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Covering Gila County and Beyond

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Apache Transit Rides again page 20

Will Virtual Livestock Auction bring home the bacon Sept. 26?

Gila County Fair Board members met frequently over the summer months, grappling with the challenge of how to run autumn's annual livestock auction -- a hallmark event of the county fair -- safely, in this year of Covid-19 precautions, and with the fair itself cancelled. They voted to take the auction online, in part after scrutinizing the logistics and success of the Northern Arizona Junior Livestock Association's (NAJLA) auction: which brought in \$203,000. Similar to recent years -- and also similar to the 2019 live auction here in Globe -- the support comes from the FFA and 4-H kids' family, friends, local businesses and the community. Beefing-up the total was another \$35,000 in add-ons: cash gifts for the kids, generously donated by buyers and community members to support the 4-H and FFA youth

And would you believe they even had a buyer joining online from Italy?

There were many unknown factors when NAJLA decided to go virtual as this was a new endeavor for everyone. However, with the outpouring support, the board, buyers, and exhibitors were very pleased with the outcome. The buyers made sure every exhibitor was taken care of in order to be able to participate next year. "Support from our buyers was the key to making this work for the kids - it takes supportive, loyal buyers," said Auction Association President Sherri Brendel. "For example, one of our buyers happened to be in Italy and was able to participate. So, one piece of advice I have for Gila County in planning your first virtual livestock auction: make every effort you can to engage your network of buyers before the auction, and invite new first-time buyers to register."

"We discovered that quite a few of our buyers were people who have never participated in the County Fair Auction before. Nor would they, if they had not been able to log in and do the bidding from the comfort of their home," said Kristi Bennett, Northern Arizona Junior Livestock Association board member. "While we look forward to an in-person auction next year, all of the feedback we have received has been positive and reassuring that we made the right decision for our exhibitors."

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Wildland firefighters receive new equipment



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San Carlos SWFF Type 2 IA Crew received generous grant funding to help purchase much needed equipment. See more in this weeks Apache Moccasin.

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San Carlos Apache Culture Center receives grant

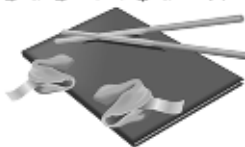
The San Carlos Apache Culture Center Museum has received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the amount of \$82,731. The grant involves a project to work on San Carlos Apache Clans.

Some of the activities of the Project is to take San Carlos Apache Tribal members back to their clan homelands and rediscover the plants and foods of the clan homeland. It will also stage Apache Clan Workshops in all of the four districts of the reservation, and have a conference on clans to close out the Project. A video recording of all the activities will be made to use in continuing to learn about the Apache Clans and for archival purposes.

The Project will begin when the San Carlos Apache Tribe safely reopens the operations of the tribe.

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with the challenges, losses, and rewarded of being a family caregiver of someone who is, or is becoming, psychologically absent.

These sessions will be offered virtually through Zoom. To participate, a computer, tablet, or smart phone with a camera and sound capabilities is needed. We are available to assist you with setup prior to the meeting. Please call 520-836-2758 or email maryg@pgcsc.org.

The free sessions will be on Tuesdays, form Oct. 6 through Dec. 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. A Zoom link will be sent once registration is complete.



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Pet of the week

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Globe rider participates in first Great Cycle Challenge USA

Joseph Hammer will ride 250 miles and raise \$1,500 during the month of September for Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) in support of its sixth annual Great Cycle Challenge USA.

Founded in 2015, Great Cycle Challenge USA has grown to become one of the biggest cycling events in the country. In just five years, over 230,000 riders from 50 states have ridden 18 million miles, raising more than \$24 million for research and the development of better treatments and cures for childhood cancer. This year, CCRF hopes more than 80,000 riders will help it raise \$10 million.

"Over 15,000 American children are diagnosed with cancer every year and, sadly, 38 children die every week," said John Hallberg, Chief Executive Officer at Children's Cancer Research Fund. "Thanks to riders like Joseph, we're fueling ground breaking research to save lives and give kids the brighter future they deserve."

"This is the first time I have participated in Great Cycle Challenge," said Joseph Hammer.

In August Joseph raised over \$1,300 and with fundraising continuing until the end of September he plans to exceed his \$1,500 goal very soon.

Funds go to support research at leading pediatric cancer centers across America.

To learn more about Joseph's Great Cycle Challenge USA and to make a donation, please visit greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/JosephHammer. To participate in Great Cycle Challenge USA, visit GreatCycleChallenge.com.

Courtesy photo

Joseph Hammer is raising money for the Great Cycle Challenge. Monies raised go toward funding for Children's Cancer Research.



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"We had buyers who represented a group, one registered as 'A Group of Teachers' with no freezer space nor the means to buy a full animal, but together their group was able to purchase one pig, which they will divide, so they can all taste how truly amazing this fresh pork is -- while supporting local kids in this program. We watched them as they got excited with anticipation during the bidding process - they were so nervous that they would get outbid -- it was great to have them join in on the fun. Taking a risk on running our auction Virtually made this happen, in the past our teachers have not traveled to Flagstaff together to do such a thing.

"We noticed Alumni buyers from Page, who participated for the first time in years. They used to buy in the past, to support 4-H, years ago. Being able to watch and bid virtually, getting involved again, it was so rewarding to see them successfully purchase animals and join us.

The kids all seemed pleased with the final prices, they could log in and check out how they were doing - which made it suspenseful. It also gave them time to make some phone calls and talk to their buyers when they had questions about processing etc.

Uncharted Territory,

Surprise Success

Joshua Farella, with University of Arizona's Coconino County Cooperative Extension, oversees 4-H programs up north, and echoed the auction board's surprise and pleasure with success of the auction.

"Naturally, there was a lot of concern - a virtual auction was uncharted territory for us, and we have passionate parents who want the best for their 4-H'rs. Thanks to a lot of hard work by our youth and adult volunteers with the Northern Arizona Junior Livestock Association, our virtual auction had 118 lots and

brought in \$203,000, which is just about perfectly on par with our per capita numbers from last year. NAJLA did a great job bringing in buyers, and working with the virtual platform to make everything go smoothly. We also noticed that our buyers stuck around longer than our traditional in-person auctions - they really wanted to make sure that all of the youth got taken care of. The virtual event also proved to be more fun than we expected - ours went for three days, so it gave folks plenty of time to participate, and we heard of quite a few auction party get-togethers, even one group who hosted a bidders party on Lake Powell!

As of this week, buyers may register at bid.virtuallivestockshow.com.

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Community News

Local officials receive recognition for service to communities by League of Arizona Cities and Towns



Local elected officials were recognized by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns for their years of service to their communities.

Award recipients were recognized during the League Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Due to COVID-19, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns cancelled its in-person 2020 conference but is holding some of its most popular recurring sessions to help members stay in the loop virtually through the AZ League Conference Week. The League recognizes service award recipients each year at its annual conference and awards are bestowed upon mayors and councilmembers who have served their communities for eight, 12, 16, 20, and 28 years of service.

Among the elected officials were Miami Mayor Sammy Gonzales for eight years of service; Miami Councilmember Michael Black for 12 years of service; Former Miami Mayor Darryl Dalley for 12 years of service; and Globe Councilmember Fernando Shipley for 12 years of service; Star Valley Mayor Gary Coon for 12 years of service; Kearny Councilmember Sheila Stephenson for 16 years for service; Kearny Mayor Debra Sommers for 20 years of service.

About the League: The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of incorporated cities and towns in the State of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination.

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San Carlos: Stop by Nolines Monday and Please Do Your Census!

September is the final month of the 2020 Census -- and San Carlos Apache Tribe leaders say they urgently need more San Carlos Apaches to be counted!

The census determines how much federal money San Carlos receives over the next 10 years for roads, social services, schools -- support for the San Carlos Healthcare hospital, Apache elders and preschoolers.

And get this: only 12 percent of San Carlos Apaches have been counted as of last week.

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María Engracia López

María Engracia López was born, in her parents home in Grover Canyon, Claypool, Ariz. in October 1936. She was the middle of seven children born to Ventura and María Granillo López. María spoke only Spanish, and quickly learned, after starting elementary school at George Washington School, that she would be spanked for not speaking English, a language she did not yet know. She learned of school segregation, where Mexican children were kept separate from non-Mexican children during recess. Consequently, María chose not to speak at all during school classes and would later decide she would never teach her children to speak Spanish.

María grew up at the end of the Great Depression and during World War II, where, as a child, she collected tin foil from chewing gum wrappers, went all summer without wearing shoes, learned how to make lye soap, had fresh milk and churned butter from the family owned cow, never went to the doctor, even when ill, because “doctors are for the dying only,” and played every day with her beloved siblings Teodoro “Ted” Concepción “Connie” Rudolfo “Fito” Joseph “Joe”, Jovita “Jaye,” and Ventura “Ben.” On Memorial Day in 1948, at age 11, María was featured in a local newspaper story, playing softball with the Grover Canyon Ladies, who were all teenage girls, except for María. The story read

in part, **“The spectators saw little eleven year old Mary Lopez make the top hit of the game when she slugged the ball to make a home run and wait for someone to go get the ball.”** The opposing team had sorely underestimated the little girl, my mother, who was a natural-born athlete.

María attended Miami High School and graduated as Salutatorian and Senior girl with the highest grade point average. María was the only Hispanic in the Graduating Class to give a Commencement speech. The story goes that the school principal called María into the office and informed her it wasn’t necessary for her to give a speech at the graduation ceremony. An alternative would be chosen in her stead. Although my mother was a quiet, shy person, she discerned what was being suggested, and informed the principal that she would indeed give a speech for the ceremony. And at the May 26, 1955 MHS Commencement Ceremony, María Lopez gave the address, “Culture: Unlimited,” and she did so, she told me, by swallowing her anxiety and taking her glasses off so as not to be able to see the faces of the audience clearly. She was proud of her courage and tenacity, knowing that principal had sorely underestimated her.

Besides being an accomplished student at MHS, María was also a member of the Girl’s Athletic Association and Intramural

(4 years), was Senior Class Treasurer, was a member of the school newspaper and year book staff, was an Honor Club member, was in the Chorus and Vespers, was a Traffic Patrol member, was a member of the school Rotary, Homemaking, and Pep Clubs, was on the school Volleyball team (4 years), participated in the school Open House, Freshman-Sophomore Brawl, Senior Day, and the May Festival. María also was inducted into the Quill and Scroll Honor Society and the Zonta Girl of the Month Club, a woman’s organization.

During her senior year at MHS, María worked, after school, at the Miami Library under the supervision of Ms. Sheves, Librarian. My mother was a diligent, precise and task-oriented worker and Ms. Sheves asked her what her plans were after graduation; inquiring if perhaps she would like to become a nurse. Never a contrarian, my mother responded, yes, she thought she would like to become a nurse. And so, never suspecting my mother’s intolerance at the sight of blood or other bodily fluids, or her propensity to heave while changing a baby’s diaper, Ms. Sheves secured a scholarship application to St. Joseph’s Hospital Nursing School and my mother dutifully completed and submitted it and was accepted into the program. My queasy mother attended three years of nursing school, working any available job within



the St. Joseph’s Hospital, on weekends, holidays and breaks, in order to pay her way. She was once asked by a doctor, while observing/assisting in surgery as a student, if she wouldn’t mind taking a specimen to the lab. She agreed and was horrified to learn the specimen was the amputated leg of an adult male. It weighed almost as much as she did, given her petite stature, but she was able to accomplish the task with stomach intact. María went on to graduate from St. Joseph’s Nursing School. Great thanks to Ms. Sheves for her wisdom, insight and investment in my mother, whom she did not underestimate.

In 1958, María became a Registered Nurse, a wife, and a mother. She would have three children: Cecilia, Patricia and Joe Paul, who all grew up, attended and graduated from Miami Schools and went on to obtain college degrees. In her time, María served as a Registered Nurse at Gila General Hospital, at Miami Inspiration Hospital, and at the Clinic in Claypool. Among a number of areas of nursing, María was an Industrial Nurse for Pinto

Valley Mining, a Supervising Nurse, an Operating Room Nurse, an Obstetrical Nurse, an Emergency Room Nurse, and a Gila County Health Department Nurse. In this final capacity, María was instrumental in significantly increasing the volume of childhood vaccinations of Gila County children.

María spent her retirement years crocheting, knitting, making quilts, visiting family, and listening to songs by Elvis or to old Mexican ballads. She enjoyed her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook, making delicious home-made Mexican food. We loved gathering to help her make tamales and menudo (well, maybe not so much the menudo). My mother’s kitchen often held the mouth watering aroma of fresh cooking tortillas, and how many buttered tortillas we ate along the way. My mom lovingly shared her cooking delights not only with her family but also with her neighbors, and those who would help with her house or yard tasks, but who would not accept payment. They did receive payment ... in fresh, home-made tortillas! She also made wondrous breads, cakes, pies and candies. I was often told that my mother’s fudge was the best in the world.

In overcoming the many hurdles and barriers presented to her, María López was a woman of substance. She loved her family, her

faith, her community, and derived great satisfaction in her nursing career. She loved to laugh and gather with her siblings, re-telling the stories of their childhood and the mischief they could get into being so many, including cousins and Grover Canyon friends. María was a well-known, home-town treasure and took pride in her Mexican roots, history and accomplishments as well as the accomplishments of her children.

María was a life-long Catholic and prayed the Rosary every day. She became ill with Alzheimer’s Disease and eventually went to live in an assisted living home in east Mesa, in 2017. She passed away in August 2020 due to complications from the COVID-19 virus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ventura and María López, her brothers Ted and Fito. She leaves behind her three children, her five grandchildren, Stephanie, Erica, Yvette, Jeremiah, and Rio; her 11 great grandchildren, Aubre, Jacob, Ezekiel, Christopher, Julius, Elijah, Eleandra, Jazalynn, Jayace, Kadin and Zoley; one great-great grandchild, Christopher, Jr.; her siblings, Connie, Joe, Jaye, Ben and Al; and many, many loved family members.

Services will be planned at a future date.

Hasta que nos encontremos de nuevo. Te amamos querida madre.

Obituaries

Joann Marie Thompson



Apache Traditional believer, Joann also had five ceremonial god-daughters; Amy Kenton of Peridot, Melody Nosie of San Carlos, Gabrielle Jackson of Camp Verde, Shaylene Henry of Peridot, and Jasmine Jackson of Gilson Wash and numerous Catholic Godchildren. Joann was a grandmother to 12 and also had six great grandchildren.

Joann was an avid believer in prayer and faith. She was constant in calling upon the Lord for her family and others. When speaking with her, she was quick to find an opportunity for life lessons, Godly advice, and teaching and sharing different experiences with you as well as telling you that she would be praying for you. As a teacher, mother and counselor, she was stern and disciplined. She often challenged her clients, students, children and younger family members to set goals and achieve rewards and prizes she created or attained for them. Joann loved the fall season and colors and was

happiest next to a warm fireplace to read her books of choice or enjoy the questions and rapport with her family. With a large family and grandchildren, it was never uncommon for Joann to have little holiday goodies for the grandkids and children and have the house decorated for every season and holiday. Birthdays were always celebrated with singing, cake and ice cream on that day at her house and she would always have little games, trivia, or contests for the holidays. In passing when you spoke with her, she was sure to mention her family and always had great little stories about them to share.

Always being a spokes-

person and an advocate for others who were in need, Joann Thompson served for years on the San Carlos Unified School District School Board and was always directing others towards solutions for their problems and needs. To share her fun spirit, she even found an opportunity to make others smile and have fun. Even while in the healthcare facility recently, she asked her children to bring mardi gras beads and fun favorites for everyone to their weekly Bingo at The Heritage Healthcare Facility in Globe, Ariz., that she called her "Summer Camp." Making a difference in the lives of those she met, Joann was an inspiration of prayer and testimonial to God's Miracles.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel Andrew Stevens and Priscilla (Enos) Stevens, her sister, Diane Stevens, her brother, Daniel Stevens, her brother, James Stevens and her brother Dan (Danny) Stevens, her daughter Paula E. Thomp-

son, and her grandson Esaiyah J. Covington. Joann is survived by her husband Paul Thompson Jr., her children; Tia M.T. Early, Tianna R. Thompson, Dan Paul Thompson, Kateri J. Thompson, Paul Thompson III, Levi G.J. Thompson and Anna K. Thompson. She also leaves behind siblings Albert Stevens, Karen Topel, and William Stevens.

On behalf of the Thompson and Stevens Family, we are grateful to everyone for their prayers, donations, words of encouragement and acknowledgement during our time of loss. We have been blessed with your help and are deeply thankful for you all.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Lamont Mortuary Chapel in Globe, Ariz. A Private Family Rosary and Mass to be held following the Visitation at Lamont Mortuary Chapel in Globe, Ariz.

Center Director, and even working in Globe with the Consejo Counseling Facility. Joann also was a Head-start Teacher, and taught for 18 years at the St. Charles Catholic School and additionally served many years with the San Carlos Unified School District School Board. Always putting others first, Joann constantly gave where it was needed, she would often think of creative ways to help the community and her students as it never failed for her to put her children to work on a community project. She always wanted to give more than expected and was the type of person who was always giving and sincere.

Married on Sept. 1, 1972, Joann married her high-school sweetheart, Paul Thompson, Jr. (who was also G.H.S. Homecoming King and she was Queen). They had eight children; Tia, Tianna, Dan Paul, Kateri, Paul III, Levi, Anna, and the late Paula E. Thompson of whom she is with in Heaven. A Catholic woman of faith and an

Larry Neil Henderson



derson of Claypool and a multiple of grand and great grandchildren.

As per his final wished no services will be held.

he family will hold a private service at a later date. He was loved and will be severely missed.

McGowen of Nevada, son Michael (Melissa) Hen-

Deadlines for Obituaries

Obituary deadlines are on Mondays 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.

Joann Marie Thompson (May 6, 1954 to Sept. 10, 2020)

Joann Marie Thompson entered into Heaven on Sept. 10, 2020 at Mt. Vista Medical Center in Mesa, Ariz. Joann was born on May 6, 1954 to Daniel Andrew and Priscilla (Enos) Stevens. She was born and raised on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Like everyone else, she attended school at San Carlos Day School, and then Globe High School where she graduated. Joann later attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz. and when she returned home she completed her studies with Prescott College and Eastern Arizona College and received her teaching degree in Elementary Education. Joann has worked in many agencies in San Carlos, working with CPS, with the San Carlos Health Department as a Health Educator, as an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor, AIDS Counselor, a Save the Children Coordinator, Youth Wellness

Larry Neil Henderson, 77

It is with great sadness that the family of Larry Henderson share his passing on Sept. 5, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Georgia. He is survived by his brother Bob (Jean) Henderson of Riverside, daughters Cathy (Dennis) Hogle of Wisconsin, Dee (Steve)

Obituaries/Community

Lupita Rivera



Lupita Rivera, 84, of Globe, Ariz., become our angel on Sunday July 19, 2020.

Our beloved Mother, Nana, Sister, Tia and friend to the many lives she touched over the years.

Lupe is preceded in death by the love of her life, her beloved husband Manuel, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage. Her father and mother, Miguel and Consuelo Rivera, brother Miguel ‘Mike’ proceed her to heaven.

Lupe is survived by her children, daughter Teresa and Don Wilson, granddaughter Joy and Kenny Wilson-Glass, Sons; Manuel ‘Manny’ and Jennifer Rivera and granddaughter Hope Rivera; Roberto ‘Bobby’

and Patty Rivera, grandsons Tommy Rivera and Warren Rivera; Michael and Paula Rivera, granddaughters Maggie and Chris Thayer, and great grandchild Stella Thayer; Nina Rivera, Grandsons, Michael ‘Mikey’ Rivera, Ryan and Kristin Rivera, Noah Rivera. Surviving sisters Lucy Kin, Marta and Ben Barela and brother George V. Rivera.

Lupe born in Lochiel, Ariz. and lived on the San Rafael ranch where her dad was the foreman, the family moved to Patagonia around 1948. She graduated from Patagonia High School and married her sweetheart Manuel.

Lupe was a devoted wife and mother to her family. She was the household manager for her children, the chauffer

for all the activities from school club events; to Basketball, Baseball and Football practices and games, Summer Little League and Babe Ruth baseball day and night. Always helped with the concession stands and preparing food for the summer baseball leagues.

Mom always helped with Church events at St. Ambrose in Tucson or Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Miami, Ariz. Mom was known

for her handmade/ homemade flour tortillas, Chimichanga’s, Albondigas and tacos. She loved doting on her children and watching them grow and mature into young adults, she missed them so much when they all went away to college, as they missed her when they left home.

Mom loved Dad so much, as it was easy to see the love she had for dad, through it all and during her 63 years of marriage, she adored her high school sweetheart, Manuel. They prayed together nightly by holding hands and leaning their heads together. Mom is home now with Dad.

We miss you Mom and Dad dearly, as your children we know how

blessed and fortunate we have been to have you both caring and loving us through our childhood and as adults. You both are our examples of ‘loving and giving’ parents/ marriage partners - by your dedication and love to each other and that same love your shared with us, our children and families.

We love you and miss you ‘Mom’ - Teresa, Manny, Roberto and Michael

Funeral Mass was held at St. Therese of Lisieux in Patagonia, Ariz. on Aug. 1.

Interment at the Patagonia Cemetery, Aug. 1.

Arrangements by Martinez Funeral Chapels, 891 W Mariposa Rd., Nogales, Ariz. 520-281-4489.

Gila County Supervisors Virtual Forum Sept. 23

Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce continues a series of virtual candidate forums Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. with an opportunity to meet local candidates running for Gila County Supervisor for District 2 (Globe, Miami, Roosevelt, Tonto Basin and Gisela) and District 3, which extends from Hayden-Winkelman through the San Carlos Apache Reservation and up to Young. These online forums broadcast live on youtube allow each candidate to share their positions on topics and issues our community. They’re also a chance for ‘Q-and-A’, submit written questions ahead of time via the website forms.gle/hXBuSGZgNrMq1XV66 (editor’s note: find an easy and convenient hotlink at facebook.com/globemiamichamber). Submit questions before the deadline Sept. 21 at 5 p.m.

“We may not be able to ask every question that we receive, but we will work our best to cover all the topics that are important to the people of Gila County,” said Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Tianna Holder. “Elections are around the corner! Get to know the candidates and learn where they stand on issues that are important to you.” Another forum Sept. 30 will spotlight candidates for Gila County Treasurer and also Sheriff. Prior forums earlier this summer are archived and viewable; search youtube using keywords ‘Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce Channel’ to see July’s introduction of those vying for Gila County Sheriff, and the August session for Globe City Council. Subscribe to the chamber’s channel or bookmark as a favorite to be ready to tune-in the Sept. 23 forum for Gila County Supervisor, or connect and find links at facebook.com/globemiamichamber.

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Obituary deadlines are on Mondays 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.

Community

Cline runs for re-election

My name is Woody Cline and I am running for re-election for Gila County Supervisor, District III. I am a cattle rancher and a small business owner so I know firsthand how tough this year has been on our constituents and local businesses. I spent 19 years working for the United States Forest Service in fire and land management. This experience has helped me to be able to work with the issues we face during these catastrophic fires as well as the after effects.

We have worked well together as a board, but I have had some projects that I tackled that have affected not only District III, but all of Gila County as well.

When I ran for office in 2016, one of the interests declared in my campaign was youth work programs to help build our workforce. In 2018, I pledged \$50,000 from my budget to fund the workers that were placed in the cities and towns in Gila County. I have worked with the Tonto National Forest staff to implement a Youth Conservation Corp crew in Gila County and that was funded this summer with a crew working in the Payson and Tonto Basin areas. We are currently working on a grant application for next year, with crews proposed in Payson and Globe.



Woody Cline

The first year I was in office, the old Hayden Motel was brought to my attention by the Mayor of Hayden. After looking into it, there were a lot of issues with the building. There were delinquent property taxes and the lien was in the State of Arizona's name, there was suspected lead and asbestos in the building materials, and it was literally falling down due to a micro-burst that occurred in 2010. Working with the Governor's Office, the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality we obtained title to the property and just recently the last of the old building was torn down and the lot will become a large pull out area for travelers.

Another issue when I first came into office, was that I noticed the senior centers were requesting funds to help their budgets.

I found out that funding over the years had gradually been cut to the point where they were really struggling to make ends meet. We developed a formula based on the number of seniors that received home delivered meals and case management services and after discussion with county management we now include the senior centers as a line item in our budget.

I have gotten a lot done, but I have more to do. A project that I have spent a great deal of time on is obtaining the ownership of the Tonto National Forest Pleasant Valley Administrative Site in Young, Ariz. Gila County would become the owner of 85 acres of beautiful forest service land along with a number of buildings. Our plan is to work with a non-profit to provide veteran's services that would include a retreat facility.

I also want to establish a semi-annual meeting to come together with our cities and towns to enable all of us to discuss current projects and economic development efforts.

Again, I am running for Re-Election for Gila County Board of Supervisors District III. I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 3. A vote for Woody Cline is a vote for Gila County.

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- Fiscal Conservative
- Supports Renewable Resources
- 19 Years with Forest Service in Fire and Range Management
- Promoter of Youth Programs
- Community Activist
- Veterans Advocate
- Third Generation Gila County Resident

I am seeking re-election to the office of Gila County Supervisor District 3 and I am asking for your vote. I assure you that I will continue to work for the citizens of Gila County as I have done for the past four years I have been in office.

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Community

Fire closures may affect portions of some hunting units

As a result of an unusually active wild-fire season in central Arizona, current public health and safety closures, as well as Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are still in effect across

the Tonto National Forest. These restrictions and closures may affect some hunting units located within the Tonto National Forest. Post fire closure orders are in effect to protect hu-

man life and safety following wildfires. Significant flooding and debris flows are possible in recent burn areas as a result of vegetation loss in steep and erosive soils. The purpose of these post fire closure orders is to protect public health and safety during the time that the area is at increased risk of post-fire flood events that could cause significant injury or death. Dry washes and valley drainages should be avoided during heavy rain. Flash floods can occur within minutes after the onset of a rainstorm. Even areas that are not traditionally flood-prone are at risk after a wildfire, due to changes to the landscape caused by fire. Fires result in loss of vegetation, exposure of soil to erosion, and increased water runoff that may lead to flooding, increased sediment, debris flows, and damage to critical natural and cultural resources.

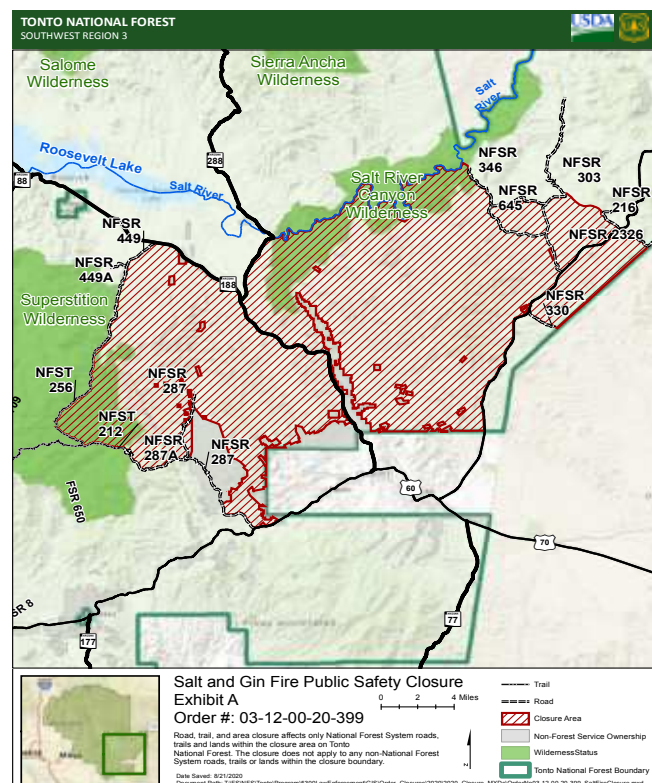
The following fire areas have active closure orders:

Bush Fire: (Order Number: 03-12-00-20-396) – Hunting Unit 22 Hidden Fire: (Order Number: 03-12-00-20-402) – Hunting Unit 23S

Salt Fire: (Order Number: 03-12-00-20-399) – Hunting Unit 24A/24B

Superstition Fire: (Order Number: 03-12-03-20-400) – Hunting Unit 24B

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are still in effect across all the Tonto National Forest due to the potential for new wildfire starts due to lack of monsoon moisture levels and available fire fuels. These restrictions include: 1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire other than in a developed campsite or picnic area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a). 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. 36 C.F.R.



§ 261.52(d). 3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m). Persons engaged in legal hunting activity are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.

Special Restrictions for Off-Road Motor Vehicle Use (Order Number 03-12-00-20-384) are also in effect, which may affect big game retrieval. The purpose of this order is: 1. The protection of National Forest visitors and employees from increased fire danger due to vehicles operating off-road. 2. The protection of resources from damage due to vehicles operating off-road.

For information on Forest Service Fire Closure areas and Fire Restrictions, contact your local ranger station:

For more information on Arizona hunting units and regulations, visit the Arizona Game and Fish website at: <https://www.azgfd.com/>. To view current closure orders with maps, and other important information, visit the Alerts and Notices section of the Tonto National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices>. Everyone needs to be familiar with Arizona's Ready, Set, Go! Program. Find more information at <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>.



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Community

Annual California Condor release on Sept. 26 will be virtual this year

Covid guidelines on crowds and social distancing preclude public from watching in-person at viewing site; release can be viewed virtually on Peregrine Fund's YouTube channel

VERMILION CLIFFS, Ariz. — Every year thousands of people gather at Vermilion Cliffs National Monument to watch one of conservation's biggest spectacles — the release of captive-bred California Condors to the wild.

The Peregrine Fund will release up to four California Condors atop the spectacular ledges of the cliffs in northern Arizona at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. This year, with Covid-19 affecting our ability to gather in large groups, we will not be able to hold an in-person public release at the Vermilion Cliffs, but the celebration will go on. Since the public is unable to watch from the annual viewing site, we are excited to offer the opportunity to observe the release virtually on The Peregrine Fund's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PeregrineFund>.

This day is a celebration of the dedication and tenacity that hundreds of people have put into bringing the

iconic California Condor back from the brink of extinction. In the 1980s, there were only 22 individual birds left on the planet, yet today they stand at nearly 500.

Watch as young condors unfold their wings and take to the skies of northern Arizona for the first time in their lives. Because the biologists are unable to schedule exactly when the birds will choose to leave their release pen, the event will have a picture-in-picture setup with a camera trained on the release pen, and will include videos and interviews with the condor biologists and conservationists who work with these massive birds. Viewers will also be able to chat with and ask questions of the condor biologists who are on the cliff, behind a blind, waiting for the birds to take off.

Tim Hauck, lead condor biologist for The Peregrine Fund, says, "While we were disappointed that we can't hold the live, in-

person event this year, we are excited about the opportunity for a more global reach with the virtual event. People who normally can't make the trip will get a chance to experience it with us."

The release coincides with National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands. National Public Lands Day involves the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies, along with state and local governments and private groups.

This will be the 25th annual public release of condors in Arizona since the southwest condor recovery program began in 1996. The young condors hatched at The Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise, Idaho and several partner organizations, including the Oregon Zoo, Los Angeles Zoo, and San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and were transported to Vermilion Cliffs National

Monument for release to the wild.

The historical California Condor population declined to just 22 individuals in the 1980s when the greater California Condor Recovery Program was initiated to save the species from extinction. As of August 2020, there were 102 condors in the wild in the rugged canyon country of northern Arizona and southern Utah. The total world population of endangered California Condors numbers more than 500 individuals, with more than half flying the skies of Arizona, Utah, California, and Mexico.

The Arizona-Utah recovery effort is a coopera-



tive program by federal, state, and private partners, including: The Peregrine Fund, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Bureau of Land Management's Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Canyon and Zion national parks, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Kaibab and Dixie national

forests, among many other supporting groups and individuals.

For more information about the California Condor recovery project or general condor information, visit <https://peregrinefund.org/projects/california-condor> or the AZGFD website.

Applications now being accepted for 2021 spring hunts

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is accepting applications for permit-tags issued through the draw process for 2021 spring turkey, javelina, bison and bear hunts, and raptor capture.

To apply, visit www.azgfd.gov and click on "Apply for a Draw." For an overview of the application service, including license requirements, applying for bonus points and payment information, see Page 8 of the "2021 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison, Bear and Rapture Capture Hunt Draw Information" booklet.

The booklet is posted online at www.azgfd.gov/hunting/draw. Printed booklets soon will be available at license dealers statewide.

The deadline for the department to receive all applications is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. Applicants must possess a valid Arizona hunting license to apply

for a hunt permit-tag. That license must be valid on the last day of the application period (Oct. 13).

A tip: Know your Department ID. This is a must to submit an application. There are three ways to locate a Department ID: Log into your AZGFD portal account, and click on "View Details" under "My AZGFD Dashboard;" check your hunting or combination hunt and fish license if it was purchased online; or call AZGFD at (602) 942-3000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All applicants are encouraged to purchase PointGuard, which allows hunters to surrender their hunt permit-tag(s) for any reason without losing their bonus points. Information: www.azgfd.gov/pointguard.

Community

Contractors’ Meeting & Lunch Sept. 30 with County Staff

Globe-Miami and Southern Gila County area contractors are invited to meet Gila County’s Chief Building Official, Randy Pluimer Sept. 30 at an informal Wednesday lunch hour forum starting at 11 a.m. at the Gila County Public Works building, near Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center. Learn about zoning -- ask questions -- and hear how plan reviews have been streamlined for efficiency, sharply reducing turn-a-round times for applicants.

Other likely topics include:

- measuring height and stories
- zoning variances
- changes in the field
- new codes

Organizers request a phone call or email RSVP, to have a head count beforehand and arrange lunch for participants. A light lunch will be served following an agenda that begins at 11 a.m. with introduction by Mr. Pluimer.



Read more about building safety, floodplains, planning and zoning, wastewater -- and even ‘the code of the West’ at gilacountyaz.gov. To RSVP or ask about the meeting, call Randy Pluimer at 928-474-9276, or email rpluimer@gilacountyaz.gov.

Stay Fit, Stay Young: Pleasant Valley Family 5K Nov. 7

What a great way to get some exercise and ‘stay Young’: signup for a family-centered 5K that will explore forested areas and rolling Pleasant Valley hills surrounding the beautiful town of Young, Ariz. on a lovely November Saturday.

All ages are welcome; registration is \$20 for ages five and younger, \$40 for age six and older. Registration includes an event T-shirt, drink coupon, live music by Ken Voita (country and blues guitar) during the event after-party -- and with food available for purchase -- bring extra cash for hamburgers and fries, personal pizzas and hot dogs.

Print and fill out the attached registration form before the deadline; find those posted facebook.com/PleasantValleyCommunityCenter, or request one sent to you by email with a friendly note to pleasantvalleycommunitycenter@yahoo.com.

Attention All Artists

On Oct. 3 from 6 until 8 p.m. there will be a celebration of the opening of Turn the Page Vintage Wear and Re-Opening of the Knotty Fox. They are looking for donations for the silent auction that will take place on the front steps of the Center for the Arts to help raise money. Please join them in welcoming the newest tenants to the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts. All mandated guidelines will be followed. For more information contact the Center at 928-425-0884.

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Community

AZ Ghost Adventures presents Globe Train Station Early Ghost Tour and Sleeping with Spirits

Old Globe Train Station Ghost Tour Saturday, Sept. 26. Check-in is from 6:45 to 7 p.m. at 230 S. Broad Street in Globe. Event ends around 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 a person, cash, due at check-in. Please bring exact change, it helps speed up check-in.

We will investigate the haunted and historic old train station in Globe, which has had several documented deaths within, including a train ticket salesman who committed suicide by drinking poison while at work. For more information or to make reservations visit their website at <https://www.azghostadventures.com/>

Sleeping with Spirits will be Overnight at the Old Globe Train Station Ghost Tour is set for Saturday, Sept. 26 with a check-in at 9:30 p.m. at 230 S. Broad Street in Globe. Event ends around 6 a.m. Sunday morning. Please do not arrive before 9:15 p.m. as we will be wrapping up our early tour and you won't have anywhere to park. Cost is \$75 per person, cash, due at

check-in. Please bring exact change. Please let us know if you prefer to pay with a credit card (which must be done before the event) and we will email you an invoice via Paypal.

Remember to bring a sleeping bag and pillow and any non-alcoholic drinks or snacks. For more information visit <https://www.azghostadventures.com/>

Reservations Are Required. Our tours meet at different locations which are listed on the RSVP page, per tour. Prices vary per tour. There are no refunds for pre-paid events. All sales are final. Please be prepared to check-in with your liability waiver signed and your payment ready. We will have extra liability waivers on hand if you aren't able to print one out.

If you have any "ghost hunting" equipment, feel free to bring it with you. If not, we will share ours with



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Kingdom


By DR. DAN MORTON
Contributor

My paternal grandmother was from Scotland and although I never knew her, she certainly had an influence on the family and indirectly on me. I purchased a history of Scotland and began reading through it only to discover how bloody they were. The solution to a problem seemed to be to slay the opposition. I quit reading and gave it to a friend who was from Scotland.

Many of us repeat the “Lord’s Prayer” in church and sometimes at home, and ask “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” A great thought, for God’s


kingdom is one of joy and peace. That is his desire for each of us and we have but to open ourselves to receive the blessings and comfort, knowing all is well.

Joseph Scriven was a young man looking forward to his upcoming wedding. Shortly before the day, his bride-to-be died unexpectedly. On the day scheduled for the wedding, her funeral was held instead. In the depths of despair and sadness, he wrote one of the great hymns, “What a friend we have in Jesus.” The concluding words are, “In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.” That is the kingdom of God.



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‘Committed and submitted to the local church’

By PASTOR NICK JONES
Maranatha Baptist Church

Modern Christianity has found itself in a world of people who avoid commitment at all costs. Unfortunately, this feeling has infiltrated the local church. In order to ease these concerns of commitment, many churches have garnered an “open door” policy which allows people to come and go freely. The assumption is that the local church is simply a Sunday morning event in which spectators come to “enjoy the show.”

However, if one takes seriously the biblical pattern of the local church and the historical precedents, the imperative of church membership must be heeded. Membership is not simply signing your name on a dotted line; rather, it should be treated as a meaningful aspect of the local church. John Hammett writes, “When membership is treated so carelessly and cavalierly by the churches themselves, why should attenders think it matters much at all whether they become members or not?”

More specifically, church membership must include only those who have been born again by the Spirit of God. David L. Smith explains, “No one who has not been born again by receiving Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord can become a part of the true church.”

This important practice of regenerate church membership (a membership made up of only born-again believers) is vital if the church is going to fulfill the tasks given throughout the New Testament writings.

I believe the biblical principle of church discipline is a prime example which demonstrates the necessity of regenerate church membership. It is the aim of this article to show that the local church must have ordered and purposeful membership which includes meaningful church discipline.

Christians should desire regenerate church membership because it is the teaching of Scripture. Yet many have stumbled over this issue because the phrase “church membership” is not explicitly found in the Bible. Is church membership truly a biblical concept? The importance of this question cannot be underestimated. If church membership is biblical, then to disobey its call is, fundamentally, to disobey God. However, if church membership is not biblical, then many people have been deceived.

Although not explicitly taught, church membership is the assumption of the New Testament writers. The Apostle John writes, “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers” (1 John 3:14). To



which brothers should one show love in order to know the truth of his own salvation? Our brothers in the church. Similarly, the book of Hebrews states, “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account” (Hebrew 13:17). To which leaders does one submit? It is understood that this refers to the leaders of the local church.

One of the strongest cases for church membership is the appeal to church discipline. When Jesus is teaching about a brother being sinned against, He describes a progression that must be followed in order to resolve the issue. Matthew 18 states that first the offended party is to speak with the person alone and if there is no resolution, the offended party must bring along others as witnesses. Jesus ends the teaching by stating, “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he re-

fuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector” (Matthew 18:17). The assumption is the church has the authority to expel the person if they do not repent and seek reconciliation. Therefore, church discipline assumes church membership.

Church discipline is a natural outworking of regenerate church membership. Thomas White explains, “Churches cannot maintain meaningful church membership without practicing biblical church discipline, and churches cannot regain biblical church discipline without establishing meaningful church membership.” Affirming regenerate church membership is vital for practicing church discipline.

Church discipline is an aspect of the local church that has been greatly misunderstood and misused. Jonathan Leeman offers this definition: “Church discipline is one part of

the discipleship process, the part where we correct sin and point the disciple toward the better path.” At the onset, the purpose of church discipline must be understood as the restoring and reconciling of a believer who has strayed from the faith. Wayne Grudem writes, “The church in its discipline is acting in love to bring back a brother or sister who has gone astray, reestablishing that person in right fellowship and rescuing him or her from destructive patterns of life.” Church discipline, then, is pointing out sinful life patterns and helping a person correct them, in the same way a parent would correct their own child.

However, if an individual refuses to be corrected or to stop indulging in sinful habits, church discipline moves to a level commonly called excommunication. According to Leeman, this involves “removing an individual from membership and participation in the Lord’s Table.” Yet even at this phase of discipline, the church is lovingly calling the individual to repentance and faith in Christ. Leeman explains: “The church is not telling the individual to stop attending its public gatherings. The church wants the person to come and hear God’s Word preached. Rather, the church is saying that it can no longer affirm the person’s profession of faith,

and so it refuses to give the Lord’s Supper. It’s excommunicating, or ex-communication-ing, the person.”

Church discipline is a way to shake believers who have fallen back into old sinful patterns. However, it is also a way to reveal to false converts the reality of their standing with God. So while Paul will quote, “Purge the evil person from among you,” (1 Corinthians 5:13) he also has concern for the man’s soul. Paul instructs the church to expel him “so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 5:5). However harsh church discipline may seem, it is always intended to keep the church pure, warn sinners, and above all, show love and devotion to Jesus Christ. Leeman writes, “The underlying purpose in every act of discipline, of course, must be love: love for the individual, love for the church, love for the watching world, love for Christ.”

In order to be a healthy and true church, the inter-related practices of church discipline and regenerate church membership must be intentional believed and carried out by local churches according to the Word of God.

Simply stated, if we are going to be committed and submitted to Christ, we must be committed and submitted to the local church.

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Sonoran Desert Native Bees is a non-profit citizen science group that was formed to study the more than one thousand species of native bees in the Sonoran Desert. Native bees are solitary and do not form large colonies, although some species do congregate socially. These highly efficient and peaceful pollinators do not swarm and will not generally attack humans. This webinar will be lead by Maddie Ostwald. Maddie is a PhD candidate in Animal Behavior at Arizona State University. She has studied honey bees, stingless bees, sweat bees, and more in the Southwest, the Northeast, and in Central America. Her current research focuses on native Arizona carpenter bees, with a particular interest in their unique and flexible social behavior.

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Local photographers are invited to enter the virtual photo exhibition, affiliated with the fair - and also online this month. Photo entries are due Sept. 16, with dozens of different categories for adult photographers and youths; for color images, digital, or black-and-white -- and with so many different divisions of subject matter.

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Kevin McCully, City of Payson Fuels Manager at the Payson Fire Department, is the featured guest speaker Thursday, Sept. 17 for this week's online webinar hosted by University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Gila County.

These Zoom webinars last about an hour, featuring a variety of horticultural and natural resource topics relevant to the environmental conditions and residential concerns of Gila County. Devastating forest fires this year brought action on Payson's new Fire Adapted Community Plan Town Code, which Kevin McCully will explain Thursday. He is a retired CalFire San Diego County fire captain with over 30 years of firefighting experience. Throughout his career McCully has worked as a fire inspector, deputy fire marshal, engineer, tactical medic supervisor and fire captain. The newly adopted Firewise code addresses the veg-

etation on all properties within town limits, including land owned by the town. The adoption of this code shows how serious Payson takes the dangers of wildfire and how the Town Council and Mayor are committed to address this threat to the Town's safety.

Zoom Link for the webinar is arizona.zoom.us/j/94322658197; webinar facilitator Chris Jones, Extension Agent, University of Arizona Gila County Cooperative Extension, suggests participants login up to 10 minutes prior to the webinar. Convenient links to the zoom address, plus a wide range of other programs, are posted at facebook.com/gilaextension; view videos from prior weeks' presentations and check out topics for September-October at extension.arizona.edu/garden-country-extension-webinar-series and Want to be request to be added to Chris Jones email list for announcements as new topics are added? Call 928-402-8586 or email ckjones@email.arizona.edu

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Community

Nnee Bich’o Nii Apache Transit Services rides again!!

For nearly five and a half months, the Apache Transit fleet sat dormant, void of passengers due to the State of Emergency ordered by the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council. Apache Transit Drivers continued

to perform pre and post trip routine maintenance of all vehicles during the shutdown. Twice a week, they checked the fluids, tires, and took them out on a short trip then returned them to the yard where they sat, looking at the traffic racing past them.

On Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council announced that the Tribe would be moving to Phase II of their mitigation plan. This lowered a few of the restrictions that were set in place to keep tribal members as safe as possible from COVID-19. One of the restrictions lifted was the reopening of the Apache Sky Casino, located in the southern-most part of the San Carlos Apache Reservation, near Dudleyville, Ariz.

The Nnee Bich’o Nii Program partnered with the Apache Gold and Apache Sky Casinos to provide transportation for their em-



Courtesy photo

Nnee Bich’o Nii driver sits behind plexi glass and is wearing PPE.

ployees. This service is offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no cost to the employees. The casino covers the expense to provide reliable transportation for their employees and to ease the burden of the long-distance travel for the Apache Sky employees. The revenue generated from this arrangement is put toward future federal and state grant matches awarded to the Nnee Bich’o Nii Transit Services Program.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Apache Sky Casino opened their doors at noon. Apache Transit Drivers were ready at 6:45 a.m. and waiting for the day when they would be able to provide their services, once again. In accordance with CDC guide-

lines, the entire Apache Transit fleet has been outfitted with plexiglass barriers between the seats and around the driver.

A seating chart has been created to keep passengers 6 feet apart. Masks are required and an automatic hand sanitizer dispenser has been installed in the buses. As Always in pre and post trips the transit drivers sanitize the buses before and after each trip, wiping down all surfaces, handrails, seats, barriers, and windows.

They are doing their part to help stop the spread of the virus.

Lee Randall, General Manager of the Apache Sky Casino stated that they are very appreciative of the

valuable and safe service provided to their employees by Apache Transit. He also stated that several of their employees were concerned that transportation might not be provided but Apache Transit has come through, as always.

Currently, this is the only route that Apache Transit is running. More routes will resume as restrictions are lifted. The Apache Transit Drivers are standing by, patiently waiting, to greet their passengers and safely drive them to their destination in the near future.

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