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Pinal Mountain Little League host District 11 All-Stars Tournament

The Pinal Mountain Little League fields will

play host to teams from District 11 this week for the All-Stars Tournament.

Games start on June 21 at 5 p.m. and will run through the week. See this week's Arizona Silver Belt for tournament

brackets along with photos of all our local

> baseball, softball and T-ball teams. The special insert in-

cludes photos of CCYS T-ball teams along with PMLL teams. Good luck PMLL All-Stars!



David Sowders/Copper Country News

A crew applies shotcrete to the zero entry, one of the new features coming to the Globe Community Center Pool.

Globe **Community Center Pool** moving forward. despite delays

Renovation work on Globe's Community Center Pool is moving ahead, but the long awaited re-opening day - originally targeted for this July 4 - has been pushed back to around mid-July.

See more on the Pool project in this week's Arizona Silver Belt.

Tri-City Fire District welcomes new truck

Last Thursday Tri-City Fire District purchased a used 2010 Pierce Contender PUC Custom Pumper, which according to Fire Chief Nick Renon exceeds their expectations. A brand-new truck would have cost approximately \$800,000 but Tri-City was able to pick up this truck for \$395,000.



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Miami High School Alumni Association plans reunion

On Oct. 21, 22 and 23, the Miami High School Alumni Association will be holding a reunion. If you attended MHS, you are invited. On Friday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Gym, BYOB and snacks will be provided.

there will be a cocktail hour with a cash bar at the Gila County Fairgrounds. At 7 p.m. MHS Culinary Program will provide a buffet dinner, and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Neto and Imagine will headline a dance.

On Sunday from 9 a.m. On Saturday, at 5 p.m. to 11 a.m. there will be

good-bye burros in the Miami Park on Sullivan Street.

Early Bird Registration before Sept. 30, 2022 is \$50 per person. After September 30 registration will be \$60 per person. No registration will be accepted after Oct. 7, 2022. Make checks payable to MHS Alumni Association and mail to: MHS Association, PO Box 6371. Chandler, AZ 85246. For questions regarding the reunion call Manuel Hernandez at 480-235-2075.

Facebook: Miami High School Alumni Association

Website: MHSAZ.org

GHS Class of '72 holding reunion

The Globe High School Class of more information, classmates may 1972 will hold its 50-year reunion on

contact Janice Petty Cook at 928-Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, in Globe. For 812-0104, or by email at gilatigger@ outlook.com, or Debbie Green Guthrey at 928-812-2579, or by email at debjg54@gmail.com.



Gila County Historical Museum Hamburger Fry

The Gila County Historical Museum's monthly Hamburger Fry is planned for June 24 at 5:30 p.m. on the museum grounds. Come one, come all to enjoy great food and good company.

Globe Active Adult Center News

Hello from the Globe Active Adult Center. We are holding a quilt raffle, \$1 a ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Stop by, check out the guilt and buy some tickets. Our Chess Club meets on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Other activities include video exercise Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., stretch and flex Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., ceramics Wednesdays at 9 a.m., crafts Fridays at 9 a.m., and bingo Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11am. For benefits assistance call the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens at 1-800-293-9393. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 11:45 a.m.; 60 and over is \$2.50 per meal, under 60 \$5 per meal. We are located at 579 S. Broad St.; our phone number is 928-425-9030.

Thursday, June 23 Video Exercise/Chair Aerobics

Tuna Salad Sandwich, Lettuce/Tom/Onions, Potato Salad, Wheat Bun, Mixed Fruit

Friday, June 24 Bingo/ Crafts/Chess Club

Bratwurst w/Sauerkraut

and Onions, Potato Chips, Corn, Wheat Bun, Tropical

Monday, June 27 Walking Club/THEMA Presentation 11 a.m.

Beef Tacos, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Cauliflower, Corn Tortilla, Applesauce

Tuesday, June 28 Video Exercise/Stretch and Flex

Baked Fish, Mixed Veggies, Baked Beans, Cornbread. Peaches

Wednesday, June 29 Bingo/Ceramics

Chicken and Noodles, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Tropical Fruit

Menus—All meals 2% milk

The Globe Active Adult Center is sponsored by the Older Americans Act, AZ DES Division of Aging, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Gila County and the City of Globe. Globe Active Adult Center does not discriminate regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.



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United Fund Community Catches Fire with Catchafire & 2023 Funding Applications Now Open!

The United Fund of Globe -Miami has partnered with the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona to provide its partner agencies access to Catchafire, a tool for their business arsenals.

Catchafire is an online platform that provides professional, expert volunteers to help nonprofits achieve their missions by providing skills needed to help organizations grow and adapt to a modern workplace.

From graphic design projects, such as creating logos or brochures, to long-term projects, such as leadership coaching or strategic business planning, Catchafire can help by matching projects with skilled volunteers who can provide professional, pro bono assistance for various types of projects.

United Fund's 2022 agency partners have been provided a one-year membership to Catchafire through the Arizona Community Foundation, with the annual membership and hosting fees paid by United Fund.

"The strength of Globe-Miami is its ability to get things done through collaboration," says United Fund President Linda Oddonetto. "Because all our residents, professionals and volunteers are so engaged in the community, they're not

always able to add more projects to their "To Do" list, even when they very much desire to complete them."

The Catchafire memberships will allow 2022 United Fund nonprofit agencies to find professional volunteers to take care of projects they may not otherwise have the time or resources to complete.

Catchafire will give agencies the opportunity to work directly with qualified professionals for each specific project. These opportunities will ensure that local volunteers and nonprofits can focus on doing what they do best: Serving the Globe-Miami area.

It also offers economic relief for costs associated with completing those projects because Catchafire volunteers provide their time on a 100% volunteer basis. The cost of hiring a professional to tackle items on an organization's Carr has been president wish-list can be insurmountable for small organizations dependent on donations or grants to survive. By having access to 130 types of volunteers, those budget resources remain available for missionrelated tasks.

"Whether that resource is time, knowledge, money, space or technology our local nonprofits are doing the very best they can with what they've got,"

Oddonetto says. "When an administrative project arises, the nonprofit often has to choose between doing the work they're formed to do and projects that are less urgent. For example, feeding hungry families is a much more urgent task than developing a strategic plan about feeding hungry families."

One local agency that has taken advantage of the program is the High Desert Humane Society, which is moving to a new facility near the Globe Cemetery in the old Gila County animal control building. All hands are involved in the move, so it is a time when resources are stretched thin.

HDHS Board President Cvnthia Carr took the opportunity to use Catchafire to update board and volunteer manuals and to audit content on the nonprofit's website.

of the board since last October after volunteering for the past five years and says the volunteers from Catchafire have helped modernize the HDHS internal systems.

"I think this is a really awesome gift," Carr says. "It's been a very positive experience for us. I think we're making big steps forward now, and I wish I had another year of it."

The volunteer manual update is estimated to have saved HDHS \$1,480 and 10 man-hours.

Since 1980, CFSA has partnered with individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations to help create an equitable and vibrant community for all Southern Arizonans.

CFSA's Catchafire partnership began in 2019 to help offset the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and last year the partnership with United Fund began.

In the first year, CFSA grantees completed more than \$1.8 million in projects through Catchafire, representing over 9.000 volunteer hours and 450 individual projects.

As a part of CFSA's longterm COVID-19 recovery strategy for 2020, CFSA expanded its Catchafire Program to offer yearlong memberships to 500 nonprofits in Southern Arizona. CFSA partnered with other regional funders, including United Fund of Globe-Miami.

United Fund Executive Director Maryn Belling says the Catchafire program can help streamline operations in addition to freeing up administration and board members focus on the organization's primary tasks.

"What Catchafire can do is help local agencies not

waste resources and not duplicate efforts," she says. "Catchafire volunteers can show that there's already a better way to do things so

they're not reinventing the wheel, they're not building their own version of something, and they're not going in circles."



The 24 agencies supported by the United Fund in 2022 are:

- Arizona Youth Partnership Board
- Bullion Plaza Museum & Cultural Center
- Cobre Valley Center for the Arts
- Cobre Valley Youth Club
- Copper Basin Coalition
- **Copper Cities Youth Sports**
- Friends of the Globe Public Library
- Gila Aging
- Gila Community Food Bank
- Gila County 4H Leaders Council
- Gila County Historical Society & Museum
- GILA House all 3 programs
- Globe High School eSports
- Globe Miami Community Concert Association
- High Desert Humane Society
- **Horizon Human Services**
- Miami Arts Commission
- Miami Genesis
- Midnight Cicadas Robotics
- Pinal Mountain Foundation for Higher Education
- Pinal Mountain Lions Foundation, Inc.
- Salvation Army Daycare
- St. Vincent's of Holy Angels
- SYMTP Classroom Outreach

2023 Funding Applications Now Open!

All Globe-Miami area 501(c)3 organizations are invited to submit 2023 Operational Funding Applications. Click on the 2023 Operating Funding Application button at ufglobemiami.com or check out the post pinned on our Facebook page!

Worship

Worship Directory

St. Paul's United Methodist Church Pastor Andriana Hernandez

928-425-2340 • 141 N Hill St, Globe (Cedar & Hill) Sun. School 9:15am, Service 10:30am Office 9am-12pm stpaulumglobe@gmail.com

Wheatfields Southern Baptist Church Pastor John E Brandt

928-425-3601 • 276 E Green Ave, Globe Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am Tue. Bible Study 6pm

Globe Christian Center Pastor John Gooding, 928-425-7846

509 E Maple, Globe (by Globe HS) Sun. School 9:45am Sun. Worship 10:30am, 5:30pm Wed. Worship 7pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church Pastor David Hakes, 423-314-1686

2407 E Ash St, Globe Sat. Bible Study 9:30am, Worship 11am

Miami Church of Christ Minister Robin Verdugo

928-473-3989 • 735 N Sullivan Št, Miami Sun. Worship 10am

Sovereign Grace Baptist Church Pastor John Skaggs

928-425-8345 or 928-358-2612 201 E Yuma St, Globe (by Tri-City) Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am Wed. Worship 6:30pm

Divine Grace Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Valerie DeLaTorre

928-473-3158 305 W Live Oak St, Miami Sun. Worship 9:30am

Living Waters Community Church Pastors Jay & Gloria Petty

928-425-9462 or 928-812-4192 125 E Haskins Rd, Globe Sun. Church: 10am Tue. Women/Men's Fellowship 6:30pm Wed. Strive Youth 6:30pm Thu. Celberate Recovery 6:30pm

Family Fellowship Church Pastors Kenneth, Dennis & Scott Crick

928-425-0181 or 928-961-2466 200 E Oak St, Globe Sun. Service 10am Thu. Bible Study 6:30pm

Our Keeper



Courtesy photo

God is your Keeper, and He will never let your foot slip.

Psalm 121:1-8

Today's Scripture is one of the psalms sung by the Jews as they journeyed to Jerusalem to celebrate the Lord's feasts. Though there were many dangers along the way, they realized help wouldn't come from anyone but the Lord.

Do you wonder what dangers lurk in the future? God alone knows what we'll encounter, and He assures us that because He is our Keeper, we have nothing to fear. He never sleeps and is always attentive to our cries for help—even when we can't sense His presence.

Our loving Father cares for us physically as He guides and guards our path, but His priority is always our spiritual well-being. He watches over our steps and provides everything we need in order to avoid falling into sin. God's Holy Spirit directs and empowers us, and His Word lights our path so we do not slip.

What's more, He has provided a means of escape for every temptation so we can endure it and stay faithful (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Christians are sojourners traveling this earth to reach their heavenly home. What a comfort it is to know that the Lord will guard our steps "from this time and forever" (Ps. 121:8).

Send church news and events to news@silverbelt.com

Worship

Suffer

By Dr. Dan Morton

Contributor

When we are suffering from a physical ailment, financial stress, or other problem that may torment our body, mind, and spirit, we may feel all is lost. After suffering for a while, our thinking may clarify and direct us to thoughts of Jesus. He certainly understands suffering for he explained it to his disciples.

Mark 8:31: "He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this."

Rarely does our suffering approach such a level,

but knowing what Jesus endured, we can more readily understand that because of his love and his grace he does not want us to suffer. It was the lack of grace and love by the masses that caused Jesus to suffer.

I Peter 3:13: "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.' Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

When we suffer in the manner of Jesus, those around us will see the love of God at work and will understand how we are blessed.

Free family movies on first Saturdays

Divine Grace Church will be offering free family-oriented movies on July 2 and Aug. 6 during the summer. Movie showing will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp in our Fellowship Hall (downstairs). Free gourmet popcorn will be of-

fered, along with root beer floats for all "early birds." Doors will open at 1 p.m. so you can find your favorite seat. Bring a friend! The church is located at 305 Live Oak St. in Miami. All are welcome.

Submit Church news to ajustice@silverbelt.com

God is Present Even in Dark Times



Courtesy photo

The Lord is not absent during our times of trouble. His purpose is steadfast

Genesis 39:1-23

The story of Joseph illustrates how God's sovereign hand guides His children when they go through a season of darkness. Joseph was rejected by his brothers, sold into slavery, falsely accused, and imprisoned. But in the midst of those terrible times, he experienced God's favor.

Joseph didn't comprehend the Lord's intentions during those long years of slavery and imprisonment. After becoming second-in-command to Pharaoh, however, he recognized God's purpose in allowing those lengthy struggles. Then Joseph testified to what he knew to be true: His brothers had meant to harm him, but God used all the hardship to

accomplish a wonderful divine plan (Genesis 45:4-8; Genesis 50:20).

This is a helpful story to remember when troubles hit. In dark times, we're often tempted to feel neglected by God and may even become angry with Him for letting the situation persist so long. Though we, like Joseph, may have difficulty seeing beyond our present suffering, there is a bigger picture.

If you're living in a season of hardship, have faith that God is using it for His glory and your eternal good. All your protests cannot thwart His purpose (Isaiah 14:27), so yield to His hand as He shapes you into His Son's image. And remember that whether it's apparent or not, our Father's favor is with you.

Lord, give me peace and assurance that You will bring the needed rains. Help me to trust in You and find rest and assurance that You always provide. In Your holy name, I pray. Amen.

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Roosevelt Baptist Church

Dr. Roger D. Pike, 928-467-2349 18653 Hwy 188, Roosevelt, AZ

Sun. Worship 11:00am $\, \bullet \, \text{Wed.}$ Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church - PC (USA) Rev. Robbin MacDonald

> 928-425-5560 or 928-965-7407 318 S Hill St, Globe & PO Box 1362 Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am

Maranatha Baptist Church Pastor Nick Jones

928-425-4198

1320 Saguaro Dr, Globe

Sun. School 9:30am, Worship 10:45am Worship 6pm askpastorjones@gmail.com MBCGlobe.org

First Southern Baptist Church, Miami Pastor Donald Brackbill Jr.

928-4 73-3311 880 W Live Oak St, Miami

880 W Live Oak St, Miami R'fast 0:15am Sun School 0:45am Sun Word

Sun. B'fast 9:15am, Sun. School 9:45am Sun. Worship 11am & 6pm Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm

Pentecostals of Globe United Pentecostal Church Pastor David Staten

928-961-2191

425 N Devereaux St, Globe

Sun. Class 10am, Service 11am

Wed. Service 7:30pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC

Pastor Barry Schwenk, 928-425-6006

750 W Paxton Ave, Miami

Sunday School 3:30 - 4:30 p.m • Wed. night Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Sun. Worship 10 am • splcaz.org

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hartzell

512-635-1910 630 N Devereaux St, Globe Sun. School 9am, Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Trinity Baptist Church Pastor Dan Rifenoark

928-425-4740 1362 S Hagen Rd, Globe

Sun. Worship 11am contact@trinitybaptistglobeaz.org trinitybaptistglobeaz.org

Globe Church of the Nazarene Pastor Mason Cassens

928-200-4358 226 Holly Rd., Globe Sun. School - 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship - 11 a.m.

Central Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Rob Craig, 928-425-5303; 928-200-1371

5468 Apache Ave, Globe

Sunday School(all ages) 9:45 a.m.

Sun. Worship Services & Childrens Church- 11a.m. (Nursery available)
Sunday Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

For all other services and events visit: centralheightsbaptistchurch.org

Obituaries

Dale Ward Merrell

Dale Ward Merrell of Globe, Arizona departed this life on Thursday, June 9, 2022. He was born on July 23, 1947 in Safford, Arizona. Dale was the third child of Flora Fav and Meriner Ward Merrell. He and his three siblings were raised in Safford. In his youth he enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing and working on his dad's Frito-Lay route. Upon graduating high school, he served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the North Central States Mission.

Dale married Bonnie Merrell (Smith) on May 5, 1979. Together they raised four beautiful children in Globe. Dale attended Eastern Arizona College and the University of Arizona, ultimately earning a master's degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from Northern Arizona University. He worked as a chemist in the mining industry for approximately forty years. He had an inquisitive mind and loved to learn. As a result of his love of science and desire to impart knowledge to the rising generation, he worked as an instructor at Eastern Ar-



izona College, Gila Pueblo Community College Campus. He left an immeasurable impact on the youth throughout his thirty-plus years of service as a Scout Master in the Boy Scouts of America. He was a recipient of the rare and prestigious Silver Beaver Award for his continued unselfish and effective service to the community. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed many fifty-mile backpacking trips, camps, hikes and a variety of other outdoor adventures with Scouts and his family. Dale was an ardent Arizona Wildcats fan, a World War II history scholar, reading enthusiast and storyteller. His membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was a focal point in his life. His greatest love was quality time spent with family. He was a beloved

father, grandfather and member of the community, who touched the lives of all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Merrell, his father Meriner Merrell, his mother Flora Merrell and his brother Dean Merrell. He is survived by his sons Glenn Merrell (Bianca). Allan Merrell (Tess) and David Merrell (Kara); his daughter C. Cyleste Merrell (David); his siblings Judy Lunt (Dave) and Joan Bull (Craig); and eleven beloved grandchildren, Ashley, Travis, Ethan, Henry, Layla, Timothy, Melanie, Scarlet, Eleanor, Nathan and Matthew.

Visitation was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Stake Center in Globe, Arizona.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Stake Center in Globe.

Interment followed at Pomerene Cemetery in Pomerene, Arizona.

Assisting the family; Lamont Mortuary of Globe.

Deadlines for Obituaries

Obituary deadlines are on Fridays at 8 a.m. for the Copper Country News and Mondays at 10 a.m. for the Arizona Silver Belt. Obituaries can be submitted by email at obits@silverbelt.com, or in person at 298 N Pine Street in Globe. For more information, call the office at 928-425-7121.

James Frank Miranda

James (Jimmy) Frank Miranda, 66, of Globe, affectionately known as "PeeWee," passed away on Saturday May 28, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his mother Belen M. Garcia, his brother Felix Garcia and his godson Roberto (Bubba) Hernandez.

He is survived by his loving wife, Keitha Miranda; his stepchildren Jeremy (Leticia) Rocha, Rochelle Rocha and Ian (Sarah) Rocha; his sisters Lilly (Joe) Rocha, Virginia (Francisco) Ortiz, Paula (Fred) Jimenez and Alicia (Jim) Caldwell; his sisterin-law, Esperanza Garcia; his godson Javier Ortiz; step-grandchildren, nu-

Edwin "Ed" Weamer died at home on July 26, 2021 in Salem, Oregon. He was 54 years old. He was born Jan. 16, 1967 in Globe, Arizona. He grew up in Globe, attended Globe High School and graduated with the class of 1985. He then attended the University of Arizona in Tucson for his undergraduate degree. He received his master's degree in Music from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. He went on to be the Director of Jazz Studies at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. He developed his love of music at a young age and became a very accomplished musician. He could play a



merous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews; and his dog children Mollee and Jackson, which he loved with all his heart.

He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator for Asarco and Pinto Valley Copper Mine. He was also a longtime member of the Moose Lodge.

Jimmy was a big kid at heart who loved silly jokes, animals, kids, cartoons, his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

A rosary will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9 – 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Miami, Arizona.

Memorial Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and continued support during this time.

Assisting the family; Lamont Mortuary of Globe.

Edwin Weamer



variety of instruments and blessed his students, family and many others with his talent. He was also passionate about physical fitness and loved to help others achieve their goals. He was a personal trainer, an inventor and loved to cook and create in the kitchen.

Edwin is survived by his brother John Weamer

(wife, Jo), sister Michelle Battistini (husband, Massimo) and brother Garrett Weamer (wife, Kimberly). His nieces and nephews are Nathan Weamer, Chelsea Park (husband, Ben), Randal Weamer, Cameron Stinger (wife, Ashley), Maxine Weamer and Nelson Stinger. His great-nephews and nieces include Cecily, Malcolm, Jade and Calvin Park.

He is preceded in death by his father Max L. Weamer and his mother Olive Beth Weamer.

A private graveside service was held in his memory in Globe on May 21, 2022.

CASA volunteer needed for Susie and her siblings

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer is needed for 8-year-old Susie and her siblings. The Department of Child Safety removed them from the care of their mother due to a long history of substance abuse and neglect, with Susie exposed to her mother's substance use and her sibling hospitalized due to severe withdrawal symptoms after birth. Susie's mother has refused to participate in reunification services. Susie's father has neglected his children and failed to protect them. He has moved to another state and does not have contact with the children; he has refused to participate in the child's case or reunification services. Susie is the oldest of three children who

have been separated from each other due to the inability to find family that have the capacity for all three.

Among the CASA volunteer's responsibilities: Visiting Susie and her siblings at least once a month to monitor their progress and needs in their current placement, connecting with her care team to be aware of her physical and mental health concerns, and providing recommendations to the judge on what you find to be the best permanency option.

Are you willing to give approximately 15 hours per month to advocate for an abused or neglected child in our community? No experience is necessary, and comprehensive training is pro-

vided at no cost to the volunteer advocate. Once certification and training are complete, CASA volunteers spend time learning about the child and their needs, gather information about the child's circumstances, advocate for services for the child and provide information to the court about what is in the child's best interest.

The CASA of Gila County Program is excited to announce that the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program of Arizona is hosting the required CASA volunteer training academy in Payson on August 25-27. If interested in serving as a CASA volunteer for children from Gila County, we highly encourage you to apply before July 31, 2022 in orAre you willing to give approximately 15 hours per month to advocate for an abused or neglected child in our community? No experience is necessary, and comprehensive training is provided at no cost to the volunteer advocate.

der to attend this event. For those who do not live in the Payson area, lodging will be provided. For those who cannot attend this event in Payson, there are several alternative training dates and locations throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer for a child like Susie, please contact CASA of Gila County by emailing enad-

er@courts.az.gov, visiting our website at CASAofGilaCounty. org or our Facebook at www.facebook.com/GilaCountyCASA, or calling us at 928-402-4427.

Please Note: This child's name and some details have been changed to protect the identities of those involved, and this child is not eligible for adoption at this time.



Gila County Literacy: Preschoolers 'Free Book Of The Month Club'

Parents of preschoolers: Did you know the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is having books in your home, and reading aloud to your youngster at home during those precious years before school? Veronica Hernandez's job is to get free books into preschoolers' homes - a fresh new storybook that arrives in the mail each month. Veronica was asked to give us some of her favorites from her early childhood.

"When I was a kid, I always loved Dr. Seuss. My favorite was 'Oh, The Places You Will Go'! I also used to enjoy the Berenstain Bears, Hungry Caterpillar and Corduroy books." She was also asked if she read to her child. "I loved reading books to my daughter during her preschool years; it was calming and a great way for us to bond."

Veronica also gave us some information about how she can use her previous work experience as someone who is proearly literacy. moting "Before this position I worked at the Gila County Health Department and other healthcare settings, mostly on the admin side. I think my previous work experience has enabled me

to work with a variety of different people. Promoting preschool literacy is important for children as they grow and enter elementary school. I can also correlate early literacy as a health need, being the goal is to nurture young minds in their most important years."

Veronica got right to work after being hired with the Gila County Library District. She's proving to be an energetic and creative ambassador for kids' literacy. Watch for her signup table at the Saturday Farmers Markets in Globe or Payson, the Payson Book Festival on July 23, First Friday in Globe and other



community events where she can meet parents of youngsters, or parents-to-be. Does your Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce or other organization have an event where she could set up her table, or be a guest speaker? Call Veronica with an invite at (928) 402-8769 or email vhernandez@gila-countyaz.gov.

Our eight libraries throughout Gila County host innovative programs to educate, entertain and enrich - in fact, all have begun another popular summer reading series for kids, "Oceans of Possibilities." The Globe Public Library has started their '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' initiative. To learn more about Globe and Miami's summer reading programs, sign up at https:// globepubliclibrary.azsummerreading.org/ and https:// miami.azsummerreading. org/Register.aspx.

Childhood Literacy, Engaging Adults

Gila County Public Services Librarian Elaine Votruba oversees the continuation of this innovative literacy outreach initiative. Veronica was quick to begin raising awareness, attending public events on the San Carlos Apache Reservation and in Globe and Payson to sign up families for the Imagination Library for kids age birth to five.

"She will be out in the community this summer, attending local events to invite parents to sign up. She will also talk with parents to emphasize how important it is they truly understand that a parent is the first and most important teacher a child will have. Reading to our kids and talking with them are absolutely crucial for children to develop their vocabulary and comprehension, so kids are ready to learn by the time they're old enough to start school."

Appropriately, the first book a newly-enrolled child in the Imagination Library receives is "The Little Engine That Could" - and Veronica has plenty of these so parents who enroll take home a book the same day they sign up for the program. What's more fun for a child than a surprise in the mailbox - a book personally addressed to the child? Every month until the child 'graduates' at age five, kids can look forward to a new book arriving in the mail each month; age-appropriate titles such as "Good Night Gorilla," "The Snowy

Day," "Owl Moon" - and Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors." "They'll receive a new book every month for free, to build a home library, and so parents have a new reason each month to read to their kids - time spent together that is so essential for early development, and preparing their child for success in school," said Votruba. She adds that 4,026 Gila County children have 'graduated' from the program since it began in the county. The grant and intergovernmental agreement with Gila County were funded by First Things First, and Regional Director Carolyn Haro hopes to get the message out far and wide to par-

ents of preschoolers. "What's exciting is that this is available to parents throughout Gila County. They don't have to live near a library; even in remote areas, they'll receive books in the mail. And the outreach is not just an effort to sign them up, but reinforces to parents that reading aloud, talking to your kids and actively engaging them makes such a difference in how ready they are for school, once they're old enough."



APS customer open house

APS representatives will be available to explain bill-assistance options, including APS' Energy Support program, at a customer open house Wednesday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum in Miami. No appointment is required.

Review your bill and energy usage, learn about energy-saving tips to help you save on your bill, and find assistance programs and other money-saving options. Customers will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring your Quest EBT card or SNAP/TANF award letter, or other proof of household income such as one month's pay stubs, W-2s or your most recent federal tax forms to start the application.

Public Notice

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If you would like to claim your file prior to its being destroyed, please contact MUSD Administrator Evelyn Vargas at E.Vargas@MiamiUSD40.org or 928-425-3271 ex. 2353.

Gun Club Independence Day Shoot July 2

Ready, aim – and celebrate America's most sacred holiday with this Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration Saturday shoot, part of a weekend full of events for the whole family.

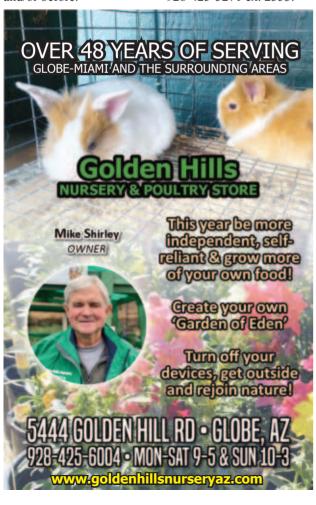
Join fellow firearms and Second Amendment enthusiasts Saturday, July 2 for an open day with firearms education for adults and shooting games for kids. Hosted by the Globe-Miami Gun Club, this event will be held at the Globe-Miami Gun Range from 9 a.m. until noon. The range is at 2675 N. Bixby Rd., but don't count on Google

Maps for direction to get vou there: follow these instead. Exit Highway 60 onto Bixby Road, cross the railroad tracks and turn left at the next intersection - watch for small blue-andwhite signs with directions – then continue north on Bixby Road for about two miles, past the end of the pavement, watching for the club and range at right. Want to volunteer with this event and help. sponsor events for kids or donate prizes? Questions? Visit globemiamigc.com, email gmgunclub@gmail. com. The Globe-Miami Gun Club is an NRA-affil-

iated 501(C)(7), education-directed nonprofit organization dedicated to training in, and teaching of, safe and responsible firearms ownership and usage. The club has been involved in and supported Women on Target and many Youth Firearm activities. We are proud to announce that we will be providing facilities and support for the new 4H firearm training club.

Certified trainers and experienced member firearm owners will be available to instruct, answer questions and assist with the handling, shooting, proper cleaning and maintenance of firearms as well as explain the purposes of the club. A limited number of firearms will be available to shoot, including an AR style rifle, 9mm, .38 Special pistols and .22 rimfire rifles and pistols. A .22 rimfire golf ball shoot will also be available. Come and shoot the .22 Rancher Carbine! Shooting these firearms is free, but there will be a limited number of rounds allowed per person.

Please feel free to bring your own firearms and ammunition to use for fun, and/or for help.







Rose Baca's Preschool conducts graduation ceremony

graduation cer-The emony was held at Miami Mercantile & More (A big thank you to Barb Holtzen for generously donating the space) with about forty people in attendance. It began with Easton Perez proudly holding the United States flag and Avriel Werner holding the Arizona state flag while the children recited the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish, followed by a verse about the American flag and a special prayer for our soldiers. They then sang "America the Beauti-

The program proceeded with the children demonstrating the skills they have learned throughout the school year. The students answered questions about the discovery of America and some of the most wellknown monuments like the Statue of Liberty. They identified letters, numbers and the months of the year in English and Spanish. The graduates then sang twelve songs they learned during the school year.



The ceremony concluded with the presentation of diplomas, then presented the graduates' parents with a flower bouquet and a final song called "Buenos Dias Paloma Blanca." The graduates then met for an end of year party at DeMarco's.

Courtesy photo
Pictured, from left: Scarlet Curiel, Roman Medina,
Marion Bushey, Taylor Hicks, Avriel Werner, Easton
Perez and Kamden Crick.

Independence Day tailgate party at Hilltop Motors

Celebrate America's most sacred holiday with the Cobre Valley Republican Club! Bring your grill and grub, and responsible refreshments, and enjoy an evening of music from local DJ Shon Bywater of X92.7 FM for an Independence Day celebration. Park on the Hilltop Motors lot, 1945 N. Broad St. for a tailgate party beginning at 5 p.m.





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Farmers Market Saturday June 25 From A-to-Z: Apricots to zucchini

Check out fruits and veggies literally "from Ato-Z . . . Apricots to Zucchini" Saturday morning at the Globe-Miami Farmers Market on Saturday June 25 - and each Saturday this summer from 8 - 11a.m. under tall shady trees at Globe City Hall. Sourdough, multigrain and jalapeno-cheddar bread from Coco Tiki Bread Company was among highlights on the opening morning (oatmeal, golden raisin and pecan cookies, too!) Want to see just what fresh, local greens, veggies, fruits and food will be available? Call Holly at (928) 701-3097 or see photos online at facebook.com/gmfm2011. And do you have an overabundance of apricots, peaches or plums -veggies from your garden - or do you make jams, jellies and salsas? New vendors are invited to setup and sell outdoors in Globe at the weekly Saturday morning farmer's market. Oues-



Courtesy photo

Sourdough, multigrain and jalapeno-cheddar bread from Coco Tiki Bread Company was among highlights on the opening morning.

like to sell, or how to apply to be a vendor? Call Holly Brantley at (928) 701-3097 or check out photos and connect with

Holly and a growing community of more than 1,000 green-thumbed gardeners, craft vendors and others at facebook.com/gmfm2011

Early childhood adventures at Globe Public Library

Parents are invited to bring their children 0-5 to Free Play Friday. This open playtime at the Globe Public Library offers different things to explore each week. This child-directed exploration will feature not just a box on June 24 and water fun on July 1. Items will be cleaned before and after Free Play Friday. Parents must stay with their children.

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The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program is going strong at the Globe Public Library. This program is to help children read 1,000 books before entering Kindergarten and encourage lifelong reading habits. You can register online at https://globepubliclibrary.azsummerreading.org/ or come to the Globe Public Library for the paper form. If you have used the summer reading

program online, you can use the same login to register for 1,000 Books. For every 100 books, children will receive a reward. They will receive a grand prize when they finish the 1,000 books.

There are Oceans of Possibilities for ages five and under at the Globe Public Library. Tide Pool Tots is the Summer Reading Program for children ages 0-5. We have two groups. The

from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is focused on children ages 3-5. The second group is on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is focused on children 0-3. These groups will explore different sea creatures every week. Join us each week as we talk, sing, write and play for 30 minutes. These programs are child and parent interactive.

American Legion celebrating Independence Day



Courtesy photo

On Monday, July 4 the American Legion Henry Berry Post 4 will once again be celebrating our nation's independence by offering a free luncheon to the community. Beginning at noon, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served along with potato salad and cole slaw. Please feel free to bring sides or desserts and enjoy the company of fellow patriots.

Don't forget to go enjoy the parade in downtown Miami that morning at 8 a.m., or better yet enter the parade by getting your entry form from the Chamber of Commerce, and show up at Bullion Plaza by 7:30 a.m.

Republican Club meeting planned

The Cobre Valley Republican Club would like to announce that our monthly meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the Globe Elks Lodge, 1910 E. Maple St., Globe, Az. Our guest speaker will be Andy Yates, running for U.S. Congressional District 1.

Nutrition classes at Globe Public Library

Globe Public Library is partnering with Gila County Health Department –AZ Health Zone for nutrition classes during June. Classes will be Fridays at 11 a.m. Each week a new dish will be demonstrated and tasting samples will be given along with a recipe. This class is available to anyone interested in participating.

This program is free and brought to you through partnerships with the Friends of the Globe Public Library, the United Fund of Globe-Miami and the AZ Health Zone through the Gila County Health Department.



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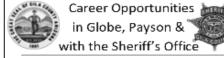
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Impress guests with homemade burgers this Fourth of July

Backvard barbecues are a staple of summertime. In fact, many Fourth of July celebrations just wouldn't feel right without hamburgers and hot dogs cooking over an open flame in the backyard.

Burgers may not qualify as fancy fare. but they're perfect for Independence Day celebrations. This year, party hosts can add a little something extra to their barbecues by whipping up some homemade hamburgers. This recipe for "Mushroom and Swiss Burgers with Bacon and Aioli" from "The Essential Kamado Grill Cookbook" (Rockridge Press) by Will Budiaman is sure to make your Fourth of July festivities more flavorful.

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Bacon and Aioli Serves 4

- 8 bacon slices
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Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 4 Swiss cheese slices
- 4 kaiser rolls. split
- 1/2 cup aioli (see below)
- 1. Prepare the grill for direct grilling at 500 F, then preheat a 10-inch cast iron skillet on the grate with the lid closed.
- 2. Put the bacon in the skillet. Close the lid and cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until browned and crispy around the edges. Transfer to a plate.
- 3. Add the mushrooms to the skillet. Close the lid and cook. stirring once, for 7

to 9 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a plate. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, season the beef with pepper and 4 teaspoons of salt. Using your hands, mix until iust incorporated: form into four 1-inch-thick patties with a slight dimple in the center.

5. Put the burgers on the grate. Close the lid and cook, flipping halfway through, for 8 to 10 minutes total for medium, or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 135 F. (If using store-bought ground beef, always cook it to 160 F. or well done.) In the last minute of cooking, top the patties with the cheese to melt and place the rolls cut-side down on the grate to toast.

6. Spread the aioli on the buns and assemble the burgers, dividing the bacon and mushrooms between them. Serve immediately.

Aioli

Makes 11/4 cups

- large egg
- cup vegetable
- 2 garlic cloves. peeled
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1. Put the egg in the bowl of a small food processor. Blend until beaten.
- 2. With the machine running, slowly stream in the oil through the feed tube until emulsified (the mixture thick-
- 3. Blend in the garlic and salt.
- 4. Transfer to an airtight container, refrigerate, and use within 5

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Obituaries/Community

Dennis Melford

Dennis Melford, 79, of Globe, Arizona, passed away on May 15, 2022. Dennis was a loving father, grandfather, brother and husband. Dennis was an active member of this community, and dedicated his life to volunteering for multiple organizations to improve the quality of life for everyone. Dennis enjoyed meeting new people and talking for hours on end about anything and everything that he felt passionate about. Dennis loved to share his knowledge and experience with anyone willing to listen, and throughout the years he mentored many youth and helped to guide them in the



right direction. Dennis absolutely loved animals and served as an animal control officer for many years, working hard to find loving homes for pets in need. Dennis lived his life by his

favorite motto "It's better to be a jack of all trades and a master of none, than a master of only one," and applied this by offering his mechanical experience to anyone who needed it. Dennis will truly be missed by all who have had the pleasure of knowing him.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Lorraine Melford, children Debbie. David. Dee-Dee, Lori, Tami and Carl, and several wonderful grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday. June 18 at the Elks Lodge in Globe from 10 a.m. - 1

As monsoon season begins, APS offers ways to prepare and stay safe

Although Arizona's monsoon season officially runs from June 15 through September 30, APS prepares for extreme weather yearround. While providing safe and reliable energy is our top priority, power outages caused by these fast-moving storms can and do occur. Our crews are positioned to respond quickly and safely, and we ensure we have appropriate supplies on hand to make needed repairs.

We encourage customers to prepare ahead of storms:

Create an emergency supply kit in case of a prolonged outage. The pack should contain non-perishable food items, water, a first-aid kit, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, important phone numbers, portable phone charger and any necessary medication.

If you have an automatic garage door, check the instructions to learn how to open it manually.

Ensure your contact information with APS is up to date. Sign in to your aps. com account or call the APS Customer Care Center at (602) 371-7171 to update your email, text and phone numbers so APS can reach vou in the event of an outage.

Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage. Objects found in a typical backyard -- such as umbrellas, kiddie pools and even trampolines -- can be swept up by high monsoon winds and end up in power lines, causing out-

After a storm hits, be safe around electricity. If you see a downed power line, stay at least 100 feet away, call 911 and then call APS.

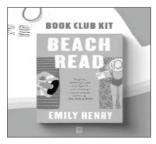
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APS serves more than 1.3 million homes and businesses in 11 of Arizona's 15 counties, and is a leader in delivering affordable, clean and reliable energy in the Southwest. The company is committed to serving customers with 100% clean power by 2050. As owner and operator of Palo Verde Generating Station, the nation's largest producer of carbon-free electricity, and with one of the country's most substantial renewable energy portfolios, APS current energy mix is 50% clean. With headquarters in Phoenix. APS is the principal subsidiary of Pinnacle West Capital Corp.

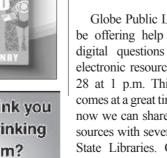
Book Club at Globe Public Library

On June 25 at 2 p.m. the Book Club will be discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. We will also be handing out the July Book Club book,

which is "Beach Read" by Emily Henry. If there are leftover books, they will be made available to those who did not make it to the Book Club.



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Technological help from Globe Public Library

Globe Public Library will be offering help with your digital questions on using electronic resources on June 28 at 1 p.m. This program comes at a great time because now we can share digital resources with several Arizona State Libraries. Come find out about your new possibilities. Please bring your device fully charged.

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Despite Delays Globe Community Center Pool Project Moves Forward

The Community Center Pool project has been delayed by the COVID pandemic, and supply chain issues have led to some bumps along the road. Still, Globe-Miami residents should be splashing away again by the end of July/beginning of August.

City officials hoped for a July 4 grand opening but said the most important thing at this point is to get the project accomplished without cutting corners.

"We have persevered through some unforeseen delays due to global-wide problems," said Linda Oddonetto, Globe's Director of Economic & Community Development. "Thanks to stellar efforts by our contractors, city employees, and the community, we will have a community pool we can be proud of within the next few weeks."

The refurbishment of the Community Center Pool has been a long time coming since the pool's closure in 2014, as

citizens of the Globe-Miami area have waited for a dependable place to play and compete during Arizona's long, hot summers.

The Community Center Pool was built in 1962 but had to shut down eight years ago due to public safety issues, including failing pumps and cracks that led to leakage. Given the state of public pools in the area, the City of Globe initially sought to do enough repairs to bridge the gap until another alternative became available.

In 2019, with financial help from Freeport-McMoRan, the City executed an engineering study and found that for an estimated \$850,000, the pool could be brought back into service for the foreseeable future. Plans were put in place and a budget set aside in 2020, but then the pandemic hit and everything came to a halt.

"During the pause, we had time to reconsider the project and decided to expand it to fit in with with an open swith an open swit

park system in Globe," Oddonetto said. "We approached several potential partners and reimagined possibilities for the facility." Oddonetto added that the City wanted to create a complex that would reflect its commitment to parks and recreation and towards a better quality of life for the people in the area and residents the City hopes to attract in the future.

The result was a \$2.3 million overhaul of the pool, grounds, and facilities, adding a new dimension and some much-needed comfort for residents seeking relief from the heat.

The new footprint will be double the size of the old and will feature new decking and bathrooms, slides, an outdoor seating area, a grassy area for kids to play, shade awnings, and a splash pad.

The pool will be refurbished and heated, with an open swimming area, lanes specifically set aside for lap swimming and a

our vision for a first-rate park system in Globe," movable bulkhead for competitive swimming Oddonetto said. "We events.

Thanks to funds received from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), and donations and grants from a variety of community partners, the project is well on its way to completion. Despite the hardships of a post-pandemic world that have seen supply chain issues in every business sector and a nationwide labor shortage.

Last December, the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center announced it would dedicate \$1.5 million to the Community Center Pool, originally intended to help raise funds for the Aquatic Center.

Additionally, several other community partners saw the value of the project and contributed substantial funding.

Through its Community Investment Grant Program, Freeport McMoRan awarded the City \$250,000; the United Fund of GlobeMiami awarded a \$200,000 grant; Capstone contributed \$100,000, and BHP provided a total of \$250,000. The Gila County Board of Supervisors contributed \$100,000 and about \$60,000 in services, hauling away concrete and debris from the site.

For its part, the City will take over pool operations and continue seeking more funding for future phases, including the concession building with full commercial kitchen that can be used for other programs, and the buildout of the event room.

On June 14, James Neville, Project Manager for Structural Preservation Systems, the company charged with completing the work, gave an update to the City Council. Neville estimates the pool being completed the week of July 22 to 25. He explained that the priority." company's attempt to fast-track the work was ambitious in the best of times, but unique global events presented

challenges that took creative thinking to solve. Including "value engineering" to keep the project within budget.

"The city and hospital have been unanimous in that they want to provide a top-notch facility, both for recreational use and a competition environment," he said. "We are hoping to be able to give you guys a world-class facility. Once it's complete, it will be something that the whole community can be proud of."

Globe City Manager Paul Jepson said that despite the difficulties, everyone involved has gone out of their way to make the project a success.

"I think it's gone very well. Everybody is making things happen, helping as a community, and doing a great job," he said. "This council has a quality product, and that is the first priority."







