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Thank You, Deputy Sloan: Five Years of Service, Friendship, and Mountain Know-How

After five years as Mt. Lemmon's law enforcement officer, Deputy Agnieszka Sloan will leave the mountain next month and return to patrol duties on Tucson's east side. While we are glad she will continue to serve our broader community, she will be deeply missed here.

Over her five years, Deputy Sloan became much more than the person behind the badge. She was a steady presence, a familiar face, and a source of calm during emergencies; someone who, in her own words, got "paid to make friends."

That line captures how she approached this unique assignment.

Mt. Lemmon is not a typical beat. It's part neighborhood, part visitor destination, and part close-knit community where people know each other—and each other's business. Deputy Sloan quickly learned that policing here requires balance: safety first, but also connection, flexibility, and a sense of humor.

She embraced that balance fully.

Living on the mountain with her family for much of her assignment, she experienced everything that defines life here—the snow, the isolation, the beauty, and the strong sense of community. That connection shaped her work and her perspective.

Some of her favorite memories came from community events: Bunco nights, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials, and fire department fundraisers. These moments allowed her and her family to be part of the community, not just serve it.

She also valued the strong working relationships on the mountain. Cooperation between the Sheriff's Department, Fire District, Forest Service, and volunteers was direct and effective; people simply worked together to get things done.

Day to day, the job brought everything from traffic stops and visitor issues to rescues, accidents, welfare checks, and an occasional bear encounter. While enforcement was part of the role, Deputy Sloan was known for always being fair, approachable, and steady.

She joked about all the "friends" she made pulling over drivers hurrying to catch a sunset or navigating tight mountain parking. Her "friends" always found her respectful yet firm.



Originally from Poland and later Chicago, Deputy Sloan brought a practical, grounded perspective to the job. She said this was the one specialty assignment that truly appealed to her and it showed.

Her family's experience became part of the story as well. Her children learned mountain life firsthand, from snow shoveling to putting on tire chains and driving the Catalina Highway in winter. Not many kids get that kind of experience.

Deputy Sloan will now return to patrol work in Tucson. This transition was not by her request, but she spoke with appreciation for her time on the mountain and optimism for what comes next for her.

For Mt. Lemmon, her departure marks the end of a meaningful relationship.

Deputy Sloan, thank you for your service, your professionalism, and your care for this mountain community. We wish you all the best in your next assignment.

Deputy Sloan's 5 years on the mountain:

Traffic Stops: 1406
Warnings: 862
Citations: 2388
DUIs: 6
Collision Reports: 122
Dispatched Calls: 1232
Total calls Responsible for: 1748
Arrests: 77
Assist Other Agency Calls: 50

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!



9 am Saturday, April 4

Meet at the Community Center

Bring gloves, a bottle of water, and dress in layers!



From the desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

Submitted by Beth Borozan

It's awards season. The Oscars are in the rear-view mirror and the next big event is right around the corner. I am referring, of course, to the Annual Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Dinner Meeting being held at Skyline Country Club later this month. This largest gathering of the year is always a great event, and Beth and I are looking forward to seeing you all and learning who will receive the Summit Award!

Between now and then, we're going to be busy.

Work is underway with the MLHOA Board to develop and produce an enhanced Firewise mailer to be sent to all Mt. Lemmon property owners. Watch for it in your mailbox and support our community by Firewising your property.

The long-awaited traffic calming, seasonal speed bumps are expected to be installed soon along Sabino Canyon Parkway. Our Transportation Department has been coordinating this project, which will benefit all Summerhaven residents and visitors, with the Summerhaven businesses.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District contacted us with a need, and we are working with Pima County Administration to identify an appropriate 4x4 vehicle for donation. I expect my colleagues to join me in approving the transfer early this summer.

We're printing and bundling Stage 2 Fire Safety Restrictions flyers with our handy Pack it In, Pack it Out trash bags for distribution at Mile Post 0 by the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers when the US Forest Service sounds the call.

There has been no significant movement in the state legislature on our efforts to address wildfire danger mitigation and homeowners' insurance availability and affordability, according to our county lobbyist. We are poised for an anticipated flurry of activity next month.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to three members of your MLHOA Board who are retiring from active involvement and leadership. There is not enough space in this column to describe what

Sally Crum, Linda Currin, and Michael Singervalt have contributed to the mountain community and our appreciation is boundless. I have a feeling they won't fully retire. Thank you, Sally, Linda, and Michael! See you on the 21st.



This beautiful new public restroom was made possible by the FLAP grant. What a great addition for mountain visitors!



President's Corner

Sally Crum

As I step down as President of the Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association after many years of service, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the excellent and hard-working Executive Board members I've been blessed with and for all we have achieved together. Looking back, I am reminded of the milestones we reached, bringing Trico and the USFS together to clear rights of way of hazardous fuels, improving our relationship with the USFS, who carried out vital fuel thinning and pile burning projects, and supporting the approval of the Catalina Rincon Firescape project after more than a decade of persistence.

Our town hall meetings brought the community together to tackle important issues such as the Pima County Wastewater Treatment Facility, trash, and Firewise work. Thanks to those efforts, Pima County reviewed historical documents and added several sections of our local roads to their Maintenance Plans. We established a dedicated roads working group to oversee the county contract for winter snow plow.

Supporting the Mt. Lemmon Fire District, we aided the construction of the new fire station and contributed funds and items to furnish and equip the station. Our donations, totaling thousands of dollars, assisted the Mt. Lemmon Fire Fighter Association with unbudgeted expenses, including funds for a much-needed generator to replace the old WWII unit. Our traditional Labor Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast has continued to bring our community together while providing additional funds for the district.

Collaborating with Pima County Parks and Recreation, we secured the community center the third Saturday of each month for our association's meetings and events, free of charge. These accomplishments reflect the strength and dedication of our community, and none of them would have been possible without the collective efforts of our cabin and business owners, as well as our partners at USFS, including three different District Rangers, as well as Pima County District 4 Supervisor's office, Steve Christy, and our good friend and supporter, Beth Borazon.

We continued to sponsor our Firewise initiative, recognized as one of the most active in Arizona; celebrating more than 20 years of essential work. Through Firewise the community has taken the necessary steps to reduce hazardous fuels and reduce the risk of wildfire. These efforts have become critical recently, with many homeowners facing the dilemma of finding homeowner's insurance. We also worked with our Pima County Supervisor's office to gain state focus on the availability and affordability of homeowner's insurance in high fire risk areas. Pima County also approved a Fire Mitigation Plan on May 5, 2005, and we have already taken advantage of the plan, as they provided a chipper and crew in February.

Serving as President has been a wonderful experience and a privilege; I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you, hearing your concerns, and working together to build a safer, stronger, and more vibrant Mt Lemmon. Thank you for your support, trust, and partnership over the years. I am confident the association will continue to grow and thrive, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our community.



MLFD News
Dan Leade

As winter shifts to spring and the weather begins to warm, one of the best times to enjoy hiking on Mount Lemmon arrives. Bird watching, viewing the budding foliage, exercising, or simply exploring are just some of the enjoyable activities that visitors and residents take advantage of on the many hiking trails atop Mount Lemmon. That said, it is important to remember there are hazards associated with hiking that can result in many different types of injuries; some life-threatening. Getting lost is an all too common occurrence on the mountain, adverse weather conditions can occur at a moment's notice, and dangerous animals may be present. Many trails have been affected by wildfire and pose unique hazards not found in other areas like falling trees, loose soil/rocks and trail damage.

In order to help hikers enjoy the outdoors and mitigate risk, the National Parks Service lists ten essential health and safety items to consider when planning a hike: navigation, sun protection, insulation, illumination, first aid supplies, a way to start a fire, a repair kit or tools, nutrition, hydration, and an emergency shelter. No list will be all inclusive, and it is impossible to prepare for every possible emergency, but this is a great place to start. In addition, some other tips are to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Hike with at least one other person. Research the trail and stay on it. Wear proper hiking gear and research the anticipated weather for your hike. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

April Calendar of Events

1	Passover
3	Good Friday
4	Community Clean Up! 9 am Community Center
5	Easter
15	TAX DAY
18	8:30 am Water Board meeting 1 pm MLWC meeting Desert Light Gourmet Dinner - Sawmill Run
21	MLHOA Annual Dinner
22	EARTH DAY!

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MLHOA News

The recent Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association meeting offered a clear reminder that spring is here and the mountain is getting busy. Discussion focused on upcoming community events, FireWise work, water concerns, and plans for the annual dinner.

The annual dinner is shaping up to be another well-attended community gathering. At the time of the meeting, 65 reservations had already been made, with the expectation that many more would come in closer to the deadline — very much the mountain way. Planning is underway, raffle items are being gathered,

Several important spring dates were also confirmed. Community Cleanup Day will be held April 4 at 9 a.m. near the Community Center. The next chipping event is planned for May 9, and the annual FireWise Block Party will take place May 23. Residents were also reminded that the burn pile is open and that pine needles are already being accepted.

The Fire Department reported that preparations for fire season are well underway, including volunteer training, new grant support for equipment, and continued work on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Water also remains a concern as the busy season begins, with ongoing discussion about conservation and future infrastructure improvements.

The meeting also included a heartfelt thank you from outgoing President Sally, who reflected on all the community has accomplished and the importance of neighbors continuing to step up, stay involved, and support one another.

IMPORTANT

The MLHOA membership will vote on bylaw changes and new Board members at the Annual Dinner.

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MLWC Happenings

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club has a full calendar ahead, with community service, educational programs, and mountain events all taking shape in the months to come. At the club's recent meeting, members reviewed upcoming projects, approved support for several causes, and looked ahead to a busy summer season.

A highlight was a note of thanks from Keeling Elementary School, recognizing the club's recent donation of more than \$3,200 in grocery gift cards for students and families. Members also voted to contribute \$250 to support welcome bags for the upcoming international convention hosted in Arizona this summer.

The club's speaker series is also coming together nicely. In April, Dr. Dorothy Johnson will offer two Zoom sessions on aging and the brain. Summer programs will include a presentation on the rare orchid that grows on Mt. Lemmon and ongoing conservation work connected to the Smithsonian, followed by a talk on research related to hantavirus and another by Tucson children's author Douglas Nance. Some programs will be held in person, while others will be available by Zoom.

Members also discussed this year's "Done in a Day" service projects. The first will support Candlelighters' prom for teens in treatment, survivors, and siblings, with members asked to bring \$25 restaurant gift cards to the April meeting. Future projects may include support for Sister José, More Than a Bed, Hope Rising, Aviva Children's Services, and local school programs later in the year.

The club also noted its summer schedule will be full, with the annual cabin tour on June 13, the membership luncheon on June 27, and other meetings and speaker programs continuing through the season. The April MLWC meeting will be held on the mountain! See you there!

MLWC Speaker Series Summer 2026

Get ready for another season of captivating speakers!
Location: Mount Lemmon Community Center
2:00 pm-3:00pm

Apr 22: 12:00 - 1:30: Dr. Dorothy Johnson, Aging & Our Brains: Normal Aging Body Brain (Zoom)

Register in advance for this meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8122222222>

Apr 29: 12:00 - 1:30 : Dr. Dorothy Johnson, Aging & Our Brains: Challenges & Obstacles (Zoom)

Register in advance for this meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8122222222>

May 16: Installation of MLWC Officers

June 20: Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens – Dr. Salywon

July 18 : Smithsonian Institute, Dr. McCormick – Orchids on Mount Lemmon

August 15: Dr. Leigh Combrink, UA, SNRE Faul Preserve Research

September 19: Douglas E Meredith- Generation Mars Children's Author

Water Improvement District Updates

Water issues continue to be front and center on Mt. Lemmon, and the latest update brought both encouraging progress and ongoing concern. The water district reported that engineering is moving forward on the new Upper Loma Linda tank, with the design phase expected to take about eight months. Progress is also being made on the Guthrie Firewise hydrant project: drawings and easements are complete, permit submission is expected soon, and the district hopes the work can move to bid this year.

At the same time, water conservation remains a challenge as the busy season begins. The district is working on a separate curtailment policy for businesses, with input from major commercial users still to come. Local business owners noted that while they are doing everything they can to conserve, visitor demand especially during busy weekends and warm-weather surges continues to stress the system.

Looking further ahead, the district is also exploring whether Zimmerman Springs could eventually provide added support to the mountain's water infrastructure. That idea is still in the early stages and appears to be a longer-term project, but it was mentioned as one more possibility being considered as the community looks for ways to strengthen water reliability in the future.

From the ML Fire District:
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Spring is shaping up to be a busy time for Firewise efforts on Mt. Lemmon, with several upcoming events and projects aimed at helping our community stay prepared for wildfire season.

One of the most important outreach efforts will be an upcoming county mailing to property owners, expected to arrive soon. In addition to sharing Firewise information, the mailing will encourage cabin owners to provide contact information that first responders can use in case of an emergency. Currently, organizers estimate they have contact details for only about 40 percent of Summerhaven cabin owners, and even fewer for cabins owned by LLCs or out-of-state owners. Improving that contact list will help firefighters reach property owners quickly if an issue arises.

Several spring events are also on the calendar:

April 21 – MLHOA Annual Dinner

May 9 – Community Chipping Day

May 23 – Firewise Block Party

The May 9 chipping event will give property owners an opportunity to dispose of slash and branches before fire season ramps up. This year's cleanup may be especially important after the January ice storm left many trees bent or broken. Clearing that material early helps reduce wildfire risk and keeps properties safer.

The Firewise team is also updating materials and the Firewise website to make it easier for residents to understand the basics—such as maintaining the 0–5 foot non-combustible zone around structures, scheduling property assessments, and helping neighbors who may need assistance with cleanup.

Finally, new Firewise neighborhood signs are on the way, and volunteers continue working on additional outreach ideas to remind both residents and visitors about wildfire safety.

As always, Firewise efforts depend on community-wide participation. Keep an eye out for the upcoming mailing, mark the event dates on your calendar, and take advantage of the chipping day to get a jump on spring cleanup. Together, these small steps help keep Mt. Lemmon safer for everyone.

MLHOA Annual Dinner Meeting

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, community, and important neighborhood updates.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Skyline Country Club – The Crown Room

5200 E Saint Andrews Dr, Tucson, Arizona 85718

Valet Parking Included in Ticket Price

Evening Schedule

5:30 PM Reception / Registration with Cash Bar

6:30 PM: Dinner

Following Dinner: Annual Meeting, Community Updates & Raffle , Summit Award

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Mail to: MLHOA, P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

Please write "Annual Dinner" and the names of attendees in the memo line of either your Zelle payment or check.

Reservation Deadline: April 15, 2026

Additional Information

Please spread the word to all homeowners — registered or not!

Signups for MLHOA, ML Woman's Club, and Firewise will be available at Registration.

For dinner reservation questions before or after the deadline, contact:

Joleen Emami – joleenemami@gmail.com



**Mt Lemmon Weather Resources at
KLMN-LP 106.9 FM**

Submitted by Christina Grossman

Mount Lemmon has experienced different forms of precipitation this Winter season. Every bit of data collection counts. There are a number of resources available to all of us when it pertains to weather resources. This is important as we are in Spring and heading towards the summer months.

As KLMN-LP is a service of the Mount Lemmon Radio Club, we have a weather station that is located on Mount Lemmon. The weather station is better with rainfall levels, as opposed to snowfall. This is why we have included the link to SnowView, a service of the University of Arizona.

SnowView is a satellite data and model driven tool for monitoring snowpack, precipitation, and streamflow. One of the contributors is Dr. van Leeuwen from the School of Natural Resources and the Environment and Paul Preservation Area. Another resource from the same team is DroughtView, which as the name suggests, focuses on drought.

We also have a link to our weather cameras that overlook Radio Ridge. The U.S. Forest Service has its own weather cameras that are available to look from Mt. Bigelow and also provide data from Scout Camp (Camp Lawton area).

There are others offering resources using other platforms. At KLMN-LP, we like to focus on non-profit organizations and government agencies that provide the service free to the public.

To access these resources, go to our weather page at <https://www.klmn-lp.org/index.php/mt-lemmon-weather-resources/>. You can go directly to www.klmn-lp.org and click on the top left link "Weather" to direct you to the weather page.

Do you have other resources that you think we should provide on our website? Send comments and questions directly to me, at programming@klmn-lp.org.

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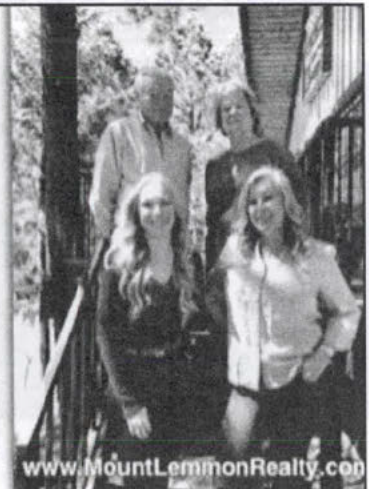
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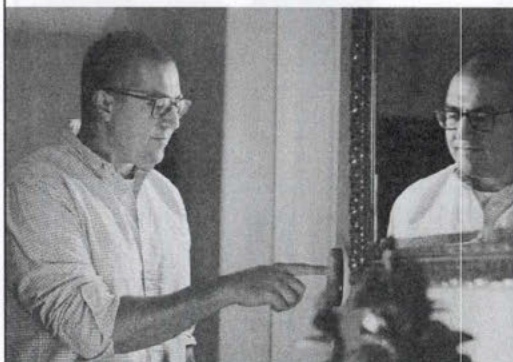
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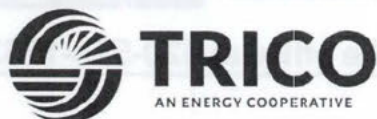


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Cody and the Secret for a Cookie

Cody's tail twitched as he hurried down the trail. He needed a secret — not just any secret, but one worth trading for a cookie from the Lodge guest with the paper bag and the kind eyes. Luna had joined him. She padded softly over the pine needles. "So your plan," she said, "is to wander around until a secret jumps out at you?" Cody lifted his nose. "That is not my plan." Luna waited. "My plan," Cody said grandly, "is to use my excellent coat instincts." Luna's whiskers twitched. "Which look a lot like wandering."



Cody ignored this. Somewhere on Mount Lemmon, he was sure, there had to be a hidden thing, a surprising thing, a secret thing. Then he stopped short. Just off the trail was a narrow path he had never noticed before, slipping between two boulders into a stand of young pines. "This," Cody announced, "has secret written all over it." Luna followed as the little path twisted into a tiny clearing tucked away like the mountain had made a private room and forgotten to mention it.

In the middle stood a tree stump covered in treasures: blue jay feathers, smooth stones, acorn caps, bits of bark, shiny beetle wings, and one curled pine shaving that looked exactly like a cinnamon roll for mice. Cody stared. "It's a secret collection," he whispered. It looked as if little creatures from all over the mountain had each left behind one special thing. Not a nest, not a cache — more like a hidden museum.

Then something moved behind the stump. Out popped a chipmunk, tiny and striped and extremely annoyed. "You are standing," she said, "in the middle of the gallery." Cody blinked. "The gallery?" "Yes," she said. "The Secret Forest Gallery. For very special things." Cody tried to look important. "I am Cody. Explorer. Finder of secrets." The chipmunk narrowed her eyes. "And cookie chaser, by the look of you."

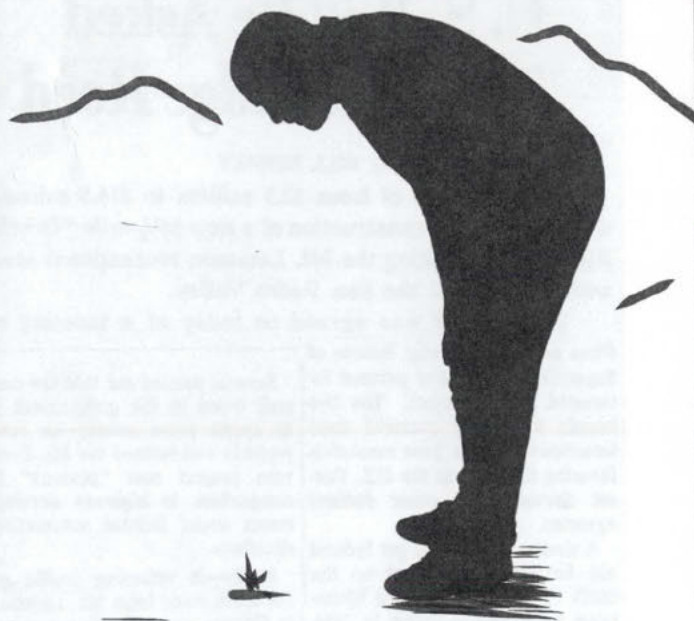
Cody gasped. "How do you know about the cookie?" The chipmunk sniffed. "Everyone knows. News travels." Cody asked carefully if he could tell the Lodge guest about the gallery, but the chipmunk's answer was firm. "Absolutely not. Some of the best secrets on Mount Lemmon are not yours to give away." Cody looked again at the stump and all its tiny treasures and knew she was right. Finding a secret place felt wonderful. Giving it away for a cookie suddenly felt wrong.

So Cody and Luna went back to the Lodge. Sitting up very straight, Cody told the guest, "I found a secret, but I cannot tell you, because it belongs to the mountain." The man looked at him for a long moment, then smiled and reached into the paper bag. "That," he said, "sounds like exactly the kind of secret worth a cookie." Cody's whole body lit up.

"But first," the man added, glancing toward the trees, "you should know someone else came by looking for you." Cody froze. The man pointed up the trail. There, between the pines, stood a tall shaggy shape Cody had never seen before.

And it was wearing his sunflower behind one ear

Is It Spring Yet?



**But Dang, I will miss the quiet
winter!**

Signs of the Times by Kermie

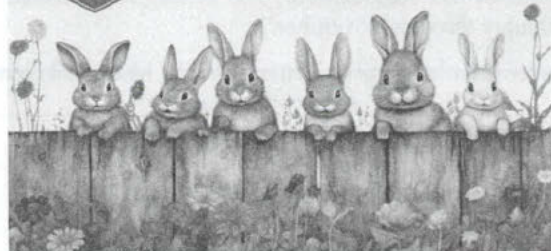


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BACK ROUTE TO MT. LEMMON

U. S. Will Be Asked To Build Ridge Road

By BILL KIMMEY

Federal funds of from \$2.5 million to \$14.5 million will be asked for construction of a new 14½-mile "Oracle Ridge Road" linking the Mt. Lemmon recreational area with Oracle and the San Pedro Valley.

The request was agreed on today at a meeting of Pima and Pinal County Boards of Supervisors and other persons interested in the project. The two boards informally declared their intention to send a joint resolution favoring the road to the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies.

A similar attempt to get federal aid for building a road up the north slope of the Catalina Mountains from Oracle failed in 1954. At that time, it was estimated the project would cost \$2 million.

Cost of the road now proposed would depend on the class assigned to it if government funds are allocated, according to Jay Bateman of Oracle, a Pinal County supervisor. He said he has made an extensive study of road costs and has conferred with forest service officials about the proposal.

Bateman explained that the road would cost "about \$1 million per mile" if rigid federal highway standards are adopted. However, the cost could be reduced to approximately \$2.5 million if it is classified as an access road.

Most of the 14 persons from both Tucson and southern Pinal County who attended today's meeting were optimistic that federal funds could now be obtained.

Several pointed out that the current trend of the government is to spend more money on road projects and termed the Mt. Lemmon project cost "peanuts" in comparison to highway developments under federal sponsorship elsewhere.

Safety—in relieving traffic on the south route from Mt. Lemmon to Tucson and providing another way out in case of fire or other emergency—was stressed as a primary factor in support of a new road.

It was also emphasized that the federal government should have greater interest in Mt. Lemmon than four years ago because of the Air Force radar station there.

From a recreational standpoint, a new road from Oracle would permit access to additional picnicking areas now unable to be reached by car.

Funds permitting, the road will be entirely new and will not follow any portion of the present 20-mile dirt road now leading to the mountain through Pepper Sauce Canyon. It has been tentatively laid out by the forest service to go almost directly north from Oracle through the Coronado National Forest.

**Deadline for submission to the May issue of
The Echoes is April 20.**

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes is a publication of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association. The Echoes is published monthly February through November.

Reader submitted stories, letters, photos, ideas, and comments are always welcome.

You may submit submissions or comments to:

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A Costa Rica Sampler!

Submitted by Henry Johnson

In November my wife DJ and I traveled with some friends to Costa Rica for two weeks of birding and birding photography. Here are some photos as a sampler, beginning at the top left and moving across and down.

The big yellow goofy looking bird is a Keel-billed Toucan, a fruit eater with a huge bill that served as the inspiration for Kellogg's Froot Loop logo! To his right is a Resplendent Quetzal, a member of the trogon family who lives in the mountain cloud forests and loves to start the day by eating small avocados from the forest trees.

Next, four hummingbirds, the Rufous-tailed, the White-necked Jacobin, a female Volcano feeding at a flower, and a Fiery-throated, back to the camera. Bottom left are two male Red-legged Honeycreepers, members of the tanager family, facing off in the rain forest one morning.

Finally, a mama Panamanian White-faced Capuchin with her twins at a Macaw farm in the rainforest.

For more stories and photos, go to www.mtlemonazimages.com. There are five posts on Costa Rica. The search engine on the website works very well and will help you locate any specific bird or place.

Thank you Henry for these beautiful photos!!




SAWMILL RUN X HOWDY JUICY X QUEEN CHEVICHE

DESERT LIGHT

April 18th, 2026

HIGH PEARL
CAVIAR TARTLET
CULTURED CREME FRAICHE CUCUMBER CHIVE

VERDANT
HAMACHI
CUCUMBER GREEN APPLE LIME SHISO
PAIRED WITH COSMIC COWGIRL

EMBER ROOT
CHARRED CARROT
CARROT PUREE GINGER ORANGE PISTACHIO
PAIRED WITH SONORAN GOLD

SUN CURRENT
SEARED SCALLOP
SWEET CORN PUREE PINEAPPLE LEMON BEURRE BLANC
PAIRED WITH ELECTRIC COWBOY

CRIMSON TIDE
MESQUITE-GRILLED SHRIMP
WATERMELON-LIME CONSOMME YOUNG HERBS CHILI OIL
PAIRED WITH WRANGLIN' WATERMELON

LAST LIGHT
GOAT CHEESE CHEESECAKE
HIBISCUS CANDIED CITRUS
PAIRED WITH QUEEN CHEVICHE HIBISCUS LEMONADE



\$100 per guest
tasting menu with juice pairing



\$125 per guest
upgrade to craft cocktail pair

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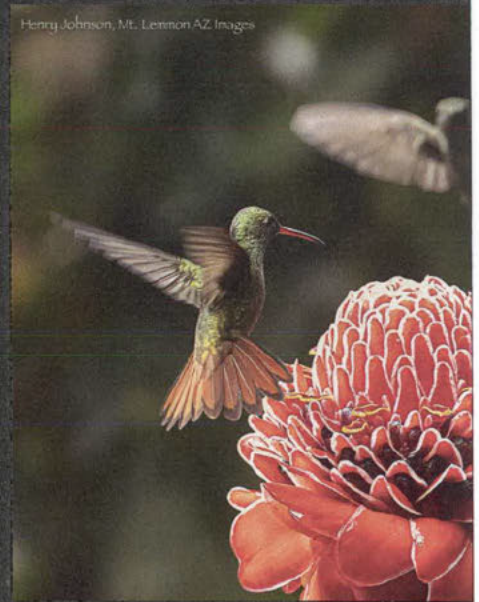
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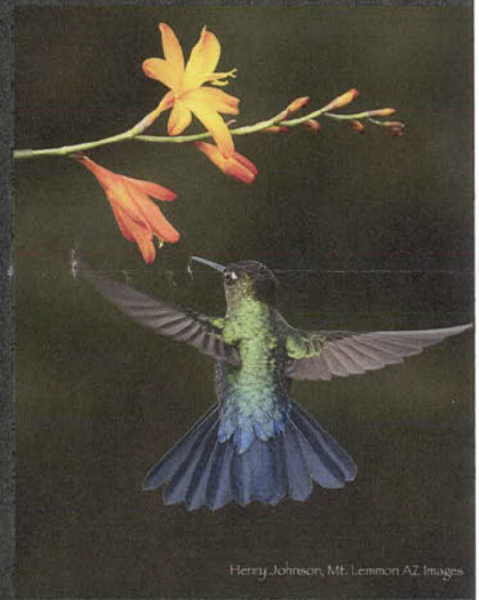
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