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Gasping for air, the panic sets in. If you can't get air into your lungs soon, you will die. You are suffocating and neither you nor the people around you can remove the obstruction or force air into your lungs. It is frightening.

Asthma is a somewhat common inflammatory condition characterized by constriction of the breathing passages in the lungs. The constriction often causes a wheezing sound when breathing, particularly when exhaling, though uncontrolled coughing may be the only symptom. It is certainly alarming and at times can be life threatening.

About seven percent of the American population suffers from asthma. Your chances of getting it increase to 30 percent if a parent has it. Seventy percent if both have it.

Though there are 250,000 reported deaths per year worldwide, the U. S. sees only about 4,000 of those. This is most likely because this country's population has access to inhalers that counteract acute attacks that might otherwise end in suffocation.

An asthma attack is brought on when the inflammation becomes so severe that the air tubes (bronchi) swell closed. This blocks the air from entering the air sacs (alveoli) where oxygen is absorbed into the body. Oxygen is as essential for life as food and water.

There are many possible contributing factors in the development of asthma beginning with the influence of tobacco smoke from a mother during her preg-

nancy. The fetus is very susceptible to irritants. Air pollution can have a similar effect on an infant. As is true with most ailments, stress has a major influence on the development and expression of asthma.

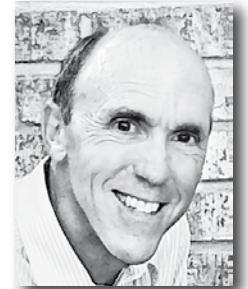
It is interesting to note that athletes are twice as likely to have asthma as the general population. One type of asthma has exercise as its trigger. Exposure to cold may also be a trigger. And, as might be expected, allergens such as pollen are associated with tissue constriction and asthma attacks.

Though it is rare that a cure is rendered, management of the attacks can be very successful. For crisis management, there are inhalers that immediately open the air passages. There may be mild side effects attributed to medicines of this kind, so routine preventative measures may be of help.

The number one preventative measure is avoidance of any known triggers (whether they be cold, exercise, allergens, or whatever). During times of exposure an asthmatic may prevent an attack by taking anti-inflammatory supplements or by taking mild bronchodilators.

There are several over-the-counter asthma medications. I typically lean towards the least invasive medication possible, thereby avoiding the side effects inherent with exposure to more demanding drugs.

Ephedra is a nice herb that opens the bronchials. It has gotten a bad name in the past due to its use with weight-loss formulas. The logic for some dieters was



HEALTH ISSUES

By Dr. Michael Miles
 Special to the Crier

that if a little is good, a lot must be better. As is the case with many things, this logic proved to be misguided and led to very serious consequences.

Ephedra, when used properly, is a very useful herb. Quercetin is another nice herb that acts as a gentle immune modulator. This may control the response to the triggers much like steroids do.

A home remedy that is particularly useful when sleeping is eucalyptus. By steaming it in the bedroom it opens the bronchials and allows for good oxygen exchange.

Though asthma is life threatening, awareness and prompt action can avert dramatic episodes of oxygen deprivation. If you are in the presence of such an episode, the best action to take is to calm the asthmatic, remove the person from any possible triggers and help the person use an inhaler if it is available.

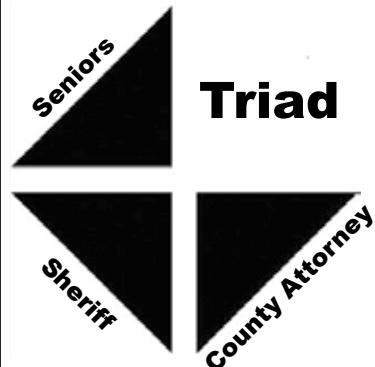
Oracle TRIAD Coalition

NEEDED: Volunteer Director of the Oracle TRIAD

A TRIAD is an organization of volunteers serving the needs of seniors in the community who are 50+. This position is also a volunteer who will be responsible for coordinating and creating committees to better serve the needs of the community. This position will be expected to participate in community events, coordinate and recruit interested volunteers, interface with community resources, and the Pinal County Attorney and Sheriff's Office. Must have good communication skills, and be computer literate. Looking for someone who is compassionate, patient, and a self starter.

If interested in serving your community in a priceless capacity, please send your resume or letter of interest to marguerite.johnson@orovalleyhospital.com. If you have questions, please call Joanie at 520-901-3631.

TRIAD is a cooperative project composed of seniors, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Pinal County Sheriff's Department, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, and other community partners who are dedicated to preventing the victimization of seniors, improving their quality of life and reducing consequences associated with abuse and misuse of prescription medications and alcohol. Community members are welcome. Call to sign up for volunteer opportunities.



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Written by 40 authors over a period of about 1,500 years, the Bible presents itself as the Word of God. Stories and information contained in it have been validated by contemporary historians and scientists and archaeologists working up to the present.

The second letter from Paul to Timothy says "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

The central Bible theme is God's plan of salvation – his way of providing deliverance from sin and spiritual death through repentance and faith. In the Old



PASTOR'S CORNER

By Fred Patterson
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Testament, salvation springs from Israel's deliverance from Egypt, in the book of Exodus. The New Testament presents the source of salvation – prophesied in the Old Testament – Jesus Christ.

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numbering in the thousands, contains instructions as to how those who believe in God should live their lives and worship him.

For Bible-centered study and worship, please join as at 10 a.m. each Sunday at the Oracle Church of Christ, 2425 El Paseo.

Hands-on activities for kids at Oracle State Park Saturday, May 17

Bring the kids and grandkids to Oracle State Park on Saturday, May 17, for a day of ranger-led hands-on activities like making a leather-tooled keychain, planting seeds to take home, and learning to identify animal skulls. Stop by the "Ask Your Master Gardener" corner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with SaddleBrooke Master Gardeners answering gardening questions and presenting tips. Both free with park admission.

On Saturday, June 7, "Celebrate National Trails Day" begins at 8:30 a.m. with guided hikes to discover birds, plants, geology and wildlife. Reservations suggested.

The park, a designated center for

environmental education, is open year around on Saturdays and Sundays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. giving visitors time to hike the oak-woodland trails, picnic or relax on the patios and enjoy the cool temperatures, and walk around the historic Kannally ranch house, an adobe villa built in 1929 by one of the earliest cattle ranching families in Oracle. In the living room, an exhibit of 30 impressionistic-style paintings by self-taught cowboy artist Lee Kannally is featured, along with a wildlife slide show of animals visiting a ranch waterhole.

The park is open to the public on weekends and on weekdays for group reservations. Info at 520-896-2425 and at www.azStateParks.com/Parks/ORAC.

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Wednesday, June 12—7:30pm

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Saturday, June 22—7:30pm

Hot August Night—The Neil Diamond Show

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Wednesday, July 10—7:30pm

Surf Rock Beach Party

This half concert/half party will feature your favorite summertime hits from the Beach Boys to Jimmy Buffett. There will be surf-rock instrumentals, a limbo contest and a steel-drum showdown between two of the nation's top steel drum artists! \$25 inclusive \$30 door



Saturday, November 16—7:30pm

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Sunday, December 15—3:00pm & 7:30pm

The Oak Ridge Boys—Christmas Time's A Comin'

The Oak Ridge Boys present a live Christmas show combining classic hits and holiday favorites. The Oaks have one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. Their four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned dozens of country hits and numerous awards. \$60 inclusive \$65 door



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Arizona Otters – Where Have They Gone?

Recently I received an email from a friend who had moved to Page, Arizona and who said that while fishing he saw a river otter climb onto shore. He said all the locals told him there were no otters in Lake Powell but I knew my friend knew how to identify a river otter. We had fished together many times in the Verde Valley where river otters are quite common. My friend asked "What can you tell me about this?" Little did I know that my investigations into the subject would reveal a thriving environmental success story.

The story begins in the 1960's with the extinction of the



North American River Otters (<http://bit.ly/1nAyFC1>)

Sonoran river otter in the wild. No one is sure exactly when the last Sonoran river otter disappeared from the wild but it is certain they did some time in the 1960's. From 1981 to 1983 a reintroduction program was begun along the Verde River. Forty-six river otters were captured and imported from Louisiana before being released back into the wilds of Arizona.

I spent lots of time stomping up and down the banks of the Verde River trying to capture my first glimpse of a wild river otter. For a long time my attempts were unsuccessful. Many of my friends saw river otters. One of my friends has a house along the shores of Oak Creek and took a picture from his back porch of five otters, a photo that appeared in the *Sedona Red Rock News*. The closest I came were river otter footprints in the sandy shore along Beasley Flats.

I had seen sea otters before. I still remember the scene. I was standing on the docks of Valdez, Alaska watching industrial ships come in and out of the harbor, the bay surrounded by towering jagged edged mountains holding glaciers. Floating just off the docks was a small pod of otters. They were diving beneath the water's surface and returning to float on their backs and open some sort of shellfish. It was delightful to watch. I spent a lot time stomping up and down the thick brush of riverbanks of Arizona in my quest to get a glimpse of a river otter.

My efforts were rewarded unexpectedly, deep inside Sycamore Canyon outside Clarkdale. I was not even looking for otters, I was deep inside a narrow canyon and far from the main river. I approached a stream crossing and heard a sudden splashing. A large, long and slender mammal stood up on its hind legs for just a moment before scurrying into the nearest thicket. The otter and I stood there staring at each other across the stream and through

the bushes. I kept pointing my camera and focusing but I already knew that all I would get was a good photo of a thicket. In the attempt to get a better photograph I marched forward and scared the otter from the bushes. The otter fled upstream at an astonishing rate of speed. Later on the trail crested a hill and I could see a large pool of water in the distance ahead where a pair of otters frolicked and swam. I have seen river otters in the Verde Valley several times since but always with the same amount of photographic success. The otters are pretty fast.

One time I was sitting and reading along the shores of Oak Creek in Page Springs and suddenly a beaver went swimming past. The beaver never knew I was there and if I had stretched out my legs I probably could have kicked it. The beaver swam by so quickly that I never had a chance to get my camera out but it was the first wild beaver I had ever seen in Arizona. There is a stretch of the Verde River in Cottonwood where I know of a family of beavers who produce a new kit every year. Beavers and otter in the same river is quite a treat. I have had a little better luck with beaver photographs than otter but not much. One sunrise when the beeping of my autofocus scared the family of beavers as they dove into the water with a loud splash, I cursed my luck and looked up to see a family of five raccoons in a cottonwood tree. Those pictures came out pretty good. The sad news is that the Verde River has become a threatened resource, many hydrologists believe that a water treatment plant scheduled for Prescott and Prescott Valley, will change the Verde River into a dry arroyo in 50-75 years.

There are also beaver in southern Arizona along the San Pedro River. I have stomped up and down the shores of the San Pedro looking for them. Never saw one of the San Pedro beaver but I was rewarded with glimpses of

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The winning team at the tournament Jesse & Richard "Flaco" Lopez.
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St. Helen's Kitchen Crew.
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St. Helen's hosts successful horseshoe tournament; Lopez team named winners

By John Hernandez
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On Saturday, May 10, St. Helen's Catholic Church in Oracle hosted a horseshoe tournament. Everyone enjoyed watching the

competition as well as music, food and cold drinks. The St. Helen's Kitchen Crew served green chili burros, hamburgers and home made baked goods. The winning team at the tournament was Jesse and Richard "Flaco" Lopez. They received the first place prize of \$150 cash.



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Mountain Vista students inducted into National Junior Honor Society

Oracle - On Thursday, May 1, 16 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were inducted into National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at Mt. Vista School in Oracle.

The NJHS helps students to build the skills that ensure academic success, including academic excellence, leadership, character and service. These skills serve the students for the rest of their life. It is one of the oldest organizations in the United States which focuses on student recognition, as well as one that is deeply respected for what it helps students achieve in the categories of community improvement and personal development.

The candlelight ceremony was conducted by the current membership. Angel Jennings, president, was the master of ceremonies, welcoming parents, the superintendent, Mr. Dennis Blauser, and governing board members, Mr. Kurt Steffens and Mrs. Nellie Doran. The members who spoke in the ceremony were Alexandria Cota: Service; Matthew Peru: Leadership; Keefer Gagnon: Character; Hannah Nehrmeyer: Citizenship; and Trevor Lata:

Scholarship.

Julia Tellez Cardenas led the new inductees in the membership pledge. Victoria Flores and Megan Buckler presented the certificates of membership.

The new members are Reagan Martin, Makayla Martin, Allison Soulé, Larissa Smith, Wyatt Arbizo, Gillian Cole, Sabrina Garcia, Nicollette Gomez, Samuel Reyes, Joshua Reyes, Amy Lewis, BaiLee Hill, Sophia Mikulewicz, Abryanna Sanchez-Bayze, Leanie Sanchez, and Andrea

Vigil-German.

Current members are Caitlin Baird, President Angel Jennings, Vice President Alexis Dietz, Secretary Kayla Brown, Treasurer Matthew Peru, Historian Julia Cardenas Tellez, Nathaniel Benavidez, Trevor Lata, Jacob Lovendahl, Meagan Buckler, Alexandria Cota, Alyssa Ollson, Victoria Flores, Bo Padilla, Keefer Gagnon, Hannah Nehrmeyer, Alijah Voita, and Nathaniel Whitten. The sponsor is Nannette Soulé.



Inductees to the National Junior Honor Society for Mountain Vista School are, from left: front, Leanie Sanchez, Sophia Mikulewicz, Nicolette Gomez, Amy Lewis, Andrea, Vigil-German, Abryanna Sanchez-Bayze, Larissa Smith and Sabrina Garcia; back, Allison Soulé, Makayla Martin, Reagan Martin, BaiLee Hill, Samuel Reyes, Joshua Reyes, Gillian Cole and Wyatt Arbizo.

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Church Directory

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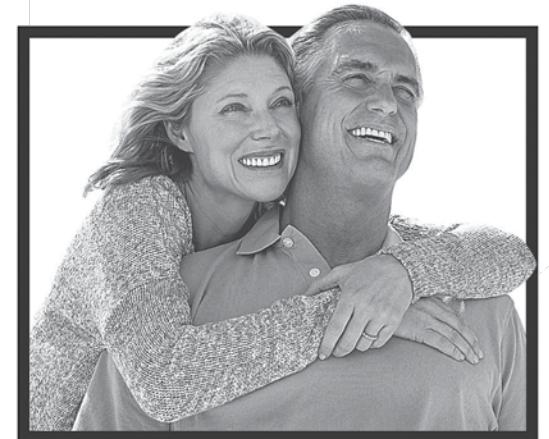
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The Oracle Firewise Board purchased a new sign to alert the community and travelers to current fire danger conditions. Volunteers from Oracle CERTS, Dan Piermarini, Kevin Armbrust, Brian Kirkpatrick, and John Medley installed the sign on property owned by Oracle residents Frank Pierson and Mary Ellen Kazda. The new sign is located at the junction of American Avenue and the Mt. Lemmon Road turn off.

The dial indicator on the sign will be changed in conjunction with the Smokey Bear sign at the Oracle Fire Station and the changing fire danger conditions. The firehouse also has a red warning flag which is put up when extreme fire danger conditions are in effect. With the recent wildfires we have had in Arizona including one near Redington, the public needs to pay attention to fire danger warnings and do their best to help prevent wildfires.

A new sign will alert visitors to the Mt. Lemmon area about fire conditions. John Hernandez | Oracle Towne Crier

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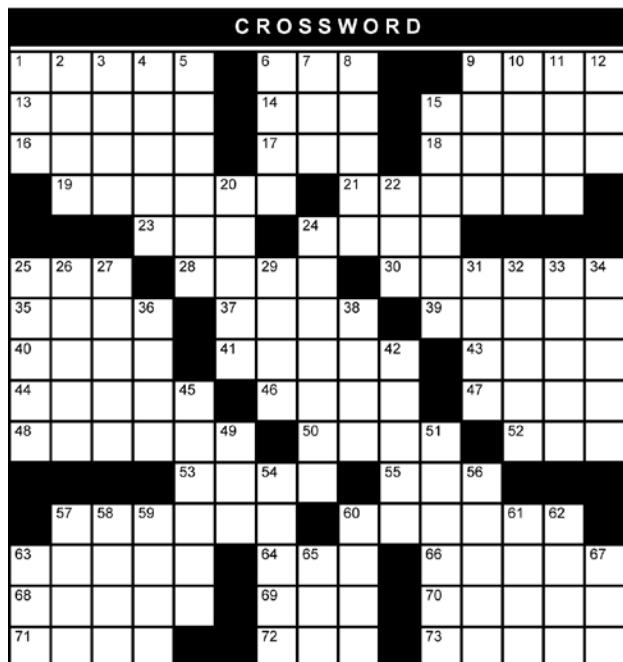
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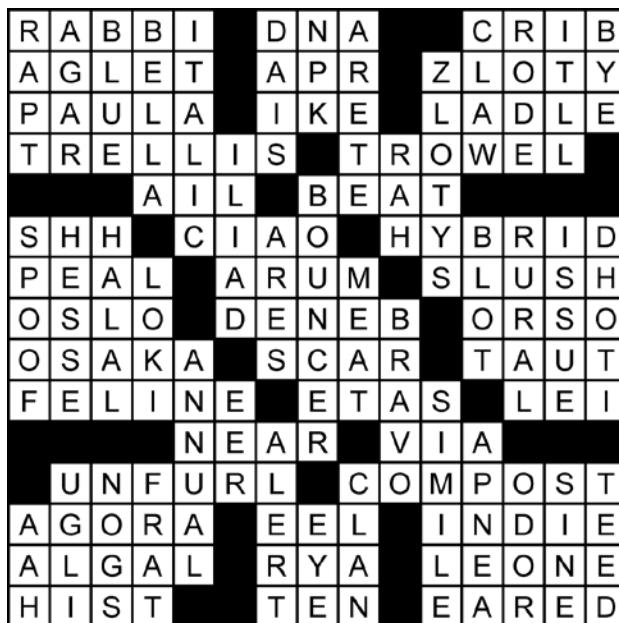
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Students soar at the Oracle School District

By **John Hernandez**
Oracle Towne Crier

The Oracle School District is proud to offer accelerated combination classes for grades three through six. Several years ago the Oracle School District staff set out to develop a program that would meet the needs of students that showed outstanding academic aptitude by excelling in the classroom and on the assessments the district uses to monitor the academic progress of students. One approach is to “differentiate” instruction thereby offering multiple curriculums within the same classroom setting.

While this is certainly a “best” practice and something the district still does, we discovered that the optimal way to meet these top students needs was to design a unique curriculum that allows them to reach their absolute highest academic level.

Mountain Vista School offers two accelerated combination courses one each in grades 3/4 and grades 5/6. Students that qualify for these classes generally work one academic grade level above their normal age grade level and participate in several project based lessons throughout the year. Students in these ultra-challenging classes study water conservation, archaeology, participate

in student led parent teacher conferences, organism life cycles, and solar energy production. In addition to these challenging, hands on projects all of the combination students are trained in presentation software and presentation techniques. Each combination class has 20 to 25 students that will ultimately enter high school with credit in both Algebra I and Geometry and are ready for placement in their respective high school’s Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs.

This year the 5/6 class constructed solar ovens which they used to cook their meals at an annual overnight field trip to the Catalina State Park. Students from the class also got to demonstrate and explain their ovens to the Oracle Governing Board. Next year the 5/6 class will be official presenters at the Catalina State Park Solar Energy Expo! These classes prove that with hard work and ingenuity even small schools can provide big opportunities for their students.



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Oracle Market offering more

By John Hernandez
Oracle Towne Crier

The Oracle Market, the only complete grocery store in the Tri-Community, is offering more variety and has new products. The market is known for its full service meat counter where a butcher will slice to order your fresh deli meats and cheeses. They make their own chorizo (beef, beef and pork and pork) and

breakfast sausage. Their steaks, pork and chicken are premium quality and they offer a selection of fish. Bratwurst and Italian sausages and bacon are sold by the pound. Marinated steaks as well as beef fajitas and carne asada are available. The deli provides fresh made salsa and pico de gallo along with cole slaw, potato, pasta and macaroni salads. The store makes their own homemade

beef jerky. Special deli party trays can be made with 24 hour notice. A 10 percent discount is offered for large meat orders with 72 hours notice.

The Oracle Market is now a great place for a quick lunch. The market is offering breakfast sandwiches and is serving hot and cold food for lunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rotisserie chickens are made

fresh daily and are available seven days a week. They are now making fresh made to order deli sandwiches. They also have grab and go pre-made sandwiches, roasted chicken quarters and pre-packaged deli salads.

The Oracle Market offers Mexican food products such as La Estrella Mexican pastries, rolls and empanadas; Alejandros tortillas and bakery goods; masa and nixtamal; and Mexican Coca Cola in the bottle and assorted Fanta sodas. Saladitos and apples and saladitos and lemon can be found at the cash register counter.

There is a small hardware section in the store offering small items such as screws, nuts and bolts and some plumbing supplies. They also have a propane tank exchange section.

Items from local producers are carried in the market. They sell local honey and carry coffee both whole beans as well as ground from Sky Island Roasters in Oracle. Pies and cakes from the Patio Café are sold in the store and organic non-GMO eggs from Huntington's Egg Farm are available.

The Oracle Market's produce section has been upgraded



Dorothy at the sandwich station.



Oracle Market offers a selection of fresh produce.

and efforts are being made to provide more and better quality produce. The newest offering from the market is an ice cream counter which offers ice cream cones, sundaes served in a waffle cone cup and milk shakes. The Oracle Market is located

at 760 E. American Ave. They are authorized for SNAP and honor EBT Quest, credit and debit cards. They are open seven days a week excluding major holidays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can contact the Oracle Market at 520-896-2232.



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Oracle Listings - Homes

- **Very well maintained 1.25 with 2bd/2ba, rock ramada, workshop, new roof. \$75,000.**
- **Mountain views 4 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 2,404 sq. ft. plus a 1,244 sq. ft. basement, 34 x 27 detached garage on 6.85 ac. \$449,000.**
- **3bd, 2ba home on 2.7 acres, 2 car garage, 30 ft of block wall, red wood deck, much more. \$295,000.**
- **PRICE REDUCED! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with a bonus room screened in back porch, walk in closet in master bedroom, new paint, new roof in 2013. \$149,500.**
- **2bd, 1 ba fixer upper MH or remove and add a new home. \$49,900**
- **Great views, dream kitchen with 6 burner professional gas range with electric oven and much more, a cook and entertainers dream, open floorplan with lots of natural light, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1989 sq. ft. with enclosed Arizona Room. \$315,000.**

Oracle-Land

- **11 ac nestled among the oaks, homes only, priced for quick sale. \$40,000**
- **2.5 ac land, borders state land, build your custom home, utilities at street. \$140,000**
- **Beautiful views from this lot in Oracle, utilities at lot line, Perc test done. \$69,995.**
- **Best priced 5 AC in Oracle, beautiful views, electric and water at the lot line, home or mobile, horse property, can be split. \$42,500**
- **Choose your own parcel from 1.25 to 3.75 ac., flat, easy to build on, utilities at street. \$79,900 to \$199,000.**
- **Best views in Oracle! Come check out this 2.5 ac parcel nestled in very desirable custom home area. \$55,000.**

San Manuel

- **DRASTICALLY REDUCED - Charming home on 40 AC home and well is solar powered, beautiful views, horse property, can be split. \$249,900.**
- **3 bed, 2 bath, being remodeled, new hickory kitchen cabinets, stainless steel - new appliances, new A/C, new carpet, a must see. Owner May Carry. \$72,000.**

Surrounding Area

- **Beautiful views of the Galiuro Mountains, lots of vegetation & large Saguaro. \$10,000**
- **8.84 ac, can be split, has two building sites, saguaro and view. \$99,000**
- **Secluded area with great views, being sold as is for value of 1.3 acres. \$39,000.**
- **3 bedroom, 2 bath on corner lot, fenced \$18,000.**
- **3-lots to choose from. Hill top views shared well, horse property, leveled off areas for home sites. Two lots \$50,000 each & one lot \$70,000.**



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OTTERS

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several vermilion flycatchers and one green kingfisher. There are no river otters on the San Pedro.

The Sonoran river otters used to swim as far north as Lake Powell but of course it wasn't Lake Powell back then, it was Glenn Canyon. Back before the dams were built, the Sonoran river otters could traverse a network of riparian zones; the Gila, Salt, Verde, and Colorado rivers, and cover much of the southwest. The dams shut down some of these waterways or at best made long distance travel much more difficult and risky. When the Sonoran river otters went extinct they disappeared from Glen Canyon and then later in Lake Powell. The Cajun otters released into the

Verde River have thrived spreading into Oak Creek, Sycamore Canyon, Clear Creek and others but there is no sign these otters have made the journey all the way down to the Colorado River and then hundreds of miles upstream, including the Grand Canyon, before scaling hundreds of feet up Glen Canyon dam. However in the 1990s northern river otters were released into the Escalante Wilderness in Utah. These otters have made their way down the San Juan, Green, and Colorado Rivers before making new homes in Lake Powell. It warms my heart to see how successful river otter reintroduction has been in the southwest and all I can do is cheer for them. Go otters!

Oracle Library has new books by authors near and far

By Suzan Austin
Special to the Crier

New titles at Oracle Public Library offer a variety of reading enjoyment, including who-done-its by a park-ranger-turned author, a popular Scandinavian writer, and a local editor-turned- author.

Stop by often and check the “new arrival” shelves for adult fiction and non-fiction. Or look for teen and children’s titles plus new-release DVDs. Here’s a selection of new-book choices.

DESTROYER ANGEL by Nevada Barr.

Barr’s latest book finds park ranger Anna Pigeon on vacation in upstate Minnesota with two friends and their daughters. One friend is a paraplegic, the other a maker of cutting-edge camping gear designed to make camping and canoeing more accessible to disabled people. When Anna takes a solo evening canoe trip, a group of thugs takes her companions captive. With no way to call for help, Anna has limited time to rescue her friends before something disastrous happens.

The library has 23 other titles in the Anna Pigeon series. Library patrons looking for specific titles not on the

shelves are always encouraged to ask the library volunteer to “order” the desired book for check-out through the library’s borrowing network.

JUSTICE FOR DALLAS by Mark Rusin and Priscilla Barton.

Dallas, a 5-year-old girl gunned down during a vendetta by the leader of a motorcycle gang, stays in the mind of young detective Marko Novak. Novak, whose skin hasn’t hardened enough to shrug off her death, vows to find her killer. His search takes him from northern California to Las Vegas, and finally to Lake Havasu.

In her first novel, Oracle resident, Priscilla Barton, has taken what was basically a police report and made it into a realistic story. Based on an incident that occurred when Mark Rusin was an ATF agent in northern California, the story has been fleshed out and given life by Barton, a long-time editor turned writer. Well-researched locations and background make the story ring true. Barton has toned down her naturally elegant style to suit the characters and situations and make Marko Novak a real and likable, if not always smart, person.

COCKROACHES by Jo Nesbo.

Cockroaches is the second in the

long list of Inspector Harry Hole novels. When Norway’s ambassador to Thailand is found dead in a Bangkok brothel, Harry is sent from Oslo to help hush up the case. In typical Harry fashion, he wanders the streets of Bangkok trying to piece together the truth behind the ambassador’s death even though no one asked him to.

The library has 10 other titles by Nesbo available.

THE GOOD LORD BIRD by James McBride.

Winner of the 2013 National Book Award for fiction, this is the story of abolitionist John Brown and his famous raid on Harper’s Ferry.

It’s told through the eyes and voice of slave boy Henry Shackleford. Stolen in 1856 (or rescued, as Brown would say), renamed “Onion” by Brown, and forced into girl’s clothes, Onion remains with Brown through Brown’s capture and hanging after the raid. A satire and a comedy, depicting a slovenly, distracted, but determined savior (Brown) and his ragtag army, and slaves who don’t always want to be freed, the book addresses the issue of slavery while poking fun at it.

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Oracle authors speak in Prescott

By John Hernandez
Oracle Towne Crier

Two members of the Oracle Historical Society were selected to speak at the Arizona History Convention held April 10-12 in Prescott. Catherine H. Ellis and Royal John Medley both live in Oracle and submitted proposals on a historic topic to the program committee. Once their proposal was accepted, they had to submit a paper on the topic. They competed against many other historians and historical writers. Their papers were chosen by the committee to be part of the Convention's program.

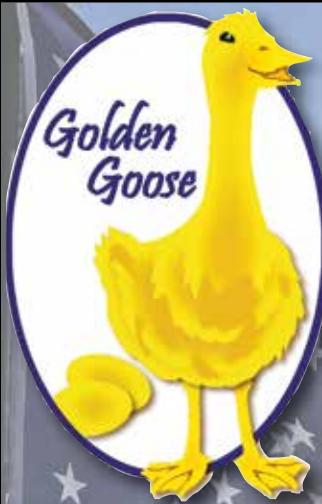
Catherine Ellis is a published author of numerous historical books and articles.

Among her books are "Oracle and the San Pedro River Valley" and "Latter-day Saints in Tucson". She spoke under the session titled "The Mexican Revolution and the Mormons". Her presentation was titled "If We Were Living Near a Volcano: Roberta Flake Clayton in Mexico 1910-1915".

John Medley's presentation was given during the session "What About the Water" and was titled "Citrus and Saguaros: An Illustrated History of Citrus in Arizona". John is an avid collector of vintage produce crate label art and has had an illustrated book published titled "Images of the Sweet Potato – An American Art Form". He is also very knowledgeable about the history of agriculture in Arizona and crate labels.



Royal John Medley and Catherine H. Ellis



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