

# TONTO TRIBUNE

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TONTO BASIN LIBRARY

Ellen Canterbury, a retired librarian from Flagstaff moved to Tonto Basin.

She thought the Tonto Basin school children should have access to books. She started by borrowing books from the Payson Library and making them available for the students to borrow and read.

That idea grew with her having a vision of an actual library here in Tonto Basin. That vision grew with the help of many people, finding space inside the school, makeshift shelving and donated equipment to start a library. Books were donated from the State Library and other libraries. Ellen had the know how to set up a library and with volunteers she recruited to help, work began to catalog books. A library Board was formed, also a friend of the library group. The library Board handled the business of a running a library and the friends of the library held fund raisers to collect funds. The Board setup a 501c, bylaws were written, and a name chosen. The Board decided on the name of Tonto Basin Community School library.

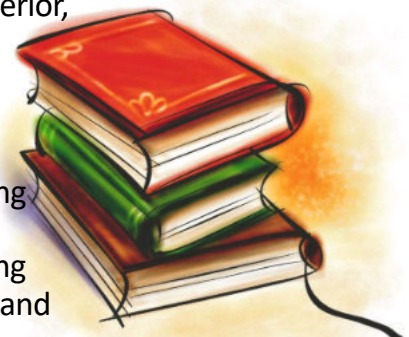
While all this was taking place all the libraries in Gila County, including Tonto Basin were diligently working with the State to create a Gila County Library District. They succeeded which opened up opportunities for the libraries while remaining independent libraries to have support from Gila County and a means to collect public funding. Public funds are collected via property taxes and distributed to each library according to a formula setup by the Supervisors, approved by the libraries.

Every year each library signs a contract with the County to assure we comply with County, State and Federal rules. The Gila County Board of Supervisors are trustees of the district, they in turn hire a head librarian for the County with a small staff to be the main rule of law for each library followed by each library Board down to each library Manager. This is a story all within itself but needs to be mentioned because it affected

the Tonto Basin Library.

The Tonto Basin Library changed its name to Tonto Basin Public Library in order to comply with State and Federal regulations after the forming of the district. The library now had funding instead of relying on donations. The library was now able to add new shelving, new books, videos and programs.

Along came the Americans with Disabilities Act that would require an elevator, since the library was upstairs in the school, plus the need for more space led the library Board in search of another location to house the library. Many possibilities were researched with the consideration of trying to stay as close to the school as possible to allow students easy access to the library. As luck would have it, the school offered the current location of the library for the library's consideration. Perfect! The library Board purchased a used modular building and had it set in place. Work began on restoring the interior, setting up shelving and moving into the new location. This all sounds easy, however it all took about three years of getting permits, ok from Gila County planning and zoning and complying with State and Federal laws.



In 1995 the library was finally open and ready for business. All this work was accomplished with the help from many people, to many to mention with the fear of leaving someone out.

The Tonto Basin Public library continues to help the community and school children. The library continues to grow and expand. With the communities help and support the library will be a part of the community for years to come. ~ Fran Cain, past Library Manager





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## Chamber Update:

Well looks like we survived the summer,... so far.  
 From what I understand it has been the hottest on record.

I want to give a **SHOUT OUT** to all our Chamber Members. Your loyalty to this organization is incredible. **Thank You!** I ask everyone to give these folks a call when you need something done. They're all listed on the back of the calendar insert in this NewsLetter and the list is growing.

We are looking at new signage for the building. The old sign was worn and we need a permit just to put the old one back. It's time to update and upgrade.

See ya in the funny papers... Jeff D.



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# FISHING



### Let's Talk Fishin (LTF) Night Tournament

Roosevelt Lake is at 83% full, all the boat ramps are open. The Bobcat ramp is 14 feet at the end of the

ramp. This is where the latest LTF Night Tournament was held.

The father/son team from Tonto Basin, Luke & Milo Weisser took 2nd Place. They weighed 12.40 lbs. with 3 fish and their big fish was 4.67 lbs.

Here are some top secrets from anglers who fished the LTF Night Series. Buzz Baits, Spinnerbaits, Jigs in the green/brown or black colors. Carolina Rig, 8–10-inch worms. Deep diving crankbaits.

If you're headed to the lake, make sure you have plenty of water. Because the temperatures are still in the 100's and keep an eye out for the monsoons, they can come

up very unexpectedly. If you're on the water when a monsoon storm hits, find a cove and wait for the storm to pass.

Place your boat into the wind, stay away from the shore.

If you are looking to do some tournament fishing in 2024/2025, the LTF Season starts

Luke & Milo Weisser

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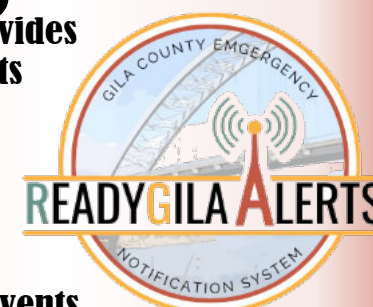


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## Tonto Basin Community Meeting

Tuesday August 6, 5:00 PM  
Supervisor Humphrey opened the meeting by reviewing his recent activities which included attending 3 agenda meetings, being a guest speaker at the Globe-

Miami Rotary Meeting on July 10th, being a guest speaker at the Globe Republican Club on July 20th and attending a District 2 Projects Team Meeting on the 31st of July.

Supervisor Humphrey discussed our project team meeting last week and the ways we might attempt to mitigate some of the flooding issues in Sycamore. Staff are actively looking for grants for Sycamore, Butcher Hook RV Park and Tonto Creek Trail repairs.

The supervisor went over funds that have been spent on infrastructure in District 2 in the past 8 years. Through hard work and networking, we have been able to obtain and invest \$32,157,119.30 in District 2 infrastructure.

Supervisor Humphrey then went over how constituents said they wanted change during the recent election. He stated that he is in Tonto Basin every month at the community meeting, he has provided his cell number, office number, and email address to residents. He requested that residents let him know what they would like to change so that he can work on it. He also let residents know that the BOS hasn't raised property taxed and that if your tax bill is higher, it is due to the assessor raising the assessed value of your property.

A resident asked if the county had plans to add additional signage by the school with the bridge being open. She stated that folks drive too fast through the area. Homero Vela said he would have his crew come out and add signage if possible.

Supervisor the offered the following footnotes.

We are still working on a park for Tonto Basin.

We are working with NRCS for funding to repair flood damages.

We are reaching for grant funding for additional flood repairs.

We are working on an updated roads atlas for the entire county.

We work closely with our Emergency Management Department on wildfire mitigation and preparedness in the county.

Lt. Lahti of the Gila County Sheriff's Department gave a brief report to the residents. He said he is hearing good things about the fires surrounding Tonto Basin, he said there are now 3 deputies and one sergeant working in the area. Three of the deputies are water certified and work on the lake as well.

Jeremy Plain, USFS, updated that it has been a rough month for fires. He said we have had a poor monsoon which is not helping. He said the Wally Fire was at 685 acres yesterday and that they are having good success at fighting it. He said the Asher Fire was about 180 acres and had fewer high values at risk. The Y-Bar Fire is in rough country and crews can't get to it to fight it. The Black Fire is 85% contained. Jeremy said the national fire preparedness level is at a 5 which is the highest level. He said we are lucky we were able to get scoopers and crews.

A resident asked Jeremy is there was an update on the Indian Point repairs. Jeremy said the dock is bent and he is waiting on the man who can weld on aluminum. He stated that aluminum docks are not build for our weather.

Chief Stoltenberg, Tonto Basin Fire Chief told the residents that his department is working on their audit. His department was selected for an annual Medicare survey, which will take a week of data entry. He said his department is also supporting the Forest Service on the fires. He said he is 80% confident he will be awarded the funding to refurbish the Roosevelt substation.

A resident asked the chief if he had any updates on the RV park. The chief responded that they were still waiting on the electric.

Lori Mills, Congressman Eli Crane's office, let residents know that she moved to Tonto Basin in June. Lori handed out her business cards and stated that she holds mobile office hours throughout the county.

Homero Vela, Gila County Public Works Director addressed the meeting. He let everyone know that the new Gila County Road Atlas is complete and is now available on the County website under the Roads tab. He said that the atlas shows which roads the county maintains. He said the county receives HURF funding to maintain the roads. He said that the county maintains 750 miles of roads. He said that his staff is now trained

to do chip-sealing and does the majority of it countywide. He touched on the failure of Cactus Asphalt on the Gisela Road project. Failure of the oil in the mix appears to have been the problem. He said he has been working on the Sycamore Creek issue for more than 7 years. He said that the county obtained a 404 permit and hired contractors to do an archaeological survey. He said the "folks" put in boulders and they washed out. He said the permit for Sycamore still exists. The only permanent design that would fix the problem is an 8-foot-thick concrete wall which would cost approximately \$3,5 million dollars. For the purpose of applying for grants, a buy-out of the affected properties is the best option.

A Gisela resident attended the meeting and asked to speak. He had prepared a document which he shared with Supervisor Humphrey detailing the issues that have happened to the residents due to the Cactus Asphalt failure in Gisela. The majority of the community has had damage done to their vehicles due to the quality of the materials Cactus used. The resident was visibly upset, but Supervisor Humphrey allowed him to cover all of the issues he wanted to discuss.

Meeting adjourned.

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# Arizona's Native Plant Law protects many plants in the desert, including cacti, agaves, and other species.

## SAGUARO CACTUS

The largest saguaros can be over 200 years old. Saguaro National Park protects the population, which has declined significantly in recent centuries.



SAGUARO CACTUS, Attribution: Ehiris at English Wikipedia

## ARIZONA AGAVE

This plant is protected by the Native Plant Law, which prohibits collection except for scientific or educational purposes.



Arizona Agave Attribution: Stan Shebs

## OCOTILLO

This native plant is protected and it's illegal to harvest it from the desert.

## BRITTLEBUSH



OCOTILLO, Attribution: Chris Hunkeler, Carlsbad, CA

This shrub provides food and shelter for desert tortoises and helps maintain the ecological balance.

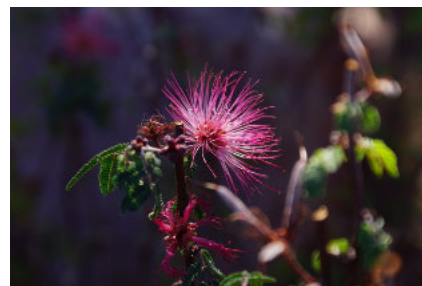


## CREOSOTE BUSH

This shrub provides food and shelter for desert tortoises and helps maintain the ecological balance.

## FAIRY DUSTER

This plant is an important food source for desert birds and animals.



FAIRY DUSTER Attribution: Chris English

## DESERT IRONWOOD

This tree is threatened by exploitation for its valuable wood, which is used for carving and fuel in Mexico.



DESERT IRONWOOD

The Native Plant Law protects desert plants from theft, vandalism, and unnecessary destruction on all lands.

The Arizona native plant law was enacted to protect rare plant species

and to protect some species from being over harvested. There are four

## PROTECTED NATIVE PLANT CATEGORIES:

- 1. Highly Safeguarded** – This group of plants is threatened for survival or are in danger of extinction. Protection includes not only the plants themselves, but their plant parts such as fruits, seeds and cuttings. A few of the species that are in this category are saguaro, Arizona willow, and some of the agaves and cacti.
- 2. Salvage Restricted** – This large group of plants are subject to damage and vandalism. This is a large list of species with 44 plant families represented, the largest being numerous species of cacti.
- 3. Salvage Assessed** – This much smaller group of plants have enough value if salvaged to support the cost of salvaging. This list includes the desert willow, palo verde, ironwood, smoke tree and several mesquite species.
- 4. Harvest Restricted** – Also a smaller group, these plants are protected due to the fact that they are subject to excessive harvesting because of the intrinsic value of products made with their wood or fiber. Included in this group are bear grass, yucca, ironwood and mesquite.

To learn more about the Arizona native plant law,

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## The Top 5 Retirement Expenses (And Tips On How to Lower their costs)

The question of retiring, and doing so comfortably, is individual and depends on many factors.

After years of working, some rely solely on Social Security benefits. Some are fortunate enough to have a retirement plan through work or financial planning. Some have acquired assets that provide added cushion and peace of mind upon retirement. Silver Chats looks at the cost of retirement living and tips on making ends meet. What changes do we need to make when we retire?

Many older adults worry about how they will make it on a fixed income. The current inflation rate is 3.3%. Prices have risen 20.8% since the pandemic-induced recession, several years ago in 2020. For many, our incomes have not met the rising cost of living. A more disturbing rumor is that SSA will be insolvent by 2035.

The average cost of living in 2024 for a single retired person aged 65 and older is \$57,818.00 a year. (<https://www.fool.com/research/average-retirement-income/#>.) According to the Bureau of Labor, the average annual income of someone 65 and older was \$55,335.

The average SSA monthly payment is \$1778. In the US, 25% of retirees live on \$1500 per month but according to Nasdaq, living on \$1500 per month is doable with planning and smart decision-making. You are lucky if you have an IRA or another retirement source to augment your SSA, and can easily make ends meet without making many financial lifestyle changes.

The rule of thumb for calculating an individual

retirement budget is 70-80% of what you were living on before leaving the workforce. For example, if you lived on \$2,000 monthly, plan on \$1600.

We all need to make adjustments in retirement. Silver Chats has ranked the top 5 retirement expenditures and tips on how to lower those costs.

### #1 Housing

Housing expenditures make up 35% of the monthly budget. This includes mortgage payments, rent, and property taxes. A recent study showed that 34% of homeowners 65-74 years of age were still paying off mortgages. There are things we can do to decrease this biggest monthly cost.

Here are some tips for lowering housing costs:

- Payoff mortgage before retiring
- Downsize to a smaller dwelling
- Move to a state with a lower cost of living
- Choose a mobile lifestyle
- Shared housing

### #2 Transportation

If you were a commuter to work, you may think that transportation costs would decline significantly. Guess again. This includes gas, insurance (which goes up substantially with age), maintenance and repairs, car rentals, leases, payments, and public transportation (Uber, Lyft, taxis, etc). The cost of all those expenditures increased 14% over last year. Retirees saw the cost of owning their vehicles increase from \$600 monthly to over \$1000.

Here are some tips for lowering transportation costs:

- Shop around annually for car insurance
- If you have a multi-vehicle household, consider downsizing to one vehicle
- Use ride-hailing services like Uber or Lyft
- Take advantage of senior discount programs through AAA or AARP.
- Purchase a bike for running short, local errands

### #3 Healthcare

This category includes health insurance, medical services, medical supplies and drugs, as well as, hearing, vision, and dental costs. Retirees spend an average of \$7500 a year on healthcare. That marks a 20% increase in healthcare costs after age 65. This is why holistic aging practices are so important. Making

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## Celebrate National Public Lands Day In September!

National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 28. It is an annual event partnered with the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF). NEEF was congressionally formed in 1990 as a non-partisan, non-advocacy organization and is the nation's leading organization in lifelong environmental learning, creating opportunities for people to experience and learn about the environment in ways that improve their lives and the planet's health.

A signature event of NEEF is National Public Lands Day. It is the largest single-day volunteer effort for America's public lands. National Public Lands Day is more than a volunteer project day—it's a chance to connect with new communities, an event that creates kinship among those working together for a common goal, and an opportunity to use America's public lands for education, recreation, and overall physical and mental health. This year's National Public Lands Day theme is "Together for Tomorrow."

The inaugural National Public Lands Day, originally known as "Public Lands Appreciation Day," occurred on

July 30, 1994. Times Mirror Magazine organized it and initially involved one federal land agency, the Bureau of Land Management, two public land sites, and 700 volunteers. In the following years, the National Environmental Education Foundation assumed responsibility for coordinating the event and trademarked National Public Lands Day. More federal agencies joined the effort, transforming the day into the largest, single-day volunteer event dedicated to our public lands.

This year all National Parks will celebrate National Public Lands Day with events, activities, projects, and educational opportunities that highlight volunteers and #RecreateResponsibly. In 2023, the National Park Service saw 7600 volunteers donate 41,500 hours of service to volunteer projects, making it the biggest single-day volunteer event in the park system. It is a fee-free day at all national parks providing a great opportunity to visit and explore a new place or return to a past favorite.

### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

- Visit a National Park for free.
- Take part in a volunteer work project. Certain in-park projects may provide a fee-free day coupon to be used on a future date. Check out all volunteer events at national parks using Volunteer.gov, and keywords National Public Lands Day.
- Have fun and enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of being outdoors.
- Learn how to protect public lands and Leave No Trace when you visit.
- Share your favorite outdoor activity on social media channels with the hashtags #NPLD and #NPSVolunteer.

Tonto National Monument will celebrate National Public Lands Day by offering free admission to the park and the trail to the Lower Cliff Dwelling. Volunteer opportunities at the park are available throughout the year. For example, in March of this year, we had a volunteer project for stinkweed eradication. Although the weather prohibits Tonto National Monument from a special volunteer project on September 28, we will celebrate National Public Lands Day by hosting an educational program on #RecreateResponsibly while

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decisions based on physical and mental wellness has never been more important for our well-being and our pocketbooks.

- Here are several tips for improving healthcare costs:
- Shop annually for a Medicare supplemental plan. They aren't all the same, and some plans you only pay for if you use them.
  - Implement holistic aging practices to balance physical and mental well-being, providing space for love and spirituality through a positive, healthy lifestyle
  - See if you qualify for HSA eligibility
  - Travel to a foreign country for dental, or other medical care. Often the services are the same at far lower costs than in the USA

### #4 Food

The current price index says a single retired person spends over \$600 a month on food. That includes groceries and eating out. Historically food costs have risen 12-13% annually. Food is therefore the fourth biggest expense for retirees. That represents about 25% of an individual monthly income.

- There are several tips for countering high food costs:
- Buy bulk at Costco or other sources and save on the individual cost of purchasing.
  - Plan out low-cost meals in advance
  - Many companies have senior days and offer discounts
  - Plant a garden and grow your favorite vegetables.
  - Using store apps or store weekly ads and coupons
  - Make homemade bread, jam, salsa, salad dressings, sauces, etc., this ensures ingredient content, cuts grocery costs, and offers a fresh, healthy alternative to store-bought.

### #5 Utilities

These are living expenses such as electricity, water, gas, heating, sewage, trash collecting, recycling, and technology subscriptions (internet, cable, security, app charges, etc.) These are monthly expenditures that are necessities for many of us.

- Here are some tips on how to mitigate these costs:
- Check out your local utility company for customer energy assistance programs
  - Adjust thermostat settings



- Change or clean filters and do regular maintenance on equipment
- Switch to LED lights and smart lights and turn them off when not needed
- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Old appliances and electrical units use more energy, consider upgrading to newer ones

Financial planning for retirement allows us to design a simpler, fuller lifestyle free from the constraints of our working years. We can let go of possessions that weigh us down and follow a path that leads to physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. We no longer need to accumulate belongings, stress over jobs, or adhere to a social norm. There are some simple lifestyle changes we can adopt to help us age more comfortably. By adopting holistic aging practices and accepting small changes, we can discover the endless possibilities of aging.

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procedures for obtaining a permit for plant removal, transporting native plants, and to view the specific species listed under the above protections, visit the Arizona Department of Agriculture's website at <http://www.azda.gov/ESD/nativeplants.htm>.

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ArtMobile-AZ, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 community-centered arts in health creative aging organization designed to reach unique populations in SW Arizona. The organization provides weekly, participatory art classes to individuals who would not have the opportunity to engage in a creative experience. A vehicular mobile "art cart" (van), is used to transport a teaching artist, art supplies and arts in health creative aging programming customized to the needs, interests and abilities of participants and partnering organizations. ArtMobile's mission is to build healthy creative communities through collaborative partnerships. The organization partners with various arts, healthcare, human assistance and city government organizations to facilitate creative aging art sessions with participants ages, 4 -94+ yrs old. The primary populations are rural older adults: independent living in their home, assisted living, memory support, and long-term care centers. Creative aging sessions include visual art-ceramics and music. The ArtMobile Creative Center home base for the organization, is an open community ceramic studio with Arts in Health creative aging programming focused on creative and social engagements, volunteer opportunities and community public art projects.

ArtMobile-AZ also partners with organizations to consult, design and build community engaged public art projects throughout the city of Casa Grande. Recent projects include: "Art Elements at Union Pacific Underpass, Gila Bend Hwy", "CG Mosaic Festival at the Casa Grande Art Museum" 2018/2019 Mosaic Projects, "The Garden of Oasis" Oasis Pavilion Nursing Center and "Tiles of Compassion" Casa Grande Medical Center.

Aimed toward fostering lifelong learning, ArtMobile-AZ bridges quality participatory creative aging visual art classes into communities to promote personal creative expression, social inclusion and improved quality of life. Through the practice of these community-centered arts in health programs, ArtMobile-AZ is building sustainable opportunities for creative engagement and change.

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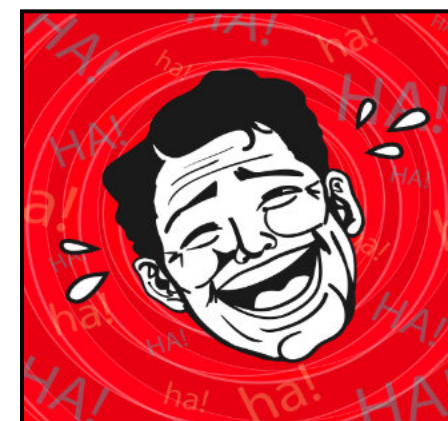


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using Leave No Trace principles. Each of us plays a vital role in protecting our national parks. As we spend time outdoors, in nature, the wilderness, or visiting a national treasure, it's important to be conscious of the effects our actions may have on plants, animals, cultural sites, and even entire ecosystems and practice Leave No Trace principles.

Join us at Tonto National Monument on Saturday, September 28, for National Public Lands Day and enjoy a fee-free day and a hike to the Lower Cliff Dwelling. Stop by our Leave No Trace booth at the Visitors Center from 10 am to 3 pm and learn how to practice Leave No Trace principles.

The park is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Park amenities include a museum, park films, an observation deck, and a gift shop. The trail to the Lower Cliff Dwelling is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm. The park recommends checking the weather before visiting, if there is a NOAA weather advisory or lightning in the forecast, access to the Lower Cliff Dwelling may be affected. The park recommends bringing plenty of water, sunscreen, and sun protection for your visit, as September temperatures continue to reach into the triple digits.



### DAD JOKE:

*I just found out I'm colorblind.*

*It came out of the blue!*

## DESERT COMMUNITY

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Sunday School 9:15 AM  
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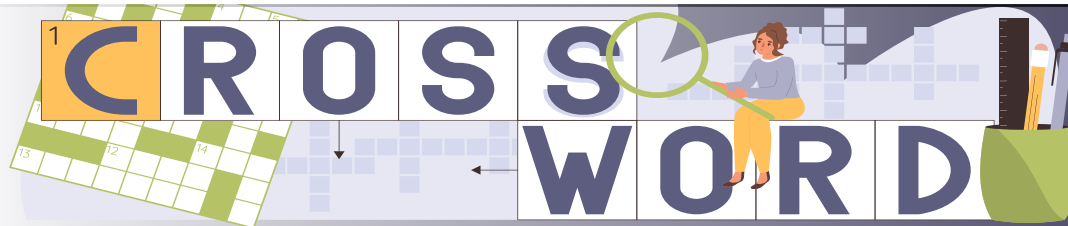
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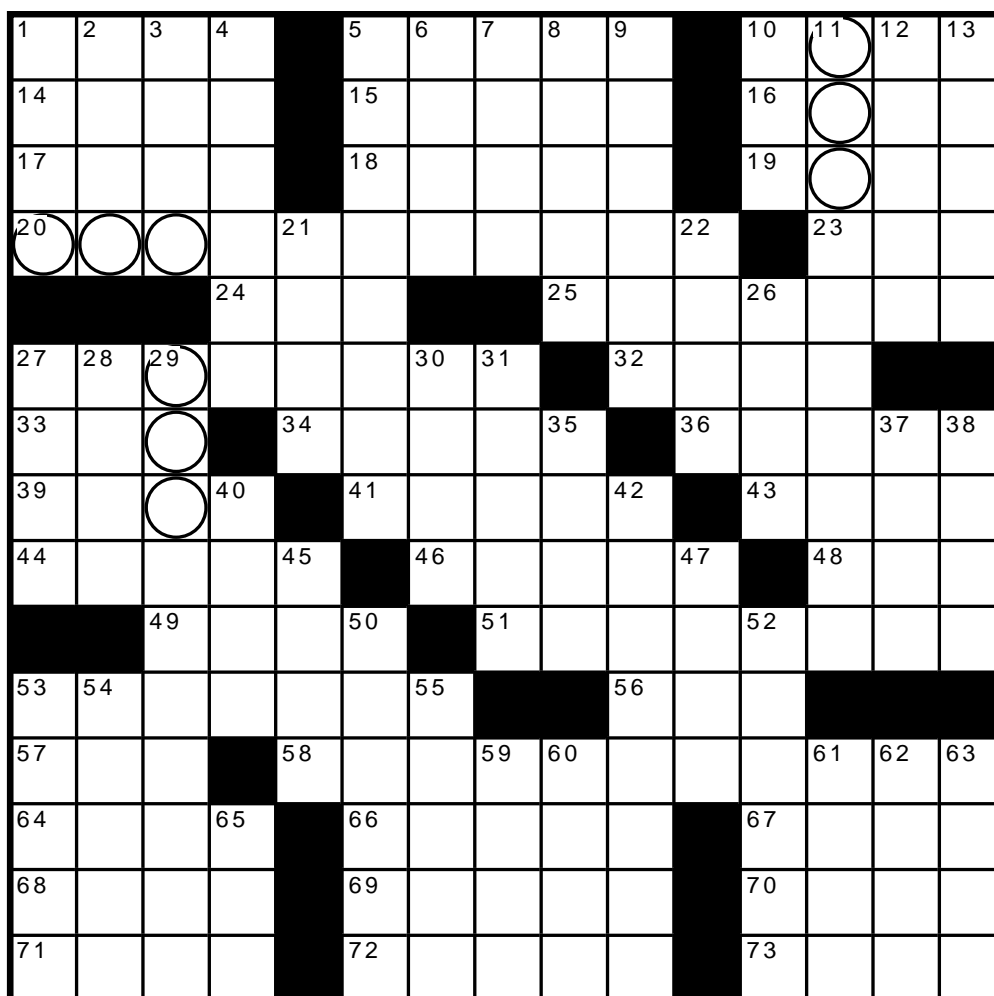
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crossword puzzle  
solution on page 2

## Across

1. "Dancing Queen" quartet
5. Frigid; arctic
10. Pull an all-nighter
14. Smelting waste
15. "Time is money," e.g.
16. Wife of Zeus
17. Japanese port city
18. Succotash beans
19. Computer image
20. Northern European region
23. Hook shape
24. Insult, slangily
25. One that flew the coop
27. Sahara processions
32. Carnival sight
33. Enero to enero
34. Big name in Boston beer
36. Garden pole
39. \_\_\_\_ Pound: Browns bleacher section
41. Internet messages
43. Like summer tea, perhaps
44. Long-legged wader
46. Miscue
48. Floral necklace
49. Very soft ball material
51. Apartment house
53. Italian Mrs.
56. Shine, in product names
57. Kitchen pest
58. Traveler to the Emerald City; the circled letters, in clue order, spell out the name of one of her companions
64. Salt Lake City collegians
66. Extremely small
67. Exploitative type
68. River duck
69. Alma \_\_\_\_
70. Commits perjury
71. Sailor's saint
72. City near Düsseldorf
73. Rice wine

## Down

1. Inquires
2. Coalition
3. The Who's " \_\_\_\_ O'Riley"
4. "To do" list



5. Fence of stakes
6. Norse war god
7. Dalai \_\_\_\_
8. Yucca \_\_\_\_
9. Put up a fight
10. Sorority letter
11. Container
12. Became an issue
13. Parsonage
21. Prima donna
22. Top guns
26. The "A" of ABM
27. Scoundrels
28. Biol. subject
29. Summer Olympics entry
30. Identify
31. Brainy
35. Filly's father
37. Razor-sharp
38. Computer menu option
40. Secluded valley
42. Univ. of Texas mascot
45. Set foot (on)
47. Bank (on)
50. Take it \_\_\_\_; believe what I'm saying
52. Bumps on the slopes
53. Pan-fry
54. Chip giant
55. Met highlights
59. Fall mos.
60. Arborist's concern
61. \_\_\_\_ Minor
62. Onion relative
63. Gaelic language
65. \_\_\_\_-mo replay