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Finding the Perfect Volunteer Opportunity for You

~ Family Features



Tom Thousand spent many years helping low-income residents with home repairs. After retirement, he knew he wanted to continue

helping people in his free time.

He answered the call to serve through [AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP](#). Since 2010, he has volunteered to deliver meals to those in need, transported donated food to food pantries and captained boats on a nearby lake for group trips. Thousand was there when his neighbors needed rides to medical appointments and the Red Cross needed help delivering blood in his community.

All across the country, AmeriCorps Seniors [connects people aged 55 and older with opportunities to volunteer](#) in their communities. The program matches each volunteer's interests and skills with local non-profit organizations. More than 140,000 older Americans serve their communities yearly through three core programs – the RSVP Program, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program.

Many older adults look



for variety, flexibility and benefits when searching for a way to volunteer.

“Since it was established in 1971, our RSVP program has been one of the nation’s largest older adult volunteer programs,” said Atalaya Sergi, national director, AmeriCorps Seniors. “The program has a wide variety of service opportunities that allow volunteers to help address our nation’s most pressing challenges. For our volunteers, RSVP takes the guesswork out of choosing how and where to volunteer their time and energy.”

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PARKING LOT SALE

SATURDAY, October 19th
 7:00 AM—1:00 PM

Desert Community Christian Fellowship
 Hwy 188 & Stephens Way, Tonto Basin, AZ

Funds will be used for our Youth Ministry To help with Various Programs

Donations of **USABLE** items in good repair and **BAKED GOODS** are gratefully requested. **NOT ACCEPTING** shoes, clothing or electronics.

Items can be dropped off at the church on **TWO Fridays, October 11th 10:00 –12:00 noon** and **October 18th 8:00 am—12:00 noon**

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Opportunities vary by city and state, but the RSVP program offers volunteers diverse ways to serve through local organizations. Examples include packaging meals for people with disabilities or other older adults, working in a call center for fraud victims, coordinating poetry workshops at a community center to stimulate the minds of those participating or transporting cancer patients to medical appointments. Service could also involve workforce development and job training or providing disaster preparedness assistance.

There are even select programs specifically designed to

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support veterans.

Mark Piscatelli volunteers at veterans' coffeehouses. Coordinated through his local AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program, the coffeehouses allow veterans to gather and socialize with each other and with volunteers. The social setting creates a safe space, fostering community and stability for everyone involved. Guest speakers frequently visit and provide new and updated information to attendees on local and national veterans' services.

"AmeriCorps Seniors has created a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about veterans, veterans' **Finding the Perfect Volunteer Opportunity for You Continued on page 11**



Tonto Basin Community Meeting

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 5:00 PM

Supervisor Humphrey covered his recent activities which included attending 4 Agenda Meetings, holding a Gisela Community

Meeting on August 31st at 9 AM, he will hold a Roosevelt Community Meeting on September 9th at 1 PM, and be on KQSS on September 9th at 5:30 PM.

From our last Meeting: A resident asked us to investigate placing additional signage near the school as traffic has increased with the bridge opening. We have installed 2 new 15mph speed limit signs that are the school zone version.

Updates on Code Violation Policy: We brought a list of all open code violations in the Tonto Basin area for residents to review. Also, in the past we were required to mail notices of violation to residents. This was a problem in some cases as the person living in the residence was not always the owner of record. Our new BOS county attorney is now allowing us to hand deliver the notices. This will speed up the process of getting blighted homes cleaned up.

USFS Update from Jeremy Plain: Jeremy couldn't be at the meeting this evening, so he asked us to provide the following update. They did get the boat dock back into the water at Indian Point and the Tonto National Forest did go out of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

Animal Control: As requested in prior meetings, we have an Animal Control Officer here to address any concerns the community has.

Supervisor Humphrey discussed the recent primary election and the statistics showing that his opponent received 300 or so votes in the Tonto Basin area and Supervisor Humphrey received 153. He discussed how residents had voiced their desire for change during the election. He stated that he has made himself available to the residents by holding public meetings, returning all phone calls and emails sent to his office as well as handing out his cell phone number.

A resident asked which county staff was out "tagging" businesses. He said that the Kiwanis were tagged for their awning not being tied down. Supervisor said that

the county is complaint driven, so someone likely called it in. Supervisor shared that during his August 28th project team meeting the potential park for Tonto Basin was discussed. There is land belonging to the school that would be a good location and staff is looking at talking to the school about purchasing a portion of it. A resident stated that there is a large parcel behind Kiwana's that even has a well.

Ben Anderson, Gila County Animal Control handed out his cards and asked that residents reach out to him if they have any animal control issues. He let residents know that animal control has recently acquired a new vehicle which is climate controlled for the animals they pick up. A resident asked if animal control was available on the weekends. Ben said there is always someone on call for emergencies, but that for a general animal control complaint on the weekends, please call the Sheriff's department.

William Sturgeon, Gila County Roads let residents know that crews are working on cutting brush and clearing drainages that haven't been touched in years. Joel McDaniel said that the closing of the creek crossing has freed up a lot of man hours to work on other things.

Chief Stoltenberg, Tonto Basin Fire Department said that things have been quiet. He said that mirroring the USFS, fire restrictions will be lifted. He said that things being quiet has allowed him time to catch up on a lot of work. He said the Congressional Grant to remodel Roosevelt Station will be voted on in December or January. He said that he has been able to go from reactionary to preventative with his fleet. A resident asked if the fire department was offering any classes. The chief said that he has a stop the bleed class upcoming and a full CPR class.

Lt. Lahti, Gila County Sheriff's Department said that calls on abandoned vehicles are up over the past month. He said that after a deputy tags a vehicle, it could sit for a week. He told residents that if they witnessed a tagged vehicle still sitting after a week to call the Sheriff's Department. He let residents know that they could have a vehicle towed from their private property and that this would allow the tow company to get an abandoned title and get some money back out of the tow. He said one deputy is working with USFS on vehicles abandoned on USFS land. A resident told the Lt. that someone had been quail hunting too close to their home. The Lt. explained that for hunting, the hunter can't shoot within ¼ mile of a home. But, for target shooting, there is no distance requirement. He suggested that the resident call the SO either way. Meeting adjourned



The Governor's Office is now accepting applications to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. Residents knowledgeable and passionate about Arizona wildlife and conservation in eligible counties are welcome to apply.

The five-member Game and Fish Commission establishes policy, rules, and regulations for the management, preservation and harvest of wildlife and fishery resources, as well as watercraft and off-highway vehicle operations. The commission also serves in an advisory role to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. For more information about the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and its mission, please click [HERE](#).

The commission is structured to ensure geographical and political representation from across Arizona. The current opening must be filled by a resident of either Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Yuma, or Yavapai counties. Applicants must disclose their party affiliation on their application and must not have changed party registration within the past two years in order to be eligible.

Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7.

Individuals interested in applying must do so through the [Boards and Commissions website](#). Applicants are required to include their current residential address, political party, and a resume with their application. Any additional materials or letters of recommendation that applicants wish to be included in their application packet should be emailed to bc@az.gov.

The Game and Fish Appointment Recommendation Board will meet in October to review applications and conduct interviews in person. Questions regarding the review process should be directed to Cindy Freehauf (cfreehauf@azgfd.gov) with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Individuals also may contact the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions by emailing bc@az.gov.



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Call for Mid-Week Small Group Schedule



Tools of the Trade

~ Teri Balaska

Last month had great info on our native plants

and how to keep our desert diversity healthy.. For those of us who want to spread the beauty of our native desert flowers and plants in our yards, doing it while minimizing harm and spreading the beauty is a balance.

Ethical plant nurseries are our best bet for obtaining native plants. Don't be surprised though, if you find some beauties at the green waste. Those "salvaged" plants, which I am sure the land owners followed the AZ Dept of Ag guidelines prior to removing, may just make it in your yard as a new home.

To get a good idea of what plants grow where, the best place to look is away from your yard and in the uncultivated desert. Simply, get to know the plants. That is what we love doing with you at the Tonto Basin Chapter of the Arizona Native Plant Society, helping all to get to know the plants!

Our First Friday meeting Oct 3 is to introduce everyone to the "Tools of the Trade". I like to think of it as "How to politely meet our plant neighbors".

Whether you join us this Oct or not, here are a few great resources to get toknow our desert plants

If you like books check out

- Sonoran Desert Plant ID for Everyone by Jim Koweek (yep no kidding that means you and this is a very user friendly book .)
- Field Guide to Cactus and other Succulents of Arizona by Breslin, Romero, Starr and Watkins (what the plant looks like both with and without flowers, along with a distribution map of where the plants are found, minimizes the guesswork!
- Grasses of the Southwest by Steve Chadde

If you like computer research

- Wild Grasses of Arizona by David Thayer leads us step by step introducing grasses. <https://www.azgrasses.org/>
- Paying attention to flower colors helps on this site. <http://www.southwestdesertflora.com/>
- Grasses, cacti, invasive or not can be found with this site <https://cales.arizona.edu/yavapaiplants/>

If this is too much and all you want is to use your phone, no worries this app is great Arizona wildflowers iNaturalist.

AZGFD celebrates delisting of Apache trout

Gov. Hobbs proclaims Sept. 5 "Apache Trout Day"

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), alongside conservation leaders, Gov. Katie Hobbs, and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, recently celebrated the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) decision to remove Apache trout from the federal Endangered Species List



The delisting announcement was made by Secretary Haaland at a special event in Mesa on Sept. 4.

Gov. Katie Hobbs signed a **proclamation** to celebrate the delisting of Arizona's state fish and designate Sept. 5 as "Apache Trout Day."

"The recovery of Apache trout is a culmination of more than five decades of hard work and the cooperation of many partners, and it's truly an amazing conservation success story," said AZGFD Director Ty Gray.

Apache trout, one of only two native trout species in Arizona, were found in streams across the White Mountains in east-central Arizona before their populations began to rapidly decline during the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. The White Mountain Apache Tribe was the first to recognize the loss of this critical species and took steps to protect them on tribal lands.

AZGFD's efforts to protect Apache trout began in the 1960s through a controlled propagation program in collaboration with the Tribe and the FWS. Apache trout became one of the first species to be federally listed as endangered in 1967, before successful conservation work and a greater knowledge of existing populations allowed the species to be downlisted from endangered to threatened in 1975. This downlisting created the ability to allow limited fishing opportunities for Apache trout in specific areas, giving anglers the chance to directly support the conservation of the species.

AZGFD worked side-by-side with representatives from the Tribe, the FWS, and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to form an Apache Trout Recovery Team in 1979 to develop a long-term plan for the species' survival, →

updated in 1983 and 2009, and that close collaboration continues today. AZGFD has worked with its partners for decades to establish new and maintain existing recovery populations, improve habitat, construct and maintain fish barriers, and successfully propagate Apache trout at the Tonto Creek and Silver Creek hatcheries.

"Our work is not done yet," said Julie Carter, AZGFD's Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief. "We are still working to restore Apache trout populations to new locations and continuing to protect and enhance our existing populations. This achievement honors the current employees and retirees from all of the agencies who devoted countless hours to conserving and protecting Apache trout. Their dedication and perseverance made this possible."

The most recent five-year status review of the Apache trout concluded that the species has recovered

significantly since the time of its listing and recommended that it be considered for delisting. The Cooperative Management Plan (a collaborative effort between AZGFD, the Tribe, the FWS, the USFS, and Trout Unlimited) signed in 2021, outlines the management actions needed to ensure the long-term management of the species. While Apache trout are no longer listed, efforts will continue to establish, enhance, and maintain healthy populations while continuing to provide sportfishing opportunities for anglers across Arizona.

For more information on the Apache trout, visit <https://rb.gy/Ofjoms>

The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives no general fund tax dollars. The majority of funding to manage more than 800 native wildlife species comes from Arizona's hunters and anglers.

SOURCE: AZGFD <e-news@azgfd.gov>



Grandparenting Could Be Our Biggest Legacy

Grandparenthood could be our biggest role in aging and our most important legacy. As in parenthood, grandchildren don't have a "how-to" guidebook or instruction manual. There are no steadfast rules or regulations. Distance, health, lifestyle, and family dynamics are all factors that play a part in determining our relationships with grandchildren. We can be daily caregivers, teachers, playmates, or advisors. We can be as involved as we choose and are not limited to a set of criteria. Grandparents are a source of wisdom, sharing experiences and different perspectives on life. They are keepers of tradition and preservers of cultural heritage. They are storytellers and family historians. They are unique family members and play an important part in their lives.

Grandparenting provides children with role models. Mentoring, teaching, and providing practical support are all roles we can play. Grandparents can provide emotional and behavioral well-being by offering stability and a sense of belonging. Grandparental

involvement impacts cognitive development, social adjustment, and mental health. It's been shown that grandparent involvement reduces risky behaviors, helps children cope with stress, and builds confidence.

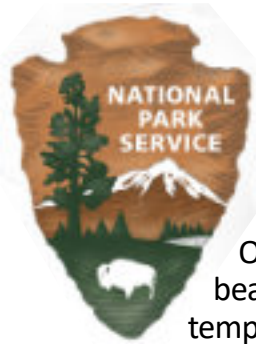
There is scientific proof that grandparent involvement benefits children as well. Several studies examine the impact of grandparenting on children's development and well-being. A study by the University of Oxford showed that high levels of grandparent involvement are associated with fewer behavioral and emotional problems. A study by the University of Berkeley resulted in finding that grandparents who provide significant support to parents enhance parenting effectiveness. There is no denying the importance of a grandparent in a child's life. It is scientifically backed.

If you don't have grandchildren, there are plenty of ways to impact a child's life. Developing meaningful relationships has a positive impact on children and has the same benefits regardless of biology. Consider these options:

1. Volunteer with children: Many organizations, such as schools, libraries, and community centers, welcome volunteers to read to children, help with homework, or participate in activities.

2. Foster Grandparent Programs: These programs connect older adults with children who need extra support. They provide guidance, companionship, and love to kids in your community.

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Fall Has Arrived At Tonto National Monument

~ Ken Bennett

October in the Sonoran Desert is a beautiful time of year. The temperatures start to cool from the intense summer heat, making for warm days, cool nights, and low humidity. It's considered fall in the desert, with the low slanting sun giving the landscape a golden hue and clear skies.

The Sonoran Desert comes alive with wildlife in the fall. Mule deer prepare for mating season, young coyotes disperse from family groups, bobcats leave their mothers, and javelinas become more active. Fall is a great time for bird watching, with winter birds returning to the desert and increased sightings of raptors like red-tailed hawks, kestrels, and bald eagles. Hummingbirds begin migrating back with Rufous and Anna's hummingbirds commonplace.

In October, the desert broom is in blossom and attracts butterflies and other desert insects. Many plants are fruiting, including barrel cacti, desert hackberries, and wolfberries. Fall colors splash with the red or orange colors of the ocotillo cacti. Arizona sycamores and black walnut trees lose their leaves. All of these fall changes can be seen within the boundaries of Tonto National Monument.

This time of year is perfect for getting outside and taking a hike. Tonto National Monument is home to two of the best-preserved Salado cliff dwelling sites in the Southwest. The cliff dwellings date back 700 years and were built between 1300 and 1350 and occupied until 1450. The people who lived there were part of the Salado phenomenon, representing various cultures and ideologies. Both cliff dwellings are accessible by trail, with the Lower Cliff Dwelling open to the public year-round following a paved path that ascends 350 feet in a half-mile.

In early autumn, Tonto National Monument visitation increases, and we open reservations for tours to the Upper Cliff Dwelling on the first. The Upper Cliff Dwelling is the largest of the two cliff dwellings at the park, situated higher in elevation than the lower dwelling, and was comprised of 40 rooms. It is accessible by guided tour only Fridays through Mondays from

November through April, starting at 10 a.m. The trail is



three miles, roundtrip, unpaved, ascends 600 feet in a mile and a half, and is considered moderate in difficulty. Reservations are taken only by phone, and space is limited to 10 per tour. They fill up quickly, with bookings commonly filled months in advance. The tour lasts 3-4 hours and is not recommended for children under the age of 8. If you would like to book a reservation, call 928-467-2241. Reservations are taken during park business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week.

The park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park amenities include a museum, park films, an observation deck, and a gift shop. The trail to the Lower Cliff Dwelling is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The park recommends checking the weather before visiting; if there is a NOAA weather advisory, access to the Lower Cliff Dwelling may be affected. When visiting, bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and sun protection. Although the October temperatures have dipped into the 80s, the desert sun can still be intense, and following sun safety tips is recommended.

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3. Adopt A Grandchild: Some organizations facilitate relationships between seniors and families looking for a grandparent figure.

4. Teach or share a hobby - If you possess a special skill or have a passionate hobby, consider teaching it to children.

5. Host exchange students - Be a host for a foreign exchange student, allowing a rewarding experience by providing a home away from home.



It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It

Communication is a fundamental aspect of human interaction. We share ideas, emotions, and information every day, yet the effectiveness of our communication often hinges not just on the content of our words but on how we convey them. The phrase "it's not what you say, it's how you say it" encapsulates this truth, emphasizing the importance of tone, body language, and delivery in shaping our messages.

THE POWER OF TONE

Tone is perhaps the most significant element in communication. It can completely alter the meaning of a statement. For instance, consider the difference between saying "I can't believe you did that!" in a sarcastic tone versus an empathetic one. The former conveys disbelief and criticism, while the latter can express understanding and support. The emotional undertone can create a connection or drive a wedge between individuals, highlighting the idea that how we say something can be more impactful than the words themselves.

EXAMPLES OF TONE IN ACTION

Professional Settings: In the workplace, a manager's tone can motivate or demoralize employees. Encouragement delivered with enthusiasm can inspire teams, while a harsh or indifferent tone can lead to disengagement.

Personal Relationships: In relationships, the way we express love, frustration, or disappointment can influence the dynamics significantly. A gentle, caring tone can foster intimacy, while a harsh tone can lead to conflict.

BODY LANGUAGE MATTERS

Non-verbal cues, including body language, facial expressions, and gestures, play a crucial role in how our

messages are received. Studies suggest that a significant portion of communication is non-verbal. For instance, crossed arms might signal defensiveness, while open arms can convey warmth and receptiveness.

The Impact of Body Language

Confidence: Standing tall and maintaining eye contact can enhance the perception of confidence and authority in a speaker, making their message more persuasive.

Empathy: Nodding and leaning slightly forward can show engagement and understanding, making the listener feel valued and heard.

THE ART OF DELIVERY

Delivery encompasses not just tone and body language but also pace, volume, and clarity. A well-delivered message can resonate deeply, while a poorly delivered one can fall flat, regardless of the content.

Key Aspects of Effective Delivery

Pace and Timing: Speaking too quickly can lead to misunderstandings, while a measured pace allows for reflection and absorption of the message.

Volume: Adjusting volume according to context is vital. A quiet voice can create an intimate atmosphere, while a louder voice can command attention and emphasize key points.

Cultural Considerations

It's important to recognize that interpretations of tone, body language, and delivery can vary across cultures. What may be perceived as friendly in one culture could be seen as intrusive in another. Being culturally aware and adaptable can enhance cross-cultural communication and prevent misunderstandings.

Conclusion

Ultimately, effective communication is an art that goes beyond mere words. Recognizing that "it's not what you say, it's how you say it" can transform our interactions, fostering deeper connections and understanding. By paying attention to tone, body language, and delivery, we can enhance our communication skills, making our messages resonate more powerfully with others. In a world where misunderstandings are common, mastering the nuances of communication can pave the way for more meaningful and impactful interactions.

FISHING



Roosevelt Lake is staying strong in both fishing & water level. He water level is at 76% full. The Bobcat Ramps is in 9 feet of water at the end of the ramp,

normally at this time of the year it is out of the water. Speaking of the Bobcat Ramp the wind had been busy breaking the dock, so 2 days before the LTF Tournament the USFS brought in a "New" dock. We want to thank the whole crew at the Roosevelt Ranger Station for their hard work. Badger Ramp is in 85 feet of water, Cholla is in 77 feet of water and Indian Point is in 25 feet of water.

In a recent Let's Talk Fishin' Tournament, 44 out of 50 teams caught their 5 fish limits. 233 fish weighed 605 lbs. with an average weight for each fish of 2.60 lbs. The big fish of the tournament weighed 5.88 lbs.

On the Crappie division they have a 7 fish limit. 5 teams had a limit with 12.19 lbs. taking 1st Place with a big fish of 2.03. The biggest Crappie was 2.21 lbs.

The top baits used for Bass were Crankbaits & Top water Cranks. One-person reported using a dropshot

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and caught 30 fish, in the pinks and purples. The biggest Goon Fish of the tournament was a 31 lb. Flathead catfish. (See Photo)

If you are looking to do some tournament fishing in 2024/2025, check out the LTF Season. Go to www.letstalkfishin.com

To see the complete schedule and register for any of our events.

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issues, what they've experienced, what they currently experience and what some of their concerns are going forward," Piscatelli said.



David Langlois, a fellow volunteer, concurs. "I really think that the bottom line is to support our veterans," he said.

Older adults need volunteer programs that fit their lifestyles and allow them to choose how, where and the frequency of their service. Commitments range from a few hours to 40 hours per week. This flexibility allows Piscatelli and his fellow volunteers to participate without feeling overwhelmed by time obligations.

Volunteering is more than a way to fill time, however. Research from sources such as the National Institute on Aging suggests that older adults who are engaged in social and community activities maintain mental and physical health longer than those who are not.

"After one year of service, 88% of our volunteers reported a decrease in feelings of isolation," Sergi said. "Plus, 78% of volunteers felt less depressed. That uplifts spirits and significantly impacts and benefits people's lives."

Yolanda Dave is an example of the positive impact of volunteering on the community and the volunteers themselves. She started volunteering more than 20 years ago because helping her community with hunger, isolation and literacy issues empowered her to be part of the solution. It's more than that, though. She also benefits from the experience.

"I love volunteering," Dave said. "You meet wonderful people of all ages. I get to share my skills, my experience. It keeps me active, mentally and physically, which is very healthy."

Volunteers like Thousand, Piscatelli, Langlois and Dave support people in need and strengthen their communities and neighborhoods. If you're 55 or older and looking for the right volunteer opportunity, visit [AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment](https://www.americorps.gov/YourMoment) to explore opportunities near you.

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1pm-5pm

\$10 Kids Wrist Band Includes:
1-Hayride, 1-Paint a Pumpkin, 1 order of General Slices, 1-Popcorn, 1-Apple Cider, 1 order of a Hotdog, Chips and Soda, 1- Press on T-shirt and Unlimited Games!

Live Music!

GAMES

Fishing and Duck Game, Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss and Football Toss and New this season **PLINKO!**

Fun Carnival Prizes!

APPLE BOBBING

PUMPKIN PAINTING

HAY RIDES

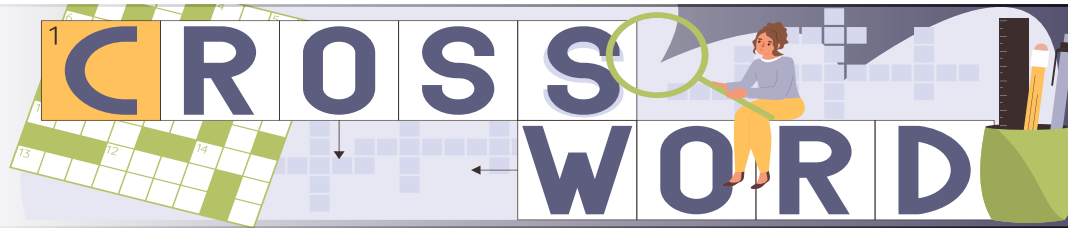
Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda

Kiwanis Bake Sale

Arts and Crafts Vendors

COTTON CANDY AND LEMONADE FOR PURCHASE

Copp's Brick House Tacos & Taters



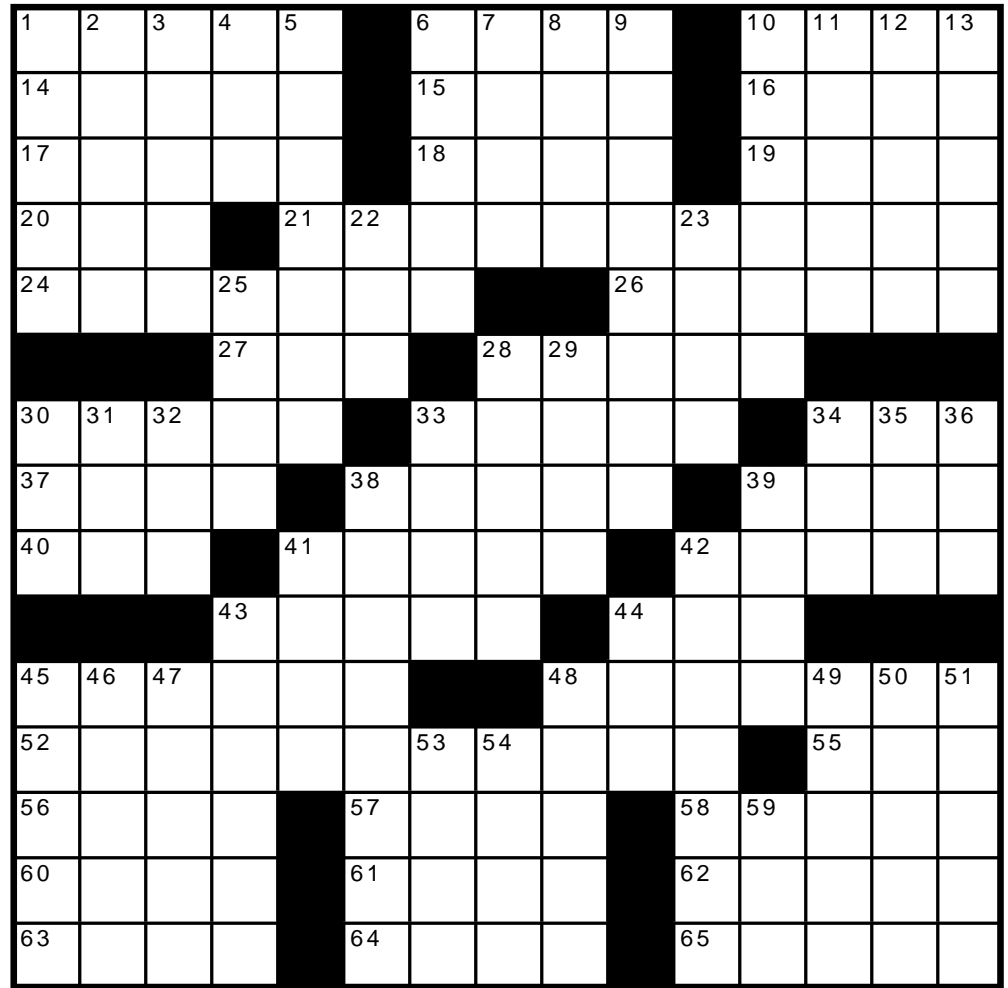
See last month's crossword puzzle solution on page 2

Across

1. "West Side Story" song
6. Slammin' Sammy
10. Rural structure
14. "The covers of this book are too far ____" — Bierce
15. Cookbook amts.
16. Peek follower
17. Experiment
18. Pub pints
19. ____ Cop
20. Mayday!
21. An organization
24. Dig up
26. Separates metal from ore
27. Turkish honorific
28. Change
30. Shop shaper
33. More frigid
34. Fur scarf
37. Swelled heads
38. Goofed up
39. Rude dwellings
40. ____ good deed
41. Emollient-yielding plants
42. Singer LaBelle
43. Ages between 13 and 19
44. Put down, in slang
45. Teeming
48. Chuckhole
52. "Great" Australian landmark
55. Hide-hair connector
56. Tons
57. Breakfast area
58. End of ____
60. Second letter of the Greek alphabet
61. Dorothy's dog
62. Bowling alley divisions
63. Prayer ending
64. Hook's helper
65. Sierra ____

Down

1. Taiwan Strait island
2. Cookwear
3. Bluffer's ploy
4. George Gershwin's brother
5. On the loose



6. Secret supply
7. Scandinavian capital city
8. Blueprint detail
9. Aided
10. To bargain
11. Bubbling on the stove
12. Android
13. Middays
22. RR stop
23. From the U.S.
25. Sounds of relief
28. Land measures
29. Untruths, tells falsehoods
30. Went first
31. Gone by
32. Get thee ____ nunnery
33. Press
34. Except
35. Giant Mel
36. Just ____ suspected!
38. First principles
39. ____ browns
41. Ethereal: Prefix
42. Trap for the unwary
43. Plaid
44. Anonymous John
45. Addis ____
46. "The Crucible" setting
47. Penned
48. Tea type
49. Bridge bid, briefly
50. Sophia of the screen
51. Clear the boards
53. Chamber
54. Learning method
59. Burnsian refusal