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### Firecracker Penstemon

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This month's star-performing native plant is **Firecracker Penstemon**, or, **Firecracker**, or, **Scarlet Bugler**, known botanically as *Penstemon eatonii*

**Firecracker Penstemon** is irresistible to hummingbirds due to its nectar-filled, brilliant, scarlet flowers from late winter to spring (February to June). It is among the first to bloom after winter, providing an early-season nectar source for hummingbirds. This low-growing, shrubby perennial produces a mound of rich, dark green leaves from which tall stalks of flowers emerge, the tubular flowers usually hanging to one side of the inflorescence. Firecracker Penstemon grows 2 feet tall and wide, with flower stalks 2 – 4 feet tall. This native of southern California, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona grows best in well-drained soil with full sun, as shade can cause plants to sprawl. Overwatering may cause this low-water-use plant to rot. Harvest the flowering spikes in summer when seed capsules are dry to scatter seeds to start new plants. The basal rosette of leaves will remain attractive year-round, and the plant is cold hardy to 0°F. Plant in masses for a stunning display (and to drive hummingbirds crazy), or as accents against cacti, boulders, or rock walls.

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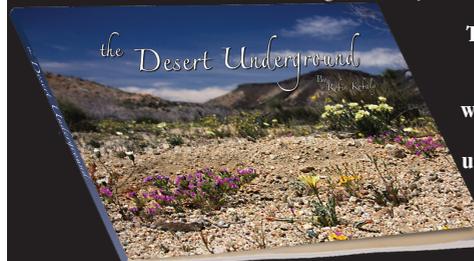
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## Background

For all of his 75 years, Bob Dunn's home was the Morongo Basin, where his active community participation and leadership benefited countless individuals, families, and organizations across the basin.

Besides his involvement and sponsorship of youth sports and nearly all community events, Bob served on the Morongo Basin Unified School District Board of Directors, the Hi Desert Water District Board

of Directors, and the Yucca Valley Airport District Board of Directors. He was a founding board member of the Lincoln Club of the Morongo Basin, the Basin Wide Foundation, and the Pelican Club.

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Upon his untimely death in May of 2020, the Lincoln Club board of directors voted to expand their annual scholarship program and dedicate it to the memory of Bob Dunn. Cash awards are granted to graduating seniors to assist with the expenses of further education. The essay themes continue to emphasize patriotism and active community participation, values that were closely held and strongly exemplified by the life of Bob Dunn.

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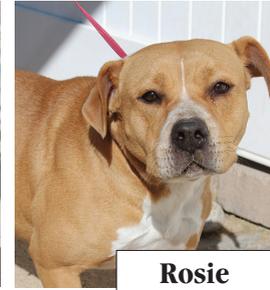
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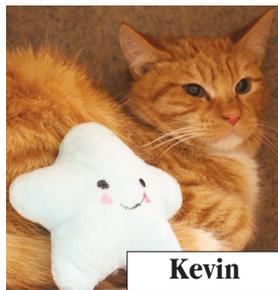
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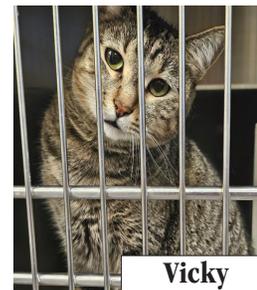
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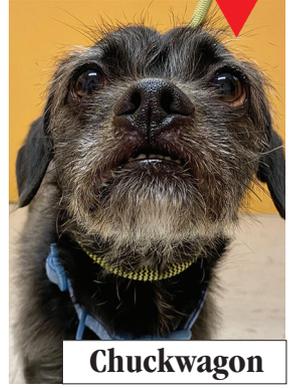
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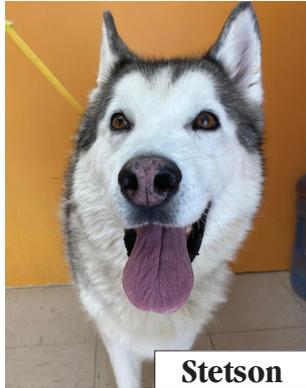
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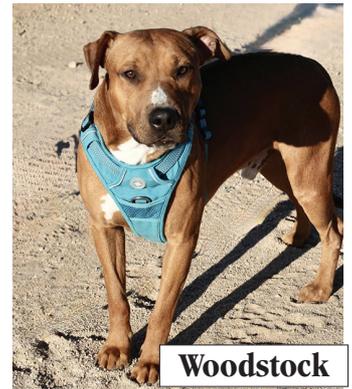
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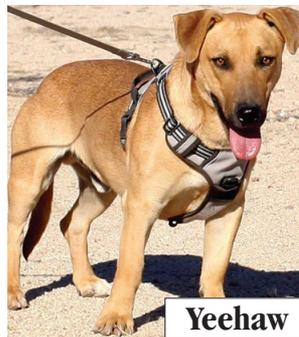
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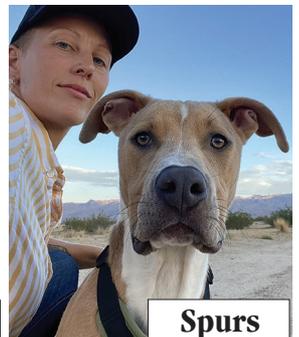
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