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Welcome Winter Visitors!

Welcome! You’ve come at a perfect time. While your friends back home are experiencing single digits, you’re planning to spend your day outside in the mild temperatures; under clear skies and lots of sunshine. You traded snow boots and earmuffs for sandals and sunglasses. You won’t be disappointed. There is much to see and explore in this area along the Colorado River Lower Basin. The natural beauty alone will have you pausing to pull out your camera.

Let this Visitor Guide, and maybe a GPS, be your passport to a winter adventure in the southwest. Lake Havasu City, Ariz., is home of the London Bridge, tempting lake for fishing, plenty of desert terrain for off-roading, and a short ferry ride across the lake to Havasu Landing Resort Hotel and Casino in Calif., which opened its brand new facility in November. Lake Havasu City also offers a calendar packed with crowd-drawing events, including Havasu Balloon Festival and Fair, Winterfest Street Fair, Rockabilly Reunion, Buses by the Bridge, and Lake Havasu Bluegrass on the Beach Music Festival.

Highway 95 south to Parker will take you by turnoffs for Cattail Cove State Park, Buckskin Mountain State Park, and The Desert Bar. Parker, which not only offers parks for overnight camping along the edge of the Colorado River, but has a vast desert for off-roading, and the BlueWater Resort & Casino for entertainment and gaming excitement.

Point your RV toward Yuma or Quartzsite and you’re bound to see familiar faces from your last winter there. Quartzsite, referred to as “The Rock Capital of the World,” with its International Rock, Gem and Mineral Show, is a magnet for winter visitors with its relaxed environment. It is RV friendly, as visitors have the freedom to park in the open desert.

The historic southwestern community of Yuma offers a friendly Main Street and variety of Mexican and other restaurants. It has an array of RV parks that cater to winter visitors with activities and get-togethers. Yuma is also close to Los Algodones, Mexico, which offers less expensive dental and medical care and prescriptions than in the States.

Head to Blythe, Calif., home to rich green farmlands, natural wildlife refuges, and geoglyphs. Blythe, which sits on the California side of the Colorado River, is host to the Blythe Bluegrass Festival, always held in January and typically the country’s first major bluegrass event of the year.

In the other direction, the Tri-State area - which includes Laughlin, Nev., Bullhead City, Kingman, and Oatman, Ariz., and Needles, Calif. - is a diverse group of towns. There’s Laughlin with its stretch of casinos and access to Colorado River recreation, but also Oatman, an old mining town that transports visitors back to the Old West with its gun fight re-enactments.

The towns might differ in what they offer and the visitors they attract, but the allure of the Colorado River, weather, and climate binds them together and makes for memorable winter adventure and stay.
Lake, desert draw visitors to Lake Havasu City

It doesn’t matter which way you approach Lake Havasu City on Highway 95. The minute you clear the mountains from the north, or round the bend from the south, the lake greets you like an old friend.

The mountains serve as a stunning - and for the hiker, enticing - backdrop to Lake Havasu. If the sun is shining, there will be a least a handful of boats on the lake, no matter what month it is. If night has fallen, the moon will cast a calming glow on the water.

The lake - which opens to the Colorado River - brought visitors here long before the town even existed, and is the reason the city is here today. The Army constructed an airport in 1944 on Pittsburgh Point, which is now known as the Island. The airport served as emergency landing field for Kingman Army Air Field’s gunnery training for bomber crews during World War II.

The area - now known as Site Six - was used as R&R camp for soldiers to relax and enjoy fishing and swimming. For a short time after the war, it was a fly-in fishing camp, then later a private airfield that supported the development of the new city, founded by entrepreneur, and chainsaw manufacturer, Robert P. McCulloch.

The businessman was drawn to this stretch of desert while looking for a spot to test his outboard boat engines. He envisioned a city, for which he enlisted help from developer C.V. Wood, who designed Disneyland. Lake Havasu City was officially established in September 1963.

One of the unique things about Lake Havasu City - besides the London Bridge - is that the ‘settlers’ didn’t come by stagecoach, but by airplane. McCulloch flew in thousands of potential landowners between 1964 and 1978 in hopes of enticing them with the weather and lake.

The town might have stayed a small desert community had it not been for McCulloch’s vision of purchasing the London Bridge from England. His winning bid of $2,460,000 secured the deal on April 18, 1968. After the granite blocks were shipped to California and brought by truck to Lake Havasu City, the bridge was reassembled.

After three years, the bridge was completed, and on Oct. 9, 1971 was dedicated by The Lord Mayor of London. An upwards of 60,000 visitors joined Havasu’s 8,000 residents for the two-day celebration that included parades, costume contests and a lot of pomp and circumstance.

By 1981, the city had swelled to 17,000 residents and now has a population of around 54,000 – not including the throngs of visitors it attracts each year.

During the summer months, the lake and river are dedicated to boaters – many from neighboring states who arrive on weekends to enjoy the sunshine and rush of an open throttle.

Once the temperatures in other parts of the country start to drop and snow starts to fall, Lake Havasu City welcomes winter visitors hoping to trade their snow shovels for golf clubs. And on the lake, boat tours/charters and fishing boats replace the massive, high-powered speedboats of summer.

Since temperatures in Lake Havasu City during the winter months are more conducive for outdoor activities other than just watersports; visitors and residents alike flock to golf courses, parks, and the desert for camping and off-roading.

Ideal temperatures also bring annual outdoor festivals and fairs to the community. From October to April, the city’s calendar is filled with weekend events and activities.

And, at the center of it all: a lake, a bridge, and expanse of desert that keeps visitors returning to Lake Havasu City. ✨
Balloon Festival & Fair celebrates 10 years

Dozens of hot air balloons in vibrant colors and unusual shapes will dance across the desert sky, fascinating onlookers with their beauty and buoyancy.

This festive sight is fit for a celebration, which could have been on the minds of organizers when they chose ‘Celebration of Balloon Dreams’ as the theme for this year’s 10th Annual Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair, presented by Anderson Toyota.

Named one of the Top 100 events in North America by the American Bus Association, the Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair will again draw dozens of hot air balloons as well as thousands of visitors to the four-day event, January 9-12 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4.

Gates open at Noon on Thursday, and at 6 a.m. on the following days. Cost is $15 for a four-day pass. Each day, tickets will be sold for tethered and un-tethered balloons rides, weather permitting.

Festival attendees will witness breathtaking mass ascensions in the mornings and afternoons (weather permitting). Skilled balloon pilots often do a “splash-and-dash” over the water close to the London Bridge in the Bridgewater Channel, allowing the balloon baskets to barely touch the water.

Even though eyes are turned upward most of the day, there is a lot happening on the ground at Windsor 4. One of the most popular activities is the magnificent Night Glow when balloons are lit on the ground and resemble Chinese lanterns.

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When the sun goes down, balloons resemble Chinese lanterns during the Night Glow. Havasu Balloon Festival and Fair photo.

2019-20 Lake Havasu City Calendar

Note: Event dates and times are subject to change. For updates and more events in Lake Havasu City, pick-up The White Sheet - a new one, free of charge, is on newsstands every Tuesday. Updates can also be found at golakehavasu.com.

ONGOING

Lake Havasu Swap Meet. Every Sunday. 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission: Free. Address: Parking lot on the corner of Marlboro and London Bridge Road. Website: www.londonbridgeswapmeet.com; Facebook, London Bridge Swap Meet. Phone: 928-680-5685.

Walking Tour of Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge. Every Thursday. 8-10 a.m. Admission: Free. Take sturdy shoes or boots, water, binoculars, sunscreen, hat. Address: Visitor Center, 60911 Hwy. 95, Parker. Phone: Wildlife Refuge Specialist Joey Saccomanno at 928-667-4144 ext. 128 or joseph_saccomanno@fws.gov.

First Friday Lake Havasu. First Friday of each month. 6-9 p.m. Admission: Free. Immersive art and cultural experience with artists, music, and more. Address: Sidewalks of McCulloch Boulevard – between Querio Drive and Scott Drive in Havasu’s Downtown District. Music, beer, games, and more in Yard City, next to Smallcakes. Website: firstfridayhavasu.com; Instagram, Facebook.

Lake Havasu Farmers Market. Third Saturday of each month. 8 a.m. - Noon. Admission: Free. Find seasonal fruits and vegetables; prepared baked goods, jams, and more; arts, crafts, and jewelry; kids activity while parents shop. Address: Inside and Outside The Kaws, 2144 McCulloch Blvd. (formerly Schlotzsky’s) in Havasu’s Downtown District. Website: Facebook.

DECEMBER

Festival of Lights. Until January 5. 6-10 p.m. nightly. The London Bridge Resort, English Village, and London Bridge are lit-up with over 500,000 lights for the holiday season.
air balloons. There is a lot for all ages to enjoy. Some of the activities include: kite displays, kids fun zone, live art exhibits, kids activities, dog shows, vendor demonstrations, and a caricature artist. There will be entertainment, food and merchandise vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and beer gardens. See website for list and schedule of activities and events.

The 5K Balloon Run/Walk, held inside Lake Havasu State Park, will be Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 a.m. This is not a timed event.

Organizers hope spectators spend the entire day at the Balloon Festival & Fair. Go for the balloon launch in the morning; enjoy a day full of entertainment, activities, and food and beverages; then stay for the balloon glow in the evening.

The four-day festival is expected to draw more than 30,000 visitors to Windsor 4. There is offsite parking, from which buses and shuttles will take people to and from the front gates. See website for maps and more details.

This event is presented by The London Bridge Lions Club, Daybreakers Lions Club, London Bridge Rotary Club, Lake Havasu City Rotary Club, and Sunrise Rotary Club.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate, or in advance, just south of Hampton Inn; approximately at 171 London Bridge Road. For more information, visit havasuballoonfest.com or on Facebook.

DECEMBER 13-14-15

Elf, The Musical. Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults: $28, plus fees; Children 17 and under: $15, plus fees. Address: GraceArts LIVE Performing Arts Theatre, 2146 McCulloch Blvd N. Website: graceartslive.com. Phone: ArtsTix Box Office 928-505-2787.

DECEMBER 14

Monthly Automotive Swap Meet. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Admission: Free to the public. Sellers $15 that day for a 20’x20’ stall. Presented by Havasu 95 Speedway, these swap meets will be held on the racetrack. Public parking in the pit area. Address: Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA
Lake Havasu Area, Arizona

Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Phone:** Bill Rozhon 928-716-6300. **Website:** Havasu95Speedway; Facebook.

**DECEMBER 15**
Lake Havasu Symphonic Winds Concert, “Holiday Happiness”. 3 p.m. Tickets: Adults $10; Children with an adult and students with a school ID are admitted free. Tickets are available in advance at Sound Bank Electronics, 1931 McCulloch Blvd., or at the door. **Address:** Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 Palo Verde Blvd. S. **Website:** www.lhswinds.com. **Phone:** Loretta Croteau 928-680-6927.

**DECEMBER 17**
Corrie Sachs is Reba! Reba McEntire Tribute Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. **Address:** Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**DECEMBER 20-21-22**
Elf, The Musical. Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets: $28, plus fees; Children 17 and under: $15, plus fees. **Address:** GraceArts LIVE Performing Arts Theatre, 2146 McCulloch Blvd N. **Website:** graceartslive.com. **Phone:** ArtsTix Box Office 928-505-2787.

**DECEMBER 28**
Lake Havasu Collectibles & Firearms. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets: Day pass $8; Weekend pass $12; Children under 17 free. **Address:** LHC Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Phone:** 928-310-8544.

**JANUARY 4**
47th Annual Lake Havasu Polar Bear Day. Group plunges at Noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Participants fee: $5. Spectators free. **Address:** London Bridge Beach, 1340 McCulloch Blvd. N. (On the Island; Channel side). **Phone:** Bethany, 928-486-0106.

**JANUARY 6**
Paperback Writer, Tribute to The Beatles Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. **Address:** Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**JANUARY 7-11**
Quilting at the Lake. This 13th annual event, hosted by Havasu Stitchers, features nationally-known instructors who share their expertise and new ideas. **Address:** London Bridge Resort, 1477 Queens Bay. **Website:** havasustitchers.com.

**JANUARY 9-12**
Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair, “Celebration of Balloon Dreams.” Gates open at Noon on Thursday; other days at 6 a.m. Witness breathtaking mass ascensions in the mornings and afternoons; and in the evening see the magnificent night glow. There will be both tethered and un-tethered balloons rides, weather permitting. There will be: entertainment, vendors, beer garden, children’s activities, Fun Zone and much more. See website for list and prices of all events. **Website:** www.HavasuBalloonFestival.com.

**JANUARY 14**
Auto racing. Gates open Noon; Racing at 2 p.m. Late Model Twin 50s, Bandoleros, Outlaw Karts, Factory Stocks. Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

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**JANUARY 11  
Monthly Automotive Swap Meet. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Admission:** Free to the public. Sellers $15 that day for a 20'x20' stall. Presented by Havasu 95 Speedway, these swap meets will be held on the racetrack. Public parking in the pit area.  
**Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway.  
**Phone:** Bill Rozhon 928-716-6300.  
**Website:** Havasu95Speedway; Facebook.

**JANUARY 12  
Lake Havasu Regional Orchestra. 3 p.m.**  
**Tickets:** Adults $10; Children free. Tickets available in advance at Sound Bank Electronics, 1931 McCulloch Blvd., or at the door.  
**Address:** Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 Palo Verde Blvd.  
**Website:** www.lhro.org; Facebook.

**JANUARY 14  
Lake Havasu Museum of History Program. 7 p.m.**  
**Admission:** Program is free. A wine and cheese reception for members only is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., (non-members will be charged $5).  
**Address:** Gymnasium, ASU @ Lake Havasu, 100 University Way.  
**Website:** havasumuseum.com; Facebook.  
**Phone:** 928-854-4938.  

**JANUARY 16-19  
Buses by the Bridge XXIV.**  
VW bus owners from across the map will converge for this 24th annual camp-out, presented by London Bridge Bullis. The public is invited to walk among the buses and see the intrigue of these classic vehicles. Spectators will see different stages of VW buses dating back to 1954-55 up to the 1990s. All money raised benefits children’s organizations in LHC.  
See website or Facebook for event hours.  
**Admission:** $5 wristband, good all weekend.  
**Address:** Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4, 699 London Bridge Rd. Walk-in entrance at 171 London Bridge Road.  
**Website:** www.busesbythebridge.com; Facebook.

**JANUARY 18  
Auto racing.** Gates open Noon; Racing at 2 p.m.  
**Late Models Twin 50s, Vintage Midgets & Sprints, 602 Modifieds, Factory Stocks.**  
**Tickets:** Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25.  
**Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway.  
**Website:** havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

**JANUARY 21  
Shaun Johnson Experience. 7 p.m.**  
This show is part of the Concert Series presented by Lake Havasu Concert Association and Live On Stage.  
**Tickets:** Adults $30; Students free with school ID.  
**Address:** Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd.  
**Website:** lhcca.com; Facebook.  
**Phone:** 928-706-0779.

**JANUARY 25-26  
Little Delbert Days Rodeo, with performances by Grand Canyon Rodeo. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily.**  
Rodeo at 1 p.m. Grab your cowboy hat and giddy-up on over to
the rodeo grounds for rodeo excitement for cowboys and cowgirls of all ages. The Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo Association, Arizona’s largest professional rodeo association, will entertain spectators with team roping, barrel racing, bull riders, saddle bronc, bareback riders, steer wrestling, calf roping, ladies breakaway roping and much more. Little Delbert Days features a variety activities and entertainment for little cowpokes. This event is hosted by Friends of the Fair. **Admission:** Adults $15; Children 15 and under free. **Address:** SARA Park Rodeo Grounds, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway.com.

**JANUARY 30**

December ’63, Frankie Vali & The Four Seasons Tribute Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. **Address:** Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**JAN. 30 - FEB. 2**

6th Time Vintage Trailer Campout Rally. The public is invited to stop by and see beautifully maintained and restored vintage trailers from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday. If the ‘open’ sign is displayed, visitors are welcome to walk-in the trailer. Those wanting to participate and camp out should contact event organizers Cherri or Mike in advance to reserve a spot. Cost is $25 per night for camping. Spectator fee: Park fee $3 per person to enter the park. **Address:** Lake Havasu State Park, 699 London Bridge Road. **Phone:** Cherri and Mike Aiken Call 360-708-7495 or 928-505-2730 or email jra@cnw.com.

**FEBRUARY**

**FEBRUARY 1**

Auto racing. Gates open Noon; Racing at 2 p.m. Street Stocks, Factory Stocks, Bandoleros. Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

**FEBRUARY 5-7**

WON Bass Arizona Open at Lake Havasu. Fishing open for pro anglers and amateurs presented by Western Outdoor News. Entry deadline is Jan.31. **Address:** Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4, 171 London Bridge Road. **Phone:** Billy Egan 949-366-0248. **Website:** wonews.com.

**FEBRUARY 8**

Monthly Automotive Swap Meet. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Admission:** Free to the public. Sellers $15 that day for a 20’x20’ stall. Presented by Havasu 95 Speedway, these swap meets will be held on the racetrack. Public parking in the pit area. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Phone:** Bill Rozhon 928-716-6300. **Website:** Havasu95Speedway; Facebook.

**FEBRUARY 8**

Turn The Page, Tribute to Bob Seger Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. **Address:** Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**FEBRUARY 8-9**

35th Annual Winterfest Street Festival. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Presented by the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce, this popular event closes McCulloch Boulevard - from Acoma Bou-
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levard to Smoketree Avenue in the city’s Downtown District to accommodate the hundreds of vendor booths. Find everything including: soaps, candles, jams, jewelry, woodworking, clothing, lawn decoration, and home décor. There will be plenty of delicious food and drink to enjoy, entertainment, and a beer garden on the corner lot at Querio and McCulloch Boulevard. Many of the permanent McCulloch Boulevard merchants will be open during this time, helping to create an event that has something for everyone. Admission: Free. Website: havasuchamber.com. Phone: 928-855-4115.

FEBRUARY 9
Lake Havasu Symphonic Winds Concert, “A Symphonic Tribute to Love”. 3 p.m. Tickets: Adults $10; Children with an adult and students with a school ID are admitted free. Tickets are available in advance at Sound Bank Electronics 1931 McCulloch Blvd., or at the door. Address: Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 Palo Verde Blvd. S. Website: www.lhswinds.com. Phone: Loretta Croteau 928-680-6927.

FEBRUARY 11
Lake Havasu Museum of History Program. 7 p.m. ASU Professor Paul Hirt will speak on the Waterways Exhibit. Admission: Program is free. A wine and cheese reception for members only is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., (non-members will be charged $5). Address: Gymnasium, ASU @ Lake Havasu, 100 University Way.

FEBRUARY 12
Sons of Serendip Concert. 7 p.m. This show is part of the Concert Series presented by Lake Havasu Concert Association. Tickets: Adults $30; Students free with school ID. Address: Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd. Website: lhcca.com; Facebook. Phone: 928-706-0779.

FEBRUARY 13
Aretha: The Queen of Soul, Tribute to Aretha Franklin Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. Address: Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. Website: Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

FEBRUARY 13-16
31st Annual Winter Blast Pyrotechnics Show. The community reap the benefits when the Western Pyrotechnic Association converges for its annual convention to show-off the latest and greatest in fireworks. The public will see brilliant fireworks displays in the sky above SARA Park. Each night there will be public displays at 7:30 p.m., with the largest single show on Saturday night. Gates to SARA Park will open at 4 p.m. for the shows. There is a $5 vehicle charge to enter SARA Park. There will be seating at Havasu 95 Speedway for $5 per person; free for kids 5 and under. Check website for updates and more information. Address: Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. Website: golakehavasu.com.

FEBRUARY 14-16
Lake Havasu City Rockabilly Reunion. Friday Noon - 10 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Experience a bit of nostalgia with the music, fashions, and cars during this 12th annual

The sky over Lake Havasu City will be lit up Feb.13-16 during the 31st Annual Winter Blast Pyrotechnics Show.

Website: havasumuseum.com; Facebook. Phone: 928-854-4938.

The Pin-Up Pageant is a popular attraction at the annual Rockabilly Reunion, Feb.14-16. Rockabilly Reunion photo.
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**FEBRUARY 23**

**24th Annual Queen's Tea.** 2-4 p.m. This is presented by the Lake Havasu City Historical Society/Museum of History and celebrates the tradition of English High Tea complete with scones, strawberries and of course, tea. Admission: $35; Reservations must be made by calling the museum at 928-854-4938. Address: King Arthur Room, London Bridge Resort, 1477 Queen’s Bay. Website: havasumuseum.com.

**FEBRUARY 24**

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**FEBRUARY 22**

‘Art Happens Here’ A tour of Lake Havasu City Art Studios/Galleries, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Art lovers will be able to purchase a wristband and map and visit as many studios and galleries as they choose on a self-guided tour. There will be works in progress, demonstrations, finished pieces for sale, and refreshments. Admission: $15; children under 12 free. Wristbands/maps can be purchased at Christine’s Fine Art, 2069 W. Acoma Blvd. starting in February. Phone: 928-505-4199.

**FEBRUARY 22**

Woofstock Strut Your Mutt, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A party for pups and their humans. Admission: $10. Address: Western Arizona Humane Society, 2610 Sweetwater Ave. Website: westernarizonahumane.org; Facebook. Phone: 928-855-5083.

**FEBRUARY 23**

Garth Live! Tribute to Garth Brooks Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. Address: Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. Website: Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**FEBRUARY 29**

Lake Havasu Brews & Brats Festival. Noon - 4 p.m. Tickets: TBA, check website or Facebook page. Fourth annual event presented by Lake Havasu Sunrise Rotary. Address: Lot on corner of Querio Drive and McCulloch Boulevard (Main Street) in the Downtown District. Website: golakehavasu; Facebook.

**FEBRUARY 29**

Auto racing. Gates open 4 p.m./Racing at 6 p.m. Late Model Championship 100 laps, Street Stocks, Factory Stocks, Outlaw Karts. Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. Address: Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. Website: havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

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**MARCH 1**

One of These Nights, Tribute to the Eagles Concert. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. Address: Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. Website: Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**MARCH 5**

Havasu Deuce Night on Main Street. 2 - 8 p.m. Admission: Free. The public is invited to walk McCulloch Boulevard and admire the beautiful 1932 Fords, and other cars from 1957 or earlier, which

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The all new Havasu Landing Resort Hotel and Casino, which is owned and operated by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, is now open for business. It has been a long project in the making, but it has been well worth the wait, as a new era begins.

The new facility is located on the shores of California across from Lake Havasu City. It consists of the new casino, hotel, ferry dock, and marina slips with store.

The casino has expanded its gaming floor and offers more state-of-the-art slot machines, many brand new. But don’t worry, some of your old favorites are still there. There is also more Black Jack tables and Three-Card Poker to add to the excitement. Make sure to join the Players Club to take advantage of promotions and specials and other exclusive offers available only to Players Club members, and it’s absolutely free to sign-up!

The Hivikan Lounge features a full bar. You can play slots while watching your favorite sports on one of the 10 TVs. You can sit on the patio area and relax with your favorite beverage while enjoying the spectacular view. There is also a Smoke Shop/Mini-Bar, and if you like to shop, stop in at the brand new Gift Shop.

There is something to satisfy every palate at the new TükuKAN Restaurant, which offers an extensive menu featuring breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant overlooks the lake, so you can take in the breathtaking view of Lake Havasu City while dining.

The hotel has 44 rooms plus 4 spacious suites. All rooms have fantastic views of either the lake or the beautiful Chemehuevi Mountains. There is a state of the art fitness room and an outdoor pool.

You can get to the property by the ferry boat, which leaves from the Bridgewater Channel, north of the London Bridge, in Lake Havasu City, by personal boat, or drive via US 95 from I-10 or I-40.

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MARCH 7

**Havasu Deuce Show.** 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission: Free to the public. The Havasu Deuces annual show features 1932 Fords, but also welcomes cars from 1957 or earlier. There will be music, food vendors, and a beer garden. **Address:** Rotary Community Park Ballfields, 1400 S. Smoketree Ave. **Website:** havasudeuces.com.

MARCH 7

**Auto racing.** Gates open 4 p.m. Racing at 6 p.m. 602 Modifieds, Street Stocks, Bandoleros, Factory Stocks, Outlaw Karts. Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

MARCH 8

**ABBAFAB! Tribute to Abba Concert.** Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Show 7 p.m. Tickets: $20 in advance; $25 at door. **Address:** Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

MARCH 10

**Lake Havasu Museum of History Program.** 7 p.m. “The Ballad of Arizona” is the topic for Jay Cravath with Arizona Humanities. **Admission:** Program is free. A wine and cheese reception for members only is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., (non-members will be charged $5). **Address:** Gymnasium, ASU @ Lake Havasu, 100 University Way. **Website:** havasumuseum.com; Facebook. **Phone:** 928-854-4938.

MARCH 10

**Sail On - Beach Boys Tribute Concert.** 7 p.m. This show is part of the Concert Series presented by Lake Havasu Concert Association. Tickets: Adults $30; Students free with school ID. **Address:** Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd. **Website:** lhcca.com; Facebook. **Phone:** 928-706-0779.

MARCH 14

**Crossroads Auto & Bike Show.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The track’s Monthly Automotive Swap Meet will be a part of the Annual Lake Havasu Bluegrass on the Beach Music Festival, March 6-8, will draw bluegrass music fans from across the map to Lake Havasu State Park. Bluegrass on the Beach photo.
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of the event. **Admission:** Free entry/free food. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Phone:** 775-772-7553.

**March 14-15**  
**41st Annual “Art At The Lake” Fine Art Show and Sale. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Presented by Havasu Art Guild. **Admission:** Free. **Address:** LHC Community/Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. **Website:** Tickets at AzTributeConcerts.com.

**March 20-22**  
**Auto racing.** Gates open Noon/Racing at 2 p.m. each day. “Open Wheel Spectacular” with Vintage Midgets & Sprints. Outlaw Karts on Saturday (kart date subject to change). Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6 -16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. **Address:** Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

**March 23**  
**Alina Kiriyayeva Concert.** 7 p.m. This show is part of the Concert Series presented by Lake Havasu Concert Association. Tickets: Adults $30; Students free with school ID. **Address:** Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd. **Website:** lhcca.com; Facebook. **Phone:** 928-706-0779.

**March 28**  
**Troop Box Convoy Annual Car & Bike Show.** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Presented by American Legion Auxiliary #81, which uses this to help fill and send troop boxes to deployed men and women in uniform. Live entertainment. Raffle tickets and food and beverages for purchase. **Admission:** Free to spectators. **Address:** American Legion Post 81, 181 Paseo Del Sol. **Phone:** 928-230-9161.

**April**  
**April 3-5**  
**Lake Havasu Marine Association Experience live action jousting with the Knights of Mayhem during 2020 London Bridge Renaissance Faire & Joust, April 3-5 at the SARA Park Rodeo Grounds. Renaissance Faire photo.
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29th Annual Boat Show. April 3: Noon - 6 p.m.; April 4: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; April 5: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tickets: Adults $8; Kids six and under free. Address: Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 3 & 4, entrance at 171 London Bridge Road (Behind Hampton Inn). Website: golakehavasu.com.

APRIL 3-5
London Bridge Renaissance Faire & Joust. Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Leave 2020 behind for a few hours - or a few days - and be transported back to medieval times during this fifth annual event. Come as you are, or wear renaissance garb. There will be stage and street performers, marketplace with arts and crafts, artisan demonstrations, jousting, food and drink, children’s activities and much more. Admission: Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Cash only at the gate. Ticket information on website. Address: SARA Park Rodeo Grounds. Website: londonbridgerenfaire.com; Facebook.

APRIL 4
Havasu Half Marathon & 5K. Half 6:30 a.m.; 5K 7:30 a.m. Fee/Registration: See website. Address: London Bridge Beach, on the Island. Website: Runhavasu.com; Facebook.

APRIL 5
Lake Havasu Symphonic Winds & Lake Havasu Regional Orchestra Concert, “The Sounds of Havasu”. 3 p.m. Tickets: Adults $10; Children with an adult and students with a school ID are admitted free. Tickets are available in advance at Sound Bank Electronics 1931 McCulloch Blvd., or at the door. Address: Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 Palo Verde Blvd. S. Website: www.lhsworms.com. Phone: Loretta Croteau 928-680-6927.

APRIL 6
Savannah Jack Concert. 7 p.m. This show is part of the Concert Series presented by Lake Havasu Concert Association. Tickets: Adults $30; Students free with school ID. Address: Lake Havasu High School Performing Arts Center, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd. Website: lhcca.com; Phone: 928-706-0779.

APRIL 11
Auto Racing. Gates open 4 p.m./Racing at 6 p.m. Street Stocks championship, Bandolero championship, Outlaw Karts championship, Late Model Trucks, Factory Stocks, Tough Trucks. Tickets: Adults $12; Senior/Military/Disabled $10; Ages 6-16 $6; Children 5 and under free; Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. Address: Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. Website: havasu95speedway; Facebook; Instagram.

APRIL 14
Lake Havasu Museum of History Program. 7 p.m. “The Antiquities of Irrigation in the Southwest” is the topic of speaker, Allen Dart, professional archaeologist. Admission: Program is free. A wine and cheese reception for members only is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., (non-members will be charged $5). Address: Gymnasium, ASU @ Lake Havasu, 100 University Way. Website: havasumuseum.com; Facebook. Phone: 928-854-4938.

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Visitors from around the world travel to Lake Havasu City to walk across the famous London Bridge, which city founder Robert P. McCulloch bought from the City of London in 1968 for $2,460,000. He spent three years and another $7 million to move the bridge to Arizona. The 10,276 pieces of the bridge were numbered and then reassembled in Lake Havasu City. The bridge was dedicated on Oct. 10, 1971 with a huge celebration that included dignitaries from London. The bridge provides the only road access to the Island, which is home to parks, hotels, and restaurants. The bridge has been filmed for both the big screen and television. **Website:** golakehavasu.com.

LONDON BRIDGE WALKING TOUR

Stop by the Visitor Information Center in the English Village to find out more information about the London Bridge by taking the London Bridge Historic Walking Tour with Jan Kassies, Director of Visitor Services for Go Lake Havasu. The tour covers a half-mile walk and includes climbing stairs to the top of the bridge. The tour can accommodate four to 24 people at a time. **Cost:** $10 for adults; free for children 12 and under. **Address:** Visitor Information Center, 422 English Village. **Phone:** Call to schedule a tour, 928-855-5655. **Website:** golakehavasu.com. Facebook: Lake Havasu City Visitor Center.

ENGLISH VILLAGE

This charming retail area sits on the shores of the Bridgewater Channel and in the shadow of the London Bridge. There is free parking in the lot at the intersection of Highway 95 and London Bridge Road. Walk under the arch and snap some pictures at the fountain. The Visitor Information Center is a great stop for souvenirs before heading toward the bridge. Grab a bite to eat or shop. There are businesses right along the shore to book a boat tour or grab the ferry to Havasu Landing Resort Hotel and Casino. Next to the English Village is the London Bridge Resort, which has a restaurant and nightclubs. There is a walking path that will take you along the Channel to Rotary Community Park. **Website:** golakehavasu.com.

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LAKE HAVASU

The lake itself is the main reason why water enthusiasts visit Lake Havasu City and the reason why city founder Robert P. McCulloch came to this stretch of desert in the first place. McCulloch, a chainsaw manufacturer, wanted to test his latest endeavor - an outboard motor - and what better place than a large lake in the middle of nowhere. During the summer months, the 45-mile-long lake is filled with boaters because of its expanse, surrounding beauty, and accessibility to the Colorado River. During the winter, tour boats and fishermen are more common sites. The lake is an angler’s dream with plenty of striper, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and catfish. The lake gets its name from the Mojave word, “Havasu,” which means, blue water. Website: golakehavasu.com. Facebook/Instagram: Go Lake Havasu.

LHC AQUATIC/COMMUNITY CENTER

There’s a lot hiding under the roof at 100 Park Ave. There’s a pool for lap swimming and splashing around, a 9,728-square foot Relics and Rods Hall for special events, and meeting rooms. It is home to the City’s Parks & Recreation Department, which offers a variety of recreational activities and events to the public. Visit the website for the Aquatic Exercise Schedule and the Open & Lap Swim Schedule. Class schedules can be found and registration completed at the Aquatic Center, or online. Address: 100 Park Ave. Phone: 928-453-8686. Website: lhcaz.gov/parks-recreation/aquatic-center. ROTARY COMMUNITY PARK

This 40-acre, beautifully maintained park is covered with so much grass and trees you might forget you’re in the desert, if not for the occasional cactus. It sits along Lake Havasu, offering a day spent both in the park and at the beach. It offers covered picnic areas with tables and barbecue grills, beachside fire pits, three playgrounds, beach volleyball courts, bocce ball court, and ball fields. It is home to the Patrick Tinnell Memorial Sports Park, a facility to ride skateboards, scooters and BMX freestyle bikes. There is a two-mile walking/jogging path that travels around the entire park and offers outdoor exercise equipment along the way. There is also a walking path that runs along the Bridge-water Channel to the English Village and London Bridge. There is a stretch of sandy beach and a buoyed swimming area. There are multiple restroom facilities. No pets or alcohol allowed. There is no fee to use the park. Address: 1400 S. Smoketree Ave. Phone: 928-453-8686. Website: lhcaz.gov/community-services/parks-and-trails/rotary-community-park.

TINNELL MEMORIAL SPORTS PARK

This 40,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, accommodates skateboarders, scooters, and BMX riders of all ages and skill levels. It has areas ideal for a novice, but also obstacles to challenge the more experienced thrill-seeker. The signature attraction is a giant replica of the U.S. Army helmet worn by Lake Havasu City resident
and soldier Patrick Tinnell, who was killed in action in 2006, and whose love of BMX inspired the building of this park. The skate park sits inside Rotary Community Park, and on the edge of Lake Havasu. It is open daily at sunrise. There is no charge to use the park. **Address:** Rotary Community Park, 1400 S. Smoketree Ave. **Phone:** 928-453-8686. **Website:** golakehavasu.com/tinnell-memorial-sports-park. Facebook: Tinnell Memorial Sports Park.

**LONDON BRIDGE BEACH**

This beach/park sits along the Bridgewater Channel on the Island, and can be accessed by turning into the parking lot just across the London Bridge, or by pulling-in your boat for day mooring. The park has a beach and designated swimming area. There are two playgrounds, covered picnic area, volleyball and basketball courts, and the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce Community Stage. Dogs are allowed on a leash, but there is the Lions Dog Park, a fenced grassy area where dogs can run and play. There is fresh water for them, and covered benches and a walking path for their two-legged friends. Alcohol is not allowed. There is no fee to use the park. **Address:** 1340 McCulloch Blv. **Phone:** 928-453-8686. **Website:** lhcaz.gov/community-services/parks-and-trails/london-beach.

**S.A.R.A. PARK**

There is no place near Lake Havasu City quite like the Special Activities and Recreation Area, commonly known as S.A.R.A. Park. The 1,100-acre recreational area is home to Dylan’s Dog Park, SARA Park Rodeo Grounds, BMX track, Havasu 95 Speedway, Lake Havasu Motocross Park, inline skate rink, softball and baseball fields, Lake Havasu Sportsman Club, and Sterling Field for remote control aircraft. There are hiking trails, including Crack in the Wall ("SARA Crack"), and mountain bike trails. Be aware that the desert terrain can be uneven and challenging. Always remember water and never go it alone. S.A.R.A. Park sits off Highway 95 on the far southern edge of town. There are two ways to enter the park by turning onto Dub Campbell Parkway, which winds around from one edge to the other. Turn off Hwy. 95 at the stoplight at S. McCulloch Blvd. or directly off the highway. There is no fee to use the park. **Website:** lhcaz.gov/community-services/parks-and-trails/sara-park.

**HAVASU 95 SPEEDWAY**

As the majority of race tracks across the country shut down during the winter months, Havasu 95 Speedway heats-up. This quarter-mile asphalt oval, which sits inside S.A.R.A. Park, offers auto racing excitement from October through April, under the direction of track promoter Bill Rozhon and his family. This is the speedway’s 14th season. Classes running for track championships include: Street Stocks, Factory Stocks, Late Models, 602 Modifieds, Bandoleros, and Outlaw Karts, which run on a small infield dirt track. **Admission:** General admission is $12; seniors, military and disabled $10; children 6-16 $6; children 5 and under free; Family pack (2 adults, 2 kids) $25; VIP $25. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. **Address:** 7260 Dub Campbell Parkway. **Website:** havasu95speedway.com. Facebook/Instagram: Havasu 95 Speedway.

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BRIDGEPARK LINKS

This nine-hole, par-30, 1,808-yard golf course is part of the London Bridge Resort, but open to the public. It is ideal for a beginner, but challenging enough for an experienced golfer. Situated between the resort, Rotary Community Park, and the lake, Bridgewater Links provides scenic views of the London Bridge, Bridgewater Channel, mountains and park. Amenities include a well-stocked professional golf shop, rental clubs, bar inside the clubhouse, golf carts and pull carts. Open daily at sunrise. Address: 1477 Queens Bay. Phone: 928-855-4777. Website: lakehavasugolf.com.

LAKE HAVASU GOLF CLUB

The West course was Lake Havasu City’s first golf course, built by city founder Robert P. McCulloch. The front nine opened in 1967, and the back nine in 1969. The par-71, 6,466-yard West Course, has a traditional layout with water hazards and sand bunkers throughout. The par-72, 6,140-yard East Course, opened in 1977, features...
narrow fairways and medium-sized greens that are fast and well-bunkered. Amenities include: putting and chipping green, 300-yard driving range, onsite pro, practice bunker, pro shop, motorized carts, pull carts, rental clubs, Lakeview Grill serving breakfast and lunch, full service bar, patio with umbrellas. Tee times can be made online.

**Address:** 2400 Clubhouse Drive. **Phone:** 928-855-2719. **Website:** lakehavasugolfclub.com; Facebook.

**REFUGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

This is the newest of the golf courses and sits on the edge of the city overlooking the lake. It is par-72 and 6,704-yards. It is a private course, but offers a Member-for-a-Day program, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf car rental, unlimited range balls and access to practice areas; access to the fitness center, pool and spa, as well as a $10 food and beverage voucher for the clubhouse restaurant. Call for prices and tee time availability. There is a pro on-site. This full-serve country club features a restaurant, swimming pool, pro shop, event pavilion, and fitness center. **Address:** 3103 London Bridge Road. **Phone:** 928-764-1404. **Website:** refugecountryclub.com; Facebook.

**GRACE ARTS LIVE**

GraceArts LIVE is Main Street’s performing arts theatre, under the direction of Grace Ann Etcheberria-Jacobs, owner, producer, director, and choreographer. It offers theatre productions, concerts, youth productions, workshops, and special events. **Address:** 2146 McCulloch Blvd. N. **Phone:** 928-505-2787. **Website:** graceartslive.com.

**LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK**

This park, which offers day use, camping, and boat launches, sits on the shores of Lake Havasu. At the south end, there is a day-use area with a picnic area equipped with tables, ramadas, grills, portable water and restrooms.

Hike along the 1.75-mile Mohave Sunset Trail, which winds through the desert and along the shoreline. Along the way, stop at the Arroyo-Camino Interpretive Garden and view some of the wildlife. Pitch a tent or pull-in your RV to one of the camping sites. This park is a popular spot for events, including the annual Bluegrass on the Beach, Lake Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair, Buses by the Bridge, and Rockabilly Reunion. Open 24 hours, year-round. Visitor Center/Park Store open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily from December to February and from 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. March and April. Day-use fee (per vehicle, 1-4 adults): Monday - Thursday $15; Friday - Sunday & holidays $20. Individual/bicycle: $3. **Address:** 699 London Bridge Road. **Phone:** 928-855-2784. **Website:** azstateparks.com/lake-havasu.

**CATTAIL COVE STATE PARK**

The 2,000-acre park is ideal for fishing, hiking, camping, swimming or just relaxing. The park has year-round day-use and overnight camping, and from January through April offers long-term camping, which is a minimum of four weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks. The park is equipped with a beach, boat ramp, and picnic areas. There are a number of hiking trails of varying distances and degrees from easy to difficult. Open 24 hours, year-round. Visitor Center/Park Store open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Day-use fee (per vehicle, 1-4 adults): Monday - Thursday $10; Friday - Sunday & holidays $15. Individual/bicycle: $3. **Address:** Located 15 miles south of Lake Havasu City on Highway 95. **Phone:** 928-855-1223. **Website:** azstateparks.com/cattail-cove.

**CROSSMAN PEAK TRAIL**

Serious hikers will enjoy this trek to Crossman Peak, the highest visible point from Lake Havasu City at 5,103-feet above sea level. This is a strenuous six-mile hike that could take about five hours to complete. To get there, take Bison Boulevard to where the pavement ends and turns into desert terrain. Follow the road to an unimproved parking and gate. **Website:** golakehavasu.com/activity/hiking/Crossman-peak/.

**CUPCAKE MOUNTAIN TRAIL**

Cupcake Mountain, which sits on the California side of Lake Havasu, is a landmark for boaters and sightseers. It got its name back in the 1940s when the Army Corps of Engineers were on the Island building an airport runway. Workers thought it resembled a cupcake after a dusting of snow looked like frosting on top. Only experienced
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houses have been featured in a number of publications including Arizona Highways. Website: lh-lighthouseclub.org.

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A complete list of tours is available at golakehavasu.com or at the Visitor Information Center.

**HAVASU LANDING RESORT HOTEL AND CASINO**

Get ready for a ‘brand new’ experience at Havasu Landing Resort Hotel and Casino. Literally! After months of construction, the resort that sits on the shoreline in Havasu Lake, Calif., debuted its new facilities in November. The resort, which is an enterprise of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, built a new casino, restaurant, marina, and added a 48-room hotel. Getting there is an easy ride on the 65-foot Tecopa ferry that operates between the English Village in Bridgewater Channel and the marina at Havasu Landing with regular crossings throughout the day and evening. The schedule can be found on the resort’s website; it is $2 round trip. If you decide to head over in your own boat, Havasu Landing Marina has courtesy slips and 24/7 fuel. Phone: 760-858-4592. Website: havasulandingresortcasino.com

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**LAKE HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

There are many places to enjoy fishing in the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge - a popular spot close to Lake Havasu City is Mesquite Bay, with shaded fishing piers and accessibility from London Bridge Road. The refuge spans 37,515 acres along the lower Colorado River in Arizona and California and protects 30 river miles and encompasses 300 miles of shoreline from Needles, Calif., to Lake Havasu City. One of the last remaining natural stretches of the lower Colorado River flows through the 20-mile long Topock Gorge. View the refuge map on its website for additional information regarding how to travel to a particular area on the refuge. Phone: 760-326-3853. Website: fws.gov/refuge/havasu/
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The Lake Havasu Concert Association once again assembled a line-up of top-notch performers for its annual Concert Series.

The 2019-20 six-show series opened in November with one concert, before going dark in December. The series, which runs into April, was set to resume Jan. 21 with The Shaun Johnson Experience.

Led by Emmy-winning singer/songwriter Shaun Johnson, the Big Band experience has a fresh sound that is centered around innovation. Johnson can channel the soft-crooning Sinatra, and then segue into the theme of Spiderman without missing a beat.

Sons of Serendip will take the stage on Feb. 12. This Billboard-charting quartet that creates beautiful music through use of the harp, piano, cello, and voice - gained popularly after appearing on Season 9 of America’s Got Talent as finalists.

There are two concerts in March: Sail On - Beach Boys Tribute on March 10 and Alina Kiryayeva on March 23. Sail On brings a young look and authentic sound reminiscent of the original Beach Boys during the prime of their career.

Kiryayeva, a professional concert pianist and chamber musician, brings a program of classical and popular styles from the exciting works by Liszt, Chopin, and Beethoven.

The series concludes on April 6 with Savannah Jack. This group of versatile musicians will present a high-energy, crowd-engaging show with country, pop, and rock party hits.

All of the concerts are at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Lake Havasu City High School, 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd. Individual concert tickets are $30 apiece; or series tickets are $90. Students with school ID will be admitted free.

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On the First Friday of each month, people swarm the sidewalks of McCulloch Boulevard - between Queocio Drive and Scott Drive - in the city's Downtown District, soaking in the art, culture, and music that Lake Havasu City has to offer.

At the center of it all, situated between two buildings, is Yard City, a glowing beacon as the hub of First Friday Lake Havasu. “First Friday Lake Havasu brings together the community, local creatives, artists, and businesses into a walking tour that is an immersive art experience. We encourage people to come down and explore what First Friday has to offer,” said Nathan Adler, one of the First Friday Lake Havasu organizers.

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Dr. Kurtz provides the highest quality of dental care with comfort and compassion. To better serve his patients, he is dedicated to staying up to date on the newest advances in dentistry. He is an active member of several professional organizations including the American Dental Association, Arizona Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Kurtz moved to Lake Havasu with his wife Brooke and two children because of his family's love of the outdoors, more specifically the water! He is excited to be a part of the Havasu community.

Christine Gonzalez DDS started a career early on in dentistry as a dental assistant. She then went on to complete her undergraduate studies at the University of Arizona. Dr. Gonzalez proceeded with her studies in dentistry with a scholarship at the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry, and achieved her Doctor of Dental Surgery.

After graduation, Dr. Gonzalez worked as faculty at University of Iowa College of Dentistry. She thoroughly enjoys teaching both students and patients. Dr. Gonzalez then moved to private practice and maintained her adjunct professor with the University of Iowa.

Dr. Gonzalez has been very fortunate to have the opportunity to transform many smiles through esthetic restorations, implants, and dentures. Dr. Gonzalez practices dentistry with passion and excellence. She is highly skilled and has substantial experience in a wide range of complex dental conditions. At the same time, Dr. Gonzalez brings a high level of compassion to her treatment of patients. She is an expert in treating dental-phobic patients and clearly explains to them the procedures to be used. Dr. Gonzalez’s goal is to help ease patients’ anxiety regarding dental care by providing gentle, advanced dentistry, which will give them beautiful smiles and greater satisfaction. Each year, Dr. Gonzalez dedicates substantial hours to taking continuing education courses to be able to provide the best care for her patients.
able to bring a stable and semi-permanent location for our monthly community art event. This has created a focal point from which our many local creators, artists, and handcrafted businesses can showcase their artwork on the sidewalk in the surrounding neighborhood,” Adler said. “Our goal is to bring an experience that shows what is possible in a densely populated space and to let creativity, artwork, and business blend into an entertaining melting pot that is unique and interesting, each month.”

One of the ways the committee is accomplishing that is by featuring an artist, beertender, musician, restaurant, and local business on Main Street each month. All but the local business are highlighted at Yard City.

“Each month we have had live music at First Friday, but we now have a small stage at Yard City specifically for live performances,” Adler said. “There are also activities for kids and the whole family that take place each month, like interactive selfie-taking exhibits, face painting, games, and a themed photo booth.”

First Friday events are monthly from 6-9 p.m. Information about upcoming featured persons or businesses can be found on the First Friday Lake Havasu website, newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram.

First Friday partnered with GoLakeHavasu and Creative Comrades, which has allowed the event to expand. First Friday is also supported by many more businesses, volunteers, and the community.

“We currently have over 30 artists, creators, and businesses that make handcrafted goods that apply to attend our monthly community art event.” said Adler. “This is an intimate interaction between artists and participants of First Friday. You get to walk and explore the neighborhood while learning or purchasing something from our local artist community.”

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Rudins at home with international house sitting

In 2012, Denny and Eden Rudin made the monumental decision to leave Lake Havasu City and move to Belize. They sold their Main Street business, Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, and said goodbye to their friends, family, and regular customers, many of whom were winter visitors to Lake Havasu.

They reduced a houseful of items and memories into 12 suitcases, and in early 2013 along with their dog, Bogie, headed to their new life in Belize.

“When we boarded that plane to Belize, it was our whole intention to become permanent residents of Belize and live there full time, indefinitely,” Eden recalled.

But a year later, the couple took their suitcases, Bogie, and a TV and relocated to Granada, Nicaragua. And the year after that, Denny and Eden made an even bigger lifestyle change. They became homeless by choice, and have been traveling the globe as international house sitters almost non-stop since 2015. Denny and Eden recently completed their 41st house sit across eight countries - and are booked through October 2020, with a small vacation planned during that time.

“House sitting has definitely allowed us to see the world and visit places that interest us,” Eden said. “That is how we decide if a ‘sit’ interests us. Is it in a location we want to go to, or go back to in some cases, and if we get there, where to next, what makes sense in terms of other options beyond that?”

Beyond Central America, they have house sat in Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Egypt, Mexico, and the United States. They have visited the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Italy, as well as several states in the U.S., all part of their house sitting travels.

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

“We arrived (in Belize) to a pre-arranged rental with wonderful landlords, and within a few months had purchased a used vehicle, met lots of expats, traveled the whole country from tip to top and were getting into the groove of life in Belize…,” said Eden.

After settling in, she co-founded the Belize Expats Facebook group, which took off and quickly grew. She and Denny did...
some relocation consulting work for those planning on making the move to Belize.

“To be honest, the first six months or so were fun and then things started changing around us,” said Eden. “We started noticing things that we didn’t like.”

Among those were the expats, in general, who were always complaining about being “stuck” there after purchasing a home. There were also violent crimes against expats and tourists that were becoming increasingly common.

When it was time for the Rudins to apply for residency after the mandatory one-year waiting period, they had reservations.

“I had over a dozen expats living all over the world tell me how expensive our bills were! Expats living in places like Thailand, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Morocco, Mexico... all places that we could easily move to as American citizens,” Eden said.

ON TO GRANADA

A strange turn of events led the Rudins to Nicaragua.

“Some very good friends of ours came to visit in Belize and as we were ‘showing off’ our town, they looked at us and said, ‘this place is a dump, I can’t believe this is where you moved to, you should go see Granada, Nicaragua, you will love it.’”

Denny and Eden decided to check it out, and 10 days later took a 26-hour bus trip to Granada, Nicaragua - their first trip out of Belize in a year. Their first experience in Granada was a positive one. As they walked to the main plaza (called La Calzada) for breakfast, they were immediately impressed.

“Denny got the biggest smile on his face I have ever seen! The streets were walkable, wide and paved (not like in Belize where 80% of side roads are dirt). We planted ourselves at O’Sheas Irish Pub for breakfast and we couldn’t believe the menu: bagel sandwiches, Denver omelets, eggs with bacon and real hash browns,” Eden said. “Options we hadn’t seen in a year, and a menu in English in a Spanish-speaking country, we were shocked.”

The more they explored the town, the more they liked it. The second night they were there, they attended an expat meet-up.

“We were hooked! Happy expats, really low cost of living, warm weather 360 days a year, and English easily spoken,” said Eden. “Before our six-day trip ended, we had secured a rental for about 40 days later and also sold our car in Belize to an expat couple that just moved there, via Facebook.”

Over the course of the next year, the couple enjoyed life in Granada. Denny took-up painting, finished his second book, “Oliver”, and had a reading at the book store of his first book, which he had written while in Belize, titled, “Evil in Blue Water”.

Around the one-year mark, life changed again for the Rudins.

NEXT CHAPTER

While living in Granada, Eden made connections through social media with travelers stopping in Nicaragua.
They said we could bring our dog with us if we wanted, and we agreed,” said Eden. “We looked at it like a vacation from Granada, but we would still keep our apartment to return to.”

Soon after, some friends found a home in Granada they wanted to purchase, but weren’t able to move into it until October (five months away).

“They wanted to know if they bought it, fully furnished, would we occupy it for them until October and they would cover all the costs; basically house sit for five months,” Eden said. “Denny and I talked about it all, if we gave up our apartment where would we go after October? How about if we just house sat ongoing and headed to Thailand, a place that had been on our radar?”

It was decided, in May 2015 Denny and Eden would be full-time house sitters. They were forced to downsize again - this time from 13 suitcases to what they could handle while traveling the world. They stored three Rubbermaid tubs of personal items at a friend’s house in Granada. Unfortunately, Bogie had a stroke a few months before, and passed away.

Eden and Denny Rudin in front of one of the many Buddhist temples in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
ADVENTURES IN HOUSE SITTING

A lot of planning goes into house sitting, travel and living a nomadic lifestyle. The Rudins generally book almost one year in advance and the majority of their sits are 30 days or longer, which is what they prefer. Most of their house sits come from referrals.

“Because we pay for our own transportation, we wouldn’t take a sit in Southern France for two months and then go back to Mexico for one month; that wouldn’t make financial sense to us,” Eden said.

For the Rudins, house sitting is strictly an exchange of benefits, not a paid relationship. Eden said there are cases where people get paid, but since they house sit primarily in foreign countries, they don’t want to break any laws regarding being “employed.”

“The owner gets responsible people looking after their most prized possessions, their home and pets (or no pets in some cases) and we get a comfortable home to occupy, pets to care for, and no expenses relating to the home,” Eden said.

It can take a little time to adjust to a new country, especially living there and figuring out grocery shopping, using public transport, getting haircuts, purchasing medicine, and finding a doctor.

“During our five-week sit in Morocco, grocery shopping at the French-owned grocery store took us hours at first, since neither of us speak/read French or Arabic, and we were in a very small town with no English people around,” said Eden. “But we enjoyed the adventure of it all.”

WORLD TRAVELERS

“We joke that we are the world’s worst tourists. With all the places we have been, we rarely put in the time and energy to be tourists,” said Eden. “Often times the home is not located near a tourist centric area, but if it is, as was the case with Seville, Spain, we did spend a lot of time being tourists during the sit. And taking the bus into the city and exploring.

“In Egypt, we made a point to spend an extra 10 days after the sit and do tourist adventures in Marrakesh, Morocco between house sits.”
What started as a small thank-you to winter visitors in 1985 has developed over the years to become one of Lake Havasu City’s premier events - the Annual Winterfest Street Festival, sponsored by the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce.

More than 30,000 area residents and winter visitors will invade Havasu’s Downtown District Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, February 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the all-encompassing event that provides a fantastic shopping opportunity combined with fun for the entire family. There is no admission fee.

McCulloch Boulevard - between Acoma Boulevard and Smoketree Avenue - will be closed to traffic as hundreds of craft, information, commercial, and food vendors line the center of the street.

More than 250 vendors and local organizations will line the boulevard in the allotted 425-plus booth spaces. Shoppers will discover a wide variety of items including fine art, crafts, jewelry, bed linens, home décor, automobile products, and more.

Fair foods are also a highlight of the event. This year, there will be everything from hot dogs to Greek and smoothies and everything in between. The food court area will be located midway along the route.

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Jewelry booths are popular during the Winterfest Street Festival. Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce photo.

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Other entertainment includes opening ceremonies courtesy of Lake Havasu City Mayor Cal Sheehy, music from the Colomonde Chorus, and the posting of the colors by the Lake Havasu City Marine Corps League. Other musical guests will be announced closer to the event.

Activities for the kids are also part of this great Havasu event.

The center of the boulevard is not the only place to browse and shop - stores and restaurants along the boulevard will be open for business.

For more information on Winterfest or others Chamber programs, call 928-855-4115, or visit www.havasuchamber.com.

Jewelry booths are popular during the Winterfest Street Festival. Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce photo.
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stuff, including a hot air balloon ride in Luxor and visiting the Pyramids in Cairo. In Morocco, the sit was six hours south of Marrakesh and we were booked with back to back sits, but we managed to get an overnight in Marrakesh and do a little sightseeing in the morning hours before we flew out.”

The Rudins often get asked, what’s their favorite place? Eden said that is a tough question for both of them to answer.

“To date, if we were going to move to any of the places we have sat in, it would be El Gouna, Egypt. But it definitely wasn’t either of our favorite sit,” said Eden. “My favorite sit was in Costa Rica, for three months, with nine dogs. Denny’s favorite sit was a seven-week sit in a mansion in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with one dog.”

In their down time, Denny reads, does crossword puzzles, enjoys his daily two cigars, and is working on his third book. Eden works as a Facebook marketing and online business strategist to personal brands via coaching, training and online workshops, which can be found at TheSocialGarden.net.

**NO REGRETS**

When Denny and Eden left Havasu, a nomadic lifestyle hadn’t even crossed their minds. Although their original plan to build a life in Belize didn’t go the way they imagined, they have no regrets.

“We have never regretted leaving the United States,” said Eden. “We look at every step of this adventure as a learning experience. We never would have imagined this would be our life when we stepped off that plane in Belize.

“You will often find us smiling at each other, joking that we can’t believe this is our life, and how fortunate we are to have found this avenue of travel and lifestyle. We live in gratitude every day for the life we have, the people we have met, the places we have been, and the love we have found in each other.”

Note: Since the Rudins get asked a lot about house sitting and traveling as expats, Eden offers workshops that can be found on the couple’s website at reallytrulyliving.com. Or, join the Rudin’s Facebook group, Really Truly Living. ✨
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Al Long—100 Years Young

It’s not every day Lake Havasu City gets to celebrate the 100th birthday of a distinguished WWII veteran, but this past September 9th Al Long celebrated his 100th birthday in style. He resides at Prestige Assisted Living, and they threw him a birthday bash to honor the occasion. When asked what is his biggest joy in life is, Al said, “The fact that I finally made it to 100!”

Long was honored by State Senator Sonny Borrelli and Representative Leo Biasucci, who read a commendation from the State of Arizona sent by Governor Doug Ducey. Lake Havasu City Mayor Cal Sheehy also proclaimed September 9, 2019, as Albert Long Day.

EARLY DAYS

Born in Billings, Montana, Al Long decided early on he wanted to be an engineer. He attended the University of Ohio, and after earning his BS in Electrical Engineering, moved to California to work for Quality Electric Engineers Ltd. At 22 years old, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, which desperately needed radio operators, and after boot camp in San Diego and radio school, he was off to New River, NC, to the First Marine Division, who were going

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first into combat. His expertise in HAM radio and Morse code caught the attention of the Master Tech Sergeant in headquarters. Long fondly remembers, “He had more stripes than anyone else.”

GUADALCANAL & NEW BRITAIN

In June 1942, Long began the first of his two overseas campaigns, first at Guadalcanal and then New Britain. Long recalls landing at Guadalcanal August 7, 1942, via amphibious tractor. This was the first major offensive and a decisive victory for the Allies in the Pacific theater. Japanese troops were stationed there, and this surprise attack allowed the Allies to take control of an under-construction air base. Long recalls facing bombers and fighters. “Troops ashore pushed back so we didn’t immediately face fire from the shore.” He explains that the Japanese called in more troops, and hand-to-hand combat ensued. Al says he felt comfortable in the wild land of Guadalcanal because he is 50% Native American, so he grew up exploring and trapping on vast expanses of land. He could see things others couldn’t, so he often took the night shift on guard duty with his rifle and fixed bayonet, but he remembers, “We couldn’t shoot at night so we didn’t give away our location.” Al often gets asked if he was a Code Talker, but he says the first Navajo Code Talkers were in the Second Division.

From Guadalcanal, his division went to Australia in December 1942. U.S. Army troops supported them, and some of the Second Division took over. They made their landing at Camp Gloucester in New Britain. He came home June 1944 and earned the Purple Heart. He was sent to Camp Pendleton and placed in the MP battalion. As a result of routine medical testing, it was found he was suffering from dysentery, malnutrition, and secondary anemia. Placed in ambulatory hospital care for 11 months, Al was concerned about how he’d pass the time until he was fit for service again. The hospital had a prosthetics lab and photo department, so he worked there and learned some new skills. In 1945, he was discharged from the hospital. Al recalls they “hadn’t dropped the bombs yet.” He was honorably discharged and knew he wanted to go back to school.

MOVING ON FROM THE MILITARY

After leaving the Marine Corps, Al Long went back to school using the GI Bill. He did photography for a while, having learned so much from his time in the hospital working with an expert photojournalist from the LA Times. He eventually
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accepted a position as an aircraft technician for Pacific Airmotive at the Burbank airport, where he worked on P51’s, brought in for inspection after being purchased by foreign governments. It was then he met a Lockheed engineer in Hollywood who offered him a job, not based on his extensive engineering knowledge, but rather on his mastery of Morse code.

**LOCKHEED AND BEYOND**

Long worked for Lockheed Martin in Palmdale, CA, where he worked in a tower shared with the FCC. He relayed instructions to pilots on how to take off at 200mph to lift the fighter jet in the space they had. This experienced segued into many unforgettable experiences in the aeronautical industry. He taught courses in radar labs all over the country and even travelled to Brazil to teach pilots and engineers about bomber equipment. He was highly sought after in his field and worked for many different Lockheed suppliers. He even did work for North American Space, the company that made the photo equipment and capsule for the moon landing under a NASA contract. Al Long was in the engineering field until 1964, when he retired and decided to chase his love of Native American arts and crafts.

**INDIAN ARTISTRY**

Being half Navajo, Al Long always connected to his Native roots. He received a diploma in gemology and opened up a trading post in Gallup, NM. He worked with fourth generation traders, strictly in Indian craft. He specialized in Hopi, Navajo, and Zuni works such as jewelry, art, kachina dolls, rugs, pottery, and basketware. He is proud to say he was the first trader in Gallup with a brochure! While in Gallup, Al decided to learn to do silverwork himself so the craftsmen he would buy from would respect him. He still has Al still has every passport he’s ever had. He is holding up his very first passport—the one he got to travel to Brazil.

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Lake Havasu Senior Center

The Lake Havasu Senior Center is south-centrally located at 450 Acoma Blvd South. With beautiful views of the Lake Havasu Gold Club, the Senior Center is a popular gathering place for residents and winter visitors alike. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday 8am-4pm. The Senior Center boasts 90 volunteers and 5 paid staff members. Their current board is very active, with 11 members. Board Vice President Dick Karl has been on the board since 1999 and can be found playing double bridge or pool daily. He loves seeing people being active at the Senior Center. He says, “Just keep coming in!”

Director Rena Arnold has been with this Senior Center location for 17 years. She is excited to share two activities new this winter: Tai Chi and Bollywood Dance. Both classes are taught by certified instructors. Tai chi has two classes, beginner and intermediate. The Bollywood instructor also leads a stretching and toning class. All daily activities cost just $1 to participate.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels are provided by Mohave County Senior Programs under the direction of the Mohave County Dept. of Public Health. Tasty and nutritious meals are prepared in the Senior Center Kitchen and delivered to the home by volunteer drivers and shotguns. Meals on Wheels delivers meals 7 days a week to more than 130 active clients. With 6 vehicles with 2-person teams, they are always looking for volunteers.

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Lunch time!

Long still drives his red Corvette all over Lake Havasu.

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many of the artifacts he has made himself, including the belt buckle he wears almost daily and the metal work on his bolo tie. Al became an expert in many different Indian arts and crafts and was asked to write about his buddy Bill’s artwork—sand paintings and sacred Navajo art. Bill lived in Lake Havasu City, and Al eventually made Lake Havasu his home, too. Al has received recognition in Arizona Highways magazine for his gold, silver, and gem work.

GOLDEN YEARS

In 2004, Al received the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to visit the WWII Memorial. While working for Lockheed, Al developed his affinity for fast sports cars. He’s never lost that loving feeling. Just days before his 100th birthday, Al successfully renewed his driver’s license and can still be seen cruising his 2016 Corvette around Havasu.
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LUNCH

Lunch is served in the Dining Room 11:15 to noon. Plan ahead though, as 24-hour reservations required. There is a $5 charge for guests under 60, and guests over 60 are asked to donate $3. Call 453-0715 for reservations. During the spring, summer, and fall, it is typical to see 75-90 guests, but the winter sees 110-130 guests enjoying a nutritious lunch. Rena explains the menu is designed to be “all the foods you grew up with!” Each meal is under 650 calories. Regular guest Shirley Webb says, “It’s a gathering spot for people to get together and have lunch. And it’s affordable.” She notes that she especially likes the chicken fried steak and pork tips.

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BUNCO:
Thursday 12:30 pm

Mexican Train:
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Tai Chi:
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DONATIONS
Mohave County Senior Programs are funded with grants through the Administration on Aging, the Arizona DES – DAAS and WACOG-AAA. Additional funding is provided by Mohave County, Lake Havasu Meals on Wheels, Inc. and the United Way. We are a River Cities United Way Community Partner.

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Resident Profile: Stormy Wade

TO THE SKIES
Born in Oklahoma, Stormy spent 24 years in the Air Force before finding a new career in education in Lake Havasu City. Wade originally went to Oklahoma State University for geology, but joined the military soon after graduation. His choice to join the Air Force started with a love for flight at an early age. Stormy fondly remembers his first flight. He delivered newspapers from fifth grade until he left for college. In fifth grade, he recalls two Army pilots landed their Army Piper Cubs in a wheat field near his home. The airmen were charging neighborhood children $5 for a ride in their planes. Stormy begged his father for the $5 and off he went on his first airplane ride.

MILITARY SERVICE
During his time in the Air Force, Wade flew for 20 years, mostly fighter jets. He spent a year in Vietnam and was in Alaska in 1964 when the 9.2 magnitude earthquake hit. He was stationed at the Goose Bay Labrador Air Base for a year and a half before it was turned over to Canada in 1967. His favorite plane to fly was the RF4, the plane he flew in Vietnam during reconnaissance missions. He said it had “good radar.” He could fly 200-300 feet off the ground and never look out. Wade retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

AND THEN THERE WAS ANN
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Anneclaire. No stranger to the Air Force life, Ann’s first husband was killed in a B52 crash while she had three young sons at home and one on the way. Two years later when she met Stormy, she knew he was her perfect match. They married just a few months later, blending their families. Of the short engagement, she quips, “I am a very good judge of character.” And she must be right. Between their 8 children (3 from Stormy, 5 from Ann), they have 17 grandchildren and even more great-grandchildren. Stormy and Ann are still very much in love—it is obvious from their easy banter, endless smiles, and sparkle in their eyes. Next year they will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary. Ann had to adjust to living on base and likes to tease Stormy about the time she had curtains and wall-to-wall carpet installed in their base housing—an unheard of occurrence and luxury back then.

**A LOVE FOR TRAVEL**

When asked what makes him happy, Stormy declares it is “getting to do what I want when I want,” and this includes plenty of travel and adventure. They both still love to snow ski, though they don’t quite agree about the best time to go in Colorado. Stormy favors January, while Ann prefers March. So they do both. They do agree that their favorite base to live on was Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida. Ann loved the weather, and Stormy describes that time in the military as very relaxed, as he was a Commander of a squadron. Then they went overseas to Germany for three years, where Stormy was a commander of 400 men in a flight line squadron. They still love to visit their family, which is spread out across America. Stormy jokes, “We could start in Petaluma, California, and travel all the way to New York City and only stay in a motel one night.”

**BUNDLE OF JOY**

Their love for travel took them to Maui, Hawaii, nearly thirty years ago where they adopted a stunning 5-month-old eclectus parrot whom they named Epoh, Hawai-
Happy family: Epoh, Stormy, and Ann

ian for “sweetie pie.” They brought Epoh back on the plane in a macadamia nut container, and every time the co-pilot made an announcement, she squawked, “Hello!” Stormy and Ann have always had birds, and Ann attributes Stormy’s love for birds to his love of flying. Epoh is a constant in their lives, travelling everywhere they go.

TEACHER LIFE
After retiring from the Air Force, Stormy and Ann came out on a McCulloch flight in 1972 and moved to Lake Havasu City in 1979. Ann started work as a crossing guard at the old junior high, and Stormy was a substitute teacher. He got talked into taking NAU teacher courses and went to Flagstaff in the summer with a small group to continue his education. During his student teaching at Starline, he was pulled out to take his own classroom at Havasupai elementary. He would teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grades from 1979-1995 at Havasupai, Nautilus, and Smoketree. It’s no wonder Stormy found a second career in education—it was in his blood. After military service, his father was a principal while his mother was a teacher. Ann finished up her career at the District Office working in Human Resources.

NO STOPPING THE WADES
At 85, long-time Lake Havasu City resident Stormy Wade still loves to play tennis regularly. In fact, the Lake Havasu High School tennis court is named after him—Stormy Wade Courts. He is still involved with the Lake Havasu Tennis Association. Stormy has had two knee replacements and esophageal cancer, but that hasn’t stopped him from living an active and exciting life. He an Ann love to take Epoh travelling whenever they get the chance. Ann remarks that when they win the lottery, “We will buy a second home in Carlsbad.” But for now, Lake Havasu is home, and they love it.
Paperback Writer, the Ultimate Beatles Experience, is part of the AZ Tribute Concert Series at the Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center. The show is Jan. 6. Tickets are on sale now.

Tribute Concert Series returns to Aquatic Center

The 2020 Tribute Concert Series at the Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center will entice concert-goers with its quality performers, variety of genres, and reasonable prices.

“This is our second year at this wonderful venue and we are proud to present another fabulous line-up of world class concerts,” said Conrad, organizer of the series, which is presented by TAD Management.

“This season in Havasu, we’ve included Pop, Rock, R & B and country: a little something for everyone,” he added. “Having done this for so long, we take great pride in working with the best at what they do, while keeping prices reasonable and to have customers want to attend multiple shows over a season.”

The shows include tributes to the Rolling Stones, Bob Seger, Garth Brooks, and The Beatles. The series will also re-create the concert experience of seeing The Eagles, Abba, Aretha Franklin, and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

“In the case of Lake Havasu and knowing that a high percentage of our concert goers will be winter visitors, we use our past seasons in similar markets such as Yuma and Apache Junction, as a guide based on what’s worked best previously,” Conrad said.

A Tribute to Reba, starring five-time award-winning entertainer, Corrie Sachs, will take the stage in the Aquatic Center’s Relics & Rods Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

There are three concerts a month over the next three months, starting with Paperback Writer, the Ultimate Beatles Experience, on Monday, Jan. 6. Mick Adams & The Stones, a Rolling Stones Tribute, will be Saturday, Jan. 11.

December ’63 will recreate a concert of the original Jersey Boys, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, on Thursday, Jan. 30.

February opens with Turn The Page, December ’63 will recreate a concert of the original Jersey Boys, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, on Jan. 30 at the LHC Aquatic Center.

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WHAT IS WATER/WAYS?

Water/Ways explores the endless motion of the water cycle, its effect on landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. It looks at political and economic efforts to ensure access to water, and explores how human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways to protect water resources and renew our relationship with the natural environment.

Seventy-one percent of the Earth’s surface is covered with water. Water impacts climate, agriculture, transportation, energy, and industry. It inspires art, literature, and music. Water/Ways focuses on the relationships between people and water. How has water shaped our history and traditions? How does it impact our daily life? How will the relationship between people and water evolve in the future?

Water is life and is central to our survival, as is indicated with local water issues. This exhibit provides vital information about water throughout the five sections that comprise the exhibit.

WHAT ARE THE ARIZONA WATER/WAYS STORIES?

Each host community chose one story and one image that best represents their connection to water. These stories illustrate the human experience, the power, the tragedy, and the beauty of water in their

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Lake Havasu Area, Arizona

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Water/Ways will be open to the public and also to local school tour groups. The program provides learning experiences which supplement science and social studies curriculum. The organizers hope those viewing this exhibit will use what they learn to have thoughtful conversations and make better choices in water use.

Several AZ Humanities speakers have been scheduled to support the Water/Ways Lake Havasu History Museum programs. These programs are free and open to the public at 7 p.m. at the ASU Lake Havasu Campus gym.

• March 10. Jay Cravath: “The Ballad of Arizona”

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and visit the museum while the Water/Ways exhibit is here in Lake Havasu City.

Water: Heritage, Challenges, and Aspirations

WATER IS LIFE

Water is life. Nowhere is that phrase more obvious and compelling than in a desert. Arizona’s history is essentially the story of how Arizonians have controlled and distributed, bought and sold, hoarded and shared, wasted and conserved, polluted and protected the state’s limited and precious fresh water supplies for farms, ranches, cities, and industries, as well as for recreation and wildlife. There is plenty to be proud of, and plenty to give us cause for concern, in our state’s water history. Because water is life, Arizonians have developed elaborate infrastructures for capturing, storing, and delivering water (e.g., the Central Arizona Project and the Salt River Project), along with a complex legal system determining who has rights to water. Surface water flowing in streams and rivers is controlled by the 19th century Doctrine of Prior Appropriation, a.k.a. “First in Time, First in Right.”

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doctrine allows rights holders to divert water from a river and fully consume it. The first people to divert water and put it to “beneficial use” have priority rights to that water. Unfortunately, many people were marginalized in the 19th century race to establish water rights under the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation, including the original Native inhabitants of this arid land, leaving questions of access and justice to be resolved in the 20th and 21st centuries.

WHERE OUR WATER COMES FROM

Arizona’s water comes from four sources: the Colorado River; surface water from other rivers (Fila, Salt, Verde, Agua Fria, Little Colorado, Hassayampa, etc.), groundwater, and effluent (treated waste water). Groundwater is a common pool resource where rain and snow-melt have accumulated over eons. If you own land in Arizona, you generally own the water beneath your land. But one person’s groundwater pumping can affect how much water is available under neighboring properties. Groundwater pumping can also affect the surface flow of streams and rivers. Rivers recharge aquifers sustain river flow. Unfortunately, the relationship between groundwater and surface water is ambiguous and the two water rights regimes (surface water versus groundwater) are not well integrated in law or management.

CHALLENGES

Gaps in the law. In a land of little rain, water conflicts may be inevitable but they are not irresolvable. After decades of unrestrained groundwater pumping that resulted in critical aquifer depletion in central and southern Arizona, state policy makers finally hammered out the 1980 Arizona Groundwater Management Act. Its goal was to reduce groundwater overdraft to “safe yield” levels by 2025 and to ensure that new housing developments had a 100-year “assured water supply.” Despite some laudable progress toward these goals, we will not reach “safe yield” by 2025 due largely to loopholes and tax enforcement. This is exacerbated by continued population growth and sustained drought since 2002. Moreover, the groundwater law only applies to designated areas of the state most severely impacted by groundwater (Phoenix, Tucson, Prescott), leaving other areas of the state with little or no groundwater regulation. Reducing groundwater use to sustainable levels throughout the state remains a key challenge for Arizonans.

ASPIRATIONS

A New Approach to Water.

As water supplies reach their limits in this arid region, water availability will need to play a larger role in shaping development. The old strategy of investing huge sums of money and political capital to acquire supplemental water resources from afar will have to give way to a strategy of living within our means. That difficult but necessary transition from a growth-based to a water-supply-based society can be gradual or wrenching, planned or crisis-driven. Solutions to our water challenges will come not so much from technology as from human values, applied intelligence, and self-restraint. Aridity is not a problem but rather a condition to which we must adapt. And this need not be a sacrifice. The desert is beautiful, inspiring, and part of the reason many of us choose to live in Arizona. As the renowned anthropologist Jared Diamond reminds us in his provocative book *Collapse*, societies literally choose wheth-
er to succeed or fail. Those that succeed, he shows, are the ones that anticipate and courageously address challenges that build resilient social institutions, that ensure the health and vitality of the whole society not just a privileged minority, and that develop cooperative relations with neighbors. These are good lessons for guiding future water planning in Arizona.

If we aspire to build a just and sustainable future, we will have to value water as the source of life, not just a commodity for sale in a marketplace. We will have to wrestle supply and demand into better balance, making sure no one is left high and dry in the process. And we must remember that we are not the only species that requires water. We must protect and share our precious springs, creeks, and rivers with Arizona’s remarkable plants and animals that depend as much on that water for life as we humans do.

**Water: Heritage, Challenges, and Aspirations** is by Dr. Paul Hirt. Dr. Hirt is a Professor of History in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Senior Sustainability Scholar, and member of the public history faculty at Arizona State University.
2020 EVENTS

WINTER - SPRING

JANUARY 10 & 11 - PARKER “250” OFF ROAD RACE EVENT
JANUARY 18 - LONESTAR - BlueWater amphitheatre
JANUARY 23 - PARKER “425” TECH & CONTINGENCY ROW
JANUARY 24 & 25 - PARKER “425” RACE DAYS
FEBRUARY 7 - 9 - “SOUTHWEST SHOWDOWN ON THE RIVER” ADBA
FEBRUARY 22 - ERIC BURDON & THE ANIMALS - BlueWater amphitheatre
MARCH 7 - 8 - “PARKER MARATHON WATER SKI RACES” NWSRA
MARCH 21 - FRANKIE AVALON & SHA NA NA - BlueWater amphitheatre
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There is something for everyone in Historic downtown Yuma where the past and present come together. Stroll through local boutique shops, restaurants, wineries, breweries, artwork and pottery studios, and investigate several historic sites.

The true Southwest and our welcoming hospitality awaits you in Yuma and we are delighted to share our city—and our history with you!

YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SITES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

This is a list of the National Register of Historic Places listings in Yuma County, Arizona. The listings below note the location of the site and the date that the site became listed on the National Register. There are 57 properties and districts listed on the National Register, and we’ve selected the following highlights which are well worth a visit by visitors to the county who also love history. One site, Yuma Crossing, is also a National Historic Landmark.

YUMA CROSSING AND ASSOCIATED SITES
Banks of the Colorado River, Yuma
Listed: Nov 13, 1966

A National Historic Landmark is a building, district, object, site, or structure that is officially recognized by the United States government for its outstanding historical significance. Only about 3 percent of over 90,000 places listed on the country’s National Register of Historic Places are recognized as National Historic Landmarks.

Yuma Crossing is a site in Arizona and California that is significant for its association with transportation and communication across the Colorado River. It connected New Spain and Las Californias in the Spanish Colonial period and also during the Western expansion of the United States. Features of the Arizona side include the Yuma Quartermaster Depot and Yuma Territorial Prison. Features on the California Side include Fort Yuma, which protected the area from 1850 to 1885.

Blaisdell Slow Sand Filter Washing Machine
N. Jones St, Yuma
Listed: Jan 18, 1979

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Yuma, Arizona

The Blaisdell Slow Sand Filter Washing Machine is a device invented by Hiram W. Blaisdell to wash sand filters used in the treatment of drinking water. Built in 1902 at Blaisdell’s privately operated waterworks, it treated the muddy water of the Colorado River for local consumption. The original Yuma filter is now on City of Yuma property, and has been preserved as the first of its kind.

CAMP HORN MONUMENT
Approx 8 miles north of Interstate 8
Listed: Sept 12, 2003

Camp Horn, built in the fall of 1943, was built to prepare troops to do battle in North Africa to fight the Nazis during World War 2. All that remains of Camp Horn are rock-lined walkways and road. Near the entrance stands this 10’ high stone pyramid, erected in memory of seven servicemen killed in a training accident.

THE ANTELOPE HILL HIGHWAY BRIDGE
Northwest of Tacna spanning the Gila River, Tacna
Listed: June 28, 1979

Built in 1914 and 1915, the ruins are all that remain of this ten-span concrete girder bridge. It originally served as an integral piece of the Ocean to Ocean Highway between Yuma and Phoenix from 1915 to 1922. After being re-purposed for traffic traveling north from Yuma, the bridge was finally abandoned in 1929 following completion of the McPhaul Suspension Bridge.

THE BALSZ HOUSE
475 2ND Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Balsz House is a historic adobe house built in 1899 by Harry Neahr. It belonged to the Balsz family from 1919 to 1976, who worked in the meat industry. The house is a well preserved example of middle class housing in Yuma at the turn of the century.

BRINLEY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
29-96 W. 2nd St, 198-200 S. Main, 201 S. 1st, and 102-298 Madison Aves, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Located in downtown Yuma, this district connected Yuma’s historic commercial center along Main Street with its government center on 2nd Avenue. It was actively developed from 1900 to 1925, and is included in the larger

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Yuma Events Calendar

ONGOING

DECEMBER 13, 2019–APRIL 24, 2020
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The inviting patio at Julieanna’s IS Yuma’s jazz scene, offering great live music every Friday evening, along with the restaurant’s award-winning food and service. A vibrant and sophisticated yet casual setting for dining, the patio is heated and wind-protected when chilly. Julieanna’s Patio Café, 1951 W. 25th Street Free. 928-317-1961

DECEMBER 2019

DECEMBER 14, 15, 28, 29
Yuma Territory Live Steamers. Sat. & Sun. 10am-3pm.
Christmas is coming, come on down to Riverside Park just below the Historical Prison for a train ride. The train will pass Stone Cabin, the New Grain Elevator in Well Town, pass the Texaco Station in Gila Bend and down through the Baby Grand Canyon of Yuma by the Gold Mine and around again over the 40’ bridge. It is a fun way to spend part of your day. A lot of our volunteers love to tell stories about railroads and running a railroad. You will be educated on the history of railroads.
A $2 donation per rider will be greatly appreciated to help cover the cost of running the trains.
All aboard! The train is leaving. Call 480-540-6267 for more information.

DECEMBER 14
17th Annual Dorothy Young Memorial Electric Parade. 6pm-9pm.
This free to watch family event features marching bands, floats and vehicles decorated with beautiful Christmas lights. More information to come!

DECEMBER 15
2nd Annual Christmas on the Colorado. 5pm-8pm.
This event will be held at the Colorado River State Historic Park. There will be pictures with Santa by Desert Bee Photography, create craft ornament with Artsy Fartsy Studio, face painting, trackless train rides, cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn and a movie. Call 928-373-5198

DECEMBER 21
13th Annual Somerton Tamale Festival. 11am-11pm.
Arizona State University (ASU) El Diablito Alumni Chapter and the City of Somerton will sponsor the 13th Annual Somerton Tamale Festival in Downtown Somerton. The memory of preparing and enjoying tamales during the holiday season is a cultural tradition. Using that same tradition and unique family recipes, the El Diablito Alumni Club has organized the festival for the past 12 years to showcase Yuma County’s best and finest tamales. This all-day event features music, cultural dances, and a variety of tamales which have attracted a range of people, including local families, senior citizens, teenagers, and out-of-state travelers.

DECEMBER 31–JANUARY 1
New Year’s Eve Celebration 6pm-12am.
Celebrate the new year in style on the heated patio at Julieanna’s Cafe! Start your evening here with award-winning dining and fantastic live jazz featuring vocalist Jennifer Wayman-Hart performing with the Yuma Jazz Company. The music happens from 6pm-9pm. The celebration will include all the extras: champagne, jel-
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lo shots and exciting party accoutrements. Call ahead to reserve your table at 928-317-1961. Finish off your evening, including count-down in Julieanna’s lounge with live music by Acoustic Revolution, playing from 9pm to Midnight. Information at YumaJazz.com.

Visit Yuma’s 2nd Annual Iceberg Drop. 8pm-1am.
An iceberg will be dropped in Yuma’s Historic Downtown as part of our 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve celebration. The iceberg to be dropped will be a giant, fabricated head of iceberg lettuce, illuminated from the inside. Organized by Visit Yuma in cooperation with the City of Yuma will feature the dropping of the giant lighted lettuce at 10pm to coincide with New York City’s Ball Drop, and again at Midnight to officially ring in the new year in Yuma.

Iceberg lettuce was chosen as the symbol of the event due to the importance of and the community’s close ties to the local agriculture industry which produces about 90% of the nation’s winter leafy vegetables. The fabricated head of iceberg lettuce to be dropped will be 8’ by 8’ and lit from the inside. A large countdown clock will add to the excitement during the festivities.

Call 928-783-0071 for more information.

JANUARY 2020

JANUARY 7
- Behind the Big Guns. 8am-2pm.
  Go behind YPG’s gates to learn about the installation’s history and modern-day mission. The tour is met by base personnel who share facts and figures and details about what it’s like with tanks ripping around and giant booms going off daily. This tour leaves from the Colorado River State Historic Park at 8:30am. More ticket information call 800-293-0071.
  36th Annual Senior Games Begin. 9am-3pm.

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**JANUARY 10**

**Stevie Nicks & Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert.**
7pm-9pm.

The Palms RV Resort Concert Series presents Bella Donna in a dynamic rock concert experience, fully staged and featuring spectacular costumes and powerful vocal performances of platinum hits. Bella Donna has been featured on TV’s “Worlds Greatest Tribute Bands” on AXS. The legendary queen Stevie Nicks has acknowledged this Stevie tribute saying “you sounded good and can take over anytime.” Performing together since 2002, this tribute band is the longest continually running of its kind. For Ticket information call 855-725-6778 toll free.

**JANUARY 17-18**

**Woodcarving Expo.** 9am-3pm.

Now in its 15th season, the Wood Carving Expo gives year-round and seasonal visitors a chance to immerse themselves in this diverse and intricate art form. With exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, and more, this is the perfect place to learn more about the art of wood carving. Call 928-373-520 for more information.

**JANUARY 18**

**2020 German Fest.** 12pm-8pm.

The Yuma German Fest at Desert Sun Stadium will be filled with German folk music, dancing, traditional games, contests, and more. Bring the family, raise a stein, polka the day away, eat lots of brats and make this feast your new tradition. Wear your dirndl and lederhosen and get in FREE! Call 928-373-5040 for more information.

**JANUARY 23**

**T Graham Brown Live.** 7pm-9pm.

The Palms RV Resort Concert Series presents T Graham Brown, who has been topping the country charts since the early 1980’s with his soulful country grit sound. The 2015 Grammy Nominated T Graham’s list of big hits include, “I Tell It Like It Used To Be”, “Hell and High Water”, “Darlene” and “Wine Into Water”. T Graham’s voice can be heard on commercials nationwide for CocaCola, Dodge, KFC, and McDon-
See re-enactment of battles as part of Civil War Days at the Quartermaster Depot. Photo: Yuma Visitor Center.

Yuma, Arizona

Over 30 years later his voice is still as strong as it ever was, so don’t miss this incredible performer that is T Graham Brown. For Ticket information call 855-725-6778 toll free.

JANUARY 24-25
Civil War Days. 9am-5pm.
Over 100 re-enactors from around the country will be participating in the re-enactment of the Civil War. There will be two battles a day, along with different camp sites throughout the Colorado River State Historic Park. Call 928-373-5198 for more information.

JANUARY 25
Yuma Territorial Marathon and Half Marathon and 10K. 12pm-5pm.
In the past ten years “The Yuma Territorial Marathon & Half Marathon” has grown into a preferred destination for serious runners and marathon fans alike. Average temperatures in the 60’s and 70’s, along with a race route that is close to sea level, create ideal marathon conditions. Many participants have commented that it is a perfect place to post a personal best and qualify for prestigious events like the Boston Marathon. More information to come.

Yuma Medjool Date Festival. 10am-6pm.
This Nationally recognized fresh fruit festival celebrates the wonderful and tasty Date fruit, grown right here in the Desert Southwest. All of the major growers will be present; offering up samples and Date Fruit novelty eats and treats! While you are downtown, enjoy live music, Celebrity Chef Demonstrations, community performances and more! Visit www.YumaFestivals.com for updates!

JANUARY 31
KC & the Sunshine Band Tribute. 7pm-9pm.
The Palms RV Resort Concert Series presents KC & The Disco Band paying tribute to one of the most chart-topping, high energy, dance floor killin’ bands of the 70’s, KC & The Sunshine Band. This is a show stopping, hand clapping experience that will get you out of your seat and “re-shakin’ your booty”. With a far out horn section, brick house dancers, KC &
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FEBRUARY 4
Bernie & Red Comedy Magic. 7pm-9pm.
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FEBRUARY 7-9
75th Annual Silver Spur Rodeo. 9:30am-12pm.
The Yuma Jaycees Silver Spur Rodeo is PRCA-sanctioned rodeo, attracting top cowboys & cowgirls from the Turquoise Circuit & beyond. Held annually at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, this long-standing tradition features a parade, events, excitement, and food. Yee-haw!! More information at YumaRodeo.com

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Bull of the Desert Strongman Competition. 9am-5pm.
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YPG 2020. 9am-5pm.
Mark your calendar and get ready to celebrate with Yuma Proving Ground. YPG will open its doors to the public for a one-day event to get to know one of the largest military installations in the world! Come and join the celebration which includes displays of military equipment tested at the proving ground, historic exhibits, parachuting, a play area for young people, live musical entertainment, food and drinks, evening fireworks, and much more!

FEBRUARY 22
6th Annual Boogie, Brews & Blues Festival. 11am-7pm.
City of Yuma Heritage Festivals invite you to the Boogie, Brews and Blues Festival in Gateway Park. Enjoy a full-day of live music, plus, food trucks, craft brews, merchandise, memorabilia and more! Stay tuned for more information.

The Spouse Whisperer. 7pm-9:30pm.
The Palms RV Resort Concert Series presents Mark Cordes, known as the Spouse Whisperer. He has been performing for more than 30 years. From his humble start at an open mic night, Mark steadily worked his way up the comedy ladder. From the Opening Act to Feature Act to headlining the top Comedy Clubs and Corporate Events from coast to coast, Mark has enjoyed the ride, and so will you! “My favorite jokes are about relationships - How to spice up your current relationship or how to get out of a bad one!” Call for ticket information toll free at 855-725-6778.

FEBRUARY 28-29
BBQ & Brew Festival. 4pm-10pm.
Get your taste buds ready for Yuma’s “Best in the Desert Southwest” BBQ & Brew Festival 2020! This two-day festival will pack Main Street with mouthwatering BBQ, a country music concert, and ice cold brew. Competitors travel from all over and compete for title of Bull of the Desert. Dead-lifting a car, pulling a cement truck, and hoisting monster stones -- it’s a sight to see! Yuma’s strongest man and strongest woman will be crowned, plus cash prizes. Do you have what it takes to compete? Save the Date, registration is opening soon, or attend as a spectator and cheer on the participants. Yuma’s only Strongman event, you don’t want to miss it! More information to come!

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MARCH 2019

MARCH 6-8
Midnight at the Oasis. Friday, March 6, 12pm-11pm; Saturday, March 7, 9am-11pm; Sunday March 8, 9am-1pm.

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MARCH 13-14
2020 Yuma Air Show. 4:30pm-4pm.

Show will feature entertainment, static displays, and aerial demonstrations. Save the date for the 2020 Yuma Air Show. More details coming soon. Times subject to change.

MARCH 14
Music on Main - St. Patrick’s Day. 4pm-10pm.

The sound of Irish Music and excitement fills the air for this St. Patrick’s Day celebration! Enjoy live entertainment, green beer, adult yard games, and a Pub Crawl. Grab a snack at one of the many food vendors or restaurants, check out the vendor square, and visit the Downtown Yuma shops for a wee good time. Visit www.YumaFestivals.com for updates!

MARCH 28
Rio de Cerveza Brew Fest. 2pm-7pm.

The Rio de Cerveza Brew Fest flows into the Colorado River State Historic Park for a night of sampling the best beers crafted by local, regional and national breweries! Get ready to grab a souvenir sampling mug for 24 pours of unique and flavorful brews in Yuma, and its beautiful spring weather.

APRIL 2020

APRIL 10-11
Tunes & Tacos Festival. 6pm-11pm.

Some of the best taco cocineros (cooks) in the desert southwest converge on Yuma for the annual Tunes & Tacos Festival. Awarded by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association as a “Top Community Event” in 2016. Get the party started with the People’s Choice Salsa Queen Competition & Kickoff Party. Then be entertained and eat your way through dozens of tortilla’d treats. Admission is just $1 per person, per entry, and includes all day and evening concerts. The Tunes & Tacos Festival is presented by City of Yuma Parks & Recreation. Admission is $1 per person, per entry! Food and beverage purchase is not included with admission. For complete event details, visit TunesandTacos.com or call 928-373-5042.

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Pat and Gary Bartlett...  
Making Yuma A Better Place

By Hope A. Johnson

The first time I became aware of Pat and Gary Bartlett, I was very impressed with their commitment to the “Relay for Life”, as well as with their commitment to each other. It was very apparent that they are very proficient in working together to achieve a common goal.

But I am getting ahead of myself.

Gary grew up on a dairy farm in Rochester, Washington. He met Pat in Ellensburg, Washington while they were in college. They were married in 1966. Gary was a Student Center Administrator at several universities throughout his life. He started his career at the University of Oregon, then St. Cloud State University, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and wound up at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. “These jobs were all challenging,” Gary says, “but they were a lot of fun. Basically, Country Roads (where he currently resides and volunteers in many areas), is just one big student center without a roof. We have everything here that I was responsible for at the Universities...facilities, activities, food service and more.” In the last ten years that he was at Eau Claire, he left the Student Center and became responsible for University parking, transit, athletic facilities and maintenance. The parking responsibilities also included snow removal. “There were lots of opportunities for snow removal,” he reflects. “That was one of the reasons it was great when we started to come to Yuma. We thoroughly enjoy the sunshine and warm weather. We don’t miss the snow at all!”

Pat had several jobs during her career, each involving some form of bookkeeping or office management. Her last position was with the Altoona, Wisconsin School District, responsible for both payroll and benefits. One day, she said to Gary, “we can retire now. I’ve got it all set up. I know what we’ll have coming in, and what we will need to live on.” Many teachers consulted with Pat about their retirements. She sat down with them and explained exactly what resources they would have. She states, “I did not tell them what to do, but I explained their options in detail, and let them decide. Lots of people came to my retirement party. They had been so pleased with their commitment to us over the years.”

In the year 2000, Gary and Pat visited Yuma and Country Roads RV Resort for Gary’s Mom’s 80th birthday party. They purchased a lot at Country Roads in 2003. In December, 2005, after they retired, they brought their fifth wheel down. They planned to split their time between Eau Claire and Yuma, but quickly realized that keeping up two residences so far apart was not their best option. In August, 2006, they sold their house in Eau Claire in 3 1/2 hours at full price. They have two mar-

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Gary loves to play shuffleboard. After moving to Yuma full time, the couple was asked if they would consider taking over a business involving shuffleboard. After much consideration, they took it over, and, along with partner Mel Stone, owned and operated a shuffleboard resurfacing business. For the next ten years, the months of October and November were primarily devoted to working at RV parks throughout Yuma and getting them ready for shuffleboard. “Pat took care of the books and all the contracting,” Gary recalls, “and Mel and I took care of the physical work. We started out with 8 parks, and, at one time, prepared courts for 23 locations. When we finished at each park, they had a turnkey operation.”

The couple is dedicated to helping out at the Country Roads “Relay for Life,” which is part of the “Yuma Relay for Life.” As a breast cancer survivor, Pat (and Gary) worked tirelessly for this event over the years. Pat served as treasurer for ten years and in 2014, 2015 and 2017, both Gary and Pat co-chaired the Park’s “Relay for Life” event. Pat also helps out newly diagnosed cancer patients with encouragement and support. For many years, “Relay” was an annual event, but currently, Country Roads fund raising is split every other year between “Relay” and “Homes for the Troops, where most of the money goes towards building the homes, not to Administration. Pat’s Dad was a bomber pilot in the Navy during both World
War II and the Korean War. She grew up on military bases, and, for her, the “Homes for the Troops” program is a way to help military families. This is her way of giving back.

Gary has been involved in several different volunteer projects since 2005. He served as President of the Shuffleboard Club for three years, and helped create a Country Roads Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. “In 2013, I brought the importance of marketing to the attention of the Country Roads Board of Directors. They agreed, authorized the formation of a Marketing Committee, and I was selected as Chair,” Gary recalls. In five years, the Committee accomplished many things. Gary feels that their best effort was the on-line video, which has had well over 100,000 hits. He believes the video had put Country Roads “on the map.” The Committee was instrumental in creating the park’s “Welcome Center,” which is staffed by volunteers during the season. As a full time resident, and emphasizing that everyone is a marketer for the areas in which they live, weed control at the Park came to his attention. Gary developed a suggested procedure for property owners to implement to control the weeds in their areas, and now the park is seeing great results. This technique has been used for over three years, and has made a huge difference in the overall appearance of the Park.

Pat was adopted and was able to locate her birth mother after 52 years. She did not start searching for her until her adopted mother died in 1992. This is such an interesting story that it could, literally, be another separate feature. In a nutshell, Pat did tons of research and found a whole new family in 1996.

One evening, Pat received a phone call. The caller started giving out a lot of information, and turned out to be Pat’s birth mother. They reunited in July, 1996. “When I walked into the room, everyone just kept staring at me,” Pat recalls. “I was the spittin’ image of my mother.” She was at her mother’s bedside, holding her hand, when she died in 2001.” Pat located two half sisters and a half brother, who she was not aware of previously, and has developed a close relationship with her entire biological family.

Country Roads RV Resort has been voted the #1 RV Park in Yuma for many years. Property owners own their lots. With 24-hour hands-on security, dances, bingo, tons of activities including 5 swimming pools, pickleball, tennis, lapidary, creative writing workshops, wood shop, cards, cribbage and so much more, there is something for everyone at Country Roads.

In summation, Pat and Gary stated that “we have a great life. We had the opportunity to live in some fabulous places, including Hawaii. We have been very fortunate. We have lived in places that most people dream of. And Yuma, Arizona is at the top of our list.”

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

BROWN HOUSE
268 S. 1ST Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1893 by F. B. Wightman, this building was used principally by railroad men as a stop-over between Los Angeles and Tucson. In 1907 C. L. Brown acquired the property and used it as a family home until 1943. The structure is little changed from its original appearance.

BROWNSTETTER HOUSE
627 Orange Ave., Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1909, it belonged to Harry Brownstetter, a successful merchant, real estate developer, and financier, from 1912 to 1949. The house was designed in the American Craftsman and the Victorian architectural styles. Its roof has three front-facing gables, the central one holding a Palladian window.

CACTUS PRESS-PLAZA PAINT BUILDING
30-54 E. 3rd St, Yuma
Listed: April 24, 1987

The Cactus Press-Plaza Paint Building is a 1927 building with an arcade. It is designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style. It is the only single-story arced, poured concrete commercial structure extant in the Main Street area, a style typical of traditional shopping arcades in the Southwestern United States.

CARUTHERS HOUSE
441 2nd Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1895 for F. B. Logan, this house was extensively remodeled in 1906. It was purchased by C. E. Eichler in 1900, and by E. G. Caruthers (a banker) in 1906. The house was designed in the American Craftsman architectural style. It is also a contributing building in the Yuma Century Heights Conservancy Residential Historic District.

CONNOR HOUSE
281 S. 1st Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Virtually unchanged since its construction in 1896, the C.V. Connor House is one of the few remaining adobe residences built in Yuma, and is unique for its layout of symmetrical front two doors leading directly into side-by-side rooms.

DOUBLE ROOF HOUSE
553 4th Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

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**FRANK EWING HOUSE**  
700 2nd Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Frank Ewing House was built in 1920. It was built for Frank L. Ewing, a Yuma businessman, and is designed with the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style.

**RUTH EWING HOUSE**  
712 2nd Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

A Concrete Block Cottage style house, this was built in 1906 with a hipped room. It was built for Ruth Ewing, a parishioner of the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Ewing bequeathed the house to the church, and it was later purchased by Reverend R. W. Dixon.

**GANDOLFO THEATRE**  
200 S. 1st Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1908 by the Chinese Inspector, Alfred Griffin Jr, this one-story brick structure is well-preserved, and deemed historic for using new masonry techniques to produce a substantially sound structure. In 1921 the property was given to the Protestant Episcopal Church for use as a rectory.

**PETER B. HODGES HOUSE**  
209 Orange Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This 1905 house is noteworthy as a unique adobe structure with Neo-Colonial characteristics. Its roof configuration and exterior wall finish are strongly suggestive of Georgian Colonial architecture. The house was built by Peter B. Hodges, a businessman and son of a pioneer Yuma family.

**HOTEL DEL MING**  
300 Gila St, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Hotel del Ming is a historic hotel in Yuma, Arizona. It was built in 1926. In September 1926, Deburcio Lopez, one of the workers, was burned by a power wire, potentially fatally. The hotel was dedicated two months later. It was designed in the Spanish Revival architectural style by Taylor & Taylor, two architects from Los Angeles, California.
E.B. JACKSON HOUSE
572 1ST Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This residence is the best preserved example in Yuma of a duplex using rusticated concrete block. Built in 1906 by Jerry Kent and sold to E.B. Jackson in 1922, this one-story continues to be associated with Jackson, a local Yuma grocer.

JERRY KENT HOUSE
450 3rd Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Jerry Kent House was built in 1905 for Jennie Kent, a schoolteacher. It was purchased by J. P. Yemen, a dentist, in 1920. The house was designed in the Classical Revival architectural style.

LEE HOTEL
390 Main St, Yuma
Listed: April 12, 1984

The Lee Hotel is a two-story building, with 30 hotel rooms. It was completed in 1917. It was opened by Mary Darcy, who...
named it for Confederate General Robert E. Lee. It was designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style.

**HENRY LEVY HOUSE**  
602 2nd Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982  
This simple Bungaloid style residence has been well-maintained. It was the home of Henry Levy, Yuma’s Chief of Police, and active community member through Elks, Knights of Columbus and Volunteer Fire Department. The home was built in 1916.

**GEORGE MARABLE HOUSE**  
482 Orange Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982  
The best example of Georgian Revival architecture extant in Yuma, this house was built in 1906. It features a one-story irregular floor plan with symmetrical massing and roof.

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MASONIC TEMPLE
153 S. 2nd Ave, Yuma
Listed: April 12, 1984

The Masonic Temple was built in 1931 in the late Art Deco style of Moderne. It was designed by Los Angeles-based architects Edward Gray Taylor and Ellis Wing Taylor. In 1933, at the depth of the Great Depression, the Masonic Lodge lost all its funds in a bank closure, and turned to renting the building from the bank. In 1940 ownership was restored to the Masonic Lodge. It remains one of the few Modernist Art Deco Style buildings surviving in Yuma.

CARMELITA MAYHEW HOUSE
660 1ST Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

As wife of Felix Mayhew, the discoverer of North Star Mine, Carmelita Mayhew managed this house as a rental unit until it was sold in 1926. This 1909 single-story Cottage Style single dwelling is a well preserved example of middle class housing in Yuma during the first decade of the 20th century. It contains a relatively complex roof form, asymmetrical massing, and a diamond paneled front window.

MCPHAUL SUSPENSION BRIDGE
West of Dome, Dome
Listed: Aug 13, 1981

The McPhaul Suspension Bridge was named for local Yuma resident Henry Harrison McPhaul, and is sometimes known as “Bridge to Nowhere”. This 1,184 feet long suspension bridge was built over the Gila River in 1929 and replaced in 1968 when it

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was deemed insufficient for modern transportation needs. A dam and replacement bridge, subsequently destroyed, were built and the river was rerouted.

The bridge is 1,184 feet (361 m) long in total. Its main span is a 798 feet (243 m) Warren-type pony truss bridge suspended by cables from rocker type towers. The span is held by two steel cables 5.75 inches (0.146 m) in diameter and 1,300.7 feet (396.5 m) long. It has two approach spans, 57 feet (17 m) and 114 feet (35 m) long, and approach roadways 140 feet (43 m) and 75 feet (23 m) long.

METHODIST PARSONAGE  
248 S. 1st Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Yuma built this Late 19th Century Adobe Cottage addition to the church in 1898 for the congregation’s founding minister, Rev. J.A. Crouch and his family. Much of the labor and material was donated. The building was rehabilitated and modified in 1938.

MEXICAN CONSULATE  
129 W. 4th St, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This local landmark is a structurally sound Mission/Spanish Revival style building that was built in 1905. The church itself was organized in 1892 by Rev. J.A. Crouch, a missionary whose service began in 1888. The church was sold in 1937 to finance construction of a newer and larger facility.

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The Mexican Consulate is an adobe house that was built in 1892 for Dionicio Sanchez and his wife, Mary. In 1897, it was purchased by John Stoffela, who rented it to Henry M. Gandolfo, the Mexican consul, in the 1900s. It housed the Mexican consulate in Yuma while Gandolfo resided here, and remained in the Stoffela family until 1978.

**A.B. MING HOUSE**

468 Orange Ave, Yuma

Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This residence is in excellent condition. It is significant both architecturally (Bungalow and Neo-Colonial) and for its several distinguished owners. Built in 1906 by W.E. “Billy” Marvin (who was a Rough Rider), sold in 1908 to Fred Fleishman and family, and finally sold again in 1922 to Allen B. Ming who served as County Assessor.

**MOHAWK VALLEY SCHOOL**

5151 South Ave, 39 East, Roll

Listed: Dec 29, 1986

This small, rural school is located in the agricultural belt of Roll, Az. Built in the Mission/Spanish Revival style prevalent during the 1925-1949 years, this school is still in use today.

**NORTON HOUSE**

226 S. 1st Ave, Yuma

Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Nearly unchanged since its 1926 construction, this pair of nearly identical two-story frame structures contain the best designed duplexes built in Yuma during the 1920’s. Prairie Style with copper clad roofs, this model accommodates two families side-by-side. It was built by Katie Stuthman for her son-in-law, Arnet Pau ley, a local businessman.

**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL**

550 W. 5th St, Yuma

Listed: Dec 7, 1982

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Colonial Revival style, this was the last of four major schools built in Yuma during the first quarter of 20th century. Norman Marsh was the architect and Charles Olcester was the contractor.

**OCEAN TO OCEAN BRIDGE**  
Penitentiary Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Sept 11, 1979

A through truss bridge (made of triangular units) spanning the Colorado River, this structure was built in 1915 and is the earliest through truss bridge in Arizona. It is also the only example of a Pennsylvania truss within Arizona. Between 1988 and 2001, the bridge was closed to vehicular traffic (allowing only pedestrians and bicyclists). After a major restoration, the bridge was rehabilitated and reopened to vehicular traffic in 2002.

**ORTIZ HOUSE**  
206 1ST Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1901, this structure demonstrates an evolution of housing in Yuma, along with the Polhamus House and the G.W. Norton House. This building uses a zaguan configuration (a passageway) with two rows of rooms opening off of a central hall.

**PANCRAZI HOUSE**  
432 S. Madison Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

Built in 1905, this home is a well-preserved example of a middle class Yuma residence. This Early 20th Century Brick Cottage home was built for Ange T. Pancrazi and his family. Pancrazi was an immigrant from France who had a distinguished record as businessman, U.S. Postmaster, and City Treasurer.

**POWER APARTMENTS**  
20 W. 3rd St, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This well-preserved two-story double brick structure, built in 1915, is of Spanish Colonial Revival style. The building was erected for Mary E. Nugent, daughter of a pioneer Yuma family, after  

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her marriage to Rev. Stephen Power, an Episcopal minister.

**CLARA SMITH RILEY HOUSE**  
734 2nd Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This structurally sound building has changed little since its 1909 construction. It is Early 20th Century Block Cottage style and is named after its owner Clara Smith Riley. It is well preserved, and is striking for its steep sides and dormer configuration, a form which addressed the need to create livable space in an attic.

**SAN CARLOS HOTEL**  
106 1st St, Yuma  
Listed: April 12, 1984

The $300,000 construction cost of this hotel delayed its opening until 1930. It was five stories high, with 107 bedrooms. It was remodeled into 59 residential apartments in the 1980s. The building was designed in the Art Deco architectural style by Dorr and Gibbs, a firm based in Los Angeles.

**RUSSELL-WILLIAMSON HOUSE**  
652 2nd Ave, Yuma  
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

J.T. Russell built this one-story frame house in 1907. It remains as the best example of Victorian architecture still standing in Yuma. The most distinctive feature is the decorative molding of floral design in the front gable. In 1931 the property was acquired by A.O. Williamson, Yuma County Tax Accessor.
Yuma Foothills Rotary meets each Wednesday at noon at the Daybreaker Cafe at the corner of Fortuna Rd and I-8.

SAN YSIDRO HACIENDA
(Address Restricted), Yuma
Listed: Oct 10, 1975

In 1878, Jose Maria Redondo was elected Mayor of Yuma, but died shortly afterwards from smallpox. He and his family had developed the 2,000-acre Hacienda de San Ysidro, one of the earliest irrigation projects in Arizona. It is now a private farm ranch.

SEARS POINT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISTRICT
Roughly 36 miles west of Gila Bend and 5 miles north of Interstate 8, Gila Bend
Listed: Oct 16, 1985

Stretching between the U.S. border and Mexico is a region that had been utilized for centuries by many cultures. Fifteen tribes claim cultural affiliation with this area. Visitors can enjoy the desert environment, native plants, animals, birds and geology that includes volcanic landforms and rock canvases with petroglyphs.

J HOMER SMITH HOUSE
600 5TH Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This house was built in 1917 for J. Homer Smith, a druggist and banker who served as the mayor of Yuma. The house was designed in the American Craftsman architectural style.

DRESSING APARTMENTS
146 1ST Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This historic apartment complex was built between 1915 and 1917. The architectural style is historic for its American Craftsman influences. Built on less than 1 acre, each of the six structures is its own freestanding unit.

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
632 2ND Ave, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

This cultural center was built in 1909. It is unique among the institutional structures in Yuma for its distinctive broad shingled roof, rusticated masonry base, and articulated framing in the porch—all characteristics of the Shingle Style and its derivative the Western Stick Style, both styles more commonly associated with residential design.
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Dating from 1875 and used until 1938, this is a former passenger coach of the Southern Pacific Railroad’s Southern Division. It is a representative example of the type of passenger coach car used when the Southern Pacific Railway entered Arizona, in 1877, at Yuma Crossing. A historic photo documents Geronimo beside a similar coach car in Texas in 1886.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC FREIGHT DEPOT
Main St, Yuma
Listed: April 24, 1987

The Southern Pacific Freight Depot of Yuma was built in 1891. It was made with redwood shiplap and in the wooden Stick—Eastlake architectural motifs of the Victorian Queen Anne Style. An office was added in 1917.

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**FOURTH AVE JR HIGH SCHOOL**
450 S. 4th Ave, Yuma
**Listed: Dec 7, 1982**

Built in the Classical Revival architectural style of the late 19th and early 20th Century, this school is still operational as a junior high school. It is part of the Yuma School District One, with approximately 600 students in grades 6 to 8.

**US POST OFFICE – YUMA MAIN**
370 W. 3rd St, Yuma
**Listed: Dec 3, 1985**

The U.S. Post Office–Yuma Main, also known as Yuma Main Post Office or Yuma Downtown Postal Annex, is the former main post office serving Yuma, Arizona. Constructed in 1933, the building’s design is the work of architect Roy Place. It is a blend of the Beaux Arts and Spanish Colonial Revival styles. The post office was built toward the end of the Beaux-Arts phase of federal building design, as government architects shifted to a “starved classicism” style in the ensuing years.

**YUMA CITY HALL**
181 W. 1st St, Yuma
**Listed: Dec 7, 1982**

Built in 1921, this building served as Yuma’s City Hall for many years. It was

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Roughly bounded by 4th Ave, 9th St, and 1st and Orange Aves, Yuma
Listed: October 11, 1988

A variety of architectural styles are the highlight of this residential district, including Late 19th and 20th Century Revival styles, Bungalow and Craftsman style, and Queen Anne style. They cover the architectural and settlement periods from 1900-1949.

**YUMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
168 S. 2nd, Yuma
Listed: Dec 7, 1982

The Yuma County Courthouse was built in 1928. It is the third building to serve as the courthouse of Yuma County. It was designed by Ralph Swearingen & G. A. Hanssen, two architects from San Diego, California.

**YUMA MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**
170-387 S. Main St & 10-29 W. 3rd St, Yuma
Listed: March 10, 1994

Encompassing the development period from 1925 to 1949, this commercial district retains architectural style of Early Commercial, Classical Revival, and Mission/Spanish Revival. Today it offers a wide variety of shopping, dining, entertainment, and a Farmer’s Market. It is also the venue for Yuma’s old-fashioned street fairs and festivals. 

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### Yuma Events

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**AG TO ART MARKET**
*“Feeding the Body and Soul”* 10am-3pm.

Visit Yuma presents Ag to Art Farmer’s Market: Feeding the Body and Soul. The market is going to roam Yuma County.

We are looking for vendors, agriculture and arts products. Free booth spaces are available.

- Set up a booth to sell your goods related to farm produce or made from fresh, grown items (soap, eggs, herbs and spices, dried fruits, fresh veggies, baked goods, dog treats, etc.)
- Set up a booth to sell your art (paintings, drawings, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, fiber art, music and musical instruments, etc.)
- If you teach yoga or martial arts (or work with children’s organizations) you can offer short hourly demonstrations or classes for the public to take part in.
- If you are in the performing arts or if you’d like to perform, show your craft with short hourly performances for the public to enjoy. Group lessons for guitar, salsa dancing, water color paints, etc is welcome. We request you offer at least two 15-30 minute sessions during the time the market is taking place.

**Dates:** Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5.

**Areas:** Colorado River State Historic Park; Sanguinetti Park in downtown, Somerton; The PAAC; Sanguinetti House Museum & Gardens

**To participate:** For participation and inquiries, email communications@visityuma.com or call 928-376-0100

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Tours depart from the Visit Yuma administrative office, located at Old City Hall at 5pm.

**Tour dates:** Jan 29, Feb 12, Feb 26, Mar 11.

**“Date Night” Dinners. 5pm-8pm.**

Guests at a Date Night dinner savor a multi-course gourmet meal by Executive Chef Alex Trujillo served under the stars in a lush Yuma date grove at Imperial Date Gardens. Every course from appetizer to dessert features a new twist on this oldest of cultivated fruits, showcasing one of Yuma’s more unique crops, Medjool dates. Whether making it a true “date night” as a couple, coming with family or a group of friends, or coming by yourself and making new friends at the shared table, you’ll enjoy a night that was named by Fodor’s as one of the “World’s Most Unique Dining Experiences.” These special dinners are presented by Visit Yuma to showcase both Yuma’s delightful desert weather and the culinary versatility of one of its more unique crops.

- Transportation not included.
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- On-site walking tour begins at 5:30pm.
- Dinner served at 6pm.

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**Dinner Dates:** Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 28.
An array of tanks, armored vehicles and artillery greet the visitor near the entrance to the Yuma Proving Grounds.

“Sunset on the Ranch” Dinners.
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Dinner dates: Jan 9, Jan 23, Feb 13, Mar 5.

“History Dinners” with Tina Clark
at the historic St. Paul Cultural Center. 6pm-8:30pm.

City Historian Tina Clark and lifelong resident Cathy Reeves host the dinners which celebrate the best of local dishes and fresh farm produce, with Mexican flair. Tina and Cathy share stories, photos, music and more from Yuma’s yesteryear, covering a different aspect of Yuma’s past during each dinner. Each dinner night will feature a different program and dinner. Areas of topic: river, downtown, agriculture, etc.

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Dinner dates: Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 12, Mar 26.

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Tour dates: Jan 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; Feb 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20; Mar 4, 5.

Behind the Big Guns. 8am-2pm.

Go behind YPG’s gates to learn about the installation’s history and modern-day mission. The tour is met by base personnel who share facts and figures and details about what it’s like with tanks ripping around and giant booms going off daily. This tour leaves from the Colorado River State Historic Park at 8:30am. More ticket information call 800-293-0071.

Tour dates: Jan 7, Feb 4, Feb 18, Mar 3.

YPG: At Ease! 8am-2pm.

Go behind the scenes at Yuma Proving Ground, deep into areas not seen by the general public. See the sights such as the tanks and the meteorology station. This tour leaves from the Colorado River State Historic Park at 8:30am. For tickets and more information call 800-293-0071.

Tour date: Jan 14

OOORah!! MCAS Yuma. 8:30am-2pm.

This tour allows a behind-the-scenes look at the Corps’ busiest air station, hosted by knowledgeable base personnel. Popular features include the obstacle course and a working dog demonstration, and there’s a narrated stop on the way back at the Armed Forces Park. Tour departs the Yuma Visitor Information Center.

Tour dates: Jan 8, Jan 28, Feb 11, Mar 24.

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I have the distinct privilege of knowing WW II Veteran Gene J. Snyder, aka “Zoot”. Zoot was born October 24, 1924 in Ventura, California. Drafted from Compton College into military service in March of 1943, he volunteered for paratroops at Fort Douglas, Utah and three weeks later arrived at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, where he was accepted and assigned to Company A 1st Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Zoot became a member of Company A Headquarters squad and served as rifleman, runner and radio operator (mule). Although he was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received while on patrol in Italy, June 25, 1944, he was never evacuated from combat in any campaign in which he served. These included campaigns in Italy, France, Belgium and Bergstein, Germany. He parachuted into southern France in the same stick with Major Don Fraser.

Post V. E. Day, he transferred to Company B, 505th PIR, 82nd Airborne in Berlin, Germany. He returned to the States Christmas, 1945 and was discharged that
Zoot in Berlin.

Zoot in Nice 1944.

New Year’s Eve.

Zoot attended Compton College for one more year, married his pre-war sweetheart, Sarg, and moved out of the city to the mountains and deserts of Eastern California. He became a professional civil engineer. He worked forty years for the California Division of Highways, designing and constructing highways and bridges. Sarg and Gene raised two sons and a daughter in the beautiful town of Bishop, California. Sarg passed away in 2014, but Zoot still maintains his primary home in Bishop, and he continues to winter at Country Roads in Yuma, Arizona, where he resides in his second home.

Zoot was very active during World War II and received many medals and awards. They included the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Award, American Campaign Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Medal with five campaign stars (Italy 1944, Southern France 1944, Ardennes-Alsace 1944-45, Central Europe 1945 and Rhineland 1945).

He also received the World War II Victory Medal,
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Army of Occupation Medal, Parachutist Badge, French Fourragers, Belgian Fourragers, and two Army Presidential Unit Citations. His entire outfit was awarded the Very Distinguished French Medal for Bravery, and he is currently being considered for the French Medal of Honor. Amazingly, Zoot did not miss a day of combat during his entire time in the war.

For Gene Snyder, the experience is still unfolding. “During the southern France campaign, which lasted 93 days,” he recalls, “our combat team liberated several towns and villages. In 1994, we were invited back for fifty year celebrations in several towns across Southern France. A bus load of us, with wives and/or relatives made a tour to several town celebrations and were treated like rock stars.” He went on to relate that school children sang them songs, they attended luncheons with mayors and city officials, and were presented a variety of medals and souvenirs. “The French people really appreciated being liberated from Nazi Germany,” he continues. “We still get invitations every year to attend various celebrations.”

Gene Snyder is an amazing man with a twinkle in his eye.....the very essence of the “greatest generation.” His zest for living is apparent. He thoroughly enjoys wintering in Arizona at Country Roads. He recalls that, in 1988, friends who owned two lots at Country Roads invited Gene and his wife to park their fifth wheel on one of them. Gene states, “We liked it so well that we purchased one the next year for our retirement home. I still like it more than ever!”

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Visitor Profile

There are proud alumni of institutions of higher learning such as the University of Arizona or USC or the University of Iowa, and alumni and alumnæ of colleges and universities typically will follow their alma maters after graduation when they make headlines in sports and the news.

“Go Wildcats!”
“Go Trojans!”
“Go Hawkeyes!”

Doug Prutzman, on the other hand, is a graduate of Rivet College, and it has stood him in good stead during his post-graduate years in the aviation industry. He tells stories in a wry, sardonic way, as an interviewer learned last winter when Doug and his wife, Jo, met. To begin, then, at the beginning.

The aviation gene is in Doug’s blood. His father, William Theodore Prutzman, was a belly gunner aboard a B-24 “Liberator” during World War II flying 18 combat missions with the 442nd Bomber Squadron, from North Africa and Italy. “He somehow survived that experience,” said Doug.

The belly gunner position was a cramped bubble under the aircraft, defending a bomber from attack from underneath. It was also an undesirable place to be if a B-24 was damaged by Flak; the gunner got trapped in the bubble due to electrical failure; and the landing gear wouldn’t deploy.

It happened.

“They told him, ‘You’ll fit in there just fine.’ The best part is, my father was afraid of heights, he was afraid of water, he had bad eyesight. So the Army Air Corps said, ‘We’re going to put this guy as a gunner in a belly turret flying 30,000 feet over the ocean.’

Missions included targets in Italy, Austria and Germany.

Doug said his father never said much about the war after he returned. The only record of his tour of duty was a small two-page handwritten list of the missions he flew, his flight jacket patch and some Air Medals – “If you show up and don’t desert, you get an Air Medal,” he smiled.

Thanks to internet research by his wife, Jo, Doug was able to piece together background on the 442nd Bomber Squadron, and flesh out a bit of William Prutzman’s background. Doug never got to know his father, who he suspects had PTSD. He died at age 46.

What about Rivet College?

Read on.

Doug joined the U.S. Air Force and rose to the rank of sergeant (E4 or four stripes), “I got into Minuteman missiles in Great Falls, Montana and this high-falutin’ title of Missiles Systems Analyst Technician. That was me.

“And the one good thing about it (except for a barroom brawl in Black Eagle, Montana in a cowboy bar, where people started shooting at each other) I never got shot at the whole time I was in the military.”

After almost four years in the Air Force, he got an early out to attend Fulton Junior College, got bored with it and never finished.

Before he went into the Air Force, Doug said, he left high school with “no job schooling, no nothing whatsoever.”

“So I went down to the local unemployment office. I figured they’d give me a job at the local Dairy Queen, something like that, and they started looking at my interests. ‘I see you build model aircraft. You really like aircraft?’”

“Yeah, I sure do.”

“How about this?”

The unemployment office sent him to Douglas Aircraft where the DC-9 was in production.

“They sent me to Rivet College. For six months I learned how to drill holes in aluminum and shoot rivets, and you know what, they provided me an education for the rest of my life, because I was in aircraft all the time.

“That was the best education possible. Yep. Everybody always tells you, ‘You go to college.’ The best job I ever had was in the aircraft industry, from six weeks of Rivet College.

“They were so desperate for workers, they were dragging anybody off the street and saying, ‘OK. This is a drill. The drill makes holes in metal. The rivet gun fills the holes in the metal.

“And, oh yeah, I learned also, too, that if
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remaining 132 bombers. Total procurement costs for the initial order: $2.1 billion.

After the order was cancelled, the Air Force decided to convert Ship 1 to combat-ready status.

Doug remembers: “The decision was made to rebuild it and make it an honest-to-God combat aircraft.

“The people who worked on it were like, ‘DO WHAT? Make it a Rose Parade float, or use it strictly for flying over a Rose Parade!’”

Taking the plane apart was the most fun he ever had working on aircraft, said Doug. “We went in with cutting tools and cut all the big wire harnesses, and we had dumpsters outside just full of stuff we cut out of this test aircraft – it had a lot of test equipment in it.”

He was given the job of working on the “batwing panel,” so called because that’s what it resembled.

The Day Ship 1 – now called “The Spirit of America” – flew again, the buildings emptied as workers went out to the runway to see it take off.

“My boss, Bernie Walker, a great man, was there. I said, ‘Hey boss, how’s it going? Good to see Ship 1 flying again.’

“He says, ‘If that batwing panel falls off when it flies over, you’re fired.’”

Doug said the workers on the project joked that if a pilot screwed up, he’d be assigned to Ship 1 “because it had to be a ‘turkey.’ It was the sweetest flying of all of them, for some reason.”

The B2 has a crew of two, pilot and navigator, and can fly 6,900 statute miles without refueling.

Behind the flight crews seats in the cockpit is a small chemical toilet and enough space “for the crews to go down to Walmart and buy a lounge chair for resting, which they do,” said Doug.

Doug and Jo have been married 24 years and met at Northrop Aircraft in Palmdale, Calif. while working on the B2 project. They shared an interest in dirt bikes – she’d been riding since age 9 and he was “an old desert rat, so we just hooked up after that.”

Doug said of her dirt biking skills, “She’s good. If she’d got into racing, she would have been one of the best. When you get tired and retired, you get a Jeep. You don’t fall off as often.”

When not travelling, the couple lives in Juniper Hills, Calif.
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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fishing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = r)

A. 13 22 15 8 19 5
   Clue: One who fishes

B. 5 25 21
   Clue: Fishing tool

C. 5 10 7 19 5
   Clue: Moving water

D. 8 16 5 19
   Clue: Bait
Shoreline Access see the corresponding map on the facing page

There are miles of shoreline to be explored along the Colorado River - but dam construction has made it a mite tricky to find your way to deep water. Here’s a quick guide to upstream access points:

(A) MITTRY LAKE WILDLIFE AREA lies between Laguna and Imperial dams northeast of Yuma. With 750 acres of water surrounded by 2400 acres of marsh and upland, this is a birding and fishing hot spot with 10 piers, rest rooms, two boat ramps; no improved facilities, but camping is allowed (check with BLM). There’s a ½-mile nature trail at Betty’s Kitchen Interpretive Area at south end of lake.

By land: Take Highway 96 east to Avenue 7E, follow Avenue 7E north past Laguna Dam, (about nine miles, pavement ends, 7E becomes Laguna Dam Road), Betty’s Kitchen is to left just past dam, or continue north to boat launch. More Info: Bureau of Land Management, 928-317-3200.

(B) SQUAW LAKE is a day-use and camping area with accessible rest rooms, outdoor showers, fire rings, drinking water and boat ramps; camping limited to 14 days in a 28-day period.

(C) SENIOR WASH DAM AND RESERVOIR is an off-stream reservoir that allows water skiing, sailing and fishing, with a boat ramp & camping facilities (summer visits limited to 14 days in a 28-day period).

By land: Follow S24 north from Winterhaven and look for signs; at main fork, signs will point west to Imperial Dam, Senator Wash; go past Senator Wash to reach Squaw Lake. More Info: Bureau of Land Management, 928-317-3200.

(D) FISHER’S LANDING (928-539-9495) is operated by a private company
Picacho State Recreation Area and Cibola National Wildlife Refuge are located further North, above the top edge of river map.

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UPSTREAM AREAS WITH LIMITED LAND ACCESS:

Above Martinez Lake, the river mostly runs through wildlife refuge lands, and land access to the river is limited. Tent camping is allowed on the California side of

(G) FERGUSON LAKE, outside refuge boundaries, but you have to get there by boat.

Above Ferguson Lake, the refuge encompasses both banks until you reach

(H) PICACHO STATE RECREATION AREA (760-996-2963 or 760-393-3059), which includes eight miles of California shoreline. Once a lively gold-mining town, this is now a popular park with full and car-top boat launches, 54 primitive campsites (campers and trailers permitted), a group campground, and two boat-in group sites, with picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water, chemical toilets, solar showers, and RV dump station. No drinking water at five smaller campgrounds upriver. Water skiing permitted on adjoining river.

By land: Take S24 north from Winterhaven, watch for signs - go straight where S24 bends right. Only first six miles of 24-mile road paved; rest usually passable for cars, trailers and motor homes, but may wash out during storms.

North of Picacho, the river again runs through the Imperial National Wildlife Refuge and there is no public access by land. At river mile 86, you enter the

(I) CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, which surrounds Walters Camp (river mile 88), a popular midway stop between Blythe to Martinez Lake.

By land: Take I-8 west 15 miles to Ogilby Road (S34, exit 134), north on Ogilby 25 miles to Highway 78, then right 16.5 miles to Walters Camp Road. ✪
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In Parker, it’s all about the Colorado River. The shoreline of the river from Parker Dam south to Headgate Dam - on the Arizona side and the California side - is simply gorgeous.

And in many RV resorts and parks, you can pull your rig right up to the edge of the river. Cruise up and down the river, check out the views of the chocolate-red mountains on either side, and you’ll come back here again and again.

Parker provides visitors the perfect combination of water and land activities. Off-roading can be enjoyed on BLM-managed land, which offers lots of places to ride. On the other hand, the 16-mile path of the Colorado River - known at the Parker Strip - is the ideal playground for fishing, watercraft and water sports, including water skiing and wakeboarding.

Two factors that have developed Parker and the Parker Strip as a winter destination are the Emerald Canyon Golf Course and the BlueWater Resort & Casino, which is operated by Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT).

The Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Reservation surrounds the one-square mile town site of Parker, and is the home to four tribal groups – Chemehuevi, Mohave, Hopi and Navajo – relocated as the federal government assumed control over traditional tribal lands elsewhere.

While exploring Parker, visitors might want to check-out the community’s other offerings, including the “Nellie E. Saloon,” nicknamed the Desert Bar. Nestled in the Buckskin Mountains on an old mining camp, the bar is powered by solar energy. It is only open during the winter months on weekends.

A different desert experience is Swansea Ghost Town, a trip back in time to a mining town that has been called one of Arizona’s best ghost towns by Arizona Highways magazine. Other notable attractions are: Aha Khav Tribal Preserve, CRIT Museum and Library, Poston Memorial Monument, and Buckskin Mountain State Park.

Read more about these attractions in this section of the Winter Visitor Guide.

Parker Calendar

Note: Event dates and times are subject to change. Visit Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism website at parkeraz.org; and BlueWater Resort & Casino website at bluewaterfun.com for updates and additional events. The Parker Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is located at 1217 S. California Ave. 928-669-2174.

ONGOING

Walking Tour of Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge. Every Thursday, 8-10 a.m. Admission: Free. Take sturdy shoes or boots, water, binoculars, sunscreen, hat. Address: Visitor Center, 60911 Hwy. 95, Parker. Phone: Wildlife Refuge Specialist Joey Saccomanno at 928-667-4144 ext. 128 or joseph_saccomanno@fws.gov.

La Paz County Park Swap Meet. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday. Shop from a variety of vendors offering thousands of unique items. Admission/Parking: Free. Address: La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Drive. Phone: 928-667-2069.

JANUARY

January 10-11
GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Parker “250” Presented by Polaris RZR. “Showdown in the Desert” is the first race of the season for Best in the Desert - motorcycles, quads and UTVs points only. Tech Inspection is Friday, followed by Youth Races. Saturday is a full day of racing and awards. Times: Check website. Admission: Free. Address: BlueWater Resort & Casino, 11300 Resort Drive. Website: bitd.com.

January 23
Best in the Desert Parker “425” Downtown Experience. Check website for times. Off-road racing fans will have the chance to meet the race teams participating in the weekend’s Parker “425”, and see the vehicles up-close at this street party presented by Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. Talk to the drivers and crews and get autographs. There will be live music, beverages, food, merchandise and vendors. Time Trials will be held earlier in the day. Admission: Free. Address: Downtown Parker. Website: parkeraz.org.

January 24-25
Parker “425” Presented by Impact and Best in the Desert. The Parker 425 is one of the most talked about - and most fun for participants - off-road races of the year! This year, the 425 will have two races - on Friday and Saturday, with the unlimited class on Saturday. Check the website for times and more details. Spectators can watch the action from Shea Road or at the “Y” in the road at Bouse. Time Trials Jan. 23; Contingency Row and Tech Inspection Jan. 24; Awards presentation Jan. 26. Admission: Free. Address: BlueWater Resort & Casino, 11300 Resort Drive. Website: bitd.com.

FEBRUARY

February 15
28th Annual Buckskin Mountain Desert Dash. Registration 8 a.m.; Race at 10 a.m. This annual run, presented by

The Parker 425 off-road race starts on the streets of Parker before heading into the desert - setting itself apart from other off-road events.

Parker Rotary, is a five-mile course that runs through Buckskin Mountain and concludes at the Nellie E. Saloon (Desert Bar). Choose from a 5-mile mountain bike race, 5K run or 5K fitness walk. The race starts at Cienega Springs Road - five miles north of Parker off Hwy. 95. It is a graded road, but not an easy course. Fee: $20 that includes tshirt until Feb. 1; $25 after. Phone: Parker Chamber 928-669-2174. Website: parkeraz.org; Facebook/Parker Rotary Club.

MARCH

March 7-8
NWSRA Parker International Water Ski Races. This is a National Water Ski Racing Association sanctioned event. For more information, visit website. Address: BlueWater Resort & Casino, 11300 Resort Drive. Website: Nwsra.net; Facebook.

March 12-14
La Paz County Fair. “Bloom It & Groom It, We Have It All!” As the theme implies, there’s much to see and do including entertainment, booths, livestock, exhibits and vendors. The Miss La Paz County Scholarship Pageant will be held as well as 4-H and FAA livestock auctions. Hours/Tickets: See website. Address: La Paz County Fairgrounds. Phone: 928-669-8100. Website/Facebook: lapazcountyfair.org.

Find everything from tools to food at the La Paz County Park Swap Meet, every Saturday through March.
Parker Attractions

Parker Dam & Power Plant
View the world’s deepest dam from a scenic point on either the Arizona or California side of the beautiful Colorado River. The dam is located 17 miles northeast of Parker. The dam forms the reservoir of Lake Havasu, which is 45 miles long.

Water is pumped from the reservoir into the Colorado River Aqueduct, which can provide up to one billion gallons of water a day to Southern California cities. Water is also pumped into the Central Arizona Project, providing water to Arizona cities, farms, ranches, and Arizona Native American communities. Parker Dam is the deepest dam in the world at 320 feet and is one of the most visited power plants in the local area. The Bureau of Reclamation built the dam between 1934 and 1938, and two-thirds of its depth is below the riverbed. The dam’s builders aimed to drill deep into the earth to find bedrock to ensure the dam’s stability. Parker Dam is operated with Hoover and Davis Dams to bring water and power benefits to residents of the Lower Colorado River Basin. A tour of the power plant is no longer available to the public, due to budget cuts and security issues. However, scenic view pullouts are open to the public on both the Arizona and California sides of the dam.

Parker Dam Road Scenic Byway
The Parker Dam Road - between Earp, Calif. and Parker Dam Calif. - has officially been declared a National Back Country byway by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Several historical and nature inspired sites along the road offer travelers a look into the area’s past as well as an insight of the desert flora and wildlife. The Bureau of Land Management also operates several campsites, OHV areas and day-use sites along the California shore of the river, and there are several private Bureau of Land Management concessionaire resorts available. Website: blm.gov.

Nellie E. Saloon (The Desert Bar)
The Nellie E. Saloon, known as The Desert Bar, is situated in the Buckskin Mountains, on land that at the time was an old mining camp. The camp was located on the portion of land that is now the parking lot. In 1983, the saloon opened for business in the temporary three-sided structure. The name, Nellie E., originated from the old mining camp. The Nellie E. was completed in 1988. The inside of the saloon is unique in many ways. It has windows that are from old glass refrigerator doors, the barstools are made of steel and sway from side to side, the top of the bar is brass, and the ceiling is made of stamped tin, purchased from a factory in Missouri. The covered walk bridge was built in 1991 and the church completed in 1996. The church is made of solid steel and the walls and ceiling are made of the same stamped tin used in the saloon ceiling. Across for the saloon is an outdoor bar and cooking area with a cooling tower. Behind the outside bar is a horseshoe pit, and on the side of the bar is a stage for live music. Visit its website or Facebook page for the list of vendors. The Miss La Paz County Scholarship Pageant will be held as well as 4-H and FAA livestock auctions.

The Nellie E. Saloon, more commonly known as the Desert Bar, welcomes visitors on the weekends through April. Desert Bar photo.
The BlueWater Resort & Casino, a gaming enterprise of Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT), sits on the edge of the Colorado River – making it accessible from water or land.

Las Vegas fun is available in Parker at the BlueWater Resort and Casino, a gaming enterprise of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. All of the rooms have a beautiful view of the Colorado River and mountains. “The Dig” entertainment lounge offers live music. The Desert Bar, which features a full bar and grill, is open through April at noon - 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only. There is live music, just Facebook for schedule. Only cash is accepted. There is no phone service. Children welcome. The Nellie E. Saloon is located via dirt road five miles off the Cienega Springs Road exit on Highway 95, and approximately five miles north of Parker. Website: thedesertbar.com; Facebook/Desert Bar.

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La Paz County Park
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Address: 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker. Phone: 928-667-2069. Website: Lapazcountyparks.com.

Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Museum and Library
The Colorado River Indian Tribes is unique in the sense that it is occupied by four distinct tribal groups - Mohave, Chemehuevi, Navajo and Hopi - each with its own separate culture and traditions. The CRIT Museum and Library are both open to the public Monday through Friday and there is no charge to visit the facilities. The Library offers a vast selection of reading materials; including historical archives and selections relative to the four tribes. The museum contains the largest collection of Chemehuevi baskets in the world, excellent examples of pottery, beautiful Navajo silversmith jewelry, intricate Kachina dolls, and many artifacts from the Reservation.

Address: Museum is located at 1007 Arizona Ave. The CRIT Library is located on 2nd Ave & Mohave Road. Phone: Museum, 928-669-8970.

Parker Area Historical Society Museum
History buffs will enjoy seeing the history of Parker in this museum. There are displays featuring Native American and old mining artifacts, and old photos of aerial views of the surrounding areas. There are also large photo exhibits from the building of Parker Dam and the World War II Japanese internment camps, one of which was located in Poston. Call for times. Address: 1214 California Ave. Phone: 928-669-2556 (leave a message); Chamber 928-667-2069. Website: Parkermuseum.com; Facebook.

Poston Memorial Monument
This monument marks the site of the Poston War Relocation Center where 17,867 persons of Japanese ancestry were interned during World War II. The monument is located 11 miles south of Parker on Mohave Road, and may be visited any time during daylight hours. There is no fee. History of the center is inscribed into the monument and at an information kiosk on the property. Phone: Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce, 928-669-2174.

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Aha Khav Tribal Preserve

The Preserve is located just south of Four Corners on the Colorado River Indian Reservation - approximately three miles south of Parker on Mohave Road, turn west on Rodeo Road at the PIRA Rodeo Grounds. The Aha Khav Preserve is a serene wetland and backwater area of the River. The Preserve has been made possible through the efforts of the CRIT Education Department, which is returning the area to its natural habitat. The Preserve, which includes hunting and fishing areas known to many as Deer Lake, also offers hiking trails, picnic area, play grounds, and canoeing. There is a small fee for canoe rentals. Phone: CRIT Education Department, 928-669-2664.

Swansea Ghost Town

Swansea has been proclaimed as one of Arizona’s best ghost towns by Arizona Highways Magazine. Take a day trip back in time and see the remains of what was once a bustling mining community, complete with a “moving picture house,” a post office and automobile dealership. On public lands, the Bureau of Land Management now manages the town and has added picnic and camping areas near the town site. A non-profit organization, the “Friends of Swansea,” has also been established to raise funds for the restoration of Swansea. Swansea is accessible by two-wheel drive automobiles; however high clearance vehicles are suggested. The ghost town can be reached by traveling east out of Parker on Shea Road - paved for about 12 miles. At this point you will travel about 17 miles on a graded dirt road to Swansea. The ghost town can also be reached by traveling northeast from Bouse. There is no charge to visit Swansea.

Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge

Get back to the beauty and serenity of nature at this outdoor lovers’ paradise. Stop in the Visitors Center first, at 508 S. California Ave., Parker, AZ 85344. Phone: 928-667-4144. Website: fws.gov/refuge/bill_williams_river.

Bill Williams Bridge

A few miles north of Parker Dam, the Bill Williams River flows into Lake Havasu on the Arizona side of the river. That’s where the Bill Williams Bridge is located, sporting a spectacular view of the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge (Bill Williams Unit) to the right and a panoramic view of Lake Havasu to the left. The refuge, established in 1941 to provide wintering water flow habitats, is comprised of cattail marshes, rugged desert uplands and a riparian zone. The varied terrain attracts many species of migratory birds including the endangered Yuma Clapper Rail as well as other wildlife such as owls, lizards, desert bighorn sheep, and Gamble’s Quail. Phone: 928-667-4144.

Buckskin Mountain State Park

This state park commands one of the finest views along the Parker Strip. Mountains line the river on both the Arizona and California sides, and the wildlife is as varied as the recreational opportunities along the river. This picturesque park provides a scenic respite, mountain hikes, a desert escape and fun-filled water adventure. The park has a campground, cabana sites, beach, hiking trails, boat ramp, picnic area, basketball and volleyball court, playground, restaurant, camp store, arcade, gas dock, and ranger station. It is open 24 hours, year-round. Visitor Center is open January through March from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Park fee is $10 per vehicle (1-4 adults). Address: 5476 N. Highway 95. Phone: 928-667-3231. Website: azstateparks.com.

Off-Roading

The Parker Outback, which includes (towns and BLM lands), offers many Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) places to ride for the avid outdoor adventurer. The Parker Outback also includes the famous ‘Parker 425’ race course as well as the ‘Parker 250’ race course (that can be utilized by visitors on any day except when race officials mark the course otherwise).

Camping

Campers can enjoy plenty of areas to camp in the Parker Area and the surrounding outback areas including River Island Park, Buckskin Mountain, La Paz County Park, and BLM land.
Welcome to Parker, Arizona

Why should you come to Parker, Arizona? This is the question I posed to the man who can probably best answer this question, Mayor Dan Beaver. The mayor has lived in Parker for 65 years and has been the mayor for the last 8 of those. I had a chance to sit down with Dan recently and pick his brain a bit about what he likes about the little gem in the desert that we both call home.

The town of Parker was established in 1908 and was named after Ely Parker, the first Native American commissioner for the US government. Parker is the county seat for La Paz County and is located in the heart of the Colorado River Indian Reservation. The town of Parker is a popular destination for tourists from all over, especially in the winter months, due to our mild temperatures and gorgeous surroundings.

What does our mayor like most about Parker? The weather (of course) and the people. Parker is a small town and is blessed with that small-town vibe: friendly people, with a laid back, easy-going attitude. Dan says his father was a world traveler and both men agreed that Parker is the most beautiful place around. We have the desert, which gives us great off-road activities for UTV/ATV riders and hunters alike. We also have the river, which is perfect for water sports like skiing, boating, and fishing. Dan is quick to emphasize that Parker is one of the few places you can participate in those year-round.

As far as town of Parker specific activities, the mayor points out that there have been a great many improvements to the parks in the town. There are a lot of new, updated structures, and they are kept clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. Our beautiful library has a ton of services: computers with fast internet connections, an on-site notary, and of course, books of all kinds. For those of you who want to get involved, there is the Parker Senior Center. Here there are lots of year-round activities and it is one of the most outstanding in the state.

Tourism for the winter season starts with the Annual Colorado River Chili Cook-off, and there are lots of events, one of the most beloved being the Best in the Desert racing extravaganza. The Parker 425 Downtown Experience takes place right in downtown Parker (of course) and is anticipated by both snowbirds and locals alike.

I asked the mayor if there is anything else he wanted to share with the readership. His response was just that he wants to bring people to Parker. He'd like them to “stay, build a business, and live here.” Parker’s citizens are “gracious and believe in good customer service” and he truly believes everyone will love our small-town atmosphere. I couldn’t agree more!
Outdoor activities draw visitors to Blythe

One step outside during the winter months in Blythe, Calif., and it's easy to see why the population swells in size this time of year.

The Palo Verde Valley in which Blythe sits, and the accommodating winter temperatures, makes this area the perfect playground for active adults - whether they enjoy hiking, rock-hounding, bird-watching, exploring, golfing, off-roading, or fishing. Blythe’s average winter highs range from 55-75 degrees and it is said that residents bask in sunshine 350 days a year.

Blythe is the place for adventures and exploring. Winter visitors can grab water, a GPS, and head to the famous Blythe Intaglios, take along binoculars to visit one of the wildlife preserves, or tackle the expanse of desert on an off-road vehicle. Or, head 23 miles east to Quartzsite, Arizona and check-out the daily Rock, Gem & Mineral Show at Desert Garden Showgrounds.

The Colorado River, stretched out to the east of Blythe as the border between California and Arizona, is home to two wildlife preserves - Cibola National Wildlife Refuge and the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. Both are good for hiking, but don’t forget your binoculars and camera. Cibola is a bird-watchers’ paradise with a variety of birds and other wildlife.

Take a rod and bait and head to the Colorado River for some fishing, or paddle a canoe or kayak out for an afternoon in the sunshine.

Travelers have been stopping in Blythe for years to visit the Blythe Intaglios, those mysterious giant drawings of human figures and animals carved into the Colorado Desert. Follow Highway 95 out of town 15 miles to a small brown BLM sign that guides visitors down the dirt road to the Intaglios. Park in a designated lot and walk a short distance to the fenced area and the first drawing.

According to the BLM website, there are six distinct drawings at three different sites - two of which are less than a quarter-mile from the designated parking area, and the third, according to the BLM, is a half-mile hike up, part of it up a 10 percent grade.

The largest figure is approximately 171-feet long and can be seen by ground; but all of the figures are best viewed from the air.

The desert that surrounds Blythe has numerous opportunities for rock hounds, campers and hikers. The Palo Verde Valley offers areas to play in a dune buggy or other off-road vehicles.

The Valley itself is surrounded on all sides by the beauty of mountain ranges, which, according to the Blythe Chamber of Commerce website, are the Big Maria Mountains to the north, McCoy Mountains to the west, Palo Verde and Chocolate Mountains to the south, and Sawtooth Mountain to the east.

Within the city of Blythe, visitors can partake in a round of golf on the Blythe Golf Course, located at the northwest end of the valley. Or enjoy a picnic under one of the wonderful shade trees at one of Blythe’s public parks.

Blythe is well-known within the Bluegrass music community for its Annual Blythe Bluegrass Festival, always the third weekend in January and typically the country’s first major bluegrass event of the year. This year’s annual festival is Jan. 17-19 at the Colorado River Fairgrounds. Festival-goers should bring lawn chairs and settle-in for three days of banjo pickin’, fiddle-playing entertainment.

The City of Blythe was incorporated in 1916 and named after Thomas Blythe, a gold prospector from San Francisco who established primary water rights to the Colorado River in the region in 1877.

The city is located at the junction of Interstate 10 and US 95.

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### Blythe 2020 Calendar

**JANUARY 17-19**

**Blythe Bluegrass Festival.** Festival-goers should bring lawn chairs and settle-in for three days of banjo pickin’, fiddle-playing entertainment. This long-running festival, always in January, is typically the country’s first major bluegrass event of the year. This year’s lineup includes: Appalachian Roadshow, Bluegrass Patriots, Bar D Wranglers, Greg Blake Band, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Washburn Family, Marty Warburton & Home Girls, Old Blue Band, Rusted Spurs West, and Steve Spurgin, Mark Miracle and Byron Lipkins. There will be a Country and Western Dance on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Admission to the dance is $5. This year, the Colorado River Fair Board took over hosting the Bluegrass Festival from the Blythe Chamber of Commerce. **Hours:** Check website for event times. **Tickets:** 3-day admission (no camping): Adult (12-59) $45; Senior (60-over) $40. See website for camping options. **Address:** Colorado River Fairgrounds, 591 Olive Lake Blvd. **Website:** ColoradoRiverFair.com. **Phone:** 760-922-3247.

**MARCH 12-15**

**Colorado River Fair.** The fair, with the theme “Country Dreams and Faded Jeans,” will offer four days of carnival rides and games, entertainment, exhibits, livestock auction, and food and merchandise vendors. **Hours:** On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, gates are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Carnival is open Thursday and Friday from 5-11 p.m., Satur-
Blythe Attractions

**BLYTE INTAGLIOS**
Blythe is famous for the “Blythe Intaglios,” which lie 15 miles outside the city limits, carved into what some call the “desert pavement.” “Intaglio” is a term applied to burial mounds, which refers to a design cut into a hard surface. According to the Bureau of Land Management, whose land the Intaglios are on, “the largest human figure measures 171 feet from head to toe.” The BLM website also states that according to the Mohave and Quecan Indians of the lower Colorado River area, the human figure represents Mastamho, the creator of all life, and the animal figure represents Hatakulya, a mountain lion which helped in the Creation. The best way to view these are from the air. **Address:** 15 miles north of Blythe on U.S. Route 95. **Phone:** 928-317-3200. **Website:** blm.gov/visit/blythe-intaglios.

**KOFA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
Hike the refuge and view the wildlife and desert flora. The Kofa Mountains and Castle Dome Mountains dominate the landscape, making a perfect home for bighorn sheep - the largest population in the southwestern U.S. The big horn sheep habitat covers 278,400 acres (435 square miles) of this 664,327-acre (1,038 square miles) refuge, which was established in 1939 and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Some of the wildlife found at the refuge includes the desert kit fox and desert tortoise. You will find a number of birds, including the white-winged dove, cactus wren and orange-crowned warbler. On the west end of the Kofa Mountains is situated Palm Canyon, where you will find the California palm, which is the only native palm in Arizona. **Address:** 9300 E. 28th Street, Yuma. **Phone:** 928-783-7861. **Website:** fws.gov/refuge/Kofa.

**CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
Bird-watchers flock to this park, which sits in the flood plain of the Lower Colorado River, and is part of the route migrants fly while heading north or south, depending on time of year, of course. The refuge is home to about 85 percent of the wintering goose population in Arizona. Close to 300 species -including white-winged doves, cranes and Vermillion flycatchers - have been spotted here. Cibola Lake is an ideal area to see blue herons, pelicans, and waterfowl. If you stop by Hart Mine Marsh, you might catch a glance of a bald eagle, or the endangered Yuma clapper rail. While at the refuge, you might spot a bobcat, desert tortoise, coyote or mule deer. **Address:** 66600 Cibola Lake Rd, Cibola, AZ. **Phone:** 928-857-3253. **Website:** fws.gov/refuge/Cibola.

**BLYTE GOLF COURSE**
This beautifully manicured public course is located at the northwest end of the valley and offers a stunning view of the Palo Verde Valley. The par-73 course is 6,866 yards features elevation changes and a challenging fairway. It has a driving range, and offers rental clubs and rental carts. Golfers can book a tee time online. After a round of golf, relax with something to eat or drink in the Bar & Grill. **Address:** 3480 Quail Run Road. **Phone:** 760-922-7272. **Website:** blythegolfcourse.com; Facebook, Blythe Municipal Golf Course.

**PALO VERDE HISTORICAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL SOCIETY**
Learn about the local history, enjoy gem and mineral displays, and works of local artists. There is also genealogical material available. The volunteer staff is there to provide additional information and answer questions about the history of the city and area. **Address:** 150 N. Broadway St. **Phone:** 760-922-8770.

**COLORADO RIVER FAIRGROUNDS**
The Fairgrounds is home to a variety of events, including the Blythe Bluegrass Festival and Colorado River Fair. Visit the website for its calendar of events. **Address:** 591 Olive Lake Blvd. **Phone:** 760-922-3247. **Website:** coloradoriverfair.com.

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Day from 2-11 p.m., and Sunday 2-9 p.m. The Exhibit Building is open from Noon to 10 p.m., except on Sunday it is open from Noon to 9 p.m. **Admission:** Adults (13 & up) $12; Children (6 to 12) $5; Children (5 & under) free; Seniors (60 & up) $8; See-
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The Passport has a vignette of each jurisdiction: Bouse, Colorado Indian Tribes, Cibola/Ehrenberg, McMullen Valley, Alamo Lake, Parker, and Quartzsite. There is a list of points-of-interest, a regional map, and links to information. The most significant feature of the Passport is an Events Calendar with listings, by month, of all activities in the region. Visitors, and residents are able to find events in the entire region which are specifically of interest to them no matter where they are currently residing. Typical tourism programs focus on a single area versus the region.

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Looking for something to do? Get a copy of the “Passport to Adventure” at a local chamber of commerce or view it on-line at: www.lapazcountypassport.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Browse these sites for details about Quartzsite and the local area:
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www.Ci.quartzsite.az.us
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www.QIAarizona.org
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RIDE Quartzsite, Arizona 2019

By Mark Goldberg. Quartzsite Off-Road, November 2019

Looking for the best place to exercise your ATV, UTV, Jeep or Motorcycle? Quartzsite lies in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, 879 feet above sea level, with pristine desert views, great climate, splash-color sunsets, and relaxed lifestyle...all surrounded by a backdrop of mountains, hundreds of off-road trails, and colorful historic resources. Over 325 square miles in the desert are home to: old mine sites; active mines, stone cabins, petroglyphs, pictographs, grinding mortars, natural springs, and more. There are more off-road points-of-interest in Quartzsite, than most other areas of the West Coast. There are five mountain areas in Quartzsite, each with its unique set of trails and things to see. Quartzsite is also home to The Arizona Peace Trail, a 675-Mile loop off-road trail linking La Paz, Mojave, and Yuma Counties. This diverse trail covers the full gamut of desert experiences and can be run as a 5-day trek. A trail atlas is now available, and the trail is in the final stages of governmental approval (www.azpeacetrail.org).

The Quartzsite Off-Road Atlas is available at nominal cost at local businesses (and on-line at: www.quartzsiteoffroad.com), with: 33 color, topographic maps; 100 points-of-interest with GPS coordinates; emergency checklist; relevant laws; off-road clubs and organizations; lodging; restaurants, and more! The atlas is designed for use by the average person who may not have GPS equipment or technical skills. A digital version of the Atlas is available to navigate the Quartzsite Off-Road areas with your cell phone or tablet; showing your real-time position!

Lodging is available at three motels, 56+ RV Parks. BLM offers 11,000 acres of camping on public lands in and around Quartzsite in the midst of the off-road trails.

In addition to great off-road activities, Quartzsite is a great BASE CAMP for winter visitors looking for reasonable accommodations, scenic beauty, fantastic weather, easy regional access and fun activities. Arts, crafts, live entertainment, and music “jams” are frequent winter activities. Other significant activities include The Pow Wow Gem and Mineral Show; The Gold Show; and, perusing the acres and acres of swap meets with gems and minerals brought here for sale by the people who mined them, along with diverse treasures brought by a myriad of vendors offering, “Everything Under the Sun!”

Make Quartzsite your BASE CAMP for winter fun!
Quartzsite Improvement Association (QIA)

The QIA is Quartzsite’s oldest non-profit, all-volunteer, organization. In the early days, Quartzsite was a destination for rockhounds to come in the winter and “tailgate” their finds to other enthusiasts. The QIA constructed a large Community Building in the late 1960’s, and for the last 50+ years, QIA has raised funds to support local organizations and the town by providing equipment and donations towards community needs.

QIA’s flagship event is the Pow Wow Gem and Mineral Show which grew out of the tailgating experience. Held January 15-19, 2020, Pow Wow is now in its 54th year; and, is expanding this year from 500 vendors to 650 vendors and features gems, minerals, fossils, and jewelry from all over the world. Free admission, free parking.

QIA is also home to the Desert Sky Theater with capacity to seat over 500 people and hold large community events. A full catering kitchen is also part of QIA. A schedule of live entertainment with reasonable ticket prices, runs from November to late March.

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The Colorado River Indian Tribe’s ’Ahakhav Tribal Preserve

The ’Ahakhav Tribal Preserve is a nature preserve located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation. It is a beautiful area that I wanted to find out a bit more about, and Project Administrator, Cheyenne Garcia graciously obliged.

The idea for the preserve came about in 1994, when CRIT (then) tribal council member (now chairman), Dennis Patch suggested to the rest of the council that a revegetation area be created around a reconstructed backwater section of the Colorado River. The focus would be on restoring the land, revegetating burned sites, and revitalizing a habitat for native animals. In 1995 the preserve was established, and today it consists of 2500 acres of river lands and wilderness, and a 3 ½ acre park area.

The preserve isn’t just for plants and animals though. Cheyenne says all visitors are welcome to enjoy the park, which boasts a gorgeous playground, several picnic areas, a 4.6 mile hiking trail, and the backwater is perfect for fishing, swimming, canoeing (don’t have one? You can rent one there), and kayaking. Each year in the spring, Mega Throw (a cultural event celebrating bird songs indigenous to the area) is hosted on the preserve as well.

Cheyenne is extremely driven, he not only has a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Education, he says it is his passion. This CRIT tribal member says he wants to “spark a fascination with nature” in others. Personally, I think he is in the perfect position to do so, at the preserve, and he certainly has big plans for it. They receive funding from, not only the Colorado River Indian Tribes but, also through grants from the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Cheyenne says they have...
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just started working with local fish and game to establish a new jack rabbit rehabilitation program. They are also installing raptor perches for the majestic red-tailed hawks in the area. At the present time, a fish-pond is being installed at the preserve for the rare and endangered Desert pupfish, whose habitat has been being steadily destroyed since the early 1900’s. There are also plans in the works to install more hiking trails and possibly even a mountain bike trail. A beach is also being planned for the backwater where visitors could enjoy picnicking among native trees and flowers. Cheyenne says he is interested in also expanding their focus to include more outreach and education.

I asked Cheyenne if there is anything else he would like the readers to know about the preserve. He said that it is open to everyone. Also, visitors can reserve park areas for special events. There is not only fishing and swimming but, you can learn something too. The 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve is located at 25401 Rodeo Drive in Parker and is open from dawn to dusk daily.
Desert Gardens RV Park is a 55+ park located in Quartzsite, Arizona, a small town in the Southwest Sonoran Desert at the crossroads of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Los Angeles.

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The Arizona Peace Trail
by Mark Goldberg, Arizona Peace Trail Secretary

In 2013, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), conceived a plan to create a connector trail between Bullhead City in the North, and Yuma in the south. The Arizona Sunriders ATV Club in Quartzsite, had been working with La Paz County since 2011 to create a loop OHV trail system in the Quartzsite area. The Bouse Ghost Riders ATV Club was also working with La Paz County to develop OHV recreational opportunities in Bouse.

In early fall of 2013, The Bouse Ghost Riders ATV Club saw the opportunity to combine the multiple trail efforts into a single-trail focused effort. By 2014, a team of 14 OHV clubs, under the leadership of J.C. Sanders, former president of the Ghost Riders, along with support from BLM, AZGFD, Yuma County, La Paz County, and Mojave County, formed the Arizona Peace Trail, Inc. (APTI), which gained non-profit status in July 2015.

TRAIL FORMULATION AND EXPERIENCE

The APTI member clubs worked diligently, spending many hours of field research and coordination with numerous federal, state and local jurisdictions, and private property owners, to ultimately define a 750-mile loop trail that spans three counties: Mojave, La Paz, and Yuma.

The Arizona Peace Trail is a unique 675-mile off-road adventure trail in western Arizona that spans the trees in the Hualapai Mountains, to the broad desert along the Colorado River, to the ridgelines of the Laguna Mountains, with widely-varied terrain, unique physical features, and diverse points-of-interest.

Fifteen local off-road clubs began work on the Peace Trail in 2011. The goal was to utilize existing off-road routes, where possible, to minimize environmental impacts. Working with state and federal agencies, the route was adopted and refined to present day. A formal master plan of the routes and environmental planning has been completed this year.

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Many side routes are available off of the designated Peace Trail in each geographic area.
linking Mojave County, La Paz County, and Yuma County. The trail has loops and segments of varying length and degrees of difficulty for multiple types of OHV’s, including: 4x4’s; side-by-side utility vehicles; all-terrain vehicles; and motorcycles. The trail is open to motorized and non-motorized users.

Trail users will experience dramatic landscape and ecosystem changes (elevation 170’-7070’); many varieties of cacti; red rock landscapes; winding sand washes and river bottoms; narrow canyons, ridge-line trails; historic sites, diverse wildlife, and fantastic scenic beauty.

**MASTER PLAN**
To further define the development of the Peace Trail, APTI applied for, and received, a grant from the Arizona State Parks and Trails Department to fund a Master Plan for the Peace Trail. To date, several public “Stakeholder” meetings have taken place to gain input on trail alignment, visions and goals for trail development, location of future trail heads and staging areas, scope and schedule of the Master Plan and more.

**WEB SITE**
Many details about the Arizona Peace Trail are available on the official Arizona Peace Trail web site (www.arizonapeace-trail.org). Of particular interest are links to detailed maps of the route, along with GPX and KML downloads for Global Positioning System devices. A trail itinerary is also provided as an example of a 5-day trip to circumnavigate the Peace Trail. Locations of services are noted, including lodging, fuel, repairs, restaurants, and more.

Plan your trip today to ride and enjoy all or part of the new Arizona Peace Trail!
Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem and Mineral Club—Wow

In many towns, rock clubs are a small group of like-minded enthusiasts who gather together to share their love of gems and minerals. Often, one of the members has a rock saw, or grinding equipment at their home where the members gather once a month. The Quartzsite Gem and Mineral Club is a major exception to that model!

Through volunteer efforts, and excellent leadership, this club has grown from a few pieces of equipment to a major fun-house of mineral and craft ecstasy. The club has about 700 members; many of whom are winter visitors. For only $20 per year, members enjoy the availability of a wide range of classes with talented instructors to teach techniques and equipment use on projects including: lapidary, silversmithing, basket making, beading and bead-making, casting class, dichroic glass fusing, flint knapping, rock carving, leather working, opal cutting, stained glass, steel knife-making, wire-wrapping, cold forging and more!

In addition to craft activities, the club has guided trips for rockhounding, OHV exploration trips, Black light rock hunting, participation in the Pow Wow Gem and Mineral Show each January, Social events including a monthly pancake breakfast, hobo stew, holiday dinners, silent auctions, tailgate events, highway clean-up, participation in community parades, and a youth scholarship fundraising campaign.

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• When shopping for items sold by street vendors, don’t hesitate to negotiate prices. But be realistic in your counter offer.

• If a merchant won’t give you the price you want, see if you can get a better deal from another vendor, who, chances are, will be offering the same or similar merchandise.

• The legal drinking age in Mexico is 18 years.

• Travelers who are not California residents, but who live in the U.S., can bring more than one 1-liter bottle every 30 days through the U.S. Port of Entry at Andrade, Calif., although they will be charged duty. They must be at least 21 years of age.

• Do not bring a firearm or ammunition with you to Mexico. If caught, you will go to jail and your vehicle will be seized.

• When returning from visits to Mexico, U.S. citizens must present a U.S. Passport book, passport card, enhanced driver’s license or Trusted Traveler Program card to officers at U.S. ports of entry.

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• Canadian citizens returning from visits to Mexico can present a valid Canadian passport, enhanced driver’s license or Trusted Traveler Program card.

• For Mexico travel advisories, visit the U.S. State Department website at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html

• If you’re planning to go south of the border with $10,000 or more in currency or checks, you will need to declare it by completing a form FinCEN 105. Failure to do so could result in the currency’s seizure, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

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Los Algodones, located just seven miles west of Yuma on Interstate 8, is a community of 15,000. From Yuma, take Interstate 8 west to the Andradade exit (Route 186). Turn left and proceed south approximately two miles. In the past, a limited amount of roadside parking was available, but the California Highway Patrol no longer allows parking there. The Quechan Indian Tribe operates a paved and lighted pay parking lot on the U.S. side. It’s just a short walk across the border and directly in the tourist area.

For more information, visit www.losalgodones.com

**SHOP**

With plenty of open-air markets and street vendors peddling everything from jewelry and sunglasses to painted rocks and wood-carved figures, Mexican border cities near Yuma have incredibly colorful, diverse shopping experiences.

Los Algodones has these experiences within walking distance from the U.S.-Mexico border.

And unlike in the U.S., just about everything is negotiable.

Haggling is not only common, but expected. Virtually no one seems to have a concrete price for anything in most shops, which makes for real deals where the U.S. dollar is the primary currency.

Many of the products for sale come from different parts of Mexico, like the famous hand-carved Oaxacan figure, which are from the southern state of Oaxaca.

Some of the figures are signed by artists with their location. But visitors should always keep in mind that authenticity of items – especially jewelry and hand-made items – can often be unverifiable.

However, if you’re thinking about parting with a good chunk of change for a silver necklace, take a magnet with you and...
remember that gold and silver are non-magnetic (though that’s also not always a guaranteed way to ensure authenticity either).

Some vendors are a bit more vocal than we’re used to in tourist areas in the States, which can be a tad overwhelming depending on your capacity for being called “friend” and “buddy” hundreds of times within a few hours. Since the communi-

Los Algodones, Mexico
ties cater to the English-speaking, it’s actually more common to hear English than Spanish.

Since the order cities are tourist-driven – especially Los Algodones – expect to see a lot of different dentists and optometrists have people in front of their offices offering free estimates and free eye exams to entice would-be patients.

Los Algodones is actually known as the dental capital of Mexico, with more than 350 dentists working in the town.

No matter what you decide to buy – or not buy – in the border cities, it is sure to be an interesting, enjoyable experience.

EAT

Restaurants and food trucks are plentiful in Algodones. The food isn’t wildly different from the Mexican food you can get in Yuma County, but the prices can be a bit cheaper depending on where you go, and there are often more options for sweets and candies.

Traditional Mexican fare like tacos, flautas, sopes and chiles rellenos (stuffed chiles) are available at most restaurants and many food trucks as well.

Like in the U.S., it is not unusual for restaurants to offer complimentary tortilla chips that are often served with multiple salsas, pico de gallo, cucum...
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And because the area is about 60 miles from the Gulf of California, fish and other seafood is on the menu in many restaurants.

Panaderías in Mexico have all the most unique selection of Mexican foods – mostly dulces (sweets).

Chili-covered lollipops, candied nuts and fresh honey are just a few of the sugary foods that are plentiful in many shops and along many streets.

Snow cones, fruit smoothies and various ice creams are also abundant with many different flavors to choose from. And, of course, there’s usually the option to add chili powder.

**MEDICAL**

Every year, thousands travel to Los Algodones, Baja Calif., to seek out medical or dental care or to purchase medicine.

If you shop for medication in Mexico, you will be subject to regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is charged with enforcing those rule at the ports of entry at Andrade, Calif., across from Los Algodones, and at San Luis, Ariz., across from Sa Louis Rio Colorado.

Some rules to keep in mind when going to Mexico to buy medicine:

- Only medications that are legally prescribed in the U.S. can be imported from Mexico for personal use.
- Travelers are required to have a valid prescription from a U.S. doctor to purchase in Mexico any medicine that appears on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administrations’ drug Schedules II through V. For more information visit http://www.dea.gov/druginfo/ds.html
- Medication purchased in Mexico must be brought to the U.S. in the original container.

For more information about purchasing medicine in Mexico, visit the FDA website at http://www.fda.gov/drugs.
Travelers still get their kicks on Route 66

The classic cars that once filled the roadway are scarce, and the famous Burma Shave signs no longer vie for attention from passersby, but even decades later Route 66 continues to lure travelers with its history and mystique.

Many visitors to the Lower Colorado River area have driven stretches of this famous highway, which extends from Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles, Calif., either by necessity, or simply for nostalgia’s sake.

There’s a lot to explore along the closest stretch of Historic Route 66—the designated section from Topock to Seligman—which can be done in a day, but you might want to stretch it into two or three. Start in Topock, Oatman, or Kingman. Take in every landmark, or choose your stops. Grab the steering wheel and let the road be your guide.

The journey from Topock starts by taking Interstate 40 to the Topock/Golden Shores exit at Mile Marker 1. Once you’re off the highway, nestled between the roadway and Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, sits Topock66 Colorado River—on the site occupied for many years by Topock Marina. After a complete renovation and expansion, Topock66 opened during the summer of 2013.

Topock66 will be the most modern stop on your road trip. Since opening, it has been accommodating guests with its restaurant, bars, retail store, swimming pool, entertainment stage, launch ramps, boat slips, and gas docks. It has seating both inside and outside, including its ‘cheeky’ bar stools that resemble bare bums.

Because the building sits one story above the water, guests enjoy stunning views of the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy a meal or cold beverage while experiencing the tranquility and beauty of the Refuge and its waterfowl and other birds.
As much as Topock66 entices customers with modern and quirky amenities, Oatman uses its dirt roads, old-time storefronts, and gunfight re-enactments to transport visitors back to the Old West.

Follow Route 66 to Oatman - once a booming mining town in the early 1900s turned tourist destination. As you arrive in Oatman, you could be greeted by the burros that roam freely on Main Street. Vehicles are often detained by these wild animals that tend to pause in the middle of the road. Numerous Oatman businesses will sell hay cubes to feed the burros, which should not be fed any other food by visitors.

Next, you’ll notice the charming shops that line the street. Their storefronts resemble those from old Western movies. There are a few eateries and an assortment of shops - carrying everything from antiques to t-shirts.

A landmark on Main Street is the Oatman Hotel, which no longer rents rooms, but has a restaurant and bar on the main level. One of the first things you’ll notice is all the dollar bills covering the walls. Built in 1902, the hotel is where Clark Gable and Carol Lombard spent their wedding night. It’s also said to be haunted by several ghosts.

And what’s an Old West mining town without a shootout? Gunfight re-enactments are performed each afternoon by the Oatman Ghost Riders Gunfighters. Spectators line the street for this popular attraction and catch a glimpse of a bit of history.

Down the road at 400 W. Beale Street is the Mohave Museum of History and Arts, which is deceiving from the outside. It’s definitely larger than it looks, with its twists and turns leading into alcoves and more exhibits. Take a journey through the mining towns and history of Northwestern Arizona. One of the larger exhibits is that of Kingman’s favorite son, Andy Devine, who enjoyed fame from appearing in movies and on television.

One of the newer attractions is the Kingman Railroad Museum, operated by the Whistle Stop Railroad Club. It opened in 2012, and is appropriately housed in Kingman’s historic Railroad Depot at 402 E. Andy Devine Road. The building is still used as a passenger waiting area for Amtrak.

A few blocks over - in the downtown area - visitors will find unique stores and a number of antique shops. Also downtown is another museum, the Bonelli House, located at 430 East Spring Street.
After a pit stop in Kingman, it's time to continue on the Mother Road. The journey from Kingman east on Route 66 is a scenic, relaxing drive. Small towns and stops - including the Hackberry General Store - dot the way toward Seligman.

The store - 26 miles down the road - is as much a museum as a place to grab a cold drink. Complete with retired gas pumps used when Route 66 was a booming thoroughfare, the store - inside and out - lends a trip down memory lane for those who remember that time, and a fascinating look into the past for those who don’t.

Walk around to the side of the store, where there is plenty to see outside - the old metal signs, an outhouse (no longer used), cars, and many more antiques.

Inside the store is just as charming and historical. There are items to view - like an old jukebox or soda machine - and replica signs and souvenirs to buy.

Visitors come from across the country, as well as Canada, New Zealand, France, Australia, and China - to name a few - to experience the Mother Road. These tourists have documented their visits by signing the guestbook, marking their home state or country with a push pin on the map, or leaving paper currency of their respective countries on the wall.

Grab a bottle of soda for the journey, and continue east a few miles up the road to Valentine and Mile Marker 87, where Keepers of the Wild Nature Park is located. It’s a much newer stop along the stretch; and although it won’t give you a glimpse of the past, it is worth a stop.

This sanctuary allows animals to roam large areas. Visitors can either walk the trails or take a riding Guide Safari Tour or Feeding Tour of the area. For hours or more information, visit www.keepersofthewild.org.

You’ll pass through the small town of Truxton before arriving in Peach Springs, which has a few hotels and restaurants. Continue a short distance to reach Grand Canyon Caverns, which sits right off Route 66 at Mile Marker 115.

After turning in at the entrance, follow the road toward an unforgettable experience. Grand Canyon Caverns is the largest dry caverns in the United States. There are several tour options, depending how much time you want to spend exploring the caverns.

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A cruise along Historic Route 66 would not be complete without a stop in Seligman - the hub of everything Route 66 from the décor inside the shops and restaurants to the choices of souvenirs.

Like the Hackberry General Store, Angel & Vilma’s Original Route 66 Gift Shop & Visitor’s Center will transport visitors back in time. The location, which started as Angel Delgadillo’s barbershop, has become part gift shop and visitor’s center with photos and memorabilia from that era. Visitors might catch the 92-year-old Angel, who many call “The Angel of Route 66,” in the gift shop reminiscing about the past.

Angel is the reason why Seligman and other towns along Route 66 aren’t boarded-up and forgotten. After Interstate 40 opened in 1978, drawing travelers away from Route 66, Angel founded the Arizona Route 66 Association and led the campaign to designate this stretch of U.S. Route 66 from Seligman to Kingman, ‘Historic Route 66’ by the State of Arizona. It has since been extended to include Topock and Oatman.

There are a number of shops worth a look, including The Rusty Bolt, Historic Seligman Sundrys, and Return to the 50s Museum.

There are also choices of eateries, including Westside Lilo’s Café, Road Kill Café, Route 66 Roadrunner, and Delgadillo’s Snow Cap. The latter is a burger joint that serves-up a helping of nostalgia with its cheeseburgers and milkshakes. The Snow Cap was opened in 1953 by Angel’s brother Juan and wife Mary Delgadillo, and has been kept open by their children and grandchildren.

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After a long day, it might be tempting to hop on the interstate to head west. But what’s the hurry? Turn the radio to the oldies station, sit back, and enjoy the ride back along Historic Route 66.

Visit Hoover Dam

One glance at Hoover Dam will reveal a most obvious fact—there’s a lot of water behind the dam. You might think that there is enough water for thousands of years. Actually, there is enough to supply 29 million households for one year. In regions of the Southwest where people are water wise, Lake Mead could supply twice this many families with water for one year.

Hoover Dam is an engineering marvel and is well worth a stop for visitors to the tri-state area. It is open to the public every day from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hoover Dam tours are closed two days per year in observance of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The following tour packages are offered:

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HISTORY

Human beings have lived along or near the Colorado River for thousands of years. The evidence for this is the hundreds of habitation sites found throughout the Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Hoover Dam and Lake Mojave area, many of which have been dated with radiocarbon, argon, or by other measures.

The descendants of the early peoples we know by familiar names—Paiutes, Hopi, Mojave, Yuma, Havasupai, and Hualapai. These names are the names which the people have given to themselves—for example, Havasupai means “the people of the blue-green water.”

The first non-native people in the Colorado River area were Spanish conquerors (conquistadores), who were looking for gold, silver or other wealth. Some two hundred years after the conquerors came, Spanish priests, such as Fathers Dominguez and Escalante in 1776, entered and explored parts of the Colorado River basin as they looked for routes of travel between their missions. It was Father Garces, also in 1776, who named the river Rio Colorado or “river colored red.”

In 1869, river explorer John Wesley Powell and his men floated down the river, starting on the Colorado’s main tributary, the Green River. From Green River, Wyoming, he and his men rowed all the way through the Grand Canyon. Powell made a second trip down the Colorado in 1871.

The river explorers were hoping to find that the Colorado could be used as a route of travel and commerce, but because of the wide fluctuations in the amount of water from season to season, and year to year, they concluded that it could not.

Just after the turn of the century a succession of floods broke through levees just above the border with Mexico. The resulting flood waters created the Salton Sea in southern California and inundated much of the Imperial Valley. On the other hand, drought years reduced the river to a trickle. In order to supply water to the arid Southwest, a series of dams along the Colorado River was devised. These dams would act as flood control, silt control, and water storage units.

The dam builders came in 1931. A handful of men did the planning and designing of the dam. There were another 16,000 workers who did the actual building. Many of these men had families—wives and children—who came with them.

Why would so many people come out to what was, at the time, a raw, undeveloped and dangerous place to live? Essentially, because of the terrible economic times, the Depression, that was then affecting almost every part of the United States. People came from every part of the country to work at Hoover Dam.

The way of life so many people had to endure—camping out in tents or shacks along the Colorado River, some for as long as three years, without clean drinking water, toilets, or protection from the extreme weather—makes these “common” people the true heroes of Hoover Dam.

Ninety-six men were killed in on-site industrial accidents while building the dam. Several dozen others passed away later from the heat or carbon monoxide poisoning incurred while on the job. As many as a hundred other people, including wives and children of the workers, died from heat, polluted water or disease.

Hoover Dam was the first of the large rec-
Hoover Dam

Hoover Dam stands as a testament to human engineering and the power of water. Opened in 1935, it is the largest concrete arch-gravity dam in the world. The dam backs up the waters of the Colorado River to form Lake Mead, the largest man-made lake in the United States, holding almost 29 million acre-feet of water. An acre-foot of water is the amount of water that will cover an acre, one foot in depth. This water is stored behind Hoover Dam and is used throughout the Southwest.

Hoover Dam, as well as other dams along the Colorado River, make the storage of this precious water possible. Because of Hoover Dam, the Colorado River was controlled for the first time in history. Farmers received a dependable supply of water in Nevada, California and Arizona. Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Las Vegas and a dozen other towns and cities were given an inexpensive source of electricity, permitting population growth and industrial development.

The dam also helps to settle out silt and reduce the amount of sediment sent down the river. Water is a top priority at Hoover Dam. Without water, life in the desert would be impossible. Hoover Dam, as well as other dams along the Colorado River, make the storage of this precious water possible.

—This story was compiled from information found on the website and other materials of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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