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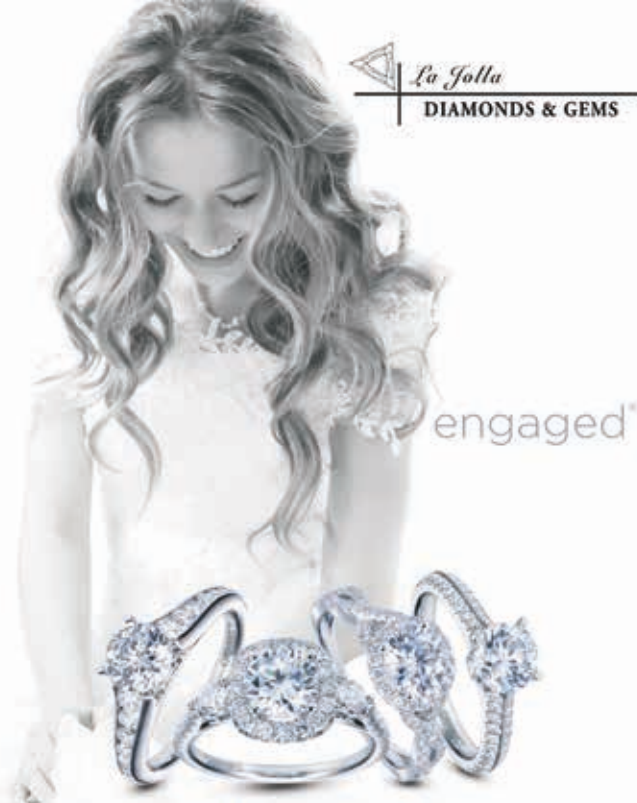
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THE HEART OF ORO VALLEY

On The Cover:

Debbie and Tom Murphy show off their beautiful yard. They relax in the front yard on this bench under the tree.

Inside this issue:

November 11 ... come help the horses and enjoy yourself at this charity event. It is the annual Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary silent auction and gala dinner at the Tubac Golf Resort. You don't want to miss this one. Read about it and put it on your calendar today!

The resident recipe, "I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me," is a hilarious story from Kim Dickinson. You won't be able to stop laughing. What a great article.

Alexie and OneAZ Credit Union celebrate our veterans and the charity that Alexie supports. We are so proud of Alexie and what she does for our veterans.

"The Good, The Bad and the Ugly: The Truth Behind The Grand Canyon Havasupai Falls." This is a sad story about the abused horses at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Read about it. You will change your mind about taking the horses down the Grand Canyon.

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October 31	Halloween

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Call or email us to get on the Event List. We will invite you and your spouse to dinner, a play, bowling ... where you get to meet your neighbors and the sponsors that make this magazine possible for you. We look forward to hearing from you. As always, our resident events are always free, except for alcoholic beverages.

We sincerely hope you enjoy this issue of *The Heart of Oro Valley*.



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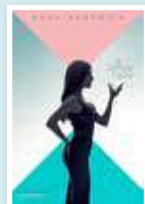
Just go to the movies, write a short review (just two or three paragraphs), and take a picture of you in front of the movie poster. If you haven't tried Roadhouse Cinema, I highly recommend it. The seats are super comfortable, they have a small, limited capacity for each film, and they serve lunch and dinner-type food, as well as adult beverages. So does the AMC Loews Theater at

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Tom Cruise in his sixth Mission Impossible movie series. Two years after the capture of Solomon Lane (Sean Harris), the remains of his organization The Syndicate have reformed into a terrorist group known as The Apostles. At a safehouse in Belfast, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) receives details of a mission to intercept the sale of three plutonium cores to members of the group, who are acquiring them for their latest client, fundamentalist John Lark.

Many have hailed it as the best installment in the series, with some considering it one of the greatest action films of all-time.



Smallfoot turns the Bigfoot legend upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human. News of this "smallfoot" brings him fame and a chance with the girl of his dreams. It also throws the simple Yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village in a rollicking story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery.

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The Good, THE BAD, and THE UGLY

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE GRAND CANYON'S HAVASUPAI FALLS



Samson, with Kelly Cooper, Operations Manager, Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary



Samson



Samson, blind but safe at his final home, Equine Voices, Rescue and Sanctuary

As you hike down the eight-mile stretch of switchback trails and rough terrain, you experience the serene beauty as you anticipate reaching the bottom of one of the most beautiful places on Earth, Havasupai Falls, where tourists from all over the world make the long journey from their home countries to feel the magic and visit this enchanted site. If you hike, you need to be in good shape to handle the steep terrain and treacherous footing. Hiking is one way of getting in and out of the canyon. Another is by helicopter; although a wonderful and easy way to arrive at the bottom, you may have to wait for hours to get a thrilling ride on the “chopper.”

There is one other way to visit Havasupai Falls ... on horseback. In fact, if you hike, you will pass by several strings of horses and mules carrying heavy packs, supplies, and tourists. Truly a sight to be seen. It feels like the wild, wild West, and what a memory to hold on to for life.

Behind the scenes, however, is a horrible abuse that many are not aware of. Horses and mules are burdened down with packs so heavy they collapse in the hot sun, only to be beaten, kicked and forced to stand in order to reach the top of the canyon where there is no shelter, water or rest. Upon arrival at “hilltop,” they are forced back down the eight-mile stretch, with a new load. The brutality has existed for decades. Only a few know the truth behind the scenes. Hundreds of horses and mules have suffered at the hands of their owners, being abused so badly that they could barely stand, and at times were left to die.

Meet Samson: When Equine Voices heard about Samson, we had to help. In October 2016 we received a call from Stop Animal Violence (SAVE) who asked if we could help a horse in Havasupai who had been beaten to the point of blindness and left with a broken nose. His knee was permanently injured from being forced to navigate the canyon a minimum of five times each day.

Samson was walked out of the canyon by the Ranch Manager of Equine Voices, Ricky Williams, and Ranch Manager of Healing Hearts Animal Refuge, Adam White. A six-hour trek, one step at a time, they finally made it to hilltop where he would be loaded onto a trailer to Flagstaff prior to his long journey home to safety. Samson is one of the lucky ones. He now resides at Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary where he will live in the sanctuary for the rest of his life, never to be abused again. He is here to tell his story and to help stop this violence and abuse.

Meet Brownie: Brownie, one of four horses who left the canyon in April 2016, was used as evidence in the Leland Joe animal cruelty case. Brownie’s abuse was so severe, it took over a year to rehabilitate him. Blinded in one eye by his attacker, he will never see fully again.

Meet Elliot: Elliot was left tied with no food or water, was left completely tacked with his saddle and bridle for 10 days. Scars and maggot infestation took over Elliot’s body. Just recently, Twiggy, a horse rescued from Havasupai reservation, did not survive the abuse inflicted on him. Emaciated and beaten, he had to be euthanized.

Recently, a horse, name unknown, was seen by a tourist after collapsing with packs so heavy he could no longer carry the weight on his back. Too weak to stand, he was being beaten and kicked in the face by his handler/owner. He is still working in the canyon.

Meet Moab and Sedona: In March of 2017 Healing Hearts made the very emotional journey to Flagstaff to rescue two Havasupai horses. It was heartbreaking to hear that Moab could barely walk without falling and that Sedona had survived a fall off the switchback the prior month, despite a lack of medical care. Their eight-mile journey up the canyon and respite in Flagstaff was their first breath of freedom and compassion in years. It



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about the horrific offenses to these hard-working, majestic creatures is the only true way to help save these animals in need. If you decide you want to visit one of the most magical places on earth, please think twice before riding a horse or a mule—and think twice before using them to pack your supplies.

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PETS AND THE

Elderly

By Sherre Weeks RN MSN



Pets can add much joy to a senior's life. First and foremost is by filling many voids experienced when you live alone. Having a pet to talk to and care for can ward off loneliness and depression. It also gives the elderly person a purpose and helps them to feel needed.

While dogs are man's best friend, an elderly person often has problems taking care of the dog. Dogs require bathing, grooming, veterinary services, and someone has to clean up after them. These things are often very difficult for someone with vision problems, mobility problems, or the inability to drive. Many of these areas can be covered by services that come to you. We now have mobile groomers, pet waste pick-up people, mail order pet pharmacies, and pet food delivery services. Family and friends are often willing to assist with getting the pet to the veterinarian when needed.

Cats make excellent pets for the elderly. Cats are lower maintenance than dogs. Short hair cats require very little grooming other than an occasional wipe down with an anti-dander wipe. New self-cleaning litter boxes are now available and make pet waste clean-up much easier. Cat food tends to be cheaper than dog food.

Choosing the correct pet can be challenging. Look for a pet that is low energy and willing to spend the day indoors. Elderly dogs and cats can be much easier to care for than a puppy or kitten because they tend to be less active and are happy to just sit with you. Fish and birds are also good choices for some people. Training is very important for dogs so the dog does not jump on the owner and knock them down. Basic commands are a must; sit, stay, come, and leash walking are important commands to teach an elderly person's dog. These commands will help maintain control of the dog and keep the owner safe from being pulled or knocked down by the dog. The "come" command is useful if the dog wanders from home or doesn't want to come in the house.

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By Karen Pomroy



Cody Tretschok

What is Automation, EXACTLY?

OVERVIEW

Many people have heard the terms “automation” or “home automation,” but few fully understand what they mean. Webster’s defines automation as “the technique of making an apparatus, a process, or a system operate automatically.” This can apply to a lot of different things, but in this example, the “system” is your home and the “apparatus” are the various electronic systems inside your home. The intent of this article is to provide a quick, basic overview of home automation, with the hope of helping you wade through the hundreds of options you have when you consider whether to “automate” your own home.

WHAT CAN BE CONTROLLED?

In general, home automation is all about making the various electrical and electronic systems in your home easier to operate and control. These systems include some obvious things, like your sound system, your TV and your lights, and even some not-so-obvious things like your drip system or your garage door opener. Other things that fit somewhere in-between include motorized shades/window coverings, security systems, surveil-

lance systems, thermostats, and more. Just about anything can be automated if you really want it to be.

FEDERATED VS. INTEGRATED

Automation products are pretty common these days — if you go to your neighborhood home-improvement store, you’ll see dozens of options for automating your lights or your doorbell or your surveillance system. Most are very inexpensive and function with an app that you can download to your phone. These systems are designed for the “DIYer” — a person who likes to install and set up things themselves. They work well as a whole, are relatively easy to install and set up, and they don’t cost too much. The only major drawback is that they create a “federated” system vs. an “integrated” system. In other words, they all are designed to work on their own, but they are generally not designed to work together. You may buy a couple lighting controls that allow you to turn on and off one or two lights, but that probably requires a different app and controller than the system that controls your thermostat. And neither of those necessarily work with your TV remote. They simply aren’t designed to work together as an *integrated system*.

If you’re not a DIYer and prefer to let someone else deal with the technical issues, then there are several other options you can consider. These include automation brand names like Control4, Crestron, URC and Savant. These systems tend to be more expensive and generally require an expert for installation and programming. Their big advantage over the other systems, however, is that they are designed to form an *integrated system*. In other words, the remote that controls your TV also can control your lights and your thermostat. The phone app that puts your shades up and down also can lower your garage door and turn off your lights. Furthermore, an integrated system also offers the ability to control multiple systems at the same time. For example, you can have a single button-push turn on your audio system and TV, lower the lights and the shades, turn down the thermostat, and switch the cable box to ESPN just in time to watch the big game. Or one “goodnight” button puts down the shades, turns off the lights, turns off all the electronics and puts the garage door down. Now that’s true home automation!

VOICE CONTROL

So, you may be asking, what about voice control through Amazon Alexa or Google Home or even Apple Siri? “Can’t I automate my home using these devices?” The good news is that the answer is “yes” for both federated and integrated systems. There are some limitations on both sides of the automation spectrum, though, so we’ll leave that discussion for another time...

CONCLUSION

Whether you choose a simple, federated system with a couple of devices, or a sophisticated whole-home system, adding automation can provide an enormous improvement in your quality of life. Something as simple as being able to ensure all the lights are off and the garage door is down, from anywhere in the world, brings a piece of mind that is hard to gain from any other source! I strongly encourage everyone to automate their life, accordingly!

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SEPTEMBER 2018



Easter Trivia

- Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.
- The full moon determines the date of Easter.
- Chocolate eggs were traditionally given as gifts in Europe.
- Ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies and 16 billion jelly beans are produced each year before the commencement of the Easter festivities.
- 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records the largest Easter egg ever made was just over 25 feet high and weighed 8,968 lbs.
- Cherry is the most popular jellybean flavor.

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I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me

By Kim Dickinson

I never thought it would happen to me. I never asked for it, never hinted that I might be open to such a thing, but here we are. A little wiser and with fewer bucks in my pocket. I don't regret the journey, only that I waited so long to find a love like this. Here is my story.

It started with an occasional email. Nothing particularly out of the ordinary. Just some facts like skills and abilities. Nothing at all sexy or flirtatious. I ignored the first few, maybe more. I had a good life. A full and rich life. I never thought I would start to get text messages. You need me? You want me? I need you? How could you know me? The messages were starting to be more frequent and more urgent. Then came the pictures. Oh, the pictures. He was beautiful. Shiny in all the right places, firm and sturdy. I was intrigued. There were some from the side and some baring everything. I was officially interested, but how could I tell John? What would our family and friends think? I started to get mail too. I was having trouble hiding it. Every day, there was some something else. Short stories mostly, but some works of non-fiction, some that had clearly taken time to create. The words so carefully chosen made my mouth water. We were getting serious. I took the plunge and made the call. My old life, be da**ed!

On a Wednesday in the heat of a July afternoon, two days after Amazon Prime Day, my love arrived. We met at the door and it was as if we had known each other for years. Oh, there was some awkwardness during the first hugs, but soon enough we were in the kitchen and I saw all of him for the first time. The pictures didn't lie. He is all I could have hoped for—strong, non-stick and dishwasher safe. We have had some good times. Not every day is perfect, but we are learning each other's foibles and habits. My new air fryer and me. I think it is going to work out just fine!

Air fryers, of course, were the hot 2017 must-have for handy cooks. I was, as usual, late to that party, but now that I have joined the ranks of proud owners I have tried a few appetizers, main dishes and even some desserts. For the most part, if you can use your oven, you can use the air fryer and get even better results. My particular model of air fryer is pretty simple (OK, inexpensive), but functional. It has a temperature control knob and a timer. The maximum temperature is 400 degrees which for my money is more than enough. The basket is fully dishwasher safe and non-stick. The exterior of the machine stays cool and is easily wiped down. I have tried frozen shrimp, french fries, chicken, meatballs and even biscuits. All cooked exactly as expected, no burning and for those things like the fries that should be crispy, they were 100 times better than using the oven. It is rather impressive. Everybody likes a new toy once in a while and I am happy with this purchase (at least until the next best thing comes along!). Enjoy!



Air Fryer Salmon (Serves 2)

INGREDIENTS:

2–3 salmon filets, about 1-½ inches thick
cup bourbon
cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon each cumin, paprika and salt

Directions:

Mix the bourbon, sugar and spices. Marinate the salmon in the mixture for 1–2 hours. Preheat the air fryer for 5 minutes at 390 degrees. Give the basket a quick spritz of cooking spray or oil. Arrange the filets in the basket and cook for 5–7 minutes. Test with a fork to make sure they have reached your desired doneness and cook a little longer if needed. Serve with couscous and fruit for a light, easy meal.



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FURNITURE SHOPPING CAN BE A LOT OF FUN.

The idea of renewing our space is a hopeful process; we browse through websites and magazines for ideas and inspiration on how to make our home a sanctuary. But sometimes the process can be overwhelming, especially if we confuse ourselves when liking different styles or color palettes, this is perfectly normal. The world has a vast history of design and styles, and liking a few different ones is a good thing. It means we are open-minded, we have allowed the world into our eyes and are capable of appreciating different eras, styles, and regional influences.

However, style and design cannot be accomplished before defining the full function of a furniture piece. Furniture should be easy to access, easy to use and easy to see.

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Custom furniture, take advantage of the local talent!

Tucson has amazing craftsmen and a several custom furniture retailers. In most instances, custom furniture cost the same or less than readily available furniture.

Most retailers have designers on staff that will help you design the piece to meet your requirements. Other available choices for custom ordering include custom colors, incorporating other ornamental materials like glass or metal, custom carvings or cutouts and of course size. Wait times will vary depending on the complexity of the piece, but it is worth it. And if you order custom furniture, you will support your local economy!

Be ready!

Whether you are buying a readily available piece or a custom order, be prepared before visiting your local retailer.

Size

Measure the space and consider everything around it, including electrical outlets, other pieces in front or behind it, and windows and doors in proximity.

Function

What is the purpose of the piece you need? Is it to provide comfort, storage or to simply fill a space? Often times, we design or acquire pieces to fulfill an immediate need, especially when technology is involved. But furniture should be, for the most part, future-proof and it should be easy to use 10 or 20 years from now.

Doors and drawers should be accessible and arranged for ease of use. Always consider the direction of the hinges and ask for full extension glides.

The materials used for its fabrication should be befitting to the area. In the Sonoran Desert, it's best to stay away from tropical woods or materials that require natural moisture. Alder and Mesquite are best suited for our dry weather; copper, wrought iron, cork, and metal contrast beautifully with our landscape and architecture and are sure to withstand our dry heat.

And finally, Design!

After you have determined the size and function, now put all your focus on design. Start from the ground up. Bottoms, legs, and bases are as important as the tops and the fronts. Try to visualize the focal points of the piece and how those focal points will work with other furniture in the room.

Nobody knows your taste like you do, so trust your designer instinct and have fun furniture shopping.



Alexie

Newest Branch Opening Right Before Veterans Day

Hi to all my patriotic Oro Valley friends! **Save Thursday, November 8 on your calendar!** There is a special event that you are going to love!

OneAZ Credit Union is having their Oro Valley Branch Grand Opening event. This event is for our community and is a family event to honor our local heroes. I am so excited that they are honoring our veterans and first responders! I did not want to miss the chance to invite everyone to this November event, even though they are still doing construction right now while I am writing my article in August. They didn't even have a sign on their new building when I took my pictures, but they will be ready and open for business on October 1, 2018, when this issue of the magazine comes out!

I had a chance to ask Grace Duval, Southern Regional President, about the event and about OneAZ Credit Union. She said, "OneAZ Credit Union opened its doors on October 31, 1951. We will celebrate 67 years in business this year. We are the second



largest Credit Union in the State with \$2 billion in assets and 22 branches. Oro Valley will be the 23rd branch and will be the fourth location in Tucson. We will have ceremonial

events to include our official ribbon cutting in the morning. The event will feature lunch and events in the afternoon to include a firetruck from Golder Ranch, a SWAT vehicle and a motorcycle from the Oro Valley Police Department and activities for children by the Children's Museum. Pusch Ridge Christian Academy will perform in the morning with patriotic music since we are celebrating right before Veterans Day."

They will even have some special guests like executives from OneAZ Credit Union attending. They will have several local heroes to be announced at the event. Officials from the Town of Oro Valley will attend. They also will have the CEO and staff from the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce and several community leaders from Tucson and Oro Valley.

I also wanted to say thank you to the Oro Valley Police Department, Golder Ranch Fire Department and thank you to Lt. John Teachout for all your help you gave me to get pictures of first responders for this article!

Make sure to save Thursday, November 8 to go to the OneAZ Oro Valley Branch Grand Opening Event at 10718 N. Oracle Rd.! It's going to be amazing! Come on out and show support for our first responders and veterans! I will be there! I hope to see you guys there, too! Tell them Alexie sent you!

Love,
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Tanna Welter, American Family Insurance

We would like to introduce you to Tanna Welter, Owner Agent for American Family Insurance.

Tanna is a third generation Tucsonan. She grew up in Marana, went to school there and graduated from Marana High School in 1985. Back in the day, her grandfather and grandmother used to own the Wetmore Pool. For those of you that have been in Tucson more than 30 years or so, you will remember that popular pool.

Her best friend had married a serviceman and had moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he was stationed at Ft. Lewis. So in 1986, Tanna went up to visit her friend and while there, her friend set her up on a blind date with a guy named Michael. They all went out, had a great time and her friend noticed that Tanna was having an especially good time with Michael. Long story short ... Tanna and Michael married three weeks later! She came back to Tucson, packed her stuff and off to Tacoma to start her new life, she went.

They have been married 32 years, have two daughters and a grandson. Her oldest daughter, Shaelin, is now 30 years old. She is the mother to Tanna's 9-year-old grandson, Cylo. Her youngest daughter is 24 years old and her name is Shelby. Shaelin and her husband, Josh, live in Michigan and Shelby lives here in the Tucson area.

Her husband, Michael is from Michigan. He grew up there until he joined the Army. He became a TOW Gunner Sgt and eventually ended up in Tacoma Washington.

In 2002, the family moved to Michigan to be close to Michael's aging parents. They lived there for about eight years before returning to Tucson. Tanna worked as a Catastrophe Claims Adjuster for a national company. Her first disaster was Hurricane Katrina and that kept her on the road and many nights away from her family.

Michael worked in law enforcement in Michigan, working for a sheriff's department in the area. Once they moved back to Tucson, he went to work as a Security Officer for Raytheon. He gets to wear his gun and take care of many of the security issues to protect the people, the property and the secrets at Raytheon.

When they returned to Tucson, Tanna went to work as a Territory Sales Manager. At this point, she was providing support and helping the independent insurance agents throughout a large territory. This also kept her on the road as she drove from city to city to visit the independent agents to help them and provide training and field support.

In 2014 she realized she had enough of this road life. Not as glamorous as it seemed. She was ready to settle in and become an independent agent herself. She studied, looked at, and researched several franchise companies to find the perfect one for her and her clients. She wanted a company that would keep her at home with her family. One that she could serve people in several states where she had contacts and established relationships. An organization where she would be able to offer a whole range of services. She made her decision; she decided to go with American Family Insurance.



Tanna has been in insurance for over 35 years. She has worked in all capacities within an agency. She has been as a Customer Service Representative, has also worked as a Claims Adjuster and as a Producer. She now is the Agent and has a great customer service representative in Karin, her assistant.

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So far we have “sit,” “down” and “leave it.” But we cannot get “look at me” on any kind of consistent basis. This little mister has been with us for four weeks now. We are obsessing and overprotective and way more intentional than we were when we had human babies in our home.

The cats are getting used to him and their lifestyle of lounging around and snuggling with me have returned, but they are still not wanting to show much enthusiasm toward Nash.

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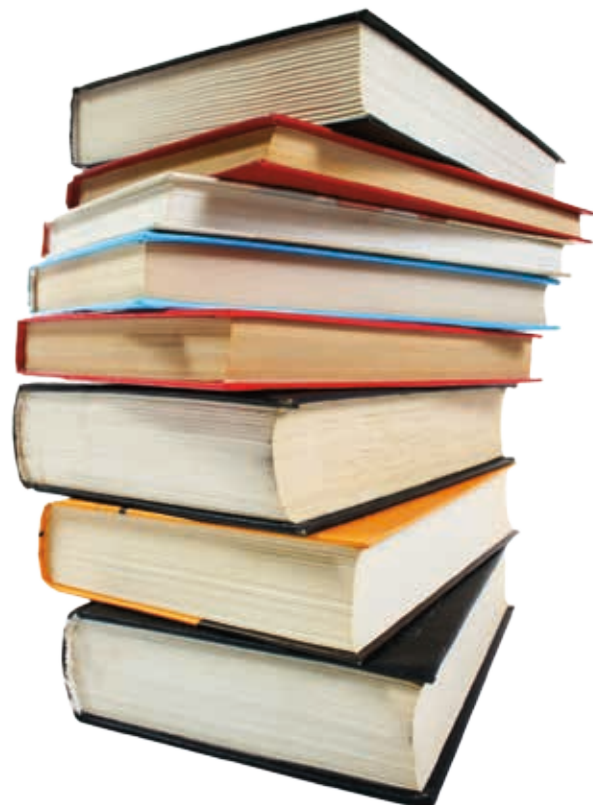
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School Holidays	
September 3	Labor Day
October 8 - 12	Fall Intersession
November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22 - 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 24 - Jan 4	Winter Break
January 21	Martin Luther King Day
February 21 - 22	Rodeo Break
March 18 - 22	Spring Intersession
May 27	Memorial Day

Grading Periods		
1st	Aug 9 - Oct 5	41 days
2nd	Oct 15 - Dec 20	46 days
3rd	Jan 7 - Mar 15	47 days
4th	Mar 25 - May 23	44 days
		Total 178 days

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	School Days
	School Holidays (district offices open)
	District Holidays
	Teacher Planning Day
	All/Returning Teachers Planning Days
	New Teacher Planning Days

Important Dates for Staff	
July 4	Independence Day
Aug 1	New Teachers First Day
Aug 6	Returning Teachers First Day
Dec 24-26, 31 - Jan 1	Winter Holidays
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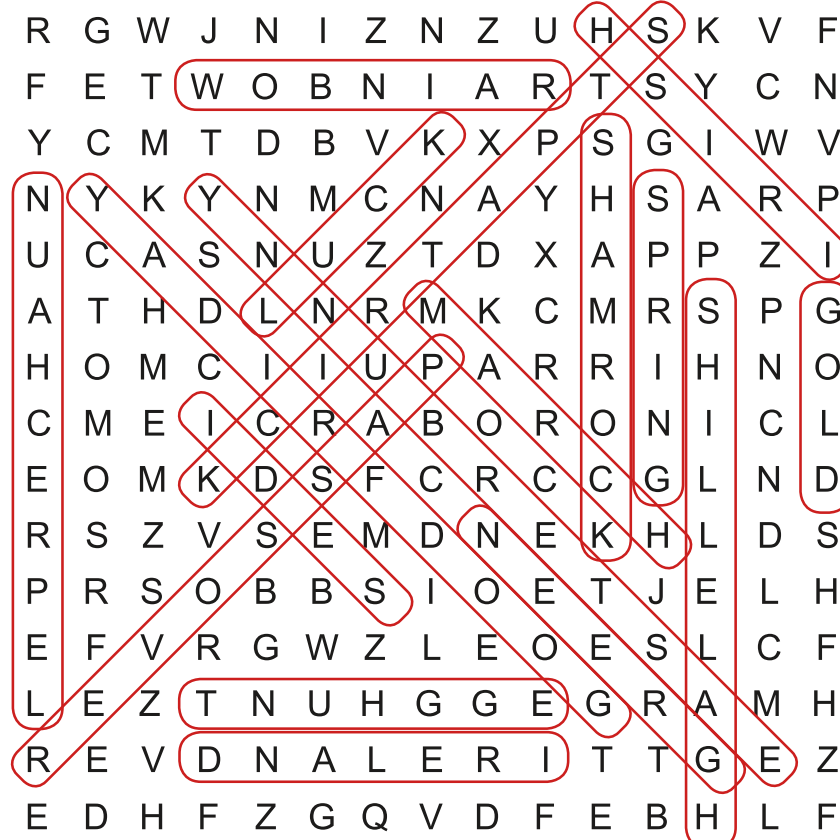
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