parking lot at the entrance at the intersection of Tubac Road and Burruel Street, a short distance from the start of the tour, and on the streets surrounding Old Town Tubac.



Portions of the Historic Pink House are believed to have existed in 1767 but was painted pink in more recent times by its "starving artist" tenants.

2252 or purchased the day of the tour with cash or check only.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the Friends of the Tubac Presidio and Lowe House Project. Both are 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations. The Lowe House Project artist in residency program, celebrating its fifth year, contin-



The tradition of Tubac; Where Art and History meet and come together in the Historic Lowe house, portions of which date back to 1767, and where the building has housed working artists since 1965.



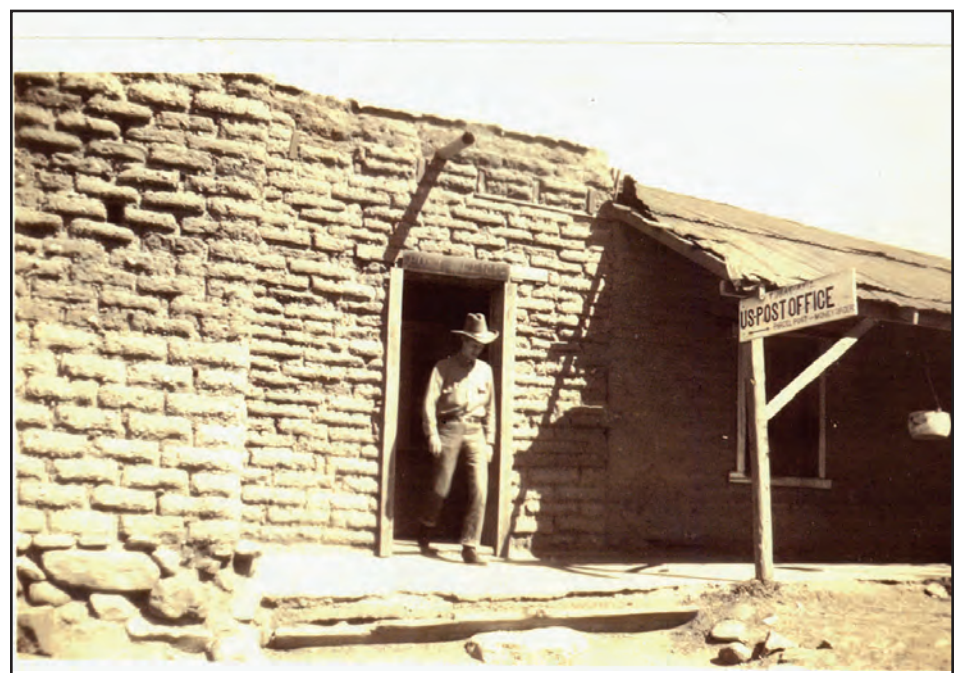
Floors in several of the adobe buildings feature unique Mexican tiles commissioned for restoration and renovations some of the buildings by Collier Rogers, wife of Will Roger's Jr. during the 1950s

It is anticipated that from six to nine buildings will be included. There will be costumed guides and special exhibits including the artwork of some of Tubac's early art colonists as well as current artists and adobe brick making.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Children with adult supervision and students with identification are free. Groups of six or more and teachers with students working on classroom projects are entitled to discounted rates. For members of the Friends of the Presidio, tickets are \$35. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park at 520-398-

ues the tradition of "Tubac: Where Art and History Meet" in the historic Lowe House which has housed working artists since 1965 and is one of the historic buildings included on the tour.

For more information, call Tubac Presidio State Historic Park at 520-398-2252 and visit lowehouseproject.com. For Information about discounted group rates, contact the Lowe House Project via email at tubacval@msn.com or by calling 520-398-9571.



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By Cindy McCain

On Mar 4th 2019, 22 Green Valley tourists will take a private chartered bus to Phoenix Intl to catch their flight to Delhi India. This 10 day Golden Triangle Tour begins with a discovery day of this bustling exotic city. You will explore the ancient ruins of Qutub Minor, compare various meeting styles of differing religions and buzz through the Chandni Chowk – Delhi's largest maze of markets by rickshaw.

Off to Agra, even the ride on the modern comfortable bus offers a moving reality video of a culture that is so contrasting to anything that you will have ever experienced. Agrarian and nomadic simple farming with exotic animals that we have only seen in zoos. Don't worry you will have the opportunity to stop at small markets and mingle with the people and share smiles and laughter that can cross any barrier.

Once in Agra you will find yourself witnessing the most heart throbbing mausoleum ever built to memorialize a love. Shah Jahan bankrupted the country in the 15th century building the Taj Mahal - the final resting place for his third wife who died giving birth. Continue on to see the Red Fort (magnificent in its own right) which became the prison for Shah the builder after his son took over the kingdom after this over-expenditure.

In the town of Chambal, you will relax in an actual newer palace hotel the Raj Niwas. The original Dholpur Palace on the same grounds beckons you to a mesmerizing journey back in time. Once home to generations of Royals, this converted palace still reflects the magnificence of the Rajasthani architecture of that era.

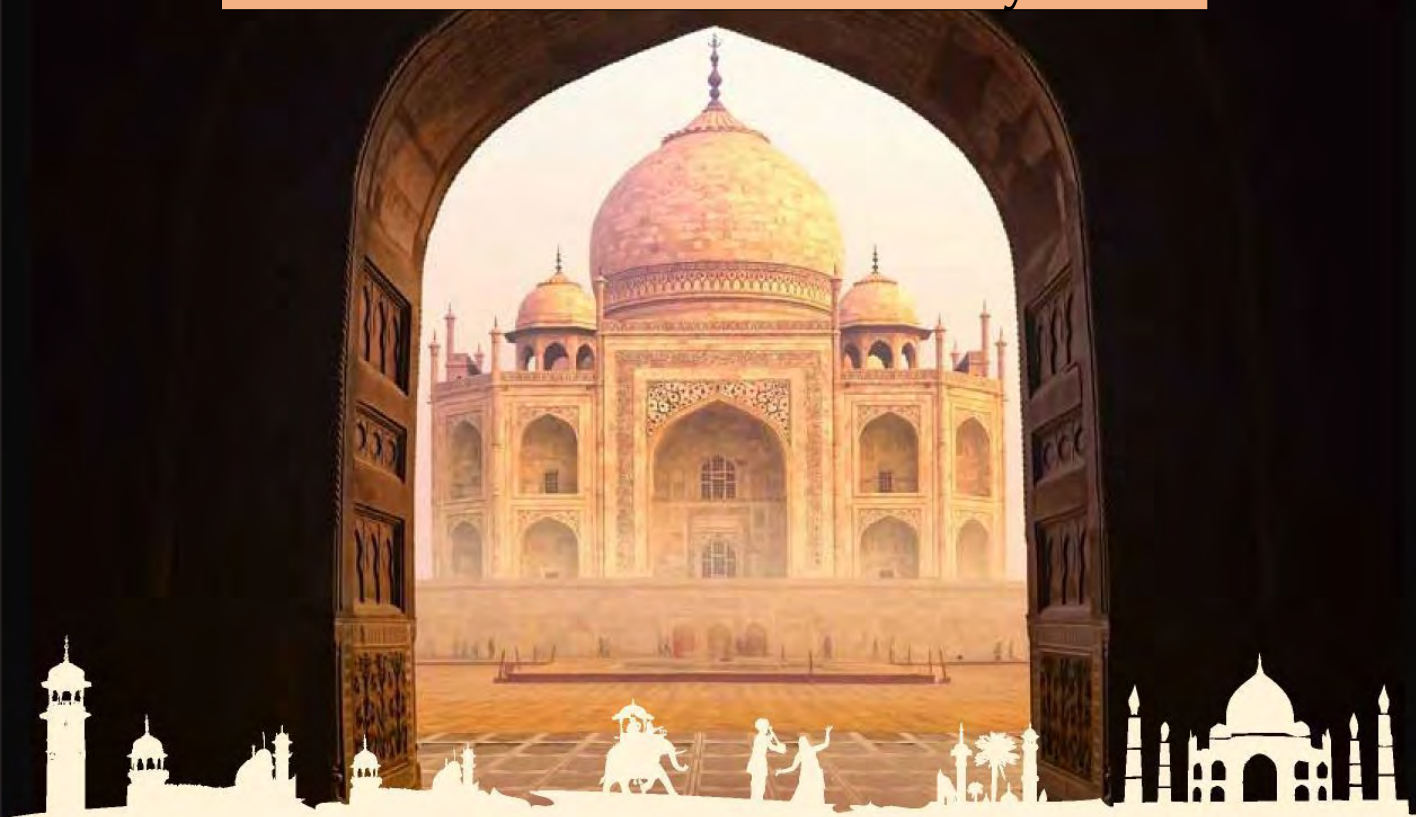
In the town of Jaipur, You will visit the Johori Bazaar a feast for the senses: the flower markets the spice markets and the vegetable markets that show a way of life that millions visit daily for fresh food sustenance. Then visit the City Palace to view the outstanding art and architecture and feel what it was like living in the walled compound during precarious times of warring Moghuls. Later experience a true Rajasthani dinner with dancing and music that take you back to an era long ago. You will feel like you have been taken on a fairytale magic carpet ride.

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food choices are quite expansive with chicken, fish, lamb dishes in addition to a wide array of tomato and potato based vegetarian dishes. Bottled water is handed to you several times a day and of course many soda, beer, wine and coffee tea choices are available. The weather is ideal in March which makes packing easy. India uses 230 Volts, 50 Hz alternating current as the power source. These are readily available online.

If you have never been to India no one can explain how it is. You have to see it, smell it, sweat it, be angry at it, then slowly fall in love with it.

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This was such a successful trip with Quail Creek travelers in March of 2018, we are offering it to other Green Valley residences. A few will even be on hand to answer any questions as well.

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Desert Dialysis Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Jerry Schultz

Some of its staff consider the clinic “the best kept secret in Green Valley.”

For its clients, Desert Dialysis is a life saver. Retired Green Valley clergyman Bob Jenkins can attest to that. He spends more than three hours there three days a week and figures this will be part of his routine for the rest of his life.

The 24 stations inside its 8,000 sq.-ft. building just off Duval Mine Road west of La Canada are indeed saving lives – cleansing the kidneys of more than 40 clients a month during the summer and more than that after the winter migration.

The facility has been serving southern Arizona clients for a decade, observing its 10th anniversary last July. Desert Dialysis is a member of the non-profit Dialysis Clinic, Inc. network that has raised millions for kidney health research since its founding in 1971.

Founded by Dr. H. Keith Johnson, a nephrologist transplant doctor, its beginning was modest. Johnson borrowed money from his physician father to get it started and incorporated in 1971.

The clinic’s initial fund-raising efforts in Nashville, TN, solicited help from a local Colonel Sanders’ Kentucky fried chicken franchise.

Start-up funding covered installation of four stations for clinic treatment available to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay for the services.

“In the late ‘60s dialysis treatment was not covered by insurance and there was no reimbursement in those days,” said Doug Reinhard, a senior operations director and 37-year DCI employee. He oversees about 35 clinics across the country.

Reinhard is an accounting graduate of the University of New Mexico where he was the first administrator of the university’s medical center before joining DCI.

“Before 1973, committees decided who would receive dialysis treatment,” Reinhard said. “Dr. Johnson set up the non-profit clinic to help persons with kidney failure cover the cost of treatment.”



Dialysis Clinic client Bob Jenkins and clinic manager Amy Del Toro.



Doug Reinhard, DCI Clinic senior operations director, left, and Larry Brauer, Tucson area operations director.

Employees of Johnson’s modest clinic requested a donation of red and white fried chicken buckets from the KFC outlet for their earliest fund-raising efforts and the colonel delivered.

Clinic workers pasted photographs of kidney patients on the buck-

ets and stood at busy Nashville intersections on weekends soliciting donations, Reinhard recalls. “And that’s how they kept the clinic going in the early days. Then, as now, the goal was to use half of all funds raised for renal research, he said.

The concept proved successful and Johnson eventually was contacted by physicians in Chattanooga and renowned Emory University in Atlanta who proposed starting similar clinics, Reinhard said.

In 1973, Medicare and Medicaid added dialysis treatment among their covered services. Kidney disease is the only chronic illness covered by Medicare.

Today, DCI has 245 centers in 29 states, treating 15,000 patients, Reinhard said. The non-profit has raised some \$100 million for kidney disease research since its modest beginning with the fried chicken bucket brigade. Reinhard notes 60 percent of those funds have already been spent on renal research.

The Green Valley/Sahuarita clinic employs a staff of 13, including nurses, technicians, a social worker, and a dietitian, according to Tucson-based area operations director Larry Brauer. The clinic manager is Amy DelToro.

DCI also operates organ procurement centers in New Mexico, Northern California and Tennessee

, which provide kidneys, hearts and livers for transplants.

“Clients interested in transplants are referred to available programs,” notes Brauer. “They work with medical directors and nephrologists and if they qualify they are put on lists for the programs. Banner University Medical Center is one of the programs.”

Locally there are two clinics in Tucson and one in Douglas in addition to Green Valley. All local DCI clients like the Rev. Jenkins are referred by University Medical Center/Banner physicians, as well as, other community nephrologists.

Jenkins, an Akron University ROTC graduate with a psychology degree, trained to be an Air Force aviator before studying to become a chaplain. Ordained as a Methodist minister he served at six Florida churches over 35 years. He has a master of divinity degree from Emory in Atlanta, an early advocate of the dialysis clinic concept.

Jenkins and spouse, Ann, arrived in Green Valley in 2005. Both have served the ministry at Methodist Church of Green Valley.

Jenkins said his need for dialysis was diagnosed more than 18 months ago after physicians determined his kidneys were functioning at about 10 percent.

“They were watching my numbers decline and there was no more medicine they could give me,” he said.

He considers the local clinic a God-send. “It’s five minutes from our house,” he said. “We don’t have to drive into Tucson.”

He said at 84 he doesn’t consider himself much of a prospect for a transplant.

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Dialysis Clinic technical manager Le Nguyen at pure water tank.



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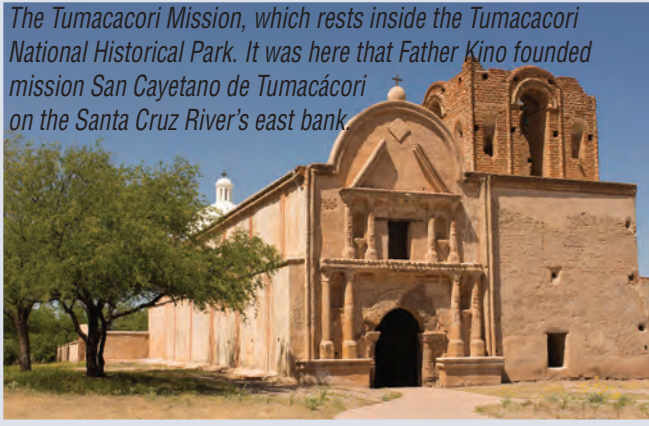
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Guy Atchley at age 20 in 1970 on KMOD FM Tulsa ...playing middle-of-the-road music Midnight to 6am



The Great Horned Owl had just been released in Amado after being nursed back to health by a Green Valley animal rehabber Sue Simpson.



The young people on horseback were at the Avalon Gardens & EcoVillage in Rio Rico. They'll be having their annual Earth Harmony Festival in October.



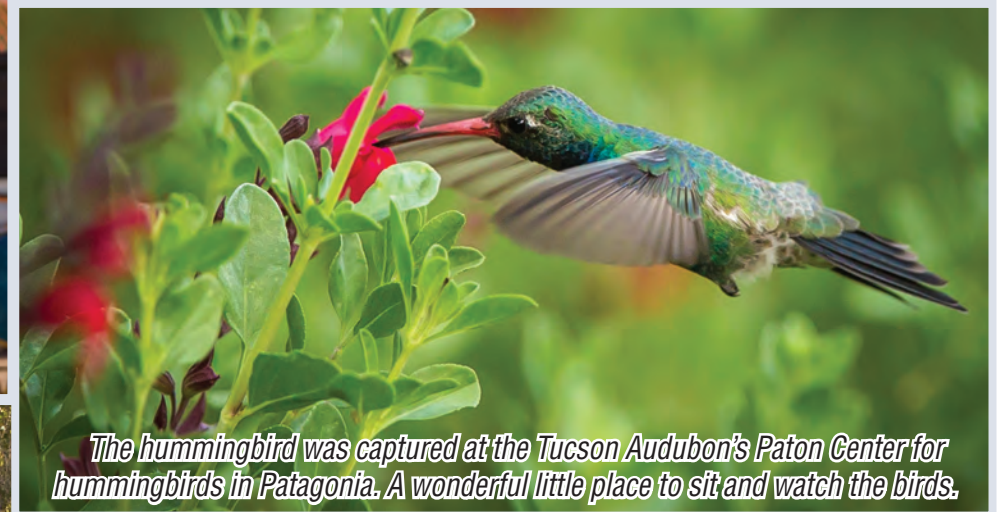
Mission San Xavier del Bac, which also was established by Father Eusebio Kino in 1692. It is the oldest intact European structure in Arizona



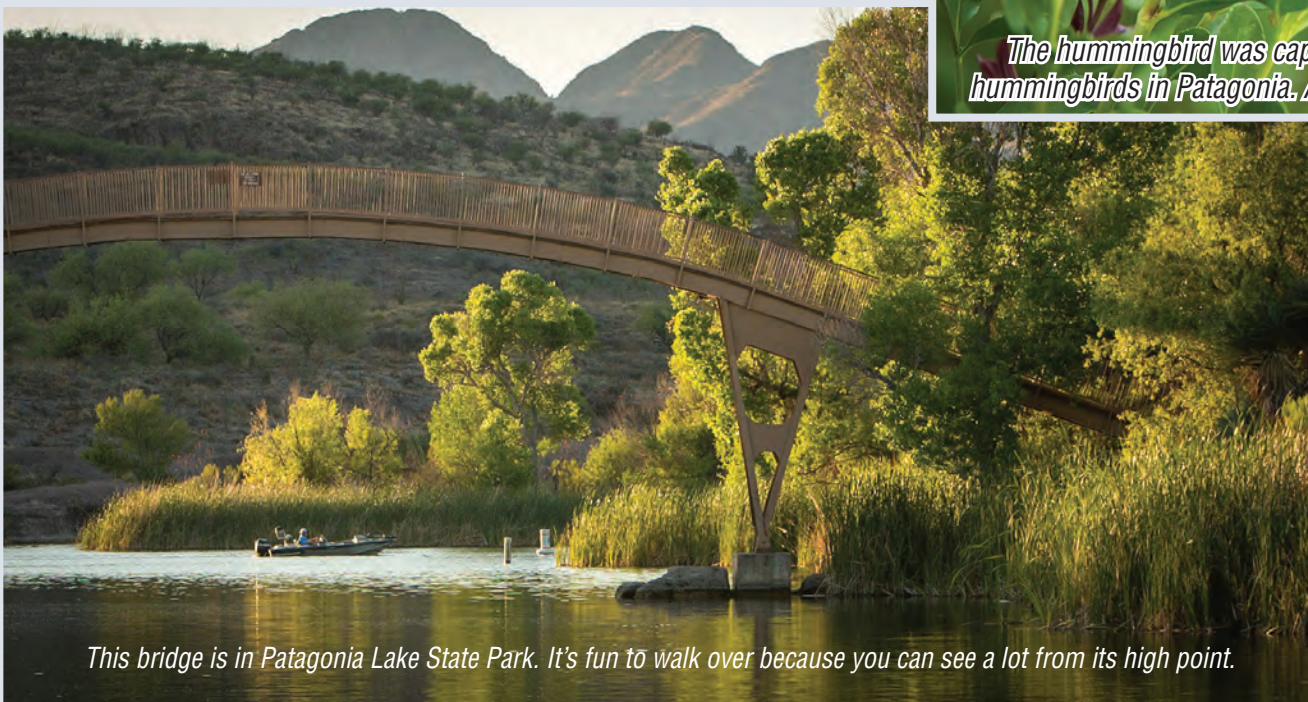
I captured the Wildcat fan during a game at Arizona stadium a couple of years ago.



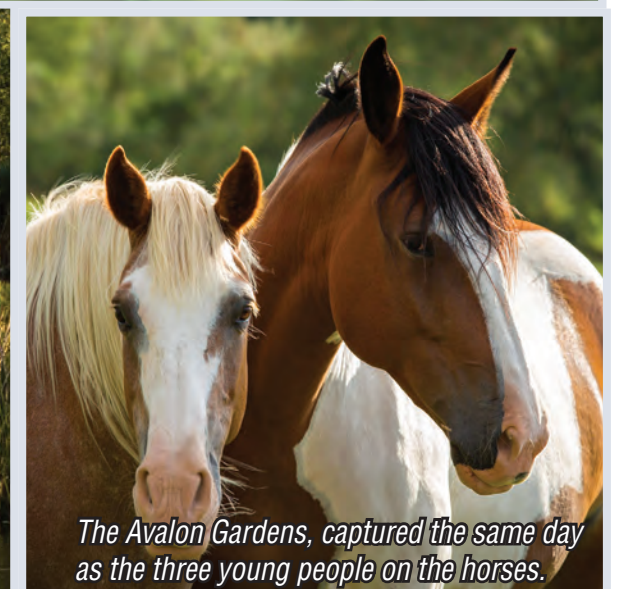
The three Native Americans were captured a couple of years ago during the annual WA:K Pow Wow at the San Xavier Mission.



The hummingbird was captured at the Tucson Audubon's Paton Center for hummingbirds in Patagonia. A wonderful little place to sit and watch the birds.



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Their upcoming Kino Lecture Series donates all profits to TWOQC's Scholarship Fund. These lectures are open to the public and cost \$5.00 each. All lectures will occur in Quail Creek's Madera Clubhouse ballroom from 7-8 pm. The 2017-18 series raised \$1800 for the Scholarship Fund.

Upcoming Lectures will be held on:

October 29, 2018

"From Tucson to the Top of Everest: Dr. John Klein's Odyssey."

Tucson orthopedic surgeon Dr. John Klein will share his experience of scaling Mt. Everest.

January 14, 2019

"Ranger of the Lost Art: Rediscovered WPA National Park Posters." Former Ranger and retired dentist Doug Leen will discuss his role in saving and sharing the early art promoting America's National Parks.

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Accessories to Enhance Your Listening Experience

Written by Lynn Callaway
Affordable Hearing Solutions

According to Wikipedia the first hearing aids were designed during the 17th century for the partially deaf. Known as “ear trumpets” they were easy to carry around and some were built into chairs for the rich.

Electric hearing aids followed the invention of the technology. 1898 saw the first electric hearing aid called the Akouphone invented by Miller Reese Hutchinson.

Continued advances have created multiple accessories for hearing aids to tie in with smart phones, TV’s and other electronic devices. The following are some of the new devices.

There are several commercially available products

to manipulate the TV volume, tone or both. TV ears is a (brand name) headphone product that sends the sound from the television to the headphones, so the user can control their own volume without changing the volume on the TV. This allows others to listen at a volume that is appropriate for normal or average hearing individuals. Pro: User satisfaction is good. Con: tunnel hearing (like tunnel vision) makes it difficult to communicate with others while wearing, possible increased frustration to users and others.

Until recently, hearing aid users had limited options regarding better volume and clarity of TV and/or music. Some efforts did and still do require the user to wear a “neckloop”, an antenna of sorts, for reception of the signal from the source (TV/Stereo). The neckloop also connects with the hearing instruments, which must be worn, so sounds at the source terminate in the ear canal. Pro: user satisfaction is good, can better communicate with others, decreased frustration of user and others. Con: Some still use low volume on hearing aids and high volume on the TV, somewhat defeating the purpose.

There are several options for hearing aid connectivity that we’ll describe. TV transmitter/streamer; neckloop streamer; clip-on streamer; personal microphones; smartphones and Tel-Coil loops or room loops. These

options are available from a multitude of manufacturers and hearing healthcare professionals, and range in price from one hundred to several hundred dollars. Your hearing healthcare practitioner will discuss

sound to the hearing aids. Alternatively, more recent technology allows the sound to stream from the TV directly to the ears as if wearing headphones.

player, TV or other audio source. Generally, music streams in stereo for preferred sound.

Smart-phones have several uses with hearing aids. Using “apps” from the iPhone App Store or Google Play Store, your smart-phone can be utilized as a remote control. It’s possible to control the volume, program selection, and Bluetooth connections for use with multiple devices. It is possible to “stream” phone calls to hearing aids by either wearing a neckloop or streamer on collar. It is also possible on newer hearing instruments to need no intermediary device to stream to the hearing aids. Note some stream binaural (both ears) phone while others have a designated “phone ear”. Discuss your preference with your hearing healthcare practitioner as it relates to your specific hearing loss.



your wants, needs and budget during your visit.

A hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that’s picked by the hearing aid when it is set to “T” Telcoil setting. When a hearing aid user selects the T-Coil setting, they can hear the sounds spoken into the system’s microphone. The result is improved speech clarity and less background noise. Understanding speech in noisy or reverberant environments is often difficult. Hearing aids with Tel-coils can help greatly in this situation.* (Adult Loss of Hearing Association: ALOHA). Some places of worship, auditoriums and live theater provide looped environments for their congregations and patrons. It is possible to install a loop in your home, usually in your TV room. Price can vary but its generally several hundred dollars.

TV streaming is accomplished by connection to a) the audio-out jack on your television, b) the audio-out jack on your cable or satellite box or c) audio-out jack on your receiver or amplifier. This can be done using a 3.5mm plug out and into the TV transmitter, or also accomplished by using an optical cable out and then into the TV transmitter. Also available as an older option are red and white RCA jacks out and 3.5mm plug into the TV transmitter.

Once attached, the transmitter sends the TV sound to a device worn around the neck or clipped to the collar, which then sends the

Music streaming can be routed using a 3.5mm plug from an external source, or wirelessly using Bluetooth or 2.4MHz from your smart-phone to play audio files, Mp3

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Weatherize Those Winter Worries Away

By Ann Powers

Even in Southern Arizona, Old Man Winter makes an appearance. Preparing your home for his arrival can save you money, as well as your life.

We asked a few experts about winterizing steps homeowners can take now, to avoid paying for it later with higher energy bills, furnace repairs or potentially fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.

Here's what they told us...

Seal the Deal

If you're still sweating your high air-conditioning bill courtesy of summer's triple-digit heat... keep sweating. The U.S. Department of Energy says heating and cooling account for nearly 50 percent of the energy use in homes nationwide – making it the largest energy expense for most households.

That's downright chilling to those living on fixed or low-income budgets. For an easy-to-do fix, that's also easy on the wallet, officials recommend sealing windows, doorframes, electrical outlets, cracks, gaps and other drafty areas with caulk or tacky rope inside your home.

In addition, replace worn-out weather stripping and put outlet gaskets on outlets that share your home's exterior walls.

Stormy Suggestions

The Department of Energy also says storm windows can help reduce air movement in and out of existing windows, helping to improve comfort and reduce heating and cooling costs.

If installing storm windows is beyond the budget, a window insulator kit may be a more affordable alternative. The kit includes plastic sheeting applied to interior windows and can be removed in the spring.

Father Knows Best

Did you have one of those dads who used to scream, "I'm not heating the whole outdoors," if a window was left open in winter? No need to revisit that painful childhood drama, just remember open fireplace dampers are like open windows.

So, before you fire up the furnace check your fireplace. Close the damper and keep the coziness inside.

Furnace Fitness

Speaking of furnaces, those in

the know suggest scheduling an appointment with a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) professional to inspect yours and give it a tune-up.

"Make sure it is



safe and running efficiently," said Green Valley Cooling & Heating's Joanna Buglewicz. "Filters need to be maintained regularly to help the system breathe and insure clean air for the homeowner. Annual maintenance and tune-ups can prevent costly and unexpected breakdowns."

Off-Season Servicing

And while you're at it, there's no time like the present (even as temperatures drop) to have your air-conditioner checked out as well.

"If you can wait, have the AC serviced in the winter months," advised Dan Tylutki, Pima County Community & Rural Development senior programming manager. "That way it's not as expensive when it's an emergency call in the summer."

Thermostats that Think

Look into purchasing a programmable thermostat. They can be adjusted to turn down temperatures when you're away, reset upon your return, monitored with a cell phone app and found at most home stores, according to Green Valley Inspections Services' Chris Stichter.

He recommends a brand called Nest.

"That's the one I use and I'm really happy with it," Stichter said. "There's a monthly report sent via email with your savings on it. So, in time, they pay for themselves."

A New Twist

Moreover, Stichter suggests changing the direction on your ceiling fans. Reversing them pushes warm air back down into a room, he said.

"When you start using your furnace," he advised. "That's when you switch over."

A ceiling fan viewed from below should turn clockwise in the winter at a low speed.

Water Woes

Water damage accounts for half of all property damage claims, according to the Insurance Information Institute. In anticipation of any cold nights ahead, it's a good idea to wrap exposed water pipes with insulation.

This is done so the pipes don't burst and you have a costly repair.

Lifesavers

Make sure you have a functioning fire extinguisher to keep blazes at bay in case of cooking mishaps.

Also, install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and make sure the batteries are in working order. Officials recommend purchasing a 10-year lithium battery.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas produced by burning gasoline, wood, propane, charcoal or other fuel. Improperly ventilated appliances and engines, particularly in a tightly sealed or enclosed space, may allow carbon monoxide to accumulate to dangerous levels.

Poisoning occurs when the gas builds up in your bloodstream. Experts say people may suffer ir-

reversible brain and tissue damage, or even die, before anyone realizes there's a problem. It can be particularly risky for people who are sleeping or intoxicated.



Carbon monoxide poisoning signs and symptoms may include:

- Dull headache
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shortness of breath
- Confusion
- Blurred vision
- Loss of consciousness

Officials said it's vital to ensure all gas connections are all tightened correctly and there are no gas leaks.

"Make sure the flame on the service is a nice solid blue flame," Tylutki advised. "That means the gas is burning correctly. Also, put soapy water on connections and if you see bubbles, that means gas is leaking."

Assistance is Available

The Green Valley Fire District offers smoke alarm services, fire safety presentations, lockbox installations and a nurse practitioner appointment line. For more information, call (520) 625-9400 or visit www.gvfire.org/contact-us/.

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Kevin and Marlene Johnson who planned the party for Kevin.

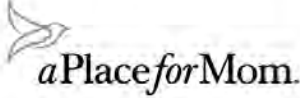
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