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# Adobe Voice



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## July 2006

### Note from the Editor

If I ever stop at the Center on an unscheduled day for whatever reason, I am always greeted by new and friendly faces. A lot of work goes into keeping the Center operational and it couldn't be done without each and everyone's contribution. I am inspired by the Volunteer's whose minds are always working for the good of the animals and the facility. For instance, last Tuesday I came in for my scheduled Night Feed and found one particular gentleman had received permission by Sandy Cate to purchase a few goldfish for several of the animals at the Center. This could be viewed as a form of Behavioral Enrichment. What is Behavioral Enrichment, you ask? Good question and the Phoenix Zoo describe it best. "It is the environmental enhancement of the lives of captive animals by providing them with mental and physical stimulation to increase natural and healthy behavior. In other words making our animals' lives fun!" Judging by the remains in Lunar's pool, the black crowned night heron, I would say his idea was a huge success! If you have any ideas along the same lines, contact Sandy and get her approval first. Then drop me an email and let me know how it went!

I'm sure many of you have noticed that there are changes around the Center. For starters, the hospital has been moved around and new flooring has been put in. As you know, there is always something to do around that place - never a dull moment! The Center will be having a Work Day on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 a.m. to catch up on things above and beyond our normal duties. The more people the merrier, not to mention less of a work load and more things accomplished! So be sure to mark it on your calendars. I'll be there, gloves and water in hand, and look forward to meeting many new and friendly faces!!

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions or maybe you have something you would like to share with everyone. Drop me an email at [bluehereyezons@yahoo.com](mailto:bluehereyezons@yahoo.com).

### New Information

- Please make a note that the Auxiliary has a new mailing address. This action was done for the convenience of those that are responsible for mail retrieval. This way, the mail will be checked on a more frequent basis.  
**Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary, Inc.**  
**18635 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste# 110**  
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- Be sure to check out the new Bulletin board in the trailer! If you have something you would like posted, please contact Don Anderson for approval at [don.anderson@phoenix.gov](mailto:don.anderson@phoenix.gov) or any other member of the Auxiliary Board.



**"Whoo's Cooking" Cookbooks** are HERE!!! The books are \$5 each and you can purchase a cookbook one of three ways: At the volunteer meeting, at the Center, or call/email Sandy Cate and she can arrange to have one set aside for you.

## Dates to Remember & Upcoming Events

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** Do you have co-workers, friends or family who would like to become a volunteer? If so, the next new volunteer orientation will be held Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Center. Have the interested party send their name and phone number via email to [wcvolunteer@cox.net](mailto:wcvolunteer@cox.net). Details about the orientation will be sent back to their email address.

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** [Bowhunter Happening](#), Williams, AZ This is another great opportunity for a Volunteer Group camping opportunity. If you are interested please respond to Don Anderson at [nanander@cox.net](mailto:nanander@cox.net). This can be any kind of camping – tent, car, pop up, etc.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** Symposium for Rehabbers and Volunteers at La Quinta Inn on I-17 and Greenway. More information will be in next months newsletter so stay tuned.

Do any of these events sound interesting to you?!?! New volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged to help. Don't be shy! Contact Sandy for the name of the volunteer(s) in charge of the event in which you are interested. This will give you a chance to meet the other volunteers as well as work with our educational animals. What are you waiting for?!

## Message from Sandy Cate

Hello Everyone, thought I would pass along this update regarding West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis.

Date: June 29, 2006  
To: West Nile Virus (WNV) Group  
Re: Arbovirus update & vector control workshop

### WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE

It's all quiet on the West Nile front.

WNV activity has been detected along the Colorado River in western Arizona. Two mosquito pools (samples) collected by Indian Health Service staff on June 27th in the Parker and Poston areas have tested positive for WNV at the Arizona State Health Laboratory (ASHL). These are the first two WNV positive mosquito pools to be reported in 2006. To date, over 1,700 mosquito pools have been tested this year - either by PCR at the ASHL or by RAMP assay by four county programs. The ADHS is issuing a press release on Monday (see attached).

The total number of specimens tested to date in 2006 (counting all reporting sources):

- 1,704 mosquito pools
- 52 dead birds
- 23 horses (equines)
- 3 non-equine animals

All have been negative for WNV (so far).

Also, Blood Systems folks in Arizona report no WNV positive blood donors in 2006.

Last year (2005), WNV got off to a slow start as well. There was minimal WNV activity in Arizona until July. WNV activity picked-up speed in mid-summer, and by year's end, we had 113 human cases. So, don't let your surveillance and control programs lapse as we are now heading into peak arbovirus season.

WNV has gotten off to a slow start around much of the country, as well. But, WNV cases are now being reported in several states, including California (1), Colorado (1), Mississippi (1), and Texas (2).

Selected cable TV channels (English and Spanish stations) will start airing WNV Public Service Announcements (PSAs) this month. These WNV PSAs will only run a few weeks due to the high cost for placing TV ads. The PSA was produced by CDC and retagged for use in Arizona. It is the PSA that begins "Have you heard the buzz about West Nile virus...." You can view the PSA on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/psa.htm>. You will need RealOne Player to view the PSAs. The software can be downloaded - free - from this same website.

### ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS (SLE) UPDATE

One human case of SLE was reported in an adult male in Maricopa County in May 2006. The case was fatal. All mosquito pools collected to date (including those collected at the SLE patient's home and work site) were negative for SLE.

To attend the Vector Control Workshop, RSVP to Gale Jirik @ ADAPCO - 1-866-845-2550.

## Volunteer Meetings

All summer months' general meetings have been cancelled. We will pick-up again in September as a lot of volunteers have summer commitments, and attendance in the summer months, is slim at best.

The board will continue to meet at least monthly and any interested volunteer is always welcome to attend.

Items as they arise will be made "public" as needed at the center and/or by e-mail or even phone calls if necessary.

## Message from Karen Schedler

Dear AMWC friends:

You have probably heard that I will be leaving AGFD on July 7. A new opportunity literally fell into my lap last weekend and I have accepted a position with the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education in Phoenix.

I will dearly miss the nearly-perfect job I have here with the agency – especially the terrific people I have had the privilege to work with over the past 8 years. All of you who volunteer time throughout the year to assist the wild creatures of Arizona truly are unsung heroes, and I am definitely richer for having known you. But, I definitely will not miss the 56-mile round-trip daily commute...which would grow by another 30 miles upon the move next summer.

And, after viewing "An Inconvenient Truth" (about global climate change), my ecological footprint was already way too large for my comfort level.

I am sorry that I won't be there to see the move to BASF (whenever that happens – and they still guarantee me that it will happen), but perhaps I now will actually have some time to come and participate in your fundraisers.

My position should be posted by the end of this week. Perhaps my replacement may even come from your ranks? Best wishes – you're truly 'good folk' in every sense of the word.

Sincerely, Karen

## Message from Don Anderson

Several items are in the works as I write this months Drivel, that I need to make you all aware of:

1) A general work party is being scheduled for the last Saturday in July, the 29th. The "party" will start at 6:00 A.M. and continue until we get tired or the heat of the day gets to us. We are thinking around 11:00 or 12:00.

We need to generally clean up the place, yard work and some carpentry work on the pens and the hospital. I know that this is "the wrong time of the year" to do this type of work but it needs to get done before we really get busy with the annual special events scheduled for fall and spring that always happen.

2) The board will be buying either 1 or 2 large "Tuff Sheds" to be placed at the front of the facility. If anybody has any kind of contact with someone in that industry that could help get us better pricing, please contact Paula Pristavec or any board member.

3) Nancy has scheduled an orientation for the evening of July 12, 2006 at 6:00 PM. There was an article asking for volunteers in the Republic and we have had a fair response. If and when these new volunteers register to start, **PLEASE-PLEASE** remember to make them feel welcomed and wanted. Take the time to show them what needs to be done and be available to answer their questions and concerns.

4) The every other year symposium for rehabbers and volunteers is being planned for the weekend of October 6 -7-8, 2006 at the La Quinta Inn on I-17 and Greenway Rd, (just 1/2 mile west of G & F). Please plan on attending. Sandy will have more on that later.

It's going to be a busy 6-7 months, so once again to all –

**My many thanks for your continued service and support.**

Don Anderson