

COCO CASA NEWSLETTER

May 2026

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

National Foster Care Month is a federally recognized observance dedicated to highlighting the needs of children in foster care, celebrating the dedication of foster parents, and promoting awareness of the challenges faced by youth in care, including placement instability, educational disruption, and the transition to adulthood. The 2026 theme, "Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities," emphasizes supporting young people preparing to leave foster care and creating systems that engage and empower them.



Did you know you can Support AFFCF simply by shopping at Fry's? Sign up with your Fry's VIP card and select AFFCF (#JX242) for your charity. Please note: you must re-enroll in the Community Rewards program each year after August 1.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month

Working to reduce the stigma associated with mental health support is a priority among many, including Northern Arizona Healthcare and Health First Foundation, who have partnered with Mountain Sports in Flagstaff to make a difference by selling these Mental Health Matters shirts for \$35, with **100%** of the proceeds benefiting NAH Mental Health Matters for First Responders program.



YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS EVERYTHING — PRIORITIZE IT. MAKE THE TIME LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES.

— MEL ROBBINS



REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

WELCOME CASAS!

CASA Swearing in Ceremony

Thank you Judge Kircher and everyone who attended the ceremony on April 22nd. Congratulations to the CASAs sworn in: Gary Resnick, Richard Senatroy, Cindy Chilcoat, Lee Midgely, Chelsea Vititoe, Elizabeth Cassidy, Carol Julien and Mark Julien.

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION



CASA was honored to participate at the
reading of the Child Abuse Prevention
Proclamation April 21st

MOTHER'S DAY

is May 10

Happy Mother's Day

*to all the **moms** out there,
along with the **grandmas**,
aunts, **big sisters**,
godmothers, and other
tireless caregivers and
role models who make a
difference in the
life of a child*

EVENTS

Children's Spring Entrepreneur Craft Fair

FLAGSTAFF MALL
MAY 9TH 2026
FLAGSTAFF AZ SATURDAY 10AM-3PM

THIS EVENT WILL ALLOW OUR TALENTED CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 5-17 IN FLAGSTAFF TO SHOWCASE THEIR CRAFTS AND TALENT!

COST IS \$20

EACH CHILD WILL BE PROVIDED A 10X10 SPACE WHICH THEY CAN SET UP THEIR CRAFTS, ARTWORK,
AND PRE-PACKAGED BAKED GOODS AND LEARN THE MEANING OF BUSINESS! CHILD MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN DURING THIS EVENT.

FOR EVENT REGISTRATION, RULES AND INFORMATION:

SHADOWSFUNDATION.ORG/CHILDRESENTREPRENEURCRAFTFAIR

QUESTIONS?

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TITLE SPONSOR:



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**SCIENCE
SATURDAY**

ARTX
ART & IDEAS EXPERIENCED ARTISTS



Pollination CELEBRATION!

Saturday, May 2nd

9:30 to 11:30 AM

Willow Bend Center: 703 E Sawmill Rd., Flagstaff

Celebrate the importance of
pollinators with Willow Bend
and community partners at
this free, family-friendly event!

- hands-on crafts
- demonstrations
- activities for all ages



FLAGSTAFF TRAIN DAY

SAT, MAY 9 • 10 AM-2 PM

**FLAGSTAFF VISITOR CENTER
IN THE HISTORIC TRAIN STATION**



EVENTS

2026 GARDENERS MARKET

GARDEN STARTS, SEEDS,
PERENNIALS, TREES,
WORKSHOPS AND ALL THINGS
GARDENING

WHEN: SATURDAYS 9AM-1PM
MAY-JUNE

WHERE: PINE FOREST SCHOOL
2257 E CEDAR AVE
FLAGSTAFF, AZ

928-310-8742
FLAGSTAFFLILY.COM
FLAGSTAFFLILY@GMAIL.COM



NEW: TRASH PANDA COMMUNITY MARKET!

Every First Sunday of the Month!

1 PM - 5 PM • Pine Forest Charter Flagstaff

ONLY \$5 TO SELL YOUR STUFF!

All \$5 donations go to support Pine Forest Charter School!

➤ **47%+ of Flagstaff households are RENTERS!**

➤ **Many can't have yard sales.**

• YOUR SPACE • YOUR MINI YARD SALE • YOUR COMMUNITY •

DECLUTTER • HUSTLE • GIVE BACK!

• TRASH PANDA RULES!

- ♻️ LEAVE NO TRACE • PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT
- 🗑️ PICK UP TRASH • EVEN IF IT'S NOT YOURS
- ❤️ LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT
- 💚 RESPECT the SPACE & OTHERS

NO YARD? NO PROBLEM!

SELL YOUR STUFF • HELP THE SCHOOL • KEEP IT GREEN!



EVENTS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



CINCO DE MAYO

Hosted By
AUXILIARY & NUESTRAS RAICES

Friday, May 5, 2023

★ **DINNER: 5-6:30 pm. \$ 12**

1 Taco, 2 Cheese Enchiladas
w/ Beans & Rice

★ **DANCE: 7-11 pm**

Age: 18 +
Single: \$ 15
Couple \$ 25

TICKET INFO/CONTACT:
928+699-3345

AMERICAN LEGION - MARK A MOORE POST 3
204 W. Birch Ave., Flagstaff
928-774-7682



**NORTH STAR
Task Force**

**ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
PUBLIC INFORMATION SEMINAR**

June 15th, 2026, 9 AM - 4:30 PM
@ Lowell Observatory

Join prosecutors, law enforcement, medical experts and victim advocates for a powerful educational seminar focused on preventing human trafficking and strengthening community awareness.

**SAVE THE DATE
RSVP HERE:**



FLAGSTAFF PUBLIC LIBRARY



**SENIOR
COFFEE HOUR**

**THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH @ 10AM**

**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY NORTHWEST CORNER
COFFEE AND SNACKS PROVIDED**

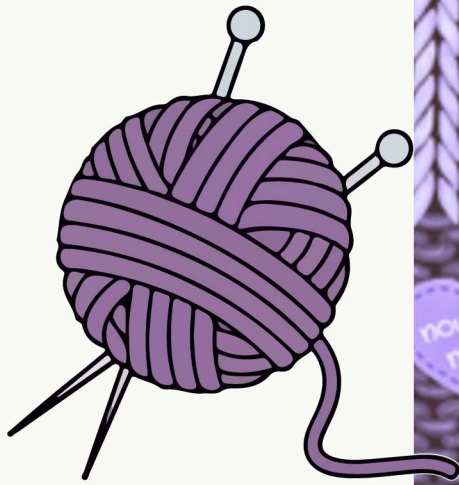
Meet at the Downtown Library on the second Wednesday of each month to drink coffee and chat about resources and opportunities for seniors.

11 March 2026
David Brake

**Protecting Your Legacy and Finding Peace:
A Clear and Compassionate Guide to Wills,
Trusts, and Probate**



EVENTS



The Knitting Hour

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Need help with a knitting project?
Members of the Fiber Artists of Northern
Arizona Guild are available to help!
All skill levels welcome!

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Second & Fourth Friday of each month
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Downtown Library Northwest Fireplace

now 2x a month



PUZZLE EXCHANGE

JAN 13TH | MARCH 10TH | MAY 12TH |
JULY 14TH | SEPT. 8TH | NOV. 10TH

BRIGHT SIDE BOOKSHOP
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Learning Opportunities:



Coconino Coalition for Children & Youth

CONNECT. INSPIRE. ENGAGE. ACT

Check out <https://coconinokids.org/learning-webinars/> for many webinar opportunities with Coconino Coalition for Children & Youth. Lots of great information and you can also sign up for their monthly newsletter to stay in the know!

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CURRENTLY 154
KIDS IN CARE
&
39 CASAS



Happy Birthday!

Lee 5/4

Lori 5/5

Gary 5/14

Karen 5/18

Mary 5/31