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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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100+ Attend Annual Meeting, Dinner



Mt. Lemmon HOA President Sally Crum addresses the full-house crowd at the association's annual meeting, at the Doubletree Reid Park Hotel.

Big Water Users Will Pay Big Rates

95% of Customers Won't Pay More

High-volume residential water users on Mt. Lemmon will pay more starting July 1.

The board of the Mt. Lemmon Water District voted April 15 to approve the new rates after a public hearing at which most people seemed supportive, Water Board Chair Doug Mance said.

Higher rates will affect perhaps 5% of residential water customers on the

mountain, those using more than 4,000 gallons a month, Mance said. The aim is to get people to use less of the district's limited supply.

"We are not in this for the money," he said, pointing out that just 5% of the district's revenues are generated from water sales. "The message is that we really want people to be serious about conserving."

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More than 100 mountain residents, cabin owners and guests filled the room for the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association annual meeting and dinner on April 25.

"One hundred one, to be exact, with four comps," dinner chair Linda Currin said.

Attendees feasted on a buffet line of salad, grilled chicken, pulled pork, a vegetable medley and breads. Dessert was apple pie.

As dinner wound down, MLHOA Board President Sally Crum intro-

duced speakers.

Crum honored and thanked the Pima County Department of Transportation road plowing crew, which she said did great work with more than 100 inches of snow this winter.

Crew representative Arnold Leyva was greeted with hearty applause.

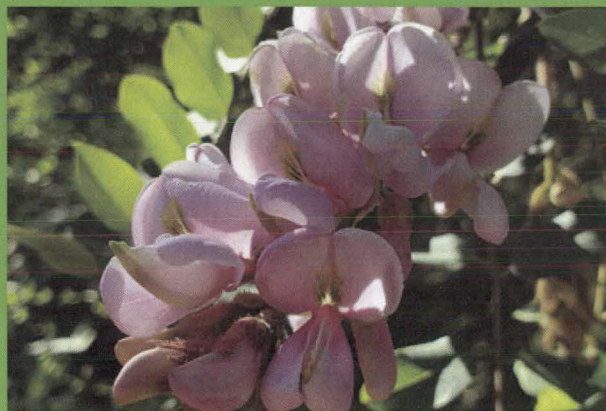
Other highlights:

* Ranger Donato DelMastro of the Coronado National Forest drew applause when he announced that the long-awaited Marshall Gulch renovation project is

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It's Beautiful, but Beware

Boy Scout IDs our poisonous plants, Page 2



Don't Pick Your Poison

Eagle Scout Project Will Provide Info on the Mountain's Toxic Flora

By Michael A. Chihak

Caleb Rasor was hiking with his parents along Turkey Run last summer when they came upon an elderly couple walking down the trail.

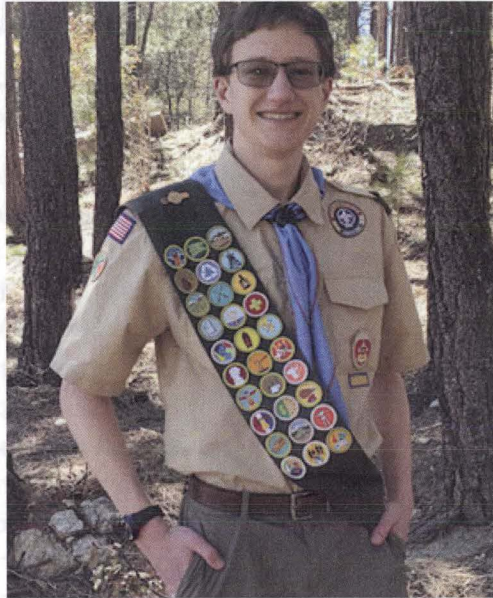
The woman was carrying a bouquet of flowers she had picked along the trail. Caleb took one look and urged her to drop the bouquet and go immediately to the nearby Community Center restroom to wash her hands thoroughly.

The woman was carrying two plants - New Mexico locust and cow parsnip - that are poisonous, Caleb recalled in an April interview.

"They were surprised to find out and thankful we had told them," he said.

Knowing the 17-year-old is a Boy Scout, one might call that his good deed for the day.

Yes, it was, and much more. For Caleb has in the last six years made himself an expert on Mt. Lemmon's poisonous



Caleb Rasor
(Photo by Allen Rasor)

plants, to the point that he is preparing to publish a booklet on the topic and will give a public talk at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center next month.

"This started in 2017, when I went to my first Boy Scout campout at Camp Lawton (a scout enclave on the mountain)," Caleb said. "Then my parents bought our cabin, and I found a passion for the

flora and fauna of the mountain."

"I am fascinated at the variety of plants on the mountain. I'm especially interested in the poisonous plants and found there is no guide to them. People are encountering them all the time, and I wanted to be of help."

Thus was conceived his Eagle Scout project, which he will complete soon to attain the Boy Scouts' highest rank. He now is a Life Scout.

"I've identified 12 poisonous plants," Caleb said. "It doesn't sound like a lot until you realize how extensive they are. There's a chance that there are more, but I've done my research."

That has included leading scouts from Tucson Troop 294 in studying the flora and preparing for the June 3 community center presentation, at which Caleb will display

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By its very name, we know poison ivy (left) is toxic. So is New Mexico locust (center) and cow parsnip. They are among 12 Mt. Lemmon toxic species that Caleb Rasor has identified (Photos by Caleb Rasor)

Use a Lot of Water, Pay a Lot More

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The most water usage among full-time residents is about 1,800 gallons a month, well below the threshold at which rates will increase, Mance said.

Under the new rate schedule, all residential customers will continue paying a \$41.85 a month service fee, plus \$6 for every 1,000 gallons of water used up to 4,000 gallons. Customers using more than 4,000 gallons will pay 67% more for every 1,000 gallons, up to 10,000 gallons. The rates accelerate by 100% after 10,000 gallons and 300% after 17,000 gallons.

Most residential water customers on Mt. Lemmon currently pay less than \$75 a month, and that is expected to remain for 95% of the district's 300 to 350 residential hookups, Mance said.

"Some of the less conservative users of water are not owners or tenants," he said. "They are neglectful. They leave water running for days at a time on vegetation, and they don't turn off the water (at the meter) when they leave. So a water leak can easily cause the loss of 5,000 or 10,000 gallons."

He said cabin owners

Current usage in gallons	Current rate per 1,000 gallons	Usage after July 1 in gallons	Rate after July 1 per 1,000 gallons
0 to 4,000	\$6	0 to 4,000	\$6
4,001 to 10,000	\$9	4,001 to 10,000	\$15
10,001 to 20,000	\$15	10,001 to 17,000	\$30
20,001 or more	\$20	17,001 or more	\$80

Chart source: Mt. Lemmon Water District

renting out through Airbnb and other vacation rental services create a new situation on the mountain, and that could mean people are unaware of the limited water supply.

The district gets all its water from springs

and has 1.9 million gallons at full capacity.

In one three-month period last year, two-thirds of the supply was used, an increase of nearly 17 percent from the same period the year before.

Mance reiterated that

the estimated 35 to 40 people at the public hearing appeared to fully support the new rate structure.

"Whenever you wrap up something like this and they applaud, that's a good sign," he said.

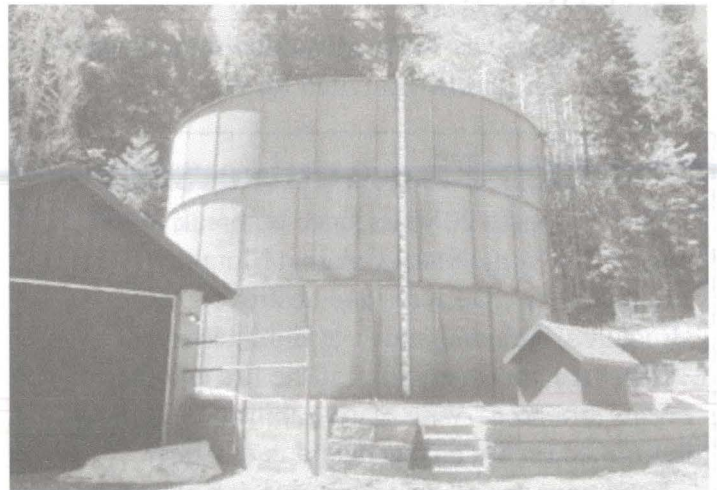
'Dreams' of Greater Water Storage Capacity

Asked about plans for increased water storage capacity on Mt. Lemmon, the Water District's board chairman said the board has put some thought into it.

"We do not have hard plans at this time," Chairman Doug Mance said. "We have dreams that are implementable."

"We could get bigger capacity at Loma Linda, where we now have two tanks," Mance said. "We could double capacity without going any higher."

He said any new tanks the district builds would be larger in



The 212,000-gallon tank at Turkey Run.

diameter so they can hold more water without having to be built taller. Taller tanks could mar the forest scenery.

Any new tanks also would be painted so they can blend in to their forest surround-

ings, Mance said.

Current capacity of 1.9 million gallons could be tested as more development occurs on the mountain.

No timetable has been made public for expanding water storage capacity.

May Calendar

- 6 - Community Firewise Day, kickoff at Cookie Cabin, 8am (Details Page 10)
- 8 - Chipper Day, throughout community, all day (details Page 10)
- 13 or 20 - Annual Cheatgrass pull, kickoff at Cookie Cabin, 8am. Check Nextdoor for which date the event will be.
- 15 - ML Fire Board, at Fire Station and via Zoom at mlfdaz.org, 4pm.
- 20 - Mountain meetings:
 - ML Water District Board, Zimmerman School, 8:30am.
 - MLHOA Board, MLCC, 10am
 - ML Woman's Club, MLCC, 1 pm.

Speakers' Program Returns

The Mt. Lemmon Speakers' Program resumes June 17 at the MLCC, with a 2:30 p.m. talk by naturalist David Dean.

Dean will discuss the biodiversity of the Santa Catalinas. The public is invited for free.

Aspen Fire Anniversary

June 17 marks 20 years since outbreak of the Aspen Fire in the Santa Catalina Mountains. The fire burned 84,750 acres and destroyed 340 structures, including much of Summerhaven.

What are your memories of the fire and the events around it? With many cabins rebuilt, how has mountain life changed, and is it better?

Send your anecdotes, memories and photos to chihak.echoes@gmail.com by May 20 for a special report in June.

How to Stay Up to Date on Mt. Lemmon Information

By Matthew Grossman

Here are online resources to keep Mt. Lemmon residents informed between editions of *The Echoes*:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com.
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowners' Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/>. Get informed and contribute to the community.
3. Sign up at Nextdoor.com, using your cabin street address. If you use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, sign up for Mt. Lemmon under a new email address, because only one neighborhood is permitted per email address. This offers general information and important communication, especially with wildfires and road closures.
4. MLFDaz.org is the web address for our Fire Department. On the home page, under the Resources tab, is Firewise. This takes you to important information and forms, including an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.

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Here Comes Summer! That Means Kids' Activities

By Christina Grossman

Welcome Mt. Lemmon families. It is exciting to announce this year's events calendar for the Sky Island Kids Club.

Parents and/or grandparents must accompany children. Thank you Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club for your sponsorship.

For further information about all events, contact Christina Grossman at 520 360-7694 or christina@grossman.com.

Mt. Lemmon Sky Center Observatory Day, June 2.

Sky Center tour and lunch from Fortunato's Italian Deli, 1-3 p.m. Meet at 9800 E. Ski Run Road: skycenter.arizona.edu/content/maps-and-directions

Bring water bottles.

RSVP to Christina, 520 360-7694 or christina@grossman.com, by May 15 with lunch choice and payment via Venmo, Zelle, Apple Pay or cash, \$12 for everyone age 7+, including adults.

Comic Con CosPlay Makers Day, June 9.

Location to be announced on Nextdoor and via email. 1-3 p.m. Bring your sewing machines, materials and supplies for

creating your cosplay regalia and any other crafts on which you want to work.

Teen Event, June 10.

For teenagers of mountain families, 3-6 p.m., at the Thrasher family cabin. What to bring: yourself, ready for fun.

Faul Preservation Area Nature Walk, June 11.

Meet at Faul Preservation area, 10:30-11:30 a.m., corner of Sabino Canyon Parkway and East Carter Canyon Road. For kids of all ages and accompanying adults.

Activities will include a nature walk, scavenger hunt and placement of all the "kindness rocks."

Wear good walking shoes and bring water bottles and your own kindness rocks.

Fourth of July Parade.

Parade theme is Earth Day on the Mountain Every Day.

Parade begins at noon, and most spectators line up by 11 a.m. along Sabino Canyon Parkway in Summerhaven.

Wear good walking shoes and bring water. Dressing in costume appropriate to the parade theme is optional; if you do, you'll have more fun.

The Sky Island Kids Club will handle parade entry requirements on behalf of Kids Club participants.

Halloween Trunk-O-Treat, October (date and time to be announced).

Dress in your scariest costume and come to the parking lot across from the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

Treats will be distributed from vehicle trunks.

Bring canned goods to donate for a food drive and a treat bag or bucket, and get ready for some fun.



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Jeff Haskell and Katherine Byrnes
Saturday, June 10, Mt. Lemmon Community Center

The dynamic duo of Jeff Haskell on keyboard and Katherine Byrnes on vocals will pay tribute to American music June 10 at 7 p.m. at the MLCC.

Tickets are \$40 each, available in advance only; use the coupon below. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association's community beautification project.

Haskell has played with, written music for or conducted Dizzy Gillespie, Chet Baker, the Four Aces, Linda Ronstadt, Buck Owens, Abbe Lane, Ed McMahon, Phyllis Diller, Red Buttons, Robert Goulet, Carol Lawrence, Billy Taylor, the Kingston Trio, Clark Terry, Benny Carter, Richard Rodney Bennett, Julius La Rosa, Long John Baldry and more.

Byrnes is an award-winning vocalist, director and concert producer based in Tucson. She headlines Tapestry: The Album, a tribute to Carole King; and Piece of My Heart, a tribute to Janis Joplin. Byrnes has toured China as lead vocalist for Art.if.act Dance Project's Great American Dance Tour and has toured Europe and the United States to sing harmony with Blue Note recording artist Amos Lee.



Jeff Haskell and Katherine Byrnes
(Photo by Amy Haskell)

In Tucson, Byrnes is co-director and choreographer of the Gaslight Theatre and music director of the Gaslight Music Hall. Known for her range and lyrical connection, she has been a featured soloist with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, international cumbia mambo sensation Orkesta Mendoza and Calxico.

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Safety Issues Linger from February Wind Damage

Look Up for Dangling Branches, Which Can Become 'Widowmakers'

By Dan Leade

Mt. Lemmon Fire District

Winter always presents unique challenges for those who reside on Mt. Lemmon.

Some years, much like this year, heavy snowfall and ice make travel difficult to impossible and can cause damage to property. But the snowpack also benefits the forest and can reduce the wildfire potential.

Significant strong winds have the potential to cause even more destruction, with no benefit. These winds can cause frequent power outages and, in the case of the February storm this past winter, can knock down trees and branches in staggering numbers.

Falling trees can be dangerous and even life-threatening, both directly and indirectly. The National Weather Service does not track tree-fatality statistics; it does report a 10-year average of 58 wind-related deaths annually, with wind as the fourth highest cause of weather-related deaths.

Trees can be unpredictable in a major wind event. If there is a watch or warning advisory for wind, winter storm or thunderstorm, seek shelter immediately. Inside a building is preferable to inside a vehicle.

Chances for trees coming up by the rootball increase as the ground is saturated by rainfall.

As in our March warning regarding overhead ice, it is critical to "look up" and observe treetops before walking beneath them. Tree branches may be broken off and hanging by a simple entanglement. They can break free at any time, especially with more wind.

In forestry terms, these are referred to as widowmakers, for obvious reasons.

It is unclear if we will see windstorms like the ones from earlier this year any time soon, but the evidence is conspicuous that trees and branches are susceptible to falling in wind storms.

Take precautions, monitor forecasts and be aware to "look up" before walking under trees, especially if they have been hit by high winds.



*The pine tree limb dangling in the middle right of this photo could be a 'widowmaker' if it breaks loose and hits someone below.
(Photo by Joe Gunia)*

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Get Out the Red, White and Blue: Parade Day Nears

By Hazel Rugg

It might be a bit early to fire up the grill, but it is not too soon to plan your entry for the Mt. Lemmon Fourth of July Parade.

Get the family together and cook up your best ideas for creating a personal tribute to celebrate Independence Day 2023.

Gather your banners, balloons, flags, streamers and more to decorate your bicycle, car, truck, skateboard, ATV, wheelbarrow, dog, goat, horse,

donkey and children.

Let your imagination run wild to make a special entry for one of the most treasured traditions on the mountain.

Parade entry deadline is June 12. Fill out the form below and send to Diana at diana@mtlemmonlodge.com or Hazel at picantedesigns@hotmail.com.

After filling out this form, read and sign the rules, regulations and etiquette form on Page 9.

MT. LEMMON FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ENTRY CONTACT INFO

Entrant contact's information

Title of entry: _____
 Contact name: _____
 Contact email address: _____
 Sponsor (Entity/club/group/family): _____
 Mailing address: _____ ZIP code _____

MT. LEMMON FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ENTRY FORM

Title of entry: _____
 Name of group: _____
 No. of participants in group: _____

Mode of transportation (check all that apply)

☐ Walking ☐ Walking with donkey ☐ Riding a horse ☐ Dancing
☐ Walking dogs ☐ Driving a tractor ☐ Driving a car ☐ Driving a truck
☐ Other (Please describe) _____

If you will provide your own music, please describe: _____

Parade emcee script (What you want the emcee to announce about your entry:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations Agreement

Time: The parade begins at noon, weather permitting. Have your entire group present by 11:45 a.m.

Place: Check-in table will be at Loma Linda Extension and General Hitchcock Highway, across from Ski Valley Road, starting at 11 a.m. The parade route will be south on Sabino Canyon Parkway from Mt. Lemmon Realty driveway to Mt. Lemmon Water District driveway.

Fine print: Read, sign and return this form via email to Diana at diana@mtlemmonlodge.com or Hazel at picaledesigns@hotmail.com before parade day. Pick up your Parade Line Up Number at the check-in desk. Parade entry form (on the previous page) must be filled out and sent in by June 12 to secure your entry's spot in the parade.

Staging: After check-in, you and your group will be directed to one of the staging areas on adjacent streets.

Parking: You may park in staging areas along Ski Run Road, Loma Linda Extension, Bisbee Avenue or General Hitchcock Highway, as long as your vehicles are well off to the road sides. You may also park at the end of the parade route near the Mt. Lemmon Water District.

Certificates/Awards: A participation certificate will be given to each entry at the end of the parade route. Award certificates will be distributed at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

Water, facilities: Bottled water and restrooms will be at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

PARADE ETIQUETTE

* All efforts must be made to keep the parade moving at an even pace without gaps that cause spectators to believe the parade has ended prematurely. That requires your undivided attention.

* Singing, dancing and playing music must be done as you walk in the parade, maintaining an even pace.

* No performing at the judges' stand; pause only long enough for the emcee to announce your group.

* Do not stop to allow spectators to pet animals in the parade.

* Spectators must sit or stand on either side of Sabino Canyon Parkway, off the roadway.

* Small children must be accompanied by adults.

* Animals must be harnessed or leashed and with their owners at all times.

* No political entries are allowed.

* Water may be shot into the air overhead, but no shooting water into the crowds of spectators. No water cannons are allowed.

* No candy, Frisbees or objects of any kind may be tossed to the crowd. Candy and other goodies may be handed directly to spectators or left at their feet. Do not provide any incentive for children to run into the street.

* Parade participants, including children, must not at the end of the parade route turn around and walk back through the oncoming parade entrants. Please have a plan to accompany children and walk them back behind spectators to their parents or guardians.

**I agree for myself and on behalf of my group to respectfully follow
the above rules and regulations and parade etiquette.**

Name

Signature

Group name

Date

Firewise Steps Up Activities This Month

By Sally Crum

Firewise Community Leader

May is the busiest Firewise time, as people return to the mountain and prepare for the dry months and heightened wildfire risks.

Watch for information from neighborhood Firewise captains.

Upcoming Firewise events:

* **May 6** is Community Firewise Day, with cleanup encouraged, including clearing slash, cleaning gutters and cheatgrass removal. Kickoff will be at 8 a.m. at the Cookie Cabin, which will offer free cookies to volunteers pulling and bagging cheatgrass. It is also a chance to help neighbors who might need assistance preparing.

* **May 8** is Chipper Day, when the crew comes around to chip piles of trees and branches left behind by the harsh winter. If you have a truck or trailer that can be used to help move slash, contact

henry.werchan@gmail.com. Thanks to the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club for providing lunch for the chipper crew.

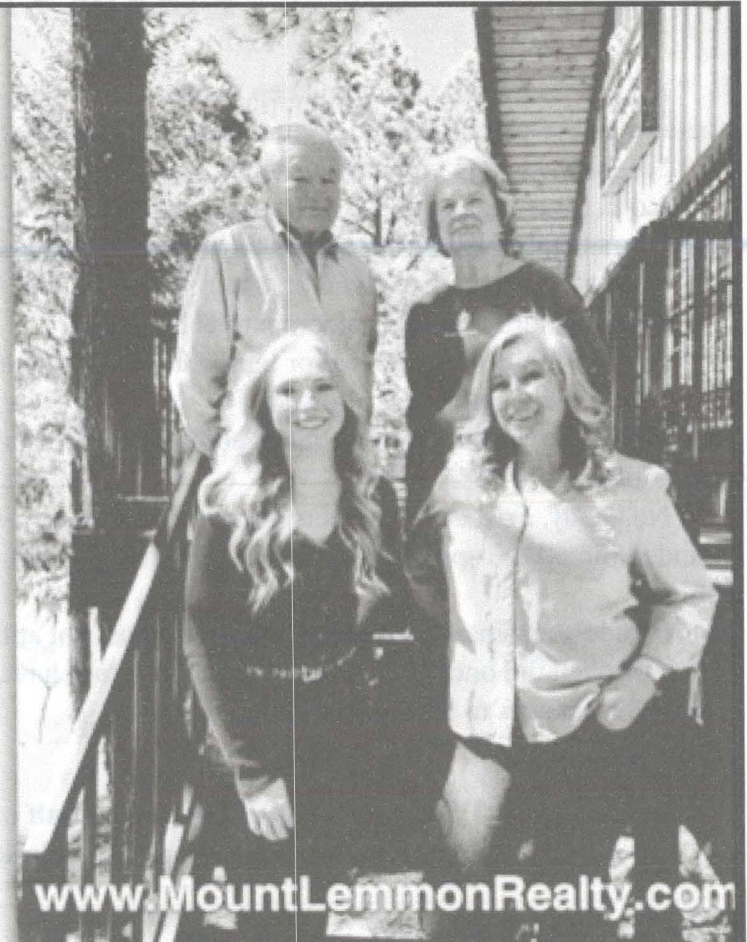
* **May 13 or 20** will be the Summerhaven cheatgrass pull, starting at the Cookie Cabin, 8 a.m. Check Nextdoor and the MLHOA listserv for which date is chosen and other details.

* **May 27** will be the Mt. Lemmon Firewise Block Party & Lunch, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Meet Smokey Bear and get info from the Forest Service, Mt. Lemmon Fire District, state Game & Fish, state Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Watershed Management Group and others. Enter the raffle for prizes, with proceeds going to the Mt. Lemmon Fire District and Firewise.

The list of neighborhood captains and their email addresses is on Page 14. The Connections for Mt. Lemmonites QR code is on Page 16.

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MLHOA President's Report: Signs of the Season Abound

By Sally Crum

I hope that since we have had warmer weather, many of you have had an opportunity to get back up the mountain.

Recently, I saw the Pima County Department of Transportation crews cleaning up the many roadside rock slides that occurred over the winter. That is always a sure sign of the end of winter.

May begins our busy social season, and I look forward to seeing you at our many events. I hope you made it to the MLHOA Annual Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel Reid Park on April 25.

The MLHOA Board wants to thank Anne Skelley for her service as our treasurer. We appreciate all she did to keep us on track. Anne has resigned, and the board has selected Michael Singervalt as the new treasurer.

Thanks to everyone who supported the annual mountain cleanup, and thanks to Dennis Cozzetti and Jenni Zimmerman for organizing it each year.

As the leader of the Mt. Lemmon Firewise community, I urge you to continue to do your part to reduce wildfire risk. You will find full information about Firewise activities and events on the previous page and on Pages 14 and 16 in this edition of *The Echoes*.



Fire Prevention, Trash Pickup Are Top Summer Priorities

By Steve Christy

Pima County Supervisor

The good news is that the high temps on the valley floor have only flirted with 90 degrees to date. The bad is that it's been a warm, dry, and windy spring after a wet winter. Mountain residents know all too well what that means.

When the Forest Service issues Stage 2 fire restrictions, "Be Fire Safe This Summer" flyers will be distributed at the mountain's base by the Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers. It is the fifth year of this fire awareness program.

Additionally, the volunteers will distribute trash bags, and our Visit Tucson partners will provide summer holiday weekend dumpster service.

With these great partnerships and mountain residents' Firewise efforts, we are all striving to reduce both the fire danger and trash problem this summer and beyond.

Contact Supervisor Steve Christy at 520 724-8414 or district4@pima.gov.

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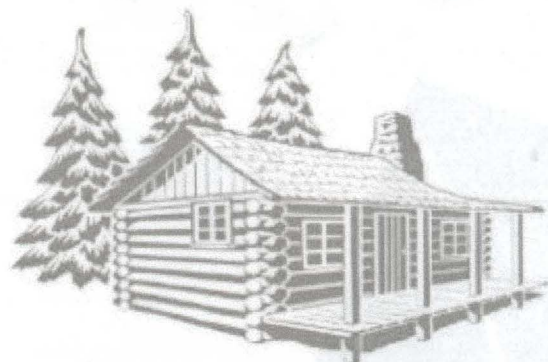
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Don't Pick Your Poison from Mountain's Flora

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poster boards of the dozen plants and provide copies of his planned 24-page booklet.

"Part of the Eagle Scout project is learning leadership skills," Caleb said, adding that working with other scouts has helped him develop those traits.

He credited his parents, Allen and Nicole Rasor, with encouraging him and literally providing the space he needed for his research work.

"Having this property, our cabin, has been really amazing. I have this wild space that's mine. It has allowed me time to learn," Caleb said.

His booklet will devote one to

two pages to each species he has identified, including photos, and will offer information on symptoms of exposure to the poisons and a bit about the toxicology of the plants' chemical compounds, he said.

As for the toxins, Caleb said, "Each plant has unique dangers: Some are dangerous to touch, some to eat by dogs or humans and many both. Symptoms can range from itchy rash and severe blistering when touched to vomiting, hallucination and cardiac arrest when consumed."

With that said, education, rather than fear, is Caleb's goal.

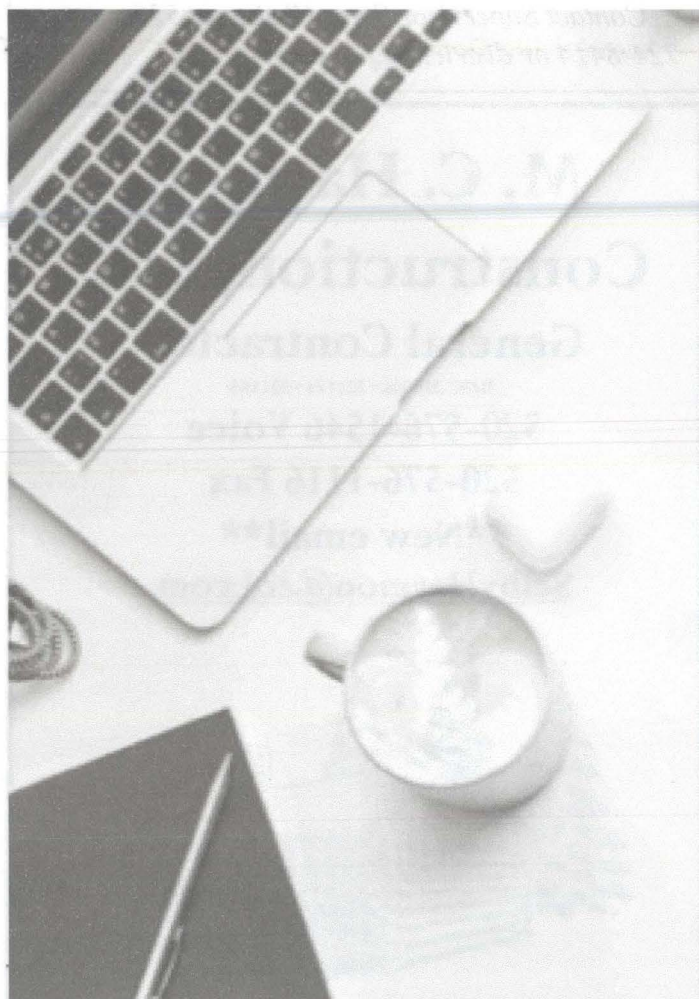
"I'm not trying to make people scared. It's about

awareness," he said. "The best way to avoid poisonous plants is to stay on the trails.

Wandering into the wilderness not only harms the ecosystem, but can expose you to poisonous plants."

Caleb has a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for printing his booklet, which will be available for free at his community center talk, at 2 p.m. on June 3, and later at the community center, the Palisades Visitor Center and perhaps at mountain businesses.

To support Caleb Rasor's project to print the poisonous plants booklet, contribute at <https://gofund.me/b4fa6afc>.





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MLHOA Annual Meeting Draws Big Crowd

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scheduled to get underway in August.

"The Great American Outdoors Act gave us money, so we could pull the plan off the shelf and schedule an August start of construction," DelMastro said.

The project will expand parking, return creek flow to its natural course and improve picnic grounds.

* Firewise volunteer Dorothy Johnson walked the audience through a diagram on preparing cabins and surrounding lots for wildfire season.

* Mt. Lemmon Fire

District Board Chair John Perchorowicz discussed the new and expanded fire station project and invited audience members to view project drawings that he brought along.

Perchorowicz also said money is budgeted to give firefighters their first raises in 10 years.

* Sally Crawford announced that cabin tours will resume on June 3 for the 20th year.

* Supervisor Steve Christy said Firewise has spread to Green Valley residents, and he credited Mt. Lemmon residents for providing the impetus.

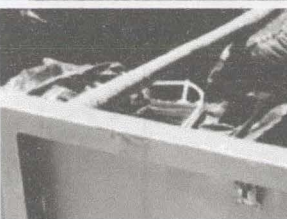


Yum! Hungry Mt. Lemmonites and guests line up for the Doubletree Reid Park Hotel's buffet dinner on April 25.



The annual Mt. Lemmon cleanup attracted nearly 30 volunteers who collected 600 pounds of trash on April 8. The cleanup was sponsored by Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association and was organized by Jenni Zimmerman and Dennis Cozzetti.

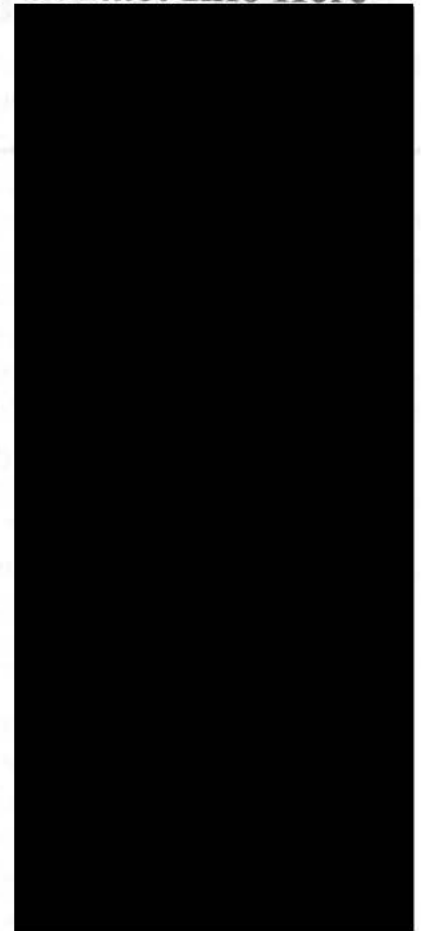
Cleanup Volunteers Bag 600 pounds on the Mountain



Find Your 2023 Firewise Neighborhood Captain's Contact Info Here

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Faul Preservation Area Absorbs Storm Damage; Several Trees Lost



The Faul Preservation Area in Summerhaven was among areas hit by the February wind and snow storm. Willem van Leeuwen, who oversees the area as director of the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources and the Environment, said he cut some of the fallen trees and left them stacked, available for the taking.

Trico Annual Meeting



Trico Electric Cooperative's Chelsea Mead leads a solar energy workshop at the co-op's annual meeting in Tucson on April 1. Mead is Trico's senior renewable resources energy efficiency specialist. More than 600 attended the meeting at the Casino del Sol Resort. (Photo courtesy of Trico)

Woman's Club Will Celebrate 50 Years of Mt. Lemmon Activity

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a luncheon on June 10.

The club, founded in 1972 as an affiliate of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, has grown to be Arizona's largest woman's club with 95 members, luncheon coordinator Connie Taylor said.

"Our theme for this year is '50 and fabulous'," Taylor said. She said the luncheon will be at the cabin of Mickie Gelsinger, who has volunteered its use for the gathering.

The luncheon is open to all members and anyone who wants to become a member, and each attendee is asked to bring a salad to share. Woman's Club members can pay their annual dues at the luncheon.

The state president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs has accepted an invitation to participate in the luncheon, she said.

The club meets monthly at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center in spring, summer and fall and at various locations in Tucson in winter. This month's meeting will be May 20 at 1 p.m.

Each month, the club chooses a charity for which it will work, providing donations of various kinds. The May charity is Youth on Their Own.



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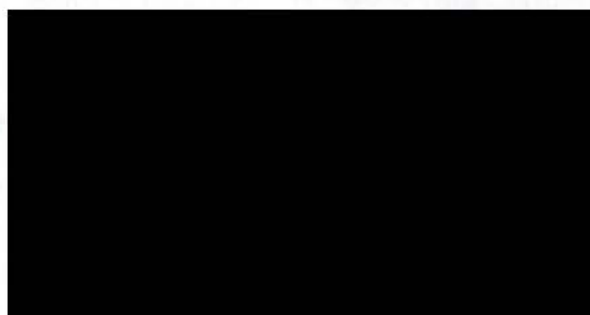


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