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April 2024 Issue



CACTUS FLATS BAR SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024

UTV and ATV POKER RIDE

- Ride sign-in starts @ 8 am, Leaves @ 9:00 am, returning at around 1:00 pm
- \$30 per rider includes cash prizes and BBQ.
- **Ride along for Free!** You can purchase a meal ticket after the ride.
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 - **Text your order to Louise @ 928-243-1602**
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- CORNHOLE - 3 pm and KARAOKE after the band
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Thursday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 PM

B.L.A.S.T. every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 5:30 PM

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Chamber Pres Update



Well, I can't believe it's been a whole year working with this Board. I feel like we've made good ground. We're finally about ready for paint and we're movin' forward with a few other plans and improvements.

Our April Meeting is coming up and it should be a good one. We're having Board Elections. There are two positions coming up for re-election and we have one open position.

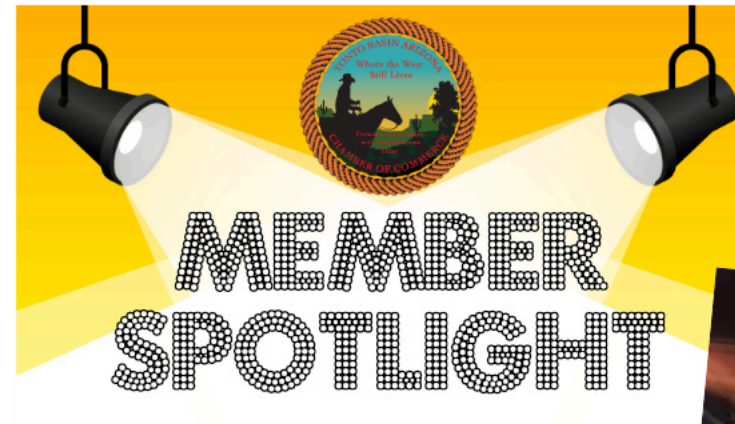
Our regular meeting this month will be April 16th at 5:30. Come on out and meet our Board. Our Regular Meetings are always Open to the Public.

As always, we need your participation in this Newsletter to keep it alive and local. If you have an event, yard sale, whatever... put it on our online calendar. That is the primary place where the printed calendar insert is created from. It's FREE!

We are also always looking for more of your stories and information here. That's what keeps this Tonto Tribune local. Thank You!

MARCH 2024 CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Scott's Power and Electric Spencer Scott 928-951-2867

Spencer started his business in 2016.

One day when Spencer was working at Butcher Hook Gas Station and Bait Shop, a frequent customer came to the station and they started talking. He asked Spencer if he'd be interested in working with him and his son learning the Electrical trade in the Valley. He said they'd teach Spencer, so he accepted the offer and took the chance and began his journey working with Paul Hodges Sr. and Paul Jr.

After working with the Hodges and learning a lot about the Electrical trade for some time, Spencer made the decision to go to school to become an Electrical Contractor. One day after class he was talking with an instructor and the subject came up about employees. His instructor asked why none of his students ever ask about working for him. It was then that the instructor asked if Spencer would be interested, and told him to apply for a position. He remembers it was around Christmas and he said to my wife, "I wish I'd hear from Mark at Trinity Electric". Spencer's wife told him to be patient because it was the Holiday Season. Right after Christmas, he received that call. He met with Mark and was hired. Spencer worked with Trinity for a couple of years when the owner accepted a job teaching in Wisconsin. Mark, the owner of Trinity Electric offered to sell his company to Spencer. After talking it over with his wife, they decided to go for it. So, Trinity Electric gave birth to Scott's Power and Electric.

Spencer's last name is Scott, so when he and his wife were kicking around a few different names, they landed on going simple and chose to use their last name to represent their business.

Scott's Power and Electric's specialty areas of work includes electrical on new homes, remodels, residential and commercial structures and service work.

Some words from the owner:

Do you have any employees?

I pretty much work by myself. Occasionally, I have someone local to help me but I do have a full crew for larger jobs that I trust completely.

What are you passionate about in your business?

Supplying safe and reliable electrical systems.



Spencer & Marcy Scott

Please let us know about your involvement or your business involvement in our community?

I've been involved with the Fall Carnival at the school every year for the last 7 years, both actively and on the side lines supplying electrical cords, etc where needed. I am a member of Kiwanis as well as the VFW Post 8807 Auxiliary and the Chamber of Commerce. I am involved with the Annual Veterans Day Parade and help my wife a bit with the Annual Electric Light Parade.

How does your business look different now vs. when you first started?

My business started out in the Valley and around the State. Now, I'm pretty much here in Tonto Basin.

Do you have any open positions for hire?

I would be happy to pass on my knowledge to anyone who is eager and serious about learning the trade.

Please list any special skills, training, schooling or other experience you want the community to know about.

I am also certified in lightning protection installation using HARDER Lightning Protection Products.

What is your favorite thing about living and owning a business in Tonto Basin?

I love the small town feel - THIS SMALL TOWN.

To have your business in our publication, write us at info@TontoBasinChamber.org.



April Is A Big Month For Our National Parks

April is a big month for National Parks as they celebrate National Park Service Week from April 20 through April 28. Have you ever wondered how many sites are in our state? From the granddaddy of them all, the Grand Canyon, to one of the oldest National Monuments, Montezuma Castle, Arizona offers 22 National Parks! National Park Week is a time to reflect on our parks' meaning and what they bring to our communities and visitors.

The week kicks off with a fee-free day on Saturday, April 20. What a great day to explore and experience a new park! As a local gem, Tonto National Monument is joining in the celebration. It is an opportunity to visit Tonto National Monument and learn how the park preserves the natural and cultural heritage of 700-year-old cliff dwellings and their people. Tonto National Monument will waive all entrance fees that day, and the visitor center gift shop is offering a 15% discount.

Simultaneously, National Volunteer Week is April 21 through 27. Volunteers are an integral part of the National Park system. An estimated 279,000 volunteers support the parks' mission to preserve and protect public lands. Volunteers at Tonto National Monument lead tours, support park staff, and educate visitors on the natural and cultural heritage of the site. The park is grateful for their contribution and the significance their efforts bring to the visitor experience. This 6-day event offers the opportunity to say "thank you" and show appreciation to all those who volunteer.

April is a great month to visit Arizona's National Parks. Springtime offers blankets of wildflowers, cactus blossoms, and wildlife sightings. It is also the perfect season to experience Tonto National Monument. Visitors can hike up to the lower cliff dwelling between 8 am and 4 pm daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's). Plan your trip today, but check www.nps.gov/tont for the most up-to-date hours. With Springtime comes warmer temperatures, so bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Whether you are a new or returning visitor, National Park Service Week is a great time to experience National Parks!



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Help for Maui Club

~ Cheri Betancourt
Kawanis Builders Club and the Community Wranglers are sending a check to the Kiwanis Maui Club to help the children whose school burned down last September from a wildfire. Kiwanis Maui Club is raising money to help support the local children with school supplies since the school has not been rebuilt yet. Thank you Builders Club and Community Wranglers for hosted the fun Luau dinner to help



Help for the Tonto Basin Library

out other students!
The kids also voted to give some of the money they have raised over the past 6 months to the Tonto Basin Library. The money was

raised by selling hot cocoa at the Annual Light Parade, and from the booth rentals at the Annual Basin Bazaar. They gave the Library \$400! Thank you Ms. Sheila for letting the kids have their meetings there every 1st and 3rd Mondays after school.

Keep up the good work, kids!

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Our Chamber building is available for event rentals. Included in your rental are 8ft tables and padded chairs.

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TO RESERVE YOUR EVENT - Visit <https://www.tontobasinchamber.org/rent-the-chamber-building>

Meetings
Kiwanis Club of Tonto Basin meets every Friday at 8am at the Kiwanis Community Center.

Bingo
Bingo is every Thursday, doors open at 5:30pm and games start at 6:30pm.

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Tonto Basin Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 5, 2024, 5:00 PM

Supervisor Humphrey shared his recent activities which included attending 3 Agenda Meetings, speaking on KIKO Open Line on the 4th at 9:30 AM, attending the Discover Gila County Presentation at Bullion Plaza, attending a District 2 Project Review Meeting, attending a TRSD Meeting. He will hold a Gisela Community Meeting on Saturday the 9th at 9 AM, he will hold a Roosevelt Community Meeting on the 11th at 1 PM and will be on KQSS Radio on the 11th at 5:30 PM. Supervisor Humphrey then gave the following updates:

Tonto Creek Bridge: The deck pour was completed last week, and the contractor will now pour the sidewalk and guard rails. The best estimate for driving over the bridge is the end of April, and the final completion of the bridge should be the end of June.

Walnut Springs: This project was out to bid for 4 weeks. The bids were opened on February 1st and the item was on the agenda for today's BOS Meeting. The Board approved the project in the amount of \$384,093.84 and awarded the contract to HT4.

Old HWY 188 Park: The surveyors flew drones over the area and the preliminary survey is coming soon. We are trying to determine if there will be enough square footage for a playground / park.

Crappie Lane: Adrian Mata said that once work in Gisela is completed, crews will move to the Crappie Lane area. He is expecting this to happen sometime in March. The Road Department will blade roads then add material as needed to repair and maintain the roadway. The daily traffic increases of vehicles per day do not change the road/street designation. The road was brought into the county road system as a "country dirt road" and the county agreed to maintain the road in the condition it was when it was brought into the county road system. Regardless of traffic increases the road remains what it was when it was taken into the county road system.

Greenback Road: The work on Greenback Road has

Join us for a community service at Tonto Basin Bible Church Thursday, May 2nd 1:00 p.m

OBSERVING NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Everyone Welcome

Hosted by: Tonto Basin Bible Desert Community Christian Fellowship Cowboy Church

Our Nation, State, Community, Families, Schools and Churches need your prayers now more than ever! Let's Stand Together Strong and United!

been completed. Mark Cline will haul additional material and blade any spots that need a touch up.

Sycamore Creek: County staff met with NRCS on the 21st of February and 2 projects are now being looked at. The projects are Mad-As-Hell and Sycamore Creek. These projects are in the preliminary feasibility assessment phase. With this program NRCS pays for everything. However, it is a long process, 5 to 7 years. The projects are chosen and approved based on a benefit/cost ratio.

A resident asked if the county could do some "band aid" work on Sycamore Creek until NRCS can complete the project. Supervisor Humphrey said he would meet with Public Works and see what could be done to divert water and help the area in the interim. The resident asked if it would be possible to get county maintenance until then. Supervisor Humphrey said he would speak to the Director of Public Works and try to work something out. He said the fires and resulting floods caused considerable damage.

A resident asked if the county could repair the potholes on Burtons Lane. Her husband interjected that the area she was asking about was a private road and the county could not fix it.



Hello there! My name is Kaylee and I am the program educator here in Tonto Basin on behalf of AZYP. AZYP is Arizona Youth Partnership. We strive with our 10 federal grants to give back and serve our communities in 13 counties here in Arizona. From classes, to benefits, to gift cards, to diapers, to car seats, to blankets. You name it, I do my best to make sure you have what you need for the well-being of yourself and the children.

I am currently seeking students to start an Active Parenting class here in Tonto Basin! **ALL CLASSES ARE FREE TO REGISTER!** Classes are 1 hour long and 4 Sessions total (4 chapters). Once all 4 sessions are completed (2 sessions a week for 2 weeks), you get a free \$25 dollar gift card for attending! Then, if you are in need of any other resources, I will help you get connected and assist with all that is needed.

If you are a caretaker of children, guardian, parents, grandparents, cousin, uncle, anyone who is watching or apart of the development of children qualify to take this class! This class breaks down the ages and stages of children and provides tools for active parenting. You might learn something new you can add to your parenting toolbox!

I am very happy to be here and hope to get these classes going! You can email me at kayleec@azyp.org if you are

interested in registering for classes or have any questions! Thank you, Tonto Basin! Let's be good to our kids, they are our future. ♥

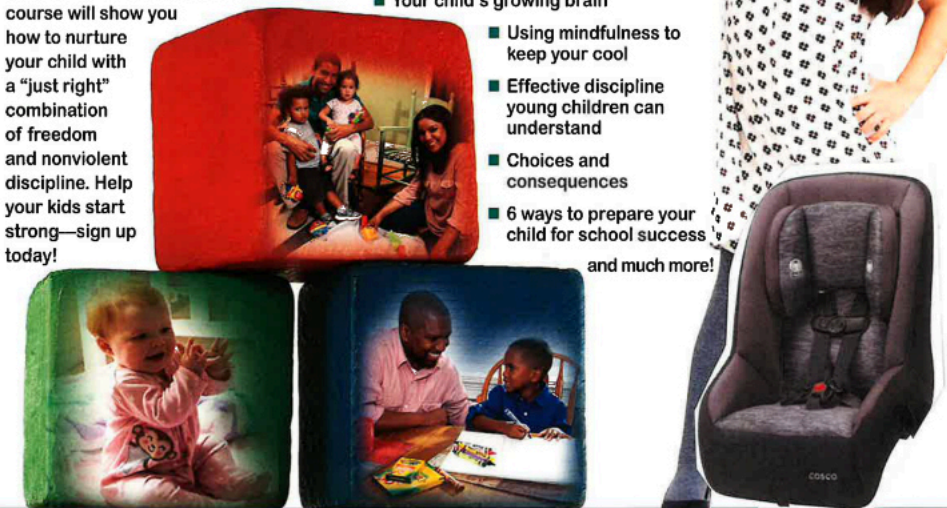
ACTIVE PARENTING First Five Years

Building a Strong Foundation for Children from Birth to Age 5
Written by Michael H. Popkin, PhD with contributing authors Amanda Sheffield Morris, PhD, IMH-E*; Ruth Slocum, LCSW, IMH-E*; and Laura Hubbs-Tait, PhD

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- Your child's growing brain
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Sign up today!

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Source: <https://fishingreports.sportsmans.com/fishing-report/roosevelt/61/>



Another Beautiful day at Roosevelt Lake.
~ Ruth Burgess

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April 15, 2024

Tonto Basin Chamber of Commerce Building, Tonto Basin, AZ
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Non-perishable food items for Bread of Life food pantry or monetary contributions for Chamber are appreciated.



Tonto Basin
BIBLE CHURCH

45239 HIGHWAY 188

P.O. Box 84 • (928) 479-2299
Pastor Robert Melotti

www.TontoBasinBibleChurch.org

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School (Nursery to Adult)...9:30 a.m.
Worship (with Nursery + Kids Church)...10:45 a.m.
Call for Mid-Week Small Group Schedule



Helping the VFW help Veterans

About 1 ½ years ago, we started a VFW Auxiliary. We were chartered in August 2022. Seems we are always busy helping Veterans or the Community in one way or another. Some of the things we've done are assisted with the Fall Carnival at the school, helped in many ways with the Annual Veterans Day Parade including selling hotdogs outside Punkin Center which were donated by Punkin Center Bar (owner Tonya Bridges), and we are just about continually working with the Buddy Poppies and have spent many days outside IGA offering poppies which are for donation only.

We also took part in Wreaths Across America where we placed Christmas wreaths on each Veterans grave at Tonto Basin Cemetery.

The most recent activity we took part in was assisting a group from the Valley who came up to Butcher Hook Restaurant and gave Side X Side rides to disabled Veterans. Auxiliary members helped serve lunch to these Veterans.

The Auxiliary also offers free haircuts for Veterans on the first Monday of each month. Soon, we will be helping with the annual VFW Yard Sale which is April 11 – 14. The Auxiliary also had a Yard Sale last year which benefited VFW Post 8807 to help our local Veterans. We have a current food drive going on for Bread of Life Ministries through Desert Community Christian Fellowship Church.

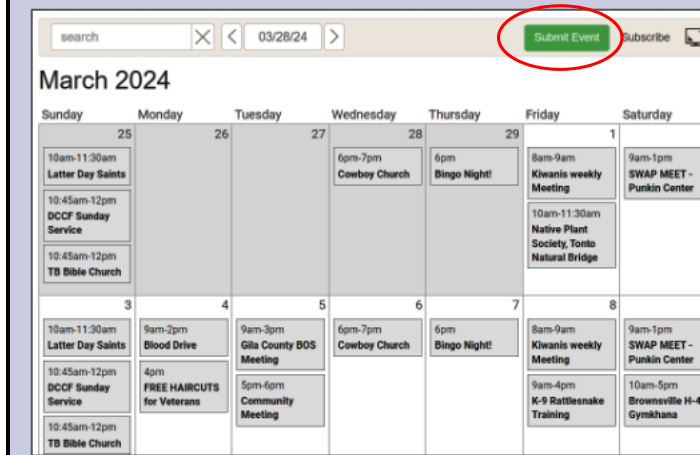
In mentioning the Food Bank, we would ask that our Winter visitors before they leave, if you are cleaning out your cupboards, please consider donating your pantry goods to the food bank. Items can be left behind the Desert Community Christian Fellowship Church 173 E Stephens Way.

We also ask that if you are collecting plastic caps for the Kiwanis kids, please, please, do not hang or drop the bags outside the VFW door as we do not have a receptacle for them. If you are collecting the caps, please bring them to Kiwanis Store or the School.

If there is anyone in Tonto that feels they'd like to help the VFW and the Auxiliary help Veterans, and you have a family member or a past relative that served in the Armed Forces during war time and served overseas, please come speak to one of us to find out how you can join us!

Tonto Basin Community Calendar

Did you know you can add your event on the TBCC Community Calendar? Just visit our website at: <https://www.tontobasinchamber.org/calendarofevents> and click on the **SUBMIT EVENT** button shown below to add your event to the calendar!




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Across

- 1. Freeway entrance
- 5. Times New Roman, for example
- 9. Parakeet seat
- 14. Dayton's state
- 15. "Call on me, teacher, please!"
- 16. Flexible in movement
- 17. Data storage area
- 19. Not afraid to speak out
- 20. Holds in high regard
- 21. "Black gold, Texas tea..."
- 23. Nero's title: Abbr.
- 24. Scottish "no", or when repeated a hip-hop dance
- 25. Group of seats
- 27. Urban foraging technique
- 35. One who mimics
- 36. Santa's laugh syllables
- 37. Steakhouse order
- 39. They follow FA and SOL
- 40. Fortune telling prefix with "sayer"
- 42. Revered figure (and part of a talent show name)
- 43. Informed about
- 44. Wet dirt
- 45. Playful puppy bites
- 46. One following a master's
- 51. Dining area where the meal is made: Abbr.
- 52. Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
- 53. Almost on "E"
- 56. Caustic drain opener
- 58. Quick comebacks
- 63. Make fit
- 65. What one might do on casual Friday
- 67. Cinematic offering
- 68. "___ With the Wind" (Scarlett and Rhett's tale)
- 69. Actor Morales
- 70. Dog classification
- 71. And others, in a list: Abbr.
- 72. Breather

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- 3. Ocean spray
- 4. Jab with a finger
- 5. Widescreen or standard, as for a movie
- 6. "It's all clear now!"
- 7. Election day mo.
- 8. "The Cosby Show" boy's or Kojak's first name
- 9. His drooling dogs made him famous
- 10. Often inflated item
- 11. Chinese restaurant grain
- 12. Chowder ingredient
- 13. Lend a hand
- 18. Cub Scout packs
- 22. Luck of the ___ (maybe from a four leaf clover?)
- 26. Sending by telegraph
- 27. Artist Salvador ___
- 28. ___ and at 'em! (get out of bed, lazy bones!)

- 29. Movement aimed at stopping gender based harassment
- 30. Cinderella's "Charming" beau
- 31. "Mary Tyler Moore Show" spinoff with Valerie Harper
- 32. Web address part
- 33. Absolute bottom (homophone of presidential candidate Ralph)
- 34. Feel about blindly, as in the dark
- 38. Otherwise
- 40. Like bars in old films
- 41. "___ Town" (Thornton Wilder play)
- 47. At an angle
- 48. Golfer Ochoa or 1993 wife of John Bobbitt

Down

- 1. Traveled by horse
- 2. Large Hawaiian tunas



We live in a world where it is easy to complain about the things we are dissatisfied with. From the state of our communities to the functioning of organizations or institutions, there is no shortage of grievances. However, merely complaining without taking any action rarely leads to meaningful change. If we truly desire improvements, it is essential to be willing to step up and volunteer our time and efforts to make a difference. This article explores the importance of moving from complaints to action and highlights the transformative power of volunteering.

The Pitfalls of Complaining:

Complaining is a common human response when faced with situations we perceive as problematic. It allows us to vent our frustrations and express dissatisfaction. **However, constant complaining without any intention of taking action can perpetuate a cycle of negativity, leaving us feeling disempowered and frustrated.**

The Power of Volunteering:

Volunteering is a proactive and impactful way to address the issues we care about. It provides an opportunity to contribute our skills, time, and energy to effect positive change. By volunteering, we move beyond the realm of complaints and become active participants in the solutions we seek.

Identifying Areas of Passion:

Before stepping up to volunteer, it is essential to identify the areas we are passionate about. What issues do we care deeply about? What causes or organizations align with our values? By identifying our passions, we can focus our efforts on areas where we can make the most significant impact.

Taking the First Step:

Once we have identified the cause or organization we care about, we can take the first step. *~Continued on page 12*

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want to support, it's time to take the first step. This could involve reaching out to local nonprofits, community groups, or institutions to inquire about volunteer opportunities. Many organizations are in constant need of dedicated individuals willing to contribute their time and skills.

Volunteering as a Catalyst for Change:

By volunteering, we actively participate in the change we seek. We gain firsthand knowledge and understanding of the challenges at hand, allowing us to develop more informed perspectives. Volunteering provides a platform to collaborate with like-minded individuals, share ideas, and collectively work towards solutions.

Building Relationships and Networks:

Volunteering offers a unique opportunity to build relationships with individuals who share similar passions and goals. These connections can be invaluable in driving change as they provide a support system, collective expertise, and a platform for collaboration. Together, we can amplify our impact and bring about more substantial transformations.

Inspiring Others:

When we take

the initiative to volunteer and actively contribute, we inspire others to do the same. Our actions can serve as a catalyst for change, motivating those around us to step up and make a difference. By leading by example, we create a positive ripple effect that extends beyond our own efforts.

Complaining about issues may temporarily alleviate our frustrations, but it rarely leads to genuine change. If we truly want to see improvements in our communities, organizations, or society at large, we must be willing to step up and volunteer our time, skills, and energy. By taking action, we become part of the solution and inspire others to do the same. Let us transform our grievances into opportunities for positive change by embracing the power of volunteering.

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