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curb appeal



sun-filled layout



chef-friendly kitchen



primary suite features, updated tile and shower

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Westbrook Village Market Activity Year-to-Date, 2026

(From MLS as of August 15/2026; includes all Single Family, Condos and Casitas)

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\$164,999 To \$665,000	\$235,000 To \$675,000	\$235,000 To \$720,000	\$342,500 (98%)	8/13/2026 147	Cambridge Crossing 2/2	Casita	No model given 1,457 2-Car Garage	No (7000923)
Active 61	Last Month 16	Up to 6/14/26 150	\$350,000 (97%)	8/06/2026 54	Country Club Est. 2/2	Casita	Key Largo 1,437 2-Car Garage	No (7025446)
Year-to-Date Summary Jan-Aug 2026 (# Sold & Closed)	Sgl Fam Detached (103)	Condo/Casita (47)	\$469,500 (99%)	7/31/2026 226	Meadowridge #1 3/3	House	Ventura 2,358 2-Car Garage	No (6949188)
Highest Sold Price	\$720,000	\$450,000	\$470,000 (98%)	7/30/2026 33	Eagle Ridge Ph. 2 2/3	House	Camelback 1,883 3-Car Garage	No (7051804)
Average Sold Price	\$467,720	\$335,598	\$510,000 (97%)	8/06/2026 92	Willow Ridge 3/2	House	No model given 1,883 3-Car Garage	No (7009769)
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Average Days on Mkt	73	90						

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We celebrate centenarian and WWII veteran, Ralph Sleeper

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Editor's Message

Welcome to the Latest Issue!

As summer winds down, it's clear that our community hasn't slowed down one bit. From adventurous travels to thriving local arts and sports, Westbrook Village continues to prove why it feels like our very own "blue zone" of vibrant, active living.



Lori Reiland

Congratulations to Bobbie Moody and her faithful companion, Freddy, whose heartwarming travel photo captured our hearts and earned the cover spot! (page 15) Plus, don't miss photographer Allen Shayo's breathtaking black-and-white travel photography (page 11).

Our 18-Hole Women "stay-birds" kept the momentum going strong on the golf course all summer long (page 16).

The Veteran's Club is gearing up for a bustling fall season, including a special upcoming presentation dedicated to brain health (page 20).

Explore the adorable birdhouse creations from the Claymates Pottery Studio (page 21), take a virtual walk through the Lapidary & Beading Art Studio (page 24), and

marvel at the intricate needle artwork by Joanne Eichler (page 36).

Join us in wishing a very **Happy 100th Birthday** to veteran and centenarian Ralph Sleeper! (page 28)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue, to all of our advertisers, and to all who make Westbrook Village such a special place to live.

Lori



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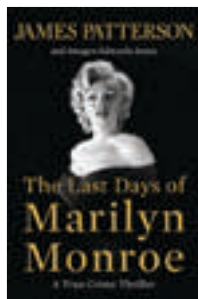


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by Sandra W. Evans

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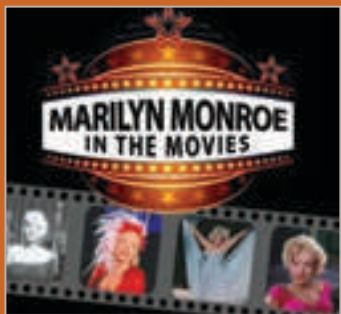


In his **New York Times Bestseller**, James Patterson shares the story of Marilyn Monroe from her early life in Hollywood, her many movies and the mystery of her untimely death. He describes in detail the ups and downs of Marilyn's movie career and her tremulous marriages

first to baseball legend Joe DiMaggio and next to famous playwright Arthur Miller with both ending in divorce.

Patterson provides a spellbinding glimpse into Marilyn Monroe's life and her death that is still shrouded in mystery to this day.

MARILYN MONROE A HOLLYWOOD LEGEND



BESTSELLER FICTION



In his **New York Times bestseller**, Michael Connelly introduces a new character, LA County Detective Stilwel, who is assigned to policing rustic Catalina Island. While he normally handles only routine police matters, he gets a call about a murder- a Jane Doe-

with a streak of purple hair with a dye color called **Nightshade**. At the same time, there is a report of a buffalo mutilation on the mountain preserve. As he works the two cases, it leads to the shady past of this serene island. **Stilwel soon uncovers closely guarded secrets about a bigwig connected to the cases!**



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After bravely battling against a rare brain disease known as PSP, Joe Jacobs passed away peacefully on July 12, 2026, in the arms of his wife Pam. Joe was born in Seattle to Dolores and Ron Jacobs. His Mom

moved him as an infant to Wenatchee when she lost Joe's Dad. He graduated from high school in Wenatchee and continued his education at University of Washington. Joe is survived by Pam, his wife of 50 years. He is also survived by daughters Kim (Pete Patterson), Jody Velasco, grandson Daniel Velasco, and chosen daughter Jolene Westman and her son Bradley.

Joe worked for IBM from 1966 to 1990. His employment with IBM took him to Albuquerque where he met Pam. IBM then transferred Joe to the Seattle area where they made Edmonds their home for 23 years. Joe was also active in charter fishing for over 20 years at Sea Charters. He was considered one the

best salmon charter captains on Puget Sound. After he retired from IBM, he worked in real estate sales and then became a technology consultant for Windermere Realty.

Joe and Pam moved to Peoria in 1996 and settled at Westbrook Village. He started playing golf with John Swartz at Westbrook and knew he'd found the right place. Thank You, Beer Boys! Joe began repairing neighbors' computers and was soon known as a "PC Expert." He was very active in the Computer Club and helped many people.

Joe enjoyed boating on Lake Powell and had a time share on a houseboat. He and Pam had a cabin in Munds Park where wonderful friends were made. Joe's passion was going out to the forest in his Jeep and photographing wildlife--especially elk. He loved sharing these adventures and photos with his friends. He also loved RV'ing in the southwestern states.

A Celebration of Life will be held on October 17 at the Vistas from 1PM-3PM. Everyone who loved Joe is invited. Please RSVP by October 9 to Pam at (623) 221-3949.





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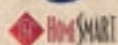
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His little one gazed with intensity at her own hands and pushed the hand control forward slightly. The plane dropped a couple of feet quite quickly, and the little girl screamed, "Daddy, Daddy help me!!" She threw her hands in the air with horror at what had just happened. The dad did not flinch, as he had his hands safely on his own hand control, and the aircraft remained level and safe under his guidance. The little girl discovered she was going to be just fine, because she had relinquished control of the situation to her dad's expertise.

Like that little girl, we are ultimately beholden to someone much bigger than us who cares for us. Lessons in faith reveal our dependency on God when things go wrong in our journey, and we throw our hands up in the air and cry out to our Creator for help. Like her, we feel relief when we truly relinquish control and admit



that we need God's help in a dire situation or circumstance. That moment of release or relief is the most beautiful fruit of our faith.

All it takes is that small amount of faith when we cry out from our innermost being and we find He has set in motion unseen things that will walk us out of any dilemma.

Reference verses: "Casting all your anxieties on him, because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Note: Recognizing not all readers share the same beliefs, the only intent of this article is to uplift and encourage.

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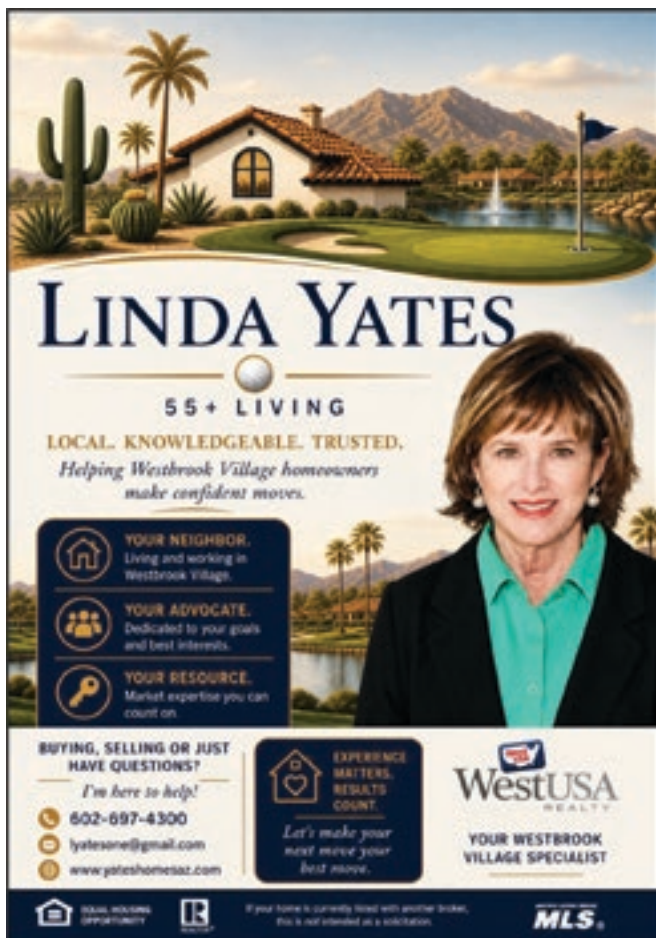
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Good News! We have some new blood! Linda Houle, Willow Ridge, is a fairly new recently retired resident from Flagstaff; Les Lawrence, Pinehurst described his hometown as "North Michigan Mayberry" (I love that!); Brenda O'Grady, a busy realtor and retired CNA wants to help our mission; Brianna Blake still works fulltime but helps a lot in spite of that; Barb Hass, Shadow Ridge, rejoined after several years of caregiving another WV resident; Rich Renik still works fulltime and is our newest handyman; and Loretta Meeker is our newest volunteer and long-time WV resident. Also, thank you to Doug Peterson and Allen McCracken for taking the last-minute and long-distance trips to doctors in Scottsdale and Phoenix.

Our services such as trash can services and grocery shopping are becoming more frequently requested. A little more difficult request is respite sitting for caregivers, as it often involves 3-hour commitment and is harder to fill. But we will always try our best for you! We do the best we can with the availability of volunteers, but sometimes people forget we ARE just volunteers and not available 24/7, PLEASE, especially for rides, give us a minimum of 3 business days to find you a volunteer.

Helping Hands does medical-related rides, grocery shopping, visiting, minor handyman, and simple requests, plus we have our Medical Equipment Closet at the Vistas Rec Center.

We don't do lifting, bathing or personal care, but we have a Resource Directory, including in-home caregivers, delivered meals, assisted and independent living locators, and much more.

The ads in the back of this Magazine are a great place to find resources.

Call Roz for more information. 623-533-8177

If someone falls, ALWAYS call 911!

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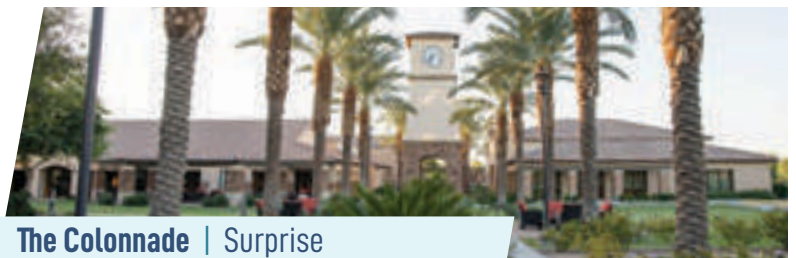
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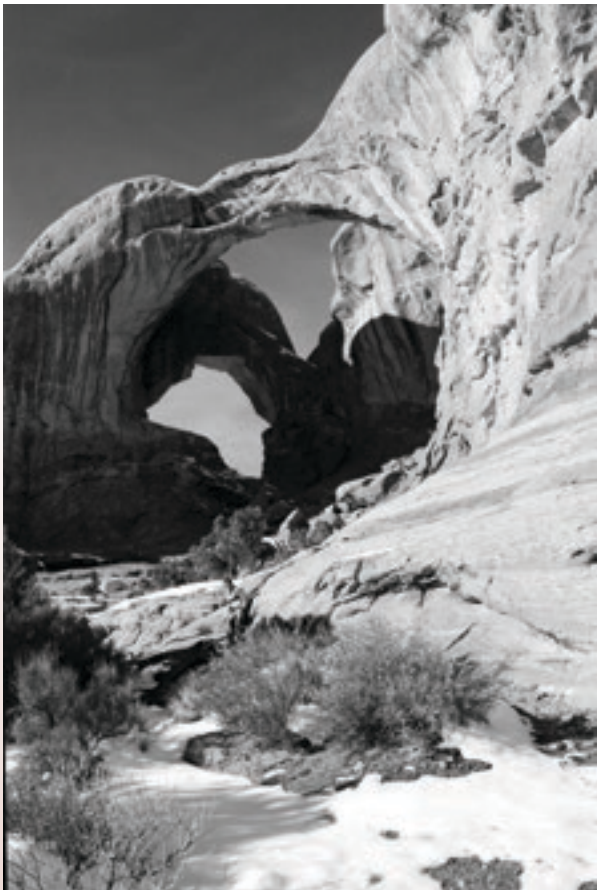
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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Featured Photographer - Allen Shayo



Above: Milepost 13 **Right:** Mt. Rainier **Below:** Double Arch



Allen Shayo became an enthusiastic photographer when he got a Kodak Instamatic in the 1960's. He claims he is a dinosaur in the world of photography, as he avoids modern digital trickery and prefers to use film when traveling in the American West - primarily in black & white (monochrome). These images are from his film archives from the 1980s and 90s and show Mt. Rainier in Washington, Double Arch in Arches National Park in Utah and Milepost 13, Hwy 163 in southern Utah near Monument Valley (where Forrest Gump stopped running).

Allen is the Vice President of the WV Photography Club and invites anyone who has an interest in photography (any skill level) to join the group at the FALC at 7PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Club Contact: Matt Greenwood | 503.442.4291
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(When sending a message to Matt: in subject field, please start subject heading with "Photo Club:")



WVA Treasurer's Report

For the Month Ending June 30, 2026

"The following figures are subject to audit. However, they fairly represent the approximate financial condition of the Association at month end."

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

(Funds designated for day-to-day operations.)

The General Operating Fund exists to support the day-to-day operations of the Westbrook Village Association. As of June 2026, this fund holds a cash balance of \$2,928,528.17. This total includes the homeowner assessments collected for the year 2026, as well as certificates of deposit, which together provide the Association with a strong financial foundation for its ongoing operational needs.

For the 2026 fiscal year, the Association anticipates total revenue of \$3,553,638.00, of which \$3,202,290.00 is expected to come from member assessments. This underscores the importance of member contributions in sustaining the activities of the Association. During June the Association received total revenue of \$410,211.75, most notably coming from Resale Processing Fees, RV Lot Rental Fees and a final ERC Refund, while total operating expenses for the same period amounted to \$247,266.32, most notable expenses were Payroll/Benefits, Insurance, Landscaping and Utilities and Professional Fees.

REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

(Funds earmarked for major repairs, equipment replacement, and capital improvements)

The Replacement Reserve Fund is designed to finance major repairs, equipment replacements, and capital improvements throughout Westbrook Village. As of June 30, 2026, the Reserve Fund Balance stands at \$5,277,155.54.

This fund is supported by proceeds from home sales and preservation fees collected during those transactions. In June there were 16 home resales within the community, with preservation fees waived for 2 of these transactions. Year to date there has been 153 home resales, with preservation fees waived for 33 of these transactions.

For fiscal year 2026, the Association has budgeted \$1,577,650.00 in expenditures from the Replacement Reserve

Fund. So far, \$207,534.12 of this budget has been used. For the month of June notable expenses were for pool heater replacement, cooling and irrigation work and fitness center.

The remaining budgeted funds are allocated for upcoming projects such as a possible gym facility at the Lakes, which includes the installation of a fire sprinkler system. Additional planned initiatives include a turf reduction project in Phase I, as well as ongoing maintenance projects throughout Westbrook Village.

All financial statements are available for review at the Westbrook Village Association Administration office. **For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call the office at 623-561-0099.**

Submitted by Bob Carneiro – WVA Treasurer

General Manager's Report

Karen Jones

- Residents, please work with your landscaper and be sure to have your palm trees trimmed and maintained. Compliance will begin sending notices of compliance needed.
- Storm damage clean-up continues, seasonal tree trimming is under way, and the maintenance department is keeping SDL busy in the community! Please drive with caution when workers are present.
- Congratulations to Assistant General Manager, Marcy Reneau for taking the community Association Institute M-100 course and passing the test. Great job, Marcy!
- Community wall repairs continue. Automobile accident repairs to boundary walls are underway.
- Staff appreciation party was held, and a great time was had by all. Thank you to our amazing staff at WVA for their hard work and caring so much for our great community!
- A new mirror on the south wall near the treadmills has been installed so that while on the treadmills you can see behind you. This was requested by residents and suggested by Marathon Fitness. Be sure to enjoy the beautiful new upgrades in your fitness center.
- We currently have space available for an annual lease in our RV storage lot. If you are interested in leasing contact administration at 623-561-0099.
- Do not be a crime of opportunity. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. Close your garage door, lock your cars, do not leave items visible in your vehicles.
- **Remember if it does not look right or feel right call 911.** The Peoria Police Department are always ready to help! Peoria Police **non-emergency # 623-773-8311.**

- Friendly reminder - we welcome you to bring your guests to enjoy the facilities with you, be sure to check in at the front desk and obtain a guest wrist band.
- Please have your WVA photo identification card with you at all times when going to the Recreation Centers as this is required to enter.
- **PLEASE SLOW DOWN** and use caution when driving in the community, stay safe!
- Reminder – the right lanes are “Shared Lanes” per the City of Peoria, be courteous to walkers, bikers and golf carts.
- If you notice items throughout the community that need attention and the administration office is closed, please contact the Recreation Centers as we work as one team and they will be sure the correct department is contacted. Water leaks, maintenance etc. Thank you!
- Please continue to work with us on architectural applications, exterior improvements, maintenance questions etc. on your properties. Contact administration at 623-561-0099

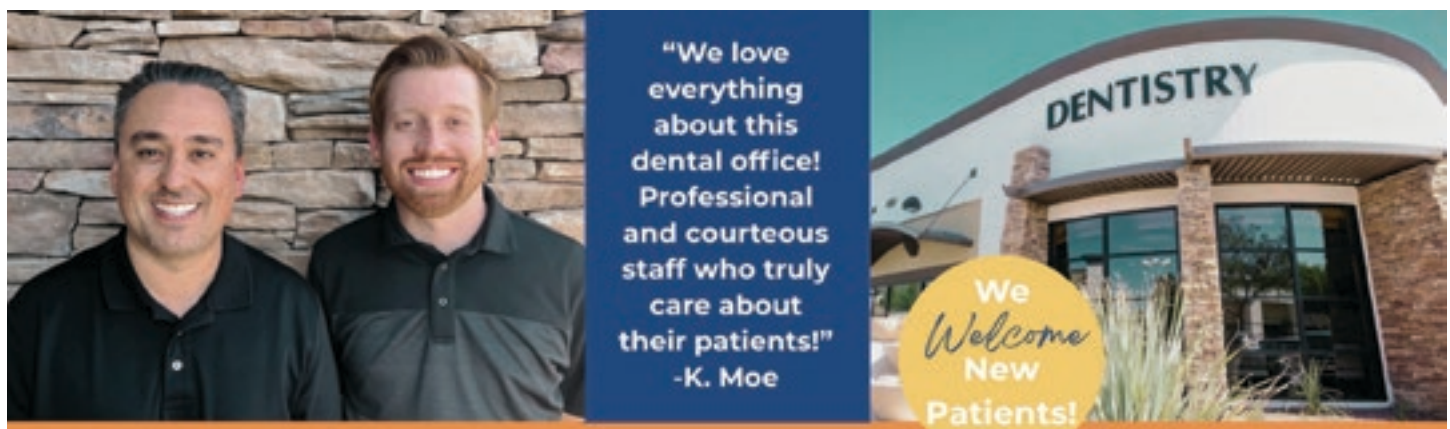
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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

- **ACC Submittals** (6/23/26 – 7/27/26)
 - Total received – 132
 - Approved within Standards – 154
 - Denied – 1
 - As a result of the recent Bill signed by the Governor (that does not take effect until September 12th), the ACC will be reviewing all our Shade Structure Standards

RESALE DEPARTMENT

- **Number of Resales** (6/23/26 – 7/27/26)
 - Opened – 23
 - Closed – 16
 - Cancelled – 3
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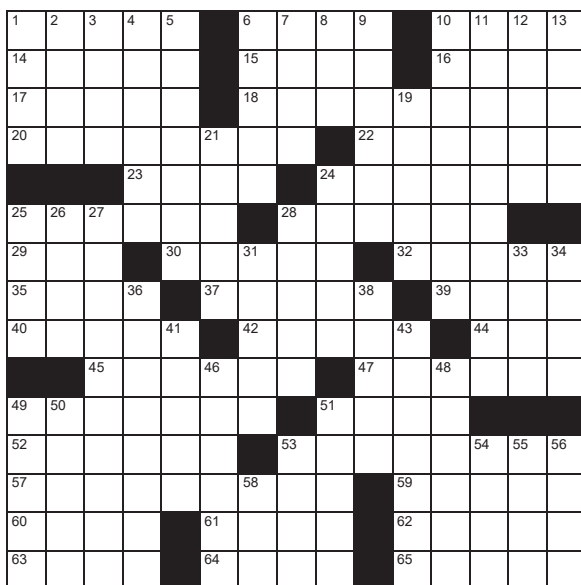
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Crossword Puzzle #108

ACROSS

- 1 Sultan's ladies
6 Sitting on
10 Budget rival
14 Amazon assistant
15 Elisabeth of "On the Verge"
16 Word with ditch or minute (hyph.)
17 Bounded
18 Cadbury bar
20 Jerry Lewis tradition for 44 years
22 Creator of Boo and Atticus
23 ____-chat
24 Having teeth
25 Lessener
28 First-place finisher
29 Spy's device
30 W-2 information
32 Most Saudis
35 Tennis legend Bjorn
37 Gardener's spread
39 Missile housing
40 Watchful ones
42 City on the Ruhr
44 Work on a tan
45 Billie with ten Grammys
47 Breaks one's back
49 Campus dining area
51 Pitchfork part
52 Sports venues
53 Wryly funny
57 Person of no importance
59 Fit to be tied



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- 60 Pantry invaders
61 Just makes, with "out"
62 Continental coins
63 Insurance claim
64 Nuisance
65 Flower features

DOWN

- 1 March leader's command
2 Sheltered, in a way
3 Authentic
4 Anticipate
5 Lillard or Modine
6 Knotted neckwear
7 Larger-life link
8 "Days of ____ Lives"

- 9 Showy bird's mate
10 Sirens, say
11 Seaport of Chile
12 Archipelago part
13 Squirrel away
19 Food from heaven
21 Dr. ____ Baker of "Little House..."
24 Spinal parts
25 Priest in Paris
26 Harbor bobber
27 Covenant
28 Born in Cardiff, e.g.
31 "You'll never ____!"
33 Picture problem
34 Male heirs
36 Severity
38 Prefix with centric
41 Dane's "Grey's Anatomy" role
43 Female goats
46 Part of the foot
48 Lebanese capital
49 Panama, e.g.
50 Home of the Black Bears
51 Secret rendezvous
53 Suffix with social
54 Give a hoot
55 Proton's place
56 More or ____
58 Presidential nickname

SEPTEMBER 2026 WVA Meetings

ALL MEETINGS START at 9:00am

Wednesday, September 2 – **The FALC Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, September 8 – **The FALC Recreation Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 9 – **The FALC Landscape and Facilities Meeting**

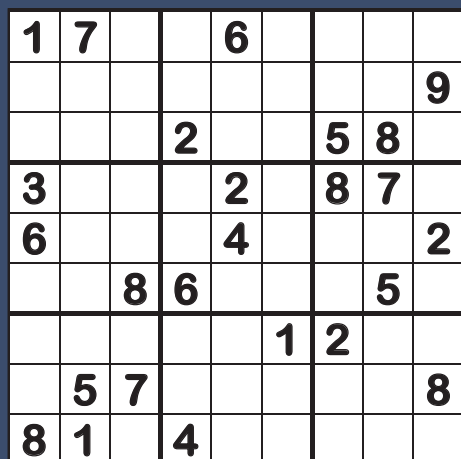
Cornerstone Committee – There is no meeting for the month of September

Tuesday, September 15 – **The FALC Architectural Control Meeting**

Wednesday, September 16 – **The FALC Long Range Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, September 23 – **Admin Conference Room Ways and Means Committee Meeting**

Sudoku



HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to last month's puzzle to the right →

Solution to previous puzzle:

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5	6	2	7	4	1	9	3	8
4	8	3	5	6	9	7	1	2



Happy 15th Year with WVA, Karen Jones!



Winner Announcement!

The Westbrook Village Homeowners Association sponsored its first annual **Shots of Summer Photo Contest**. Bobbie Moody was announced the winner for her photo of her little Freddy

enjoying Mesa Verde National Park on his summer vacation to southern Colorado.

Bobbie describes her Frederick "Freddy" as an energetic and playful 7 month-old Yorkshire Terrier. She explains, "His cheerful personality brings so much happiness to my life. He loves people, going for walks and traveling."

Freddy went on his first road trip this summer and was able to make it to two National Parks, one of which was Mesa Verde. He loved the scenery and also meeting so many new friends along the way. Freddy is definitely living his best life with his family!

See cover of this issue depicting winning photo.



Right: Bonnie caught Freddy on camera during their hike at Mesa Verde National Park

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18 Hole Women For the Love of Golf and the Summer Desert: Our Steadfast “Staybirds”

-by Ann Chapman

We all know what a “snowbird” is, but there is a term for those of us that stick around here in Westbrook most of the summer. We brave souls are affectionately known as “staybirds.” It’s 113 degrees with a dewpoint of 62! Our response? It’s cooler in the morning! Not so bad!

I know of one staybird that regularly douses herself with a hose by the cart barn before her round making sure to make it a “double douse”

when she makes the turn. Others chatter about the latest and greatest new fan in their brand new cart (wow, cool speakers!) or how their brand new pressurized spray bottle that holds icy cold water has already failed. Others talk of the trip they just returned from or the one they are leaving for shortly in some cooler clime.

Most of us marched out to the course Tuesday mornings to play golf, to connect with our friends, to just be out there. Some mornings we might be lucky enough to spot one of the two bobcats that have taken up residence on the Lakes side of Westbrook or to spy one of the baby coyotes that were born in early July. There is a special kind of camaraderie that develops among us as our group grows smaller over the summer.

We watch as our grounds crew transforms each course, the well on the Vistas takes shape, and each palm tree freed of its shaggy mane, reaching ever skyward. Day after day, the relentless heat, and high dewpoints, give rise to late afternoon “mashed potato clouds” to the north that we hope will bring the excitement (thunder, lightning!) and relief (rain!) of the monsoon to our doorstep. One can’t help but reflect upon - and yes, be grateful for, the majesty of the summer desert experience.

Above: Around the Lakes near Hole 9

Left: -The 18 Hole Women Staybirds enjoy the day

**Club Contact: Shelly Berndt
507-951-5412**



Hiking Club News - with Barry Spiegel



Above: Mushroom Rock Formation At Toms Thumb Trailhead in Scottsdale

Club Contact: Barry Spiegel | 602-318-4149

The WV Hiking Club explores trails throughout the Valley from mid-October to April each year, setting off early on Friday mornings.

The greater Phoenix area is home to an almost endless number of 4 to 7 mile trails of varying difficulties and designs, and our club does its best to visit regional and city parks to enjoy the cooler temperatures, see varied local vistas and encounter wildlife, flora and fauna. We generally hike on trails that are rated as Easy to Moderate, Moderate and, on some occasions, Moderate to Difficult.

The club is planning to begin the Fall 2026 season on Friday, October 16.

Hikers meet at the Lakes parking lot, near the Westbrook Village office, at 6:40am on Fridays. Driving from Westbrook Village to the trailhead is a shared responsibility, with different members offering to handle the driving and other hikers chipping in to pay for gas.

We hope that you will join us this year. Please contact us at one of the phone numbers included on the hiking schedule with any questions about our hikes.

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Westbrook Village Clubs

	Clubs and Groups	Day(s) of Week	Time	Place	Contact Person
Arts and Crafts	Ceramics	Please call for details			Bernice Lever 602-373-6008
	Fine Arts	Please call for details			Kim Mraz 623-377-6520
	Glass Art Studio	Please call for details			Marcia Ulbrich 602-312-5901
	Lapidary/Jewelry Art Studio	M-F 10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.; W, 1:00-3:30pm Class by Barb; Th, Rock Cutting 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.		Lakes, \$30/yr	Cheryl Glennon 928-814-8269 Barb Bosworth 314-712-6225
	Needle Arts and Crafts	T-Th	T-Th: 1-3pm	Vistas	Linda Wright 951-442-9301
	Photography	First Tues; year round	7:00pm	FALC	Matt Greenwood 503-442-4291
	Pottery/Claymates	M-T-W-Th-F			Tamra Greco 575-202-2789
	Woodshop Club	M-T-W-Th-F	8:30-12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m.		Tom Canepa 513-477-2207
Bridge	Duplicate Bridge	M	12:30 p.m.	Vistas	Eileen Medansky 623-566-3634
	Monday Social Bridge	M - partner not req'd	12:15 p.m.	Lakes	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786
	Bridge Lessons	T	9:30 a.m.	Vistas	Ted Cooper 425-233-1960
	Ladies' Bridge	T	12:15 p.m.	Vistas	Dovie Templin 623-680-3369
	Ladies' Bridge	Th	9:15 a.m.	Vistas	Gerry Simpson 623-694-4918
	Really Fun Bridge	W	9:30 a.m.	Vistas	Ted Cooper 425-233-1960
	Saturday Night Bridge	1st & 3rd Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Vistas	John Schoop 623-215-6978
Card and Tabletop Games	Bunco Vistas 2	Please call for details			Barb Marsteen 602-819-2439
	Chess Club	W	1:00p.m.-3:00pm	Lakes Multi	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786
	Euchre Card	1st & 3rd Wed	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Rich Mizner 253-370-7086
	Cribbage	T	7:00 p.m.	Lakes	Gloria Pawluk 623-202-7767
	Hearts	T	6:30 p.m.	Vistas	Ric Dickison, 208-755-1739
	Mah Jongg	W - new location!	12:30-3:30pm	Vistas	Cindy Michlin 480-619-0188
	Mah Jongg, Wright-Patterson	M	12:00-4:00p.m.	FALC	Mary Maccracken 623-566-3312
	National Mah Jongg	F	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Vistas	Janet Leach 623-566-6682 Chris Cox 510-299-0945
	Pan	W	12:00 p.m.	FALC	Mary Ann Bolyog 623-203-4469
	Pinochle	M	6:00pm	Vistas	Rhonda Garrison 253-905-6650
	Progressive Hand & Foot	T-Th	12:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Loree Crabb 623-203-8649
	Progressive Hand & Foot	Th	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sharon Witthuhn 623-640-7631
	Samba	M	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sandra Sullivan 602-510-1799
	Shanghai Rummy	M	12:00 p.m.	Vistas	Judith Devenney 623-203-9458
	Sheepshead	F	1:00 p.m.	FALC	Al Boeck 602-999-3743
	Tuesday Night Mah Jongg	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Vistas	Carol Holtorf 602-999-8101
	Winner's Poker	M	6:30-8:30p.m.	FALC	Ron Goodman 623-444-0092
	Desert Dancers	Please call for details			Sharon Corcoran 623-670-6114
Dance & Entertainment	Line Dancing - Intro & Novice	Summer break - May through Sep; re-starts Oct			Cheryl Grampp 623-687-4435
	Line Dancing - Intermediate	Summer break- May through Sep; re-starts Oct			Cheryl Grampp 623-687-4435
	Performing Arts Council	Please call for details			Norma Apodaca 623-377-8500
	Village Players	Please call for details			Max Allen, 623-523-3997
	Village Voices	Please call for details			Karen Sendelback 206-899-7775
	Westbrook Musicians	Please call			Steve Thorne 602-427-7616
Fitness	Low Impact Aerobics	M-W	6:00 p.m.	Lakes	Pat Brown 623-293-8037
	General Conditioning Class	T-Th	8:00 a.m.	Vistas	Steve Rommel 602-471-9232
	Lakes Pool Noodle Fitness	W	8:00 a.m. only	Lakes	Sally Cline 319-331-0270
	Lakes Water Aerobics	Tues thru Sat: 7:00am & 8:00am			Lynette Ferguson 860-302-1846
	Personalized Fitness Training	Please call for details		Vistas	Steve Rommel 602-471-9232
	Gi Gong and Tai Ji	T, F	10:00am-11:00am	Lakes	Becky Boosalis 650-868-4385
	Vistas Water Aerobics	M-W-Th-F-Sat - 8:15a.m. & 9:15a.m.			Debbie Hake 805-630-6833
	Water Zumba	T-Th	10:15-11:00a.m.	Lakes	Kathy Margolis 612-201-0167
	Stretch with Me (was mat yoga)	Sat	9:00 a.m.	Lakes	Karen Berg, 480-390-9041
	Yoga - Restorative	W	9:00 a.m.	Lakes	Karen Berg, 480-390-9041
	Zumba Gold/Toning for Seniors	M - 9:00 a.m., W - 9:00 a.m., F - 9:00 a.m.			Veronica Lowe 623-800-9373
	Library	Open every day except major holidays			Kay McCaughey 623-217-4161

Please submit all club and activity changes to admin@westbrookvillageliving.com.

and Activities Information



	Clubs and Groups	Day(s) of Week	Time	Place	Contact Person
Specialty Clubs	Baby Boomers	Please call for details			Maria Thorne 602-463-2903
	Caregiver Support Group	2nd & 4th Tues	1:30 p.m.	Vistas	Toni Stuart 602-799-0412
	Charitable Game Night	3rd Wednesdays	Please call	Lakes Ballrm	Margie Newman 303-548-1991
	Club GenXYZ	Please call for details			Sophia Phillips 847-565-1457
	Heatherbrook Club	Subdivision coordinator			Marcy Reneau 425-319-8113
	Helping Hands	Please call for details			Roz Farnsworth 623-533-8177
	Hiking Club	Please call for details			Judy Reisener 623-572-3017
					Barry Spiegel 602-318-4149
	Italian-American	Please call for details			Carol Buonincontro 602-743-5393 Maria Thorne 602-463-2903
	Minnesota Club	Please call for details			Kjersten Merila 952-994-3162
	Nebraska Club	Monthly Dec-April		Vistas	Dan Geiger 303-885-8169
	Roadrunners RV Club	Please call for details			Jack Lytle 623-256-1658
	Shalom Club	Please call for details			Rita Paper 701-371-1548; Illa Kallish 602-796-3138
	Technology Club	Website: wvvtc.org	Email: wvcc@live.com		wvcc@live.com; 623-226-8120
	Veterans Club	W, Sept. 9	6:00p.m.	Lakes Ballrm	Carl Ulbrich 602-312-5900westbrookvets.org
	WV Book Club	Re-starts in October			Lisbeth Fandrich 701-261-7323
	WV Bookies	Re-starts in October			Claudia Carr 206-954-4534
Sports	Wine Club	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633 Fran DeWalt 623-512-3075
	Westbrook Cares!	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633; Marti Harper 989-640-1399
	Billiards	T-Th	6:00p.m.	Lakes	Thomas Martinez 602-459-0389
	Bowling - Senior Rollers	T	2pm-Lakeview Lanes Sun City		Karol Norton 651-235-1975
	Can-Am Golf	Please email for details			Margery Sillers margerysillers@gmail.com
	Golf Heritage Cup	Please call for details			Norm Richter 623-566-0971
	Golf 9-Hole Couples	F mornings Nov-May			Bill Artist 303-881-6649
	Golf 18-Hole Couples	Please call for details			Rick & Patti Leishman 541-941-6638
	Golf 18-Hole Women	Please call for details			Shelly Berndt 507-951-5412
	Golf 9-hole Ladies	T, Oct-May	Please call		Kay Hill 503-297-0574
	Golf Mens Association (MGA)	W	Please call for details		Ed O'Bryan 308-631-2260
	Golf Weekend Men's Club	Sat	9:00a.m.	Lakes/Vistas	Michael Giroux 623-910-4269
	Pickleball	Please call for details			Nancy Millard (310) 780-6558
	Table Tennis	M, W & F	1:00-2:00p.m.	Vistas	Bob Suda 847-249-1590
	Tennis	Please call for details			George Renner 623-937-1649 Randy Spontak 520-609-1662
	Water Volleyball	S	9:30-11:00am	Vistas Pool	Joanne Tudor joannetudor@verizon.net
	West Valley Ladies Tennis 50+	F, Oct-Mar	11:00am-Paseo Racquet Ctr		Pam Cavalier 480-276-8213 Linda Renner 602-550-0810
	Village Niner's Golf Group	Please call for details			Herb Greksa 224-406-5255 Dean Carlson 763-301-2138

Important Numbers

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623-566-6181 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Vistas Recreation Center
18825 N. Country Club Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382
623-566-6178 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

WV Administration Office
19281 N. Westbrook Parkway,
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623-561-0099
Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Charley's at The Lakes: 623-399-8557
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City of Peoria News: Vice Mayor Mike Finn



Spring Training at the Peoria Sports Complex

Every spring, the Peoria Sports Complex reminds us why it is one of our city's greatest assets. More than just the spring home of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres, the complex brings our community together, welcomes visitors from across the country, and showcases everything that makes Peoria a great place to live, work, and visit.

This year marked the **33rd spring training season** in Peoria, and it was another tremendous success. More than **214,400 fans** visited the Peoria Sports Complex to enjoy Major League Baseball and experience the hospitality our city is known for. Along the way, fans enjoyed an incredible **29,398 hot dogs**, proving once again that baseball and classic ballpark food are a winning combination.

The impact of spring training reaches far beyond the final score. Nearly **9,800 Peoria residents** took advantage of

Resident Rewards discounts, making games more affordable for local families. Community organizations raised more than **\$10,000** through ticket fundraising programs, while the Peoria Diamond Club generated over **\$50,000** for Play Peoria youth scholarships and contributed more than **16,000 volunteer hours** to make every game-day experience possible.

I am especially proud of the opportunities the Peoria Sports Complex creates for our next generation. Students from local universities completed more than **1,200 internship hours**, and local high school students gained valuable broadcasting experience through live game productions. These experiences help prepare young people for future careers while strengthening partnerships throughout our community.

As Vice Mayor, I believe facilities like the Peoria Sports Complex represent smart investments in our community. They support local jobs, strengthen our economy, provide opportunities for young people, and create experiences that families look forward to year after year. I am grateful to our city staff, volunteers, community partners, and residents who make this annual tradition possible. Together, we continue to make Peoria a premier destination for spring training and a community we are proud to call home.

Vice Mayor Mike Finn



WV Veterans Club NEWS

Supporting Brain Health - Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

The Westbrook Village Veterans Club invites all Westbrook Village residents to our September meeting for an informative presentation by the Alzheimer's Association on Supporting Brain Health.

Our brains are remarkable—and there are proven steps we can take to help keep them healthy throughout our lives. Brain health is about preserving your ability to think, learn, remember, and make decisions as you age. Research shows that adopting healthy habits may also help reduce the risk of cognitive decline and dementia.

During this engaging presentation, you'll discover practical, science-backed strategies to support lifelong brain health,

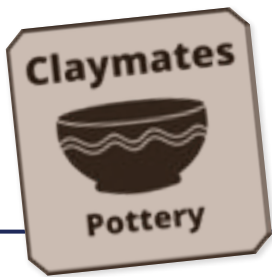
including the benefits of regular physical activity, nutritious eating, quality sleep, staying socially connected, and keeping your mind active. These simple lifestyle choices can improve your overall well-being today while helping protect your memory and cognitive function for the future.

Whether you're interested in maintaining your own brain health or learning how to support a loved one, you'll leave with valuable information and everyday tips you can put into practice.

Join us for an evening of education, camaraderie, and community.

**We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday,
September 9th, at 6:00 PM in the Lakes Ballroom!**

Club president: Carl Ulbrich – 602-312-5900 – westbrookvets.org



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Above: Doug and Chris Ward pose against a glorious Arizona sky

Right: Barbara and Jerry Nass are ready for the day

Looking for a great way to enjoy golf, make new friends, and have fun this season? Join the **Westbrook Golf Club 18-Hole Couples**, where couples of all experience levels come together for organized golf and monthly **Par Tee** social events in a welcoming, friendly atmosphere.

With the arrival of our winter visitors and new members, our golf season is beginning to pick up on Friday mornings. It offers exciting golf formats, fun competition, prizes, awards, and (of course) bragging rights! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just enjoy getting out to fun social events, there's something for everyone.

We will kick off the season with one of our favorite events—**Glow Ball Night** on **November 20!** It's a unique and entertaining evening of golf. Watch for more details on that and a schedule of our other events coming soon!

Membership in the league includes the opportunity to participate in a season filled with golf, social gatherings, and lasting friendships.

To join or learn more, please contact:

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We look forward to welcoming you to another fun-filled season with the WV 18-Hole Couples!

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LAPIDARY/JEWELRY ARTS STUDIO NEWS

WITH JANET CARR

If the long Arizona summer has you looking for a cool place to spend a few creative hours, step into our air-conditioned studio and discover a world where ordinary rocks become extraordinary works of art. Inside, you'll find the gentle hum of machinery, the sparkle of polished stones, and friendly faces ready to welcome you.

Lapidary art is the craft of cutting, shaping, grinding, and polishing stone, minerals, and gemstones into decorative pieces, jewelry, and small sculptures. It's a practice that stretches back thousands of years, from the earliest toolmakers to today's skilled artisans who create cabochons, carvings, and intricate designs. It's part science, part art, and completely fascinating.

What draws people to lapidary? For many, it's the joy of transformation — taking a rough, dull stone and revealing the hidden color and pattern inside. Others love designing custom jewelry pieces that can't be found in stores. Some members are rock hounds at heart, collecting stones and wanting to discover their secrets. And for many, the steady focus of cutting and polishing offers a calming, almost meditative break from the day.

Our club is a place where beginners and experienced rock lovers alike can feel at home. We have the tools, materials, and most importantly, members who are happy to share their knowledge. While we keep a friendly, easygoing atmosphere, we're serious about our craft and take pride in helping one another learn and improve.



Whether you're curious about learning a new hobby, looking to meet new friends, or hoping to find a special handcrafted gift, stop by and see us. We're open Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Come in to chat, watch, learn, or shop — the rocks and tools are waiting for your imagination.

Above: Nita Lywandowsky polishing pendant to wire wrap

Top Row:

Left: Completed pendants of rock and glass wire wrapped

Right: Sandy Strother shaping rocks

Bottom Row:

Left: Closeup of a jewelry pendant being polished

Right: Sandy Strother's rockscapes



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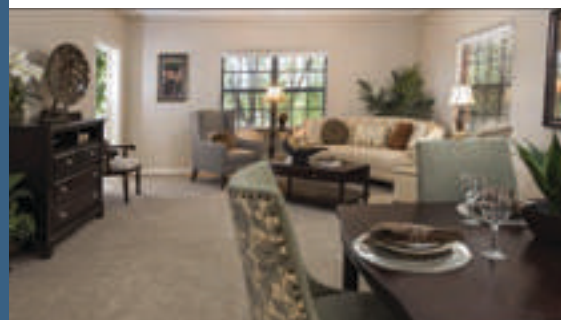
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Welcome back, part time residents! September marks the beginning of the migration south, when those who sought relief from the blazing summer heat return to Westbrook Village. That includes many of our dedicated **part time** Posse members. *Did you know you don't need to be a full time resident to volunteer with the Posse?*

This summer has been especially challenging, and as Commander, I am incredibly grateful and proud of the commitment shown by our summer volunteers. They completed more than **500 Vacation Watch home checks each week**, often taking on **two to three shifts** in the extreme heat **due to having fewer volunteers available**. Posse Deputies patrolled Westbrook Village neighborhoods **six mornings and afternoons a week**, ensuring our community remained safe and supported throughout the hottest months.

In June, the Posse presented a well received Criminal Justice Forum featuring Joyce Petrowski from R.O.S.E. Advocacy and Sgt. Shelly Montes from the Peoria Police Department. They shared valuable information on recognizing and preventing fraud, scams, and crimes of opportunity. The event drew **140 attendees** and received such enthusiastic feedback we are offering it again on **November 18**, this time with added emphasis on holiday scam prevention — **see save the date below**.



Sgt. Shelly Montes provided safety procedures at the recent Criminal Justice Forum

In the coming months, you'll see an increased Posse presence at special events throughout Westbrook Village, along with more informational updates through e-blasts and on both the Posse and WVA websites. The Posse is **not funded or managed by any HOA**, nor do Posse members conduct HOA compliance investigations. We are **entirely donation-funded**, and fully staffed and managed by unpaid volunteers. Our mission is simple and steadfast: **to protect and serve Westbrook Village residents and keep our community a safe place to live**.

As Westbrook Village comes alive again with returning residents, we invite you to consider joining the Posse. Part time or full time, every volunteer makes a meaningful difference. If you're looking for a way to serve your community, meet great people, and help keep Westbrook Village safe, the Posse is ready to welcome you. Contact the Posse Office at 623-566-3133.

Save the Date Crime Prevention Forum II

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"Actual Size"

Congratulations to Jim Nelson, who correctly identified that Westbrook Will was hidden in the August 2026 issue on **Page 2** in the **Team Reiland Russ Lyon Sotheby's ad**. Jim's entry was drawn from those who sent theirs in, and he will be receiving \$20 as the winner! Thank you to all who participated!

The challenge in this issue is to find Westbrook Will teaching his latest tai chi moves to his prized chicken, Chelsea. Once you find the image (as shown here), please jot down the ad location and your name and address on a 3" x 5" card, and **postmark your entry by September 10, 2026**, so you can be included in the draw for the cash prize! (One entry per household per issue, please!)

FINE ARTS FEATURED MEMBER ARTIST

- IVONNE BORLAND



My love for fine arts and different artistic endeavors started at a very young age. My mother was an educator and taught art. I joined the Westbrook Village Fine Arts Club in 2020 and really enjoy the art demonstrations, opportunities to show and sell my art and being with fellow artists. I also use my art to create greeting cards that I sell at art shows. The cards are well received.

I am considered a mixed media painter and work with watercolors, inks, acrylics, collage painted papers and recently added gouache. I truly enjoy painting and the creative experience. Art is a powerful outlet for both the artist and the viewer. Did you know that viewing and making visual art can significantly enhance wellbeing, reduce stress, and activate pleasure and reward pathways in the brain? I believe that to be true!

I moved to Arizona after retiring from a successful career in Finance in Washington, DC. Arizona provides endless inspiration with stunning landscapes and unique flowers. I enjoy traveling and have visited Canada, Europe, Africa, Central and South America and many US states. My collection of photographs from these travel experiences are used as my resources to create original art.

I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from Aspen University. To pay for my undergraduate degree, I worked as a student artist and created art posters, calendars and various art announcements for the university.

I am forever thankful for the gift of life, family, friends and being part of the art community! _____



Club Contact:

Kim Mraz - 623-377-6520



Top Left: WV Fine Artist-IvonneBorland **Top Right:** *Hummingbird Blessing* in watercolor **Middle:** *Desert Flower Garden* in watercolor
Bottom Left: *Cactus Duo* in watercolor **Center:** *Aspen* in watercolor **Bottom Right:** *Bouquet* in watercolor

Honoring Veteran Treasure and Centenarian



Above: Ralph Sleeper

Right: Centenarian Ralph enjoys golfing 5 days a week at Westbrook Village

Ralph Sleeper



This summer Ralph Sleeper turned 100 years old. Ralph Sleeper's three children thought their dad would slow down upon retiring. However, they would think again as the years went on, for their dad has not shown any sign of slowing down. "The good Lord has been good to me," explains Ralph.

Ralph served our country in the Air Force during World War II as a crew chief and flight engineer for the North American B-25 Mitchell and the L5 liaison planes. He relished the adventure and felt he had to grow up fast. He was stationed in Japan and enjoyed getting to know the Pacific Islands.

Ralph had hoped to become a pilot after the war; however, instead he attended Mankato State University and passed exams to become a Highway Engineer. He married his high school sweetheart after the war, and the pair raised two sons and one daughter in Minnesota. Ralph would eventually retire as a Public Works Director in Minnesota.

Once he retired, Ralph and his wife became snowbirds at Westbrook Village in 1990. His love for golfing and pickleball has filled his time here for 36 years. He continues to golf five days a week, and has no intention of slowing down.

"And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."
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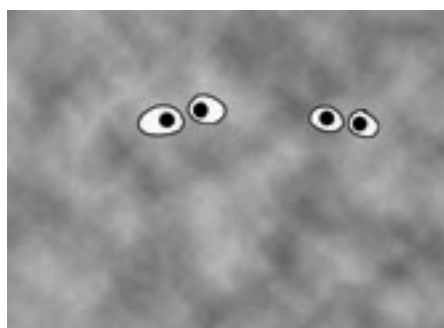
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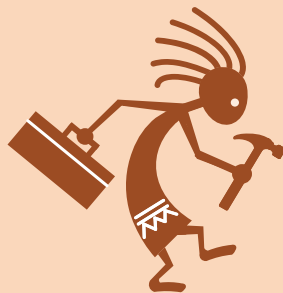
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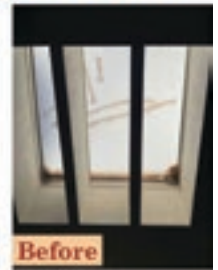
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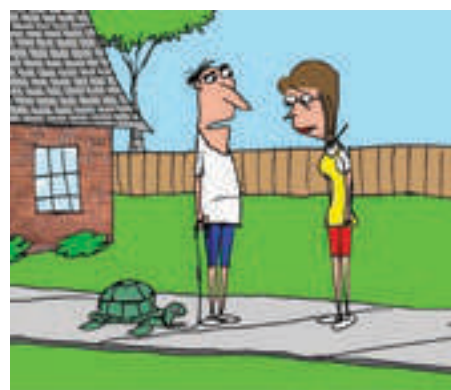
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As Community Manager, Karen not only serves our residents with care and professionalism but also leads and supports a team of more than 35 employees. She is an exceptional manager, mentor, and teammate who inspires those around her every day.

Thank you for 15 years of commitment and devotion to Westbrook Village, Karen!

NEEDLE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

Featured Needlework Artist Joanne Eichler



Top: Floral Motif Quilt **Middle:** Memorial Quilt **Bottom:** Counted Cross Stitch Kitty **Right:** Crocheted Kitty Afghan

My husband Bill and I have lived in Westbrook for only two years. We both grew up and lived in Chicago area and suburbs. After retirement, we moved to Escondido, California and lived there for 20 years. We have three children, two grandchildren and one new granddaughter-in-law.

I worked at United Airlines and its affiliates for 33 years, starting out as a keypunch operator and progressing through different positions. I retired as a product manager for document production. A personal highlight was my involvement in converting from paper tickets to electronic ticketing.

I enjoy counted cross-stitch, quilting and crocheting. I watched my grandmother crocheting borders on handkerchiefs and thought this was a great thing to learn. I taught myself to crochet anything from tablecloths to animals to afghans. After retirement, I picked up counted cross-stitch and quilting and enjoyed a membership at the North County Quilters Association in Escondido for 15 years.

In addition, travel has been a highlight of our years. We took several cruises, driving trips and tours both in the US and Europe.

We enjoy living in Westbrook Village and have met many great people and made good friends.



Club President: Linda Wright | 951-442-9301



LIBRARY NEWS

with Kay McCaughey

Another summer of high temperatures here in the desert! Hopefully, we are getting ready to wind down and start the fall season!

We are once again so appreciative of the many donations. We now have a selection of Hallmark movies that you will find in the romance section. Westbrook Library is so fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers that keep the library running so smoothly! They are always ready to assist you in whatever you may be looking for: a new author, puzzles, movies, classics and so much more!!

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The Technology Club is on hiatus through October. No Tech Talks or Workshops until November; however, the Technology Lab is still available/open during the summer to all club members.

The Technology Club is looking for volunteers to fill two positions:

Flyer/Poster Coordinator

Responsibilities include:

- Receive flyers from workshop and Tech Talk hosts and ensure accuracy
- Submit flyers for publication 30 days prior to event to HOA Communications person
- Check to confirm flyers are posted at both Rec Centers 14 days prior to event
- Post the flyers on the Tech club room doors one week prior to event

Workshop flyers are posted November through April (six months).

Magazine Article Writer

Responsibilities include:

- Draft the monthly article for the club, to be finalized in the monthly club meeting



- Finalize and submit the article for publication to the Admin/Operations of Westbrook Living magazine by the due date

Magazine articles are published every month (12 months).

(We are NOT a Tech Support group and cannot provide specific tech support, setup assistance or in-home device support.)

The Club is: Tech users who learn from each other and advance our knowledge and proficiency in technology. We appreciate all volunteers from all areas of technology. Bring us/or send your ideas and talents to share with others by emailing or phoning us, or come to our monthly Board Meetings starting in OCTOBER!

Technology Club membership applications are available at the Lakes Rec Center front desk, or print from our website: <https://wbvtc.org>. Drop off completed applications at the Lakes Rec Center front desk. **Club dues are waived for 2026-2027 membership.**

Donate your old equipment: we accept all desktop and laptop computers with computer cords that support Windows 7 and newer Windows OS systems. They will be refurbished and passed on to school children in need and to other charities. No printers please.



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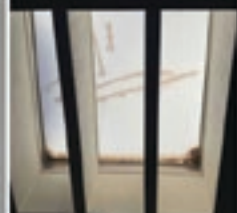
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