



Gila County Animal Care and Control goal: 'Fur-ever' homes for all animals

Sasha's story has a heart-warming ending: A resident of Gila County Animal Care and Control's new facility near the County Fairgrounds, the eight-week-old husky mix had charmed the animal-loving staff - but he awaited a new home.

"We strive to find all animals at our facility a new 'fur-ever' home; it truly is our number one priority," said Animal Care and Control Officer Nicholas Campagna. "And recently we had the pleasure of meeting Dan Shinder and his wife Nja, who were seeking a new companion for their home -- and their incredibly large Maine Coon cat named Sage. Dan visited one Saturday to meet our adoptable dogs.



Courtesy photo

Dan Shinder gives an adoptable dog a 'fur-ever' home.

That handsome young husky quickly became a member of their household and found his new 'fur-ever' home.' It's a great story and a reminder that we always have adoptable dogs and cats at our facility -- and while our new building is so much better, what these animals really need is a new home where

they'll be loved. Read another recent tale with a happy ending, see photos of dogs and cats awaiting new homes, or learn how you can volunteer as a dog walker or groomer; like and follow facebook.com/GilaCountyAnimalCare.

Sasha's story is an example of what Gila County Manager James Menlove wrote about in the magazine mailed countywide last week: "At long last our Animal Care & Control team

moved into brand new headquarters! Over the past year they adopted out or transferred a total of 99 dogs and 20 cats -- maintaining a live release over 80 percent for man's best friend. JC Castaneda and his officers responded to 680 calls. They rescued and transported more than pets -- also skunks, owls, racoons, snakes, bats, crows, ducks, turtles, goats and pigs! They dealt with 287 strays, investigated 67 animal

bites, performed 76 welfare checks and 29 barking dog investigations, and assisted the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement many times."

Animal Care and Control is part of the Gila County Health and Emergency Management Department - whose director, Michael O'Driscoll, expressed pride in how much the small staff have accomplished over the past decade, sharply increasing adoption rates and eliminating euthanasia for all but the most dangerous or sick animals in their care.

"In 2013 I met with our Animal Control staff and we all agreed we needed to overhaul our entire program to save as many animals as possible instead of euthanizing animals just to make room in the shelter - and by that I mean the cramped and inadequate shelter we operated from for so many

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Champions celebrate



Courtesy photo/Globe Unified School District

High Desert Middle School celebrated their championship wins on Thursday, January 27 with a victory walk. Athletes arrived at the school with a police escort where cheerleaders, peers and parents cheered for them.

HDMS reigns supreme, collects four CJHL championships



Aaron Tohtsoni/Copper Country News

HDMS eighth grader Keyshawn Browning goes for a layup.

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Community

EVENTS

February



City of Globe presents
First Friday in
downtown Globe

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4GENTS
Community Concert
High Desert Middle
School
7 p.m.

10

Globe Rotary
Dominion Royale
Cobre Valley Center
for the Arts
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Games start at
6:30 p.m.

26

Globe Rotary Dominion Royale coming in February

The Globe Rotary Club is excited to announce their 7th Annual Dominion Royale is a go for 2022! Attendees are encouraged to dress the part for a Masquerade Ball theme on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 6:30.

The annual fundraiser features casino-style games, an auction, a liquor pull and refreshments catered by Vida e Caffè. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available from any Globe Rotary member.

This is Globe Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser of the year. In the past we have used the funds to support our youth through leadership camps, spiritline, wrestling and the Cobre Valley Youth Club. The funds have also helped support local organizations; Gila House, Gila County Food Bank, Globe-Miami Community Concert

Association, etc. We have also assisted with Round Mountain Park, Old Dominion Park and beautification of downtown Globe.

A big thank you to the sponsors that have already stepped up to help make this event a memorable one - Jackpot Sponsor Southwest Gas; other sponsors: Capstone, Western Reprographics, Dairy Queen, Bouquets on Broad, State Farm - Cami Lucero, Heritage Health Care, Mary Anne for MAM Resources, Haven Health Care, Great Western Bank, Dominion Firearms, Chapter One Wellness, Luna Olive Oil & More, Gila County Supervisor Tim Humphrey and Gila County Supervisor Woody Cline.

It's not too late to get in on the action; to sponsor or donate to this fundraiser contact Cami Lucero at 928-425-4444 or Bryan Seppala at 928-812-0098.

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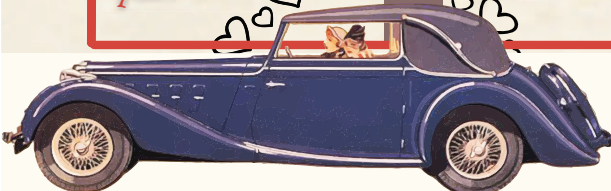
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Community

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until this new facility opened last September.

“Consider this example; from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 data shows we took in a total of 943 dogs and euthanized 568. That was almost a 60 percent rate for euthanizing dogs, and it was even worse for cats. We took in 469 cats and euthanized 392. That was a horrible, unacceptable 83 percent rate.

“We measure our Animal Care success based on what is called the live release rate. The live release rate is calculated by taking the total intakes minus total other outcomes/total

intakes, subtracting euthanasia that is specifically requested by owners who turn their dogs or cats over to our shelter.

“Anyway, with the hard work of John Castaneda and his staff I am pleased to let you know that our live release rate from January 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021 is an incredible 80.23 percent. This live release rate is a combination for both dogs and cats. Even more telling, for the entire year of 2021 we had to euthanize only 66 animals; 57 dogs and 9 cats. Part of the credit for this success goes to both our staff and the 3,300 people who comprise our Facebook community

- a group of like-minded animal lovers who help us identify lost pets that are in our care and locate the owners of animals after seeing photos on Facebook. If you don't already follow our page, please do!

“And again, compare this past year's live release rate to the 960 animals eu-

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-Gila County Health and Emergency Management Director Michael O'Driscoll

thanized from 2012-2013 and you see why I am so happy for my team for their successes. Comparison of the live release rate from nearly a decade ago calculates a rate of about 20 percent. I am so proud of our Animal Control program and this success -- and our shared goal is continued improvement towards a 100 percent live release rate.”

Read more, like and follow [facebook.com/GilaCountyAnimalCare](https://www.facebook.com/GilaCountyAnimalCare). If you're not on Facebook, call (928) 425-5882 to inquire about dogs and cats awaiting new homes, or ask how you can volunteer as a dog walker or groomer.

February 2022 hunting calendar

Make sure you don't miss an opportunity to hunt! Keep an eye on the Arizona Game and Fish website at azgfd.gov so you know when the latest regulation booklets are available. Applications are only online now. Don't miss out!

You can apply for 2022 Elk and Pronghorn until Feb. 8, 2022. Apply online. You must have a license that is valid on deadline day, Feb. 8.

Draw deadlines for deer, fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall bison and sandhill crane will be the second Tuesday in June, pending commission approval.

Draw deadlines for spring javelina, spring bear, spring turkey and spring bison will be the second Tuesday in October, pending commission ap-

proval.

You can buy tickets for the Big Game Raffle now at www.arizonabig-gamesuperraffle.com. Tickets range in price from \$10-\$25. Winners of the AZ Special Tags have the opportunity to hunt year-round for the species they won. There are many other great prizes as well, so be sure to check it out.

2021-22 Fees

General hunting: Resident, \$37; Non-resident, not available (see combination)

Combination hunt and fish: Resident, \$57; Non-resident, \$160

Youth combination hunt and fish (ages 10-17): Resident, \$5; Non-resident, \$5

Short-term combination license:

Resident, \$15/day; Non-resident, \$20/day

There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2021-2022 Hunting Regulations at www.azgfd.com for details. Watch for the 2022-2023 regulations to come out in early summer/late spring.

Mountain lion: Aug. 21, 2021 – May 31, 2022

This hunt is held by zone, with zones having annual harvest limits. Seasons vary by zone. When the limit is reached, the hunt is over in the zone. You must call to report kills or check hunts before going hunting. There are also archery and pursuit-only tags available. See regulations for details on weapons, fees, zones, etc.

CASA of Gila County seeking volunteers as child advocates in the court system

The start of a new year often comes with a list of resolutions. While they are different for everyone, many commonly center on self-improvement whether it be related to health, career or starting a new habit. CASA of Arizona (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is asking Arizonans to consider making a pledge that would significantly impact the life of a child in need.

On any given day, there are more than 13,500 children and youth in Arizona living in a foster home, with relatives, in group homes, shelters or residential treatment centers due to being removed from their parent's care. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges throughout the state to advocate for the best in-

terests of these children in court and other settings.

“CASA volunteers help children in foster care by serving as a consistent advocate for a child within their case and before the court,” said Charlie Gray, CASA of Arizona program manager. “They are there to build very real and meaningful relationships and give the judge a perspective of the child's situation that they may not otherwise see.”

The need for additional CASA volunteers is great. Right now, more than 12,000 children need a CASA volunteer.

For the volunteer, the experience is often life-changing. It's an opportunity to serve the community and to give a voice to a child that may otherwise

feel voiceless.

“My experience was extremely eye-opening and rewarding,” said a CASA volunteer. “I realized how I could fight for an individual child who is in a very vulnerable place. It taught me a lot about myself and changed my perspective on how I can have a direct impact on someone's life while contributing to our community at large.”

CASA of Arizona is seeking volunteers in all 15 counties to fill the caseload gap in the state and is seeking to expand the diversity and demographics of its volunteer base.

“Arizona has a very diverse population,” says Savannah Hopp, CASA of Arizona outreach specialist. “We want, and need, CASA volunteers who are just as

diverse and who reflect and represent the children we serve each day.”

Volunteers with CASA of Arizona do not need any prior special training and can come from all walks of life. Anyone 21 years of age or older, who can pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of free training, is encouraged to apply.

To learn more, visit, www.AZCASAVolunteer.org.

For more information on the CASA of Gila County Program, please contact CASA of Gila County Coordinator Emily Nader at 928-402-4427 or enader@courts.az.gov. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GilaCountyCASA/>.

Community

Superstition Mountain Museum continues free lecture series

The Superstition Mountain Museum's free lecture series "Legends and Lore of the Superstitions and More" continues in February. The series brings together local scholars, personalities, historians, artists and authors to introduce attendees to the rich culture of our region.

Lectures are held Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the Museum's outdoor amphitheater. Featured presenters and dates for February are:

February 3 - Kurt Cavano

Arizona's Four Peaks Amethyst Mine

Many people do not realize there is a working amethyst mine in the Four Peaks region that can be seen from the museum. Kurt Cavano, owner of the Four Peaks Amethyst Mine, will share its history and his adventures in working it. He has been a jewelry-making, stonecutting rockhound for almost 50 years and has owned the mine for the last 15. When not digging for amethyst in the Four Peaks Mountains he has a day job in New York, as Founder, Vice Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer of GT Nexus, Inc., a supply chain technology company with over 900 employees in 8 different countries. Featured as one of World Trade Magazine's 50 most influential people, Kurt is a frequent speaker and writer on international trade and global supply chain management. But what he likes to talk about most is the geology and history of his

mine. For his presentation, he will also bring rock samples and beautiful jewelry made with amethyst from his mine.

February 10 - Jay Cravath

Honky Tonks, Brothels and Mining Camps: Entertainment in Old Arizona

In pioneer Arizona, mining towns were among the best places to experience the performing arts. From the early popular music of ragtime and minstrelsy evolved orchestras, operas and glee clubs that performed in Tombstone and other hamlets. Perhaps the most popular form of musical entertainment was the concert band, in bandshells and stages throughout the state. Jay Cravath, Ph.D., shares stories and plays music of a time when performing live was the only way to enjoy the arts. Cravath is a writer, composer and scholar of music, Southwest history and Indigenous studies. This has consistently been an audience favorite, described as "scholarship with a zing!"

February 17 - Native American Storytelling

Featuring Members of Yellow Bird Productions

In conjunction with our Native American Arts Festival, this lecture will include members of the world-renowned Yellow Bird Indian Dancers. Listen and follow the stories of Coyote and other traditional characters as they weave scenes of the past. These stories not only paint beautiful settings,



Courtesy photo

Bob Boze Bell will be among the featured presenters in this month's lectures at the Superstition Mountain Museum.

but also blend life lessons with the beauty that surrounds us. The amphitheater provides an excellent environment for attendees to immerse themselves in the narratives. Yellow Bird Productions is directed by Ken Duncan, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Superstition Mountain Historical Society board. Attendees can join in and celebrate the

unique spirit of the American Indian.

February 24 - Bob Boze Bell

Tales of "True West" Magazine

Humorist, artist, radio personality, historian, editor and musician; Bob Boze Bell is all these things in one colorful package. At this lecture, Bob will tell tales of his time with True West magazine, which he's

owned as a partner since 1999. He now serves as the executive editor, out of an office in Cave Creek, Ariz. The magazine, published since 1953, continues to grow and features the distinctive style of Bell's creative vision. Bob's work has appeared in Arizona Highways, Playboy, National Lampoon, The Arizona Republic and True West magazine. He appears often on the History Channel, Discovery Channel and the Westerns Channel's "True West Moments." A lifelong student of Arizona history (having grown up in Kingman, Ariz. on Route 66), and an accomplished artist and illustrator, he has published several colorful and groundbreaking books on the West. Among the subjects are Wyatt Earp, Billy

the Kid, Doc Holliday and a compilation of "Classic Gunfights." Bob recently published "The Illustrated Life and Times of Billy the Kid: The Final Word," which includes more than 100 original paintings and illustrations plus rare maps that provide a vivid look into the many controversial episodes in the Kid's short life. This lecture is sponsored by Museum Pros.

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Globe Public Library update for February 2022

Globe Public Library's address is 339 S. Broad St. The phone number is 928-425-6111.

Library hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are asking you to continue to practice social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations are available inside. If you are sick, please stay home. We are happy to renew items over the phone. We will also be offering limited hybrid programming, meaning we will have programs where the number of participants is limited. We will still film a Facebook Live so that people can pick up Grab and Go Kits and work along with the video on Facebook. We are now offering a few in-person programs.

Upcoming Holiday Closures

February 19-21 – President's Day Weekend

Events

Globe Public Library would like to thank the United Fund of Globe-Miami and the Friends of the Globe Public Library. Without their help and support, we would not be able to offer the programs that we currently have.

Fridays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:30 a.m. – Free-play Friday

Parents are invited to bring their children who are 0-5 to this open playtime at the Globe Public Library. Different things to explore will be brought out each week. Items that might be

present are shape sorters, Duplos, a parachute and other fun items for children 0-5 to enjoy. Items will be cleaned before and after Free-play Friday. Parents must stay with their children.

Friday, February 4 at 1 p.m. – Lego Club

Lego Club is for those 8 and up who want to explore and build with Legos. We will have the Legos ready for play. There might also be a challenge or theme for each meeting. Pictures of the finished products will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. The Lego Club will meet monthly on the first Friday at 1 p.m. Come join the fun.

Saturday, February 5 at 2 p.m. – Card Game Club

If you want to learn how to play one of the trading card games (Magic, Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh), this club is for you. Ages 10 and up are invited to join. We will have supplies for those who are participating. The Card Game Club will meet monthly on the first Saturday at 2 p.m.

Mondays, February 7, 14 & 28 at 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime

Family Storytime with Ms. Robin is back. We are offering a hybrid version of this program this time around. Ms. Robin is excited to see her little friends back in person. We will also be filming her storytime so that you can watch it from the comfort of home. Grab and Go kits will also be available while

they last.

Fridays, February 11 & 18 at 2 p.m. – Monsoon Youth Art @ Your Library

Explore art with Monsoon Youth at the Globe Public Library. This program is designed for children 6 and up. More details to follow.

Tuesday, February 15 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Healthy You Cooking Class

We will be exploring heart-healthy foods and fun preparation methods. This program will have two sessions, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. It will also be on Facebook Live. Seating is limited to 20 participants per session. Reservations are required. Please call the Globe Public Library at 928-425-6111 to reserve your spot. Recipes are available for pickup at the library for anyone who wants to pick up the recipes used at each session.

Friday, February 18 at Noon - Youth Advisory Committee

The Friends of the Globe Public Library and the Globe Public Library are looking for youth from 10 to 18 years old to help make suggestions for materials, services and programs aimed at an older child. We will have soda and pizza. Come for a lively discussion and lunch. Please get in touch with Globe Public Library for more information and RSVP.

Tuesday, February 22 at 1 p.m. - Digital Drop-in

Globe Public Library will now be offering help with your digital questions

on using electronic resources. 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.

Friday, February 25 at 5 p.m. – Adult After Hours Book Talk with David Vidales

Local author David Vidales will share his poetry and answer questions at this adult (18+) only activity. We will be giving away copies of his books at this event.

Saturday, February 26 at 2 p.m. – Book Club

Globe Public Library will be hosting a Book Club. We will be discussing "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone. We have several copies of the book available for pickup at the library.

Ongoing Programs

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program is starting 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.

Opportunities

The City of Globe Library Committee is looking for new members. We have two openings and two members who have been on the committee for three years, so their terms are almost up. If you live within the city limits and are interested, please contact the library for an application.

Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts

Michelle Montague is starting up in-person Girl Scout meetings at the Globe Public Library again. These meetings alternate between a Brownie/Junior Troop (2nd-5th grade) and a Cadette Troop (6th-8th grade). The leader is looking for girls in kindergarten and 1st grade interested in scouts to start a Daisy Troop. If you want more information about Girl Scouts in our area, Michelle Montague is the person to ask.

Mondays, February 7, 14 & 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Council Member Mariano Gonzalez from District 5 Office Hours

Council Member Mariano Gonzalez from District 5 will be hosting weekly office hours in the Community Room at Globe Public Library. Meet Council Member Gonzalez and let him know about your concerns.

Services

We are also offering curbside pickup. You can

call the library or request books and DVDs online and pick them up from the comfort of your car. Just give the library a call at 928-425-6111 when you get to the library, and we will run the materials out to you.

We are offering wireless printing. You can print from your phone, laptop or desktop computer from home. You need to download the "Princh" app from the App Store or Google Play or open your browser and type: print.princh.com in the address line. Open your document and select "Print." Be sure to choose the Globe Public Library Printer #103148. The costs are the same, \$0.25 per page. You can choose to pay by credit card or select pay at the desk. Then just come to the library to pick up your prints.

Hotspots are now available at the Globe Public Library. You need to be an adult with a library account in good standing. Only one hotspot per household. Check out will be for three weeks. You can renew if there is no waiting list. All hotspots must be returned inside the library at the circulation desk.

We are partnering with the Gila County Health Department as a distribution point for Naloxone and condoms. If you need either of these health and safety items, please inquire at the circulation desk. We will be as discreet as possible.

Obituaries/Community

Mattie Louise Du Friend

Mattie Louise Du Friend passed away at her home in Six Shooter Canyon on Jan. 20, 2022. She was 70 years young and loved life. She was the daughter of Shelton

and Bertha Holley. She was sick for the last three years and could not breathe. She leaves behind her son Don Ray Evans, mother Bertha Holley, brothers Dave and

Tom Holley and her long-time friend Jayson Turner. She is with her family, James Evans and grandbaby Zackery in Heaven. Rest in peace.

Join TOPS

Consider joining TOPS. TOPS stands for "Take Off Pounds Sensibly." Here in Globe, it is a non-profit group of people interested in helping support our members to take off and keep off

pounds sensibly. We offer information on nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyle. Our programs provide positive reinforcement and motivation to adhere to food and exercise programs. We

meet weekly at Living Waters Church on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for one hour. If you would like to visit us or have any questions, please call or text Emilian Kanon at 928-812-4514.

Homeless 'Point In Time' Count February 22

How many people are homeless here in Globe-Miami? It's a challenging question to answer. Once a year Gila County and the county-wide Homeless Task Force - made up of numerous non-profits, behavioral health, food banks, churches and other local volunteers - hit the streets and check under bridges, beneath overpasses and inside empty buildings where homeless people are known to find shelter during winter's annual 'point in time' census. Originally planned for January, the tally was moved to Tuesday, Feb. 22 due to the recent surge in Covid-19 infections. The annual winter survey is part of the federal and statewide count. An accurate tally here in Globe-Miami helps demonstrate the need for homeless service funding in Gila County. On a more personal level, the winter count also helps with more immediate needs; connecting homeless people with services that can help get them off the streets, sheltered during the coldest month of the year and connected with local and state services that may provide a



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permanent solution to their homelessness. To volunteer with the count, please call Gila County Community Services at 928-425-7631. Volunteers must sign a confidentiality form. To donate or just to advise Point-In-Time Count where homeless can be found, email tgonzales.1964homelesscoal

ition@gmail.com or call Barb at (928) 701-1339. If you see one of Globe-Miami's homeless, please tell them about the count and other compassionate efforts by Gila County Community Services and our lead volunteer agency in our area, Homeless Coalition of Cobre Valley - who provide food, clothing and compassion. Volunteers also help

make referrals, and work closely with local agencies and churches to connect homeless people with help and resources. New volunteers are always welcome, and cash donations too. Consider a New Year's Resolution to do your part on behalf of homeless people, and please feel welcome to join the Homeless Coalition of Cobre Val-

ley in person at their next meeting (usually the first and also third Tuesday each month), starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Divine Grace Church at 305 W. Live Oak St. in Miami or via Zoom at <https://gilacountyaz-gov.zoom.us/j/99773339664?pwd=bUw2R0RHYUdGldJT3I1RWtMdEx6QT09>, or call (346) 248 7799.

Another way you can help? Give nonperishable, portable, packaged edibles and drinks to the food pantries acces-

sible to the homeless at:
 * First Christian Church, 401 S. Broad St., Globe (food pantry in front on left)
 * Living Waters, 125 Haskins Rd., Globe
 * Divine Grace, 305 W. Live Oak St., Miami (food pantry in east side parking lot)
 * St John's Episcopal Church, 185 E. Oak St., Globe (food pantry in alley)
 * St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 750 Paxton Ave., Miami (up the stairs in front and to the left)

February is Cardiovascular Month

February is Cardiovascular Month, and Canyonlands Healthcare-Globe is encouraging the community to schedule their cardiovascular screenings.

High blood pressure and cholesterol levels can damage the heart and blood vessels. Diabetes is a risk factor for heart disease. Regular screenings can tell you what your numbers are and whether you need to take action.

A healthy heart is central to overall good health. Embracing a healthy lifestyle at any age can improve

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Please call our clinic, (928) 402-0491, to schedule your screening.

Canyonlands Healthcare-Globe is located at 5860 S. Hospital Dr., Suite 102. For more information, visit www.canyonlandschc.org.

Community

4GENTS to perform in pre-Valentines concert

The 4GENTS have been burning up dance floors, shaking down music halls and melting hearts with their remarkable vocal talents since 2015. Specializing in doo-wop and popular vocal music from the 50s and 60s, these crooners perform nostalgic hits with flair while still being faithful to the original artists' harmonies and choreography. Come out for a fun pre-Valentines concert sure to make your heart happy! The concert will be held at the High Desert Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 10. Tickets for you (and your sweetheart) may be purchased at the door, or at several local locations; museums, libraries, hospital, and other fine merchants. CDC guidelines are recommended.



Courtesy photo

The 4GENTS will perform at the next Community Concert at High Desert Middle School Auditorium on Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m.

Covid-19 vaccination clinic planned

Gila County Health and Emergency Management are offering 12+ Pfizer and 5-11 Pfizer vaccines at the Gila County Health Department Globe Office (WIC building), 5515 S. Apache Ave. in Globe on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 by appointment only. For special accommodations or to schedule an appointment please call 928-910-4009, option 1.

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‘Critical Blood Shortage’: Donors needed

Globe-Miami; let’s fill our next blood drive Friday, Feb. 4 at the Globe Elks Lodge on Maple Street near Denny’s. Healthy donors are welcome -whether vaccinated or unvaccinated – and donors may give blood immediately after receiving a Covid-19 vaccine, if they are healthy and well. Appointments remained open at press time, and you may choose your preferred time online or call to schedule one. Giving blood is both safe and healthy - face-masks are required, as well as pre-arranged appointments in order to help Red



Cross staff and volunteers schedule the most efficient drive day possible. Sign up in advance and online, pick your choice from remain-

ing appointment times at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. If you want to donate but are not available this Friday, mark

your calendar and sign up today for the March 4 blood drive when Red Cross staff will return to Globe. Officials report the supply has

dropped to the lowest level in years, in part because of Covid-19’s omicron variant, which has sickened so many Arizonans, making them ineligible to donate blood while they’re unwell. A “critical blood shortage” continues; Arizona fell 4,000 donations short during both December and January. Type-O blood is especially needed. Type-O is often used in trauma situations, especially Type-O negative, which can be transfused with any blood type. When the news was announced, most blood types had less than a four-day supply at their centers.

Appointments are available for regular whole blood and also ‘Power Red’ donations; the latter allows you to safely donate two

units of red blood cells during one donation. Blood is drawn from one arm by a machine that separates and collects two units of red cells - then safely returns the remaining blood components, along with some saline, back to you through the same arm - and just one needle jab is required.

A Power Red donation takes approximately 30 minutes longer than a whole blood donation, so plan on about 35-45 minutes in the chair and you’re limited to donating approximately once every four months.

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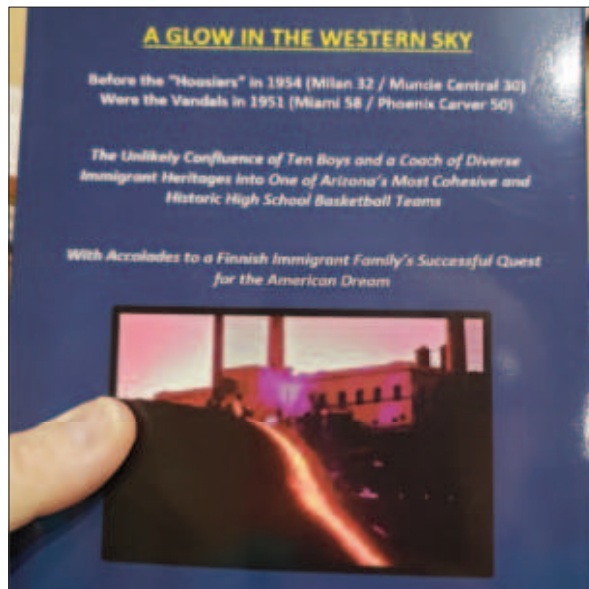
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Bullion Plaza to host book signing

Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum invites the public to come and meet author Gary Keltner, who will be signing copies of his book "A Glow in the Western Sky" at Bullion Plaza on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.

"A Glow in the Western Sky" recounts the story of the 1951 Miami Vandals basketball team, who set state and national high school scoring records during their undefeated championship season.

A limited number of books will be available for purchase, but the museum will be able to order/reserve additional copies.



Courtesy photo

"A Glow in the Western Sky" by Gary Keltner

Phoenix TV in the Pinals

By **TED LAKE**
Contributor

There are still some Phoenix television stations operating translators on Madera Peak in the Pinal Mountains southwest of Miami. Their signals cover most of the Globe-Miami community and can generally be picked up by use of an outside antenna.

These stations that we are aware of are Channels 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 33 and 35. The last two Phoenix TV stations have their equipment operating in another area south of town.

GRIT TV is a television

network programming historic old Western movies and TV programs on a daily basis.

GRIT TV does not have any equipment operating locally to bring their programs here where residents can use an outside TV antenna unless they are at some of the higher elevations above our community.

GRIT TV can be easily received in the Phoenix area by way of an outside antenna by going to one of ION TV'S or UNIVISION'S sub-channels.

Watching GRIT TV off and on at times during the past three weeks, I no-

ticed they were showing a lot of Western movies; to my surprise many of these were ones that Miami native Jack Elam appeared in. During his peak period of acting (1944 to the 1960s) Elam appeared in 73 Hollywood movies and some 40 television shows.

For what it is worth, if you are in the Phoenix area and want to try to receive GRIT TV by means of an outside antenna, try Channel 51 sub-channel 7 or Channel 33 sub-channel 3. Or if you happen to be in the Tucson area try Channel 4 (KVOA) sub-channel 5.



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Superior celebrates historic acquisition

By TED LAKE
Contributor

To celebrate the Town of Superior's official purchase of the old Superior High School, the Superior Chamber of Commerce put this historic two-story building complex on its annual home tour last weekend.

Mayor Mila Besich said that the old high school built in 1925 is an important community building for the Town. "As is our tradition, repurposing and modifying materials and places is how we honor and preserve our history, con-



Courtesy photo/Cat Brown Photography

The original Superior High School, recently bought by the Town of Superior, is bound for a new life as a multigenerational facility.

tinue to tell our story and embrace the future."

According to a Town of Superior news release, "This iconic facility will become a multigenerational center featuring Town Hall operations, a library, workout facility, dance studio and senior center. The complex will also feature the Superior Enterprise center, which will be the home to programming for job training and entrepreneurial development including a commercial

kitchen to assist food entrepreneurs.

"The Town will be maintaining the structure of the building, only slightly modifying some aspects of the building to allow for accessibility and functionality, by providing a space for education, health, creativity and culture to flourish, Superior is strengthening a resilient and socially connected community."

The town government purchased the former high school complex from Elijah

Cardon.

Besich said the town was grateful to him for agreeing to sell this important community building.

She added, "We are also grateful to Resolution Copper for providing the funding to establish a multi-gen center for our community, where residents, visitors and businesses alike can avail themselves of a broad range of resources for recreational and training aspirations."

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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, 6:30pm
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 Dominic Benetti**

928-473-3989 • 735 N Sullivan St, Miami
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Sovereign Grace Baptist Church **Pastor John Skaggs**

928-425-8345 or 928-358-2612
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Thu. Bible Study 7pm

Why do believers still sin?



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Though we are saved eternally, the flesh has potential to sin until our lifelong sanctification is complete.

Once we're saved, it doesn't take long to discover that we still sin. This can be confusing because 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "If anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away." If that verse is true, why do we have the same old sin problem we had before following Christ?

In today's passage, the apostle Paul describes this struggle in his own life

and at one point says, "If I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin that dwells in me" (Rom. 7:20).

Although we truly have been made new in our spirit, we continue to live in a fallen world and have a disposition toward sin. What we must understand is that our redemption, which began at salvation, will not be completed until Je-

sus returns and transforms these sinful bodies to be glorious like His own. (Phil. 3:20-21).

At our conversion, we were set free from the penalty of sin, through justification. Now, through sanctification, we are being progressively delivered from the power of sin. But only when we are glorified will we be free from the presence of sin forever.

Send church news and events to news@coppercountrynews.com

Deadlines are Thursdays at noon for the following Wednesday publication

Worship

Confront your shadow on Groundhog Day

By **TERRY HELWIG**
Holiday Devotions

Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13

Sunlight glistens on his whiskers as Mr. Groundhog cautiously pokes his head above his earthy burrow. He eases to his haunches, twitches his fuzzy ears and listens for signs of danger.

Then...horrors! He sees this big, black, spooky thing looming in front of him.

Whoosh! He's gone. His shadow has sent him fleeing back to the safety of his den. This means, according to legend from Great Britain and Germany, that winter will last another six weeks.

I, for one, like a sunny day—especially in February. How silly to let a shadow spoil it. *But*, I wonder, *how many times have I retreated from opportunity because I was frightened by a shadow called "uncertainty" or "inadequacy"?* Perhaps my fear is as unfounded as the ground-



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Have you retreated from opportunity because of fear or uncertainty?

hog's.

I have an idea! This Groundhog Day, despite the scary shadows in front of me, I'm going to take one small step toward something I want to accomplish. I'm going to accept that invitation to speak,

even though I'm nervous.

How about you? Are you thinking about accepting a new job, going back to school or trying to break an old habit? Then why don't you make that phone call or write the letter that could change your

life. After all, even the timid groundhog eventually raises his head, takes a whiff of clover and scurries from his hole.

Dear Lord, this Groundhog Day, give me the courage to confront my shadows.

Prayer for Joy and Happiness

Compassionate and Gracious God, I yearn for happiness to take over my emotions and joy to lead my path. Please allow me to leave behind these feelings of sorrow and depression and erase my overlying, constant feeling of gloom. Fill my thoughts with delightful images and words, so happiness can arise and pull me out of despair. I pray that You capture my spirit and tightly weave in joy, so it is bounded by grace and can never escape. I ask these things I Jesus' name. Amen.

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18653 Hwy 188, Roosevelt, AZ

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Pastor Nick Jones

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askpastorjones@gmail.com MBCGlobe.org

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928-4 73-3311

880 W Live Oak St, Miami

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Community

HDMS reigns supreme, collects four CJHL championships

By **AARON J. TOHTSONI**
Contributor

The High Desert Middle School basketball teams swept the Central Junior High League (CJHL) championships on Saturday, January 22.

The 7th grade girls team, 7th grade boys team and 8th grade girls team each won their games at Globe High School in the afternoon. The 8th grade boys team traveled to Cibecue in the evening and upset the previously undefeated Wildcats for the championship.

7th Grade Girls:

The High Desert 7th Grade Lady Tigers defeated the Kearny Ray Jr. High School Lady Bearcats 37-11 in the championship game en route to a perfect season.

“When we first started out, it was a little shaky and we went from dead last to first place,” said head coach JC Sanchez, a former Globe standout. “They played very well together, shut the ball down and capitalized on mistakes.”

The Lady Tigers opened up a 10-0 first quarter lead, extended it to 27-4 at halftime and built a 27-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Kayana Jackson had 14 points and Malia Antonio added 13 to lead the Lady Tigers.

Other members of the 7th grade girls team include: Johana Alvarez, Rosa Barraza, Corina Garcia, Kayana Stevens, Allie



Aaron Tohtsoni/Copper Country News
High Desert's Talen Pechuli scored a jumper and added a three-pointer to push the Tigers to a 35-34 lead.

Stevens, Monica Rogers, Aniya Spurgeon, Olivia May, Kadence Tapia, Audiyana Navarro and Madison Smith.

7th Grade Boys:

Squaring off with the Hayden Jr. High School Lobos, the 7th grade boys pulled out a 41-36 victory and an undefeated season.

“Our boys played really well and had a fun time; it was a tough match but they pulled it off,” said coach Kimball Hansen. “I give all the credit to the boys because they work hard and play with each other outside of school on community teams.”

The Tigers opened up the game with a 10-7 first quar-

ter lead and extended that to double digits (24-14) by halftime. Heading into the fourth quarter, High Desert led 31-26. The teams battled back and forth in the final quarter.

High Desert's Talen Pechuli scored a jumper and added a three-pointer to push the Tigers to a 35-34 lead with 1:55 left in the game.

Leandro Simbolo led High Desert with 12 points, all coming in the first half. Pechuli finished with 10, eight of which came in the fourth quarter.

Other members of the 7th grade boys team include: Tim Mellema, Hershel Thompson, Christian



Aaron Tohtsoni/Copper Country News
Audiyana Navarro shoots for two in the 7th grade girls championship game.

Chapman, Dakota Edwards, Israel Montolla, Mathew Bolinger, Aaron Noneza, Demarcus Phillips and Jessie Olives.

8th Grade Girls:

The 8th grade CJHL championship game featured rivals High Desert Middle School and Miami Jr. High School. The Lady Tigers completed an undefeated season with a 33-12 victory.

High Desert built a 14-2 first quarter and held the Lady Vandals scoreless in the second quarter as they built a 24-2 halftime lead. In the second quarter, Caylee Longstreet scored six points for the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers led

33-7 heading into the final quarter and cruised to the championship trophy.

Leading High Desert was Tanyka Cephress with 12 points; Longstreet finished with 10 points. Miami's Arianna Henry finished with a team-high 8 points.

Other members of the 8th grade girls team include: Anaya Juan, Cheryl Cheney, Kiera Thompson, Blessing Begay, Ashlynn Gregg, Camile Olivias, Alexis Moody, Areanna Brown, Laci Peter, Mariah Logan, Emily Juan, Kylee Juan and Pearl Janis.

8th Grade Boys:

The High Desert 8th grade boys traveled to Cibecue Jr. High School to face the undefeated Wildcats on Saturday night.

The Tigers rallied from a first-half deficit to upend the host Wildcats, 37-29, for the championship win.

“We slowly came together and I am happy to end it like this,” said coach Logan Thomas, who stepped into the coaching role after the former coach needed to take time off for health reasons. “They came into Globe and beat us by two or three points, so we had to game-plan for them.”

Cibecue built a 12-5 first quarter lead.

Keyshawn Browning opened the second quarter with a three-pointer to slice into the Wildcats' lead. With 1:47 left before the half, Ethan Edwards scored a putback to close within three. Browning had a chance to tie the game, but

missed three of four from the free throw line to cut the lead to two.

Cibecue scored just before halftime and led 16-12 at the break.

Browning started the second half with a layup and later hit one free throw to cut the Wildcats' lead to one. Edwards gave High Desert their first lead when he scored a putback with 4:20 left in the third quarter. Edwards added two more baskets, the latter at the 1:08 mark for a 21-16 lead.

With High Desert up by five heading to the final quarter, Browning added five quick points to open up a 27-17 lead. Cibecue attempted to rally late in the game but Cassidy Swenson's basket with 1:26 gave the Tigers a double-digit lead.

Another Browning three-pointer with 1:10 closed the door as the Tigers led 37-23.

Browning led the Tigers with a game-high 22 points; Edwards finished with 10.

Other members of the 8th grade boys team include: Anson Kinney, Emica Sanchez, Barb Gilbert, Easton Phillips, Cameron Stevens, Ryan M., Vince Meeks, Jakob Bourke, Seth L. and Orion Beeson.

“We overcame a lot of individual struggles and the kids played great. I am glad we got to come here and win it together,” said Thomas. “We would have liked to play at home but we'll take a championship wherever we have to go and play for it.”

Community

Don't miss this First Friday event!

February's First Friday event will take place on Feb. 4, 2022. There will be local business specials, a Makers Marketplace (on Oak Street near the CVCA), and a Food Truck Round-Up (at the Old Dominion Parking Lot at Broad/Sycamore Street) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please remember that these locations will be closed to public parking for this event.

This month, in prepara-

tion for Valentine's Day, we are celebrating everything we "Love" about Local!

The Broad Street Car Cruise is also happening again at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate; if interested please meet up at the Active Adult Center.

There will be pony rides provided by Buzan's Custom Pony Rides at the Globe Public Library/Tee Pee area from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Makers Market will be open at 4 p.m., taking place on Oak Street next to the Center for the Arts.

Karaoke will take place on the Center for the Arts Bandstand from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

And don't forget to stop in and show some love to our local businesses. Participating businesses are holding later evening hours and First Friday only specials. Many are offering in-

credible specials for Valentine's Day! There will even be a Sip n' Shop event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Splash of Copper.

Participating businesses include: La Casita Café, Splash of Copper, Bloom, Bravo, The Batting Cages, The Drift Inn, Pretty Kind Boutique, The Knotty Fox, Cobre Valley Center for the Arts, Besh Ba Gowah, and The Huddle.

Participating vendors

include: Lazy Lizard, Bouquets on Broad Street, Luna Olive Oils & More, D&L Embroidery, Magick Roots, Rusty Tines Designs, Raelene's Bling, Globe-Miami Farmer's Market, Sew by Jo, Remy Rae's Balloon Parade, Harmony's Artistry, Bill Cook, Remnants, Willowbee's Artisan Soaps, Cousins Craft Cottage, The Gila County Recorders Office, Color Street, Arlarian Arts,

StickerShock 2020, Round Mountain Baking Co., Ziggy's Sweet Soaps, and more.

Participating food trucks include: Gila Hogs BBQ, Copper Town Coffee, Apache Burger, Los Gordos Sonoran Dogs, Salina's Smoke Street, Dre's Dawg House, The Lunch Box, Saguaro Hot Dogs & Lemonade, and more.

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Getting to Know your Globe City Council Members: Mayor Al Gameros

Carol Broeder

We featured the seven Globe City Council members in this series—getting to know them better and learning what motivates them to serve their community.

Mayor Al Gameros

A lifelong area resident, Al Gameros was born in Miami, later graduating from Miami High School.

Though a diesel mechanic with Pinto Valley Mine, Gameros was attracted to fire service while volunteering with Central Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

After responding to a tragic house fire that killed a family of five, Gameros changed careers, serving nearly 30 years with Globe City Fire Department, 18 as chief.

After retiring in February 2016, Gameros ran for Council. “I wanted to give back to this community that supported me and gave me a career to be able to raise my family here and retire from it,” he explains.



Married 46 years, Gameros thanks wife Irene and family for “always supporting me in all my decisions throughout my career.” Without family support, “it is hard to put in the time to succeed in your

career,” he says.

As a city employee, Gameros felt that economic development and marketing took a back seat.

Now, as Mayor, he wants to continue and strengthen what the city started five years ago, “taking



a lead role in economic development, marketing and tourism of our wonderful city, working together with all our stakeholders and creating cooperative partnerships.”

A “game-changer” was establishing the Economic Development Department, he says.

Calling it a “business-friendly environment,” Gameros says, “We need to be responsive, well informed, and open-minded when a business, investor or developers are interested and trying to get started.”

He is concerned about housing, quality of life, and education-- topics “people continuously ask about when they consider moving to our community.”

“There has been a lot of time and

effort put into addressing the housing shortage,” and he now anticipates the groundbreaking for two housing developments in the city, Gameros says.

“We need to look at all options available to us and strike a balance of housing from higher-end to



market rate to affordable and workforce housing,” he says.

City staff is also focused on quality of life and recreational opportunities. “We look forward to re-opening our Community Center Pool that our entire community can be proud of, made possible with investment from the City of Globe and many stakeholder partners,” Gameros says.

The city is beginning the planning and design of the Pinal Creek Trail system, connecting the Community Center to downtown. This will include the installation of water bottle filling stations along what will be the Downtown Urban Trail. He explains that new playground equipment will be installed later this spring at Veteran’s Park at City Hall and the

Community Center and outdoor exercise equipment at the Active Adult Center.

For the future, “Collaborative workforce development and education options that will offer great opportunities for our students and residents must be all our priority,” Gameros says.

He enjoys working with a Council that understands “we cannot do the same thing over and over again,” expecting different results. “We need to put in the extra work and time if we want to see results,” he says.

Gameros is chairman of Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation; serves on the Arizona State Risk Pool Board and Central Arizona Government Executive Board, and volunteers at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

He enjoys “doing artwork; working on projects that have meaning; quiet times and spending time with my family.”

