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Gila County Sheriff candidate forum announced



personnel, jail security, federal agencies, and other hot topics will be fielded by the candidates. The public is invited to arrive early and submit written questions. The forum will be hosted by the Cobre Valley Republican Club, with Phil Stewart serving as the forum Master of Ceremonies. The forum will take place in the Inspiration Room at Bullion Plaza, located at 150 N. Plaza Cir. in Miami.

Early ballots go out on July 1, with official Primary Election Day falling on July 30. Exercise your rights as citizens and get out to meet your candidates and vote in this year's Primary Election!

This is an election year and one of the most important offices in our system of government is up for election. Gila County voters will decide who will serve as the next Sheriff of Gila County. Three candidates have tossed their hat in the ring this year. Incumbent Adam Shepherd will seek a fourth term as Gila County Sheriff as a Republican. Former Payson Mayor Tom Morrissey is challenging as a Republican candidate. Retired Gila County Sheriff Detective Leonard Kerszykowski is a Republican challenger running as a write-in with the name "Lski." There are no Democrat or Independent candidates known to be running

at the time of writing.

The three candidates have been invited to face off on Thursday, June 20, beginning at 6 p.m. Much interest has been given to the County Sheriff's Office over the past few years with a handful of lawsuits making it all the way to ABC 15 News in Phoenix. Issues of adequate patrol

SSWV to dedicate memorial

The Buckey O'Neill Camp #175, Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, are proud to announce the dedication of a new Spanish American War Memorial within the garden of the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum, 150 N. Plaza Circle in Miami. The dedication ceremony will take place at noon on June 15, 2024.

This significant event honors the 125th anniversary of the Spanish American War in 2023, the Spanish American War veterans of Gila County, and the Woman's Relief Corps of Arizona, thus preserving their legacy and educating future generations about their contributions to American history. The memorial, erected and paid for by the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, stands as a testament to their courage and dedica-

tion, ensuring their sacrifices are remembered.

The ceremony will feature remarks from local dignitaries, historians, and representatives from the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans. Special guest speakers will share insights into the historical impact of the Spanish American War and its relevance to the community. The dedication will also include a ceremonial unveiling of the memorial, a first for Gila County.

The Sons of Spanish American War Veterans invite all community members, history enthusiasts, and descendants of Spanish American War veterans to join in this momentous occasion. This dedication is not only a tribute to those who served but also an opportunity to bring together the community in celebration of our shared heritage.

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Summer preparedness: APS crews ready to respond, tips for customers

PHOENIX – As Arizonans experience the first heat wave of 2024, meteorologists are predicting a normal to below normal monsoon season with increased wildfire risk this summer. No matter what Mother Nature brings, crews are ready to respond, and APS has adequate power supply to reliably serve customers.

“APS crews prepare for summer year-round, performing maintenance and upgrades to keep the electrical system running strong. Being ready takes a team of employees utilizing bucket trucks and helicopters, deploying technology like drones and robots, analyzing data and engineering solutions. And when outages occur crews are ready to respond in often challenging conditions,” said Mackenzie

Rodgers, APS senior director of operations and maintenance. “Just as we focus on safety with our employees, we encourage everyone to be safe this summer, whether that’s preparing in advance for summer emergencies, staying hydrated or checking on vulnerable family members and neighbors.”

Arizona’s official monsoon season is June 15 - Sept. 30. With 2024 monsoon predictions, summer heat and wildfire risk coupled with the wet winter causing overgrowth in vegetation, APS employees have taken proactive measures and are ready to respond:

Monsoon Preparedness and Storm Response

- Meteorologists will track conditions that may trigger extreme winds, lightning, rain and flooding.

- Field crews will stage resources and equipment ahead of a storm and, once safe to do so, clean up debris and make repairs.

- Grid operators will re-route power around issues to restore as many customers as possible.

Wildfire Prevention and Response

- Field crews cleared dry brush and grass from about 40,000 power poles this year.

- Meteorologists are utilizing resources like new weather stations, fire monitoring cameras and innovative modeling technology to monitor wildfires.

- Fire mitigation experts with forestry and hotshot crew experience are collaborating with fire authorities and first responder agencies on emergency response

plans.

Heat Waves and Power Supply

- Resource planners look years ahead to predict customers’ electricity needs and plan for adequate resources to maintain affordable and reliable service.

- Energy market traders and the long-term procurement team secure diverse energy resources from solar, wind and nuclear power to flexible natural gas and energy storage.

- APS keeps a backup power supply as an added layer of protection for unforeseen events.

Safety and Energy-Saving Tips for APS Customers

Before an emergency, APS customers can take steps at home to protect people and property:

- Remove overgrown

vegetation, trash or debris around your property to prevent them from blowing into electrical equipment or fueling fires.

- Pack an emergency supply kit. Include non-perishable foods, a can opener, water, a first-aid kit, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, a portable phone charger and medication.

- Make a family emergency plan. Write down important phone numbers for medical providers, family, friends and APS. Identify a cool location you can visit during an outage to stay comfortable and safe, such as a family member’s home outside of your neighborhood.

- Alert APS if you use life-supporting medical equipment that requires elec-

tricity, call 602-371-7171 to register for our Medical Care Program.

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

- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage. Objects found in backyards, like umbrellas, kiddie pools, tarps and trampolines, can end up in power lines, causing outages.

- Stay at least 100 feet away from a downed power line, call 911 and then call APS.

During these hot sum-
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Miami High student a winner in Congressional Art Competition



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Miami High School student Hannah Pryor, winner of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition for Arizona's 2nd Congressional District, and Congressman Eli Crane (R-AZ).

In the 2024 Congressional Art Competition, a nationwide high school visual art contest to recognize and encourage artistic talent in each congressional district, Miami High School senior Hannah Pryor earned 1st Place among contestants from Arizona's 2nd Congressional District. Pryor took first-place honors for her piece "My Cat."

Congressman Eli Crane (R-AZ) recently presented Pryor and other winning

student artists from the district with scholarship awards. Pryor received a renewable \$9,000 scholarship to Northern Arizona University. She will also be flown to Washington, D.C. for a June 27, 2024 awards banquet and have her winning artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol's Cannon Tunnel for a year.

"This is a great honor for a talented young artist," said Miami High School art teacher Mary Yazzie.

Other winners from the 2nd District were Grayson Edwards, Mingus Union High School, second place; Ethan Orr, Trinity Christian School, third place; Clay Witten, Trinity Christian School, honorable mention; and Lydia Minjarez, Mingus Union High School, People's Choice Award. Submitted works were evaluated at the Phippen Museum in Prescott, Az. by local judges.

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 mer months, customers can manage electricity bills with these simple tips:

- Pre-cool your home during off peak hours and stay comfortable while saving money if you are on a Time-of-Use 4-7pm Weekdays or Time-of-Use 4-7 pm Weekdays with Demand Charge plan.

- Think 1, 2, 3. Turn thermostats up a few degrees. For every one degree you raise your thermostat, you can save 2-3 percent on energy cooling costs.

- Keep the heat out. Close curtains and blinds. Outside your windows, use shade screens or plants and trees to stop heat from getting inside.

- Use ceiling fans. Ensure

ceiling fans are set counterclockwise in summer. While fans can make people feel up to five degrees cooler, they don't cool rooms. Turn them off when you leave.

Qualifying APS customers can access a range of support programs such as crisis bill assistance, flexible energy-use plans, monthly bill discounts, Budget Billing and extended payment options. APS will not disconnect residential customers because of past due bills, or charge late fees, from June 1 through Oct. 15, 2024. Customers will continue to receive monthly energy bills and are encouraged to reach out if they need additional assistance to prevent balances from building. Visit aps.com/assistance.

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MISSING

NAME: Natalie Sebastian

Missing Since: **12/23/23**

DOB: **8/14/69**

Age: **54**

Sex: **Female**

Race: **White**

Eyes: **Hazel**

Hair: **Brown/w Blonde Highlights**

Weight: **130**

Height: **5'4"**

Wearing: **Light colored hoodie, Jeans, black & white shoes.**

Last Seen: **Little Acres Area on 12/23/2023 In Globe, Arizona**



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Globe Active Adult Center News & Menu

Hello from the Globe Active Adult Center. Our activities include video exercise Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m., stretch & flex Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., bingo Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m., ceramics Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and crafts Fridays at 9 a.m. We serve biscuits & gravy Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., for \$3 per bowl. PGCSC/SHIP and ombudsman education is every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. Heritage offers blood pressure checks and nutritional education every 1st Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. For benefits assistance, call the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens at 1-800-293-9393. Lunch served Monday thru Friday at 11:45 a.m.

60 and over is \$2.50 per meal, under 60 \$5 per meal. We are located at 579 S. Broad St.; our phone number is 928-425-9030.

Thursday, June 13 Rummage Sale 8 a.m./Video Exercise 8 a.m./Stretch & Flex 9:30 a.m.

Italian Sausage Pasta, Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Tropical Fruit

Friday, June 14 Rummage Sale 8 a.m./Bingo 9 a.m./Crafts 9 a.m.

Chicken Salad, Lettuce/Tom/Onions, Three Bean Salad, Wheat Crackers, Cherry Crisp

Monday, June 17 Open Activities/Games 8:30 a.m.

Mac and Cheese w/Ham, Peas/Carrots, Salad, Wheat Bread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Tuesday, June 18 Video Exercise 8 a.m./Stretch & Flex 9:30 a.m.

Swedish Meatballs w/Noodles, Spinach Salad, Carrots, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, June 19 Biscuits & Gravy 7:30 a.m./Bingo 9 a.m./Ceramics 9 a.m.

Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Broccoli Slaw, Wheat Bun, Mixed Fruit Menu—All meals 2% milk

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

GHS Class of '89 planning reunion

The Globe High School Class of '89 is planning a 35-year reunion the weekend of October 4. For information, dates and details, email globehighschoolclassof89@gmail.com.

MHS Class of '73 award scholarships

The Miami High School class of 1973 is pleased to announce that graduating seniors Hannah Pryor and Jaryd Torres have been awarded \$550 each to be used during their freshman year in college. Hannah will be attending Northern Arizona University, while Jaryd has his sights set on Arizona State

University. Hannah is the daughter of Jennifer Pryor and Jaryd is the son of Allison Torres. The financial aid was awarded based on character, citizenship, and scholarship. The MHS Class of '73 hopes that the cash awards will help these two worthy Vandals in their pursuit of a college degree.



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 Sun. School 9:15am, Service 10:30am Office 9am-12pm
 stpaulumglobe@gmail.com

Wheatfields Southern Baptist Church
Pastor Jimmy Powers

928-425-3601 • 276 E Green Ave, Globe
 Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am
 Tue. Bible Study 10am

Globe Christian Center

Pastor John Gooding, 928-425-7846

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

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

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

Miami Church of Christ
Minister Robin Verdugo

928-473-3989 • 735 N Sullivan St, Miami
 Sun. Worship 10am, Bible Study 6 pm
 Thu. Ladies' Night Class 6:30pm

Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Pastor John Skaggs

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

Divine Grace Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Valerie DeLaTorre

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

Living Waters Community Church

Pastors Jay & Gloria Petty

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

Family Fellowship Church

Pastors Kenneth, Dennis & Scott Crick

928-425-0181 or 928-961-2466
 200 E Oak St, Globe
 Sun. Service 10am
 Thu. Bible Study 7pm

Not Just About Us

Imagine yourself sitting on a park bench enjoying a gorgeous day. You see two people walking toward each other, and they're both distracted. One is looking down at a phone, thumbs flying over the screen. The other is juggling keys, a briefcase, and a cup of coffee. Before you can say anything, they run into each other. No one is hurt, but things crash to the ground and spill everywhere.

There are many ways this scene could play out. Each person could get



Courtesy photo

angry at the other for not paying attention, or they could accept blame and apologize. They might even ignore each

other and keep walking (though that's highly unlikely). How they choose to react reveals what

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The Impact of Deeper Growth

A close and personal relationship with God gives us the strength needed to endure whatever life brings.



Courtesy photo

After a hurricane a few years ago, a photographer captured an interesting picture of a tree. It stood tall above the ground on what looked like stilts. Upon closer examination, however, it was easy to see that

those "stilts" were actually the exposed root system. The tree had grown deep and wide, and that strength held firm, even as storm-tossed waves washed away the sand and soil around its trunk. The tree survived be-

cause of the patient work it had done creating its base.

We, too, can be hardy like this tree, able to withstand life's many challenges. As we fix our eyes on Jesus and medi-

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Worship Directory

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

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

Maranatha Baptist Church

928-425-4198
 1320 Saguardo Dr, Globe
 Sun. School 9:30am to 10:15 am,
 Worship 10:30am to 11:45 am
 Maranatha Bible Club for 3yr old to
 6th grade is Sundays at 4 pm to 5:30 pm

First Southern Baptist Church, Miami

Pastor Gary McPherson

928-473-3311
 880 W Live Oak St, Miami
 Sun. B'fast 9:00am, Sun. School 9:45am
 Sun. Worship 11am & 6pm
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm

Pentecostals of Globe, UPC

Pastor David Staten

928-961-2191
 425 N Devereaux St, Globe
 Sun. Service 10am
 Tues Service 6:30 pm
 Wed. Prayer 6:30pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC

Pastor Barry Schwenk, 928-425-6006

750 W Paxton Ave, Miami
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Pastor Eric Hartzell

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 Sun. School 9am, Worship 10am,
 Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Trinity Baptist Church

Pastor Dan Rifenoark

928-425-4740 | 1362 S Hagen Rd, Globe
 Sun. Worship 11am
 contact@trinitybaptistglobeaz.org
 trinitybaptistglobeaz.org

Globe Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Mason Cassens

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

Central Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Rob Craig,

928-425-5303 | 5468 Apache Ave, Globe
 Sun. School (all ages) 9:45am
 Sun. Worship Services &
 Childrens Church 11am (Nursery available)
 Sun. Evening Worship Service 6pm
 Wed. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6pm
 For all other services and events visit:
 centralheightsbaptistchurch.org

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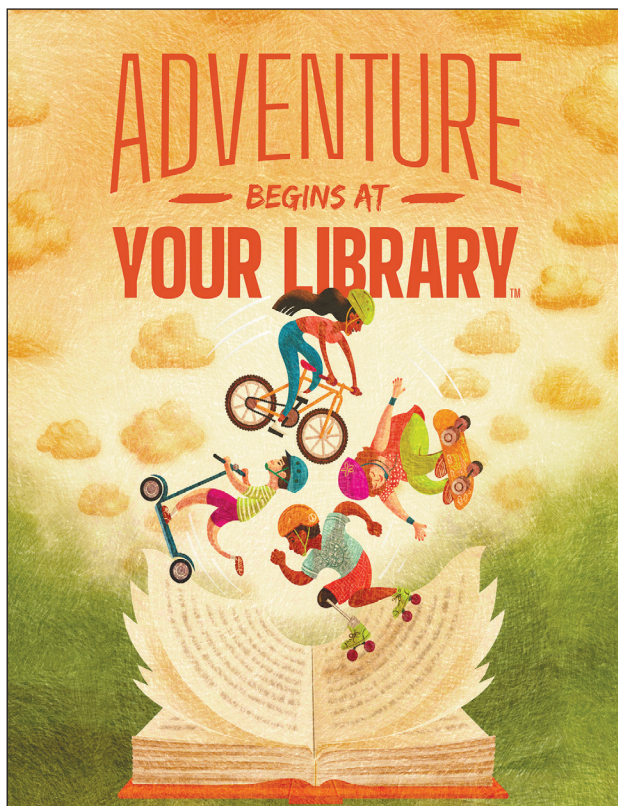
Let the summer adventures begin at Globe Public Library

As the school year winds down and the summer heats up, Globe Public Library has summer fun options for you. With adventure as our theme, we will have several different types of adventures you can join. Build your passport for summer adventure and get your adventure gear.

Mondays, we have Family Storytime at 10:30 a.m. This early literacy adventure is designed with the youngest in mind. We will sing, read, write, play, and talk all summer long.

Tuesdays, we have a Crafting Adventure at 10:30 a.m. Explore the world through crafts from different countries. We are starting in the United States and will travel the world. These adventures are designed with elementary through middle school students in mind.

Thursdays, we have a Cooking Adventure at 4 p.m. except on June 20 and July 25; then it will be at 5 p.m. Travel the world with your taste buds. We will be starting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. These adventures are designed for all ages: be prepared for food fun for all.



Fridays, we have a STEM Adventure at 10:30 a.m. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math all summer long. These adventures are designed with the older student in mind, middle school and up.

Then we will travel the world from the comfort of your own chair with Armchair Adventures at 2:30 p.m. We will explore the world through sights and sounds. Take a virtual field trip to many different places. We will start in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA with the sights and

sounds of that amazing city and travel the world, visiting a new continent each week. This adventure is designed with the adult in mind, but all are welcome to come.

With the family in mind, this summer's programs are open for anyone who wants to go on the adventure. The age groups for which the adventures are designed are listed but anyone can come. We ask that parents stay with children who are younger than the recommended age group.

Other highlights for

the summer include a Scholastic Book Fair, July 13-20, and Science Heroes: The Adventure of the Lost Treasure on July 26 at 10:30 a.m. More details on both will be coming soon.

Don't forget Summer Food: Globe Public Library has partnered with Globe Unified School District again this summer. We will be serving breakfast at 9 a.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. These meals are free for people 0-18 years old. Adults are welcome to eat as well. Breakfast is \$2.25 and lunch is \$4. We will have weekend bags on Fridays at noon so you can eat lunch, then pick up a bag for the weekend.

So let the summer adventures begin.

Miami Arts Commission mixer

Miami Arts Commission will hold its annual mixer on June 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 509 W. Sullivan St. in Miami, the courtyard at Miami Art Works. It will be a chance to meet with the board and the many supporters of arts in Miami and the Copper Corridor; catering will be by the Lyric Soda Fountain. Along with "mixing," there will be discussion of what the Commission has accomplished over the last year and what it hopes to achieve in the coming season. All are welcome.

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their character is—and has the potential to color onlookers' opinions of them, for better or worse.

This is especially important with regard to those of us who follow Christ. Our behavior should reflect who we are becoming in Him and demonstrate that we are indeed transformed people. If we lash out in

anger or frustration, we aren't following Paul's call to "be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven [us]" (Eph. 4:32). However, if we choose the way of peace, kindness, and compassion, others will see the Lord through us and be drawn to His light (Hebrews 12:14).



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Larry Marin

Born in 1958, passed away suddenly on May 22 leaving everyone heartbroken and in shock.

Larry grew up in Morenci, Az. and was an outstanding athlete. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and cyclist. He loved the outdoors and the White Mountains. He was well loved by all who ever met him. Larry loved his Lord and Savior; he is now in heaven.

He is survived by wife Deedee; children Jacob, Joshua, Jordan and Ashley; nine grandchildren; four brothers, Joe, Ray, Robert and DJ; and sister Barbie.



Service will be July 27 at 10 a.m., at Jesus First Church in Eagar, Az. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jesus First Church, Eagar or Sovereign Grace Baptist, Globe.

Deadlines for Obituaries

Obituaries are due Thursday by 4:30 p.m. for the Copper Country News and 8 a.m. on Friday for the Arizona Silver Belt.



Jimmie Jelois Hughey Dunn passed away on May 26, 2024 in Globe, Arizona, at the age of 90. She was born on Sept. 16, 1933, in Tipton, Oklahoma. Jimmie was a beloved mother, grandmother and aunt. She was a cherished friend and dedicated member of the Globe/Miami community.

Jimmie was a daughter, sister, homemaker, wife, mother, church member, prayer warrior and friend

to many. She attended Miami High School in Miami, Arizona, and earned her Certified Nursing Assistant credential from Gila Pueblo College in Globe, Arizona. She was an active member of Word of Life Assembly of God Church in Miami, participating in Sunday School, Women's Ministries, and the Prayer Chain.

Throughout her life Jimmie held various occupations, including working as a waitress, mail room worker and lithographer apprentice, Certified Nursing Assistant, food sample supervisor at Costco in Temecula, California, home healthcare worker, census taker, and later, retired from Wal-Mart

Jimmie Dunn

in Claypool, Arizona as a greeter.

In her free time, Jimmie enjoyed traveling on road trips, outdoor activities like camping and gardening, sewing, crocheting and embroidery. She was known for nurturing the flowers and plants both inside and outside her home.

Jimmie is survived by her son, Leslie Keith Dunn (Kathy), her daughter, Rogenia Jelois Dunn-Anway (Steve), thirteen grandchildren James Roy, Lavada, & Robbie; Marisa & Aubrey Keith;

Jared & Reve' Jelois; Jeffrey; Lana, Alyssa, Ella, Alex Keith, & Jacob Roy, twenty great-grandchildren,

and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. She was preceded in death by her husband

Roy Mason Dunn, daughter Bernadine Kay Machachek, parents Thomas Malone Hughey and Georgia Myrtle Baxter Hughey, seven sisters, Cordelia, Dorothy, Lorene, Ozella, Lona Mae, Lavern & Elwanda, and one brother, Thomas.

Services will be held Friday, June 14 at Word of Life Assembly of God church, 927 W. Live Oak St., Miami, Arizona.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m.

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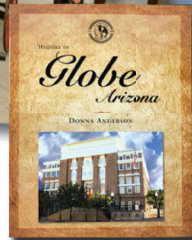
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In small towns, bookstores are thriving



By John Clayton

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tate on His Word, the roots of our faith grow and stretch more deeply. When we delve into God's Word, though the winds blow and the sands shift beneath us, we can focus on His character instead of our worries. Then we're able to experience His great love and mercy amid our fears (Luke 8:22-25).

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"I love to spend my day in a bookstore," said Amy Sweet. She lives in Red Lodge, Montana, and was explaining why she and her husband Brian opened Beartooth Books in her town of 2,300.

"It was part of the life we wanted—to live in a small town, walk to work, and enjoy outdoor adventures and wonderful people."

She's not alone. For many of the same reasons, bookstores have been opening in small Western towns, said Heather Duncan, executive director of the Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association.

Since 2020, more than 100 bookstores have opened in her region, which extends across 14 states ranging from Texas to Montana and from Nebraska to Nevada.

One reason for the phenomenon, said Amy Sweet, is that "people are proud of their town, our local history. It's all a package, and the bookstore gets to be part of that."

The success of such a low-tech enterprise might surprise people. "Lots of first-time customers come in and say, 'I thought bookstores were dying,'" Brian Sweet said.

But he believes that a bookstore is a perfect complement to today's culture. "A bookstore is quiet, peaceful, and yet mentally stimulating," he said. "It's not our devices and incessant TV news."

Bookstores opening in towns, as opposed to cities, is a trend throughout the West, Duncan said. Of her 60 member stores in Colorado, just 17 are in large cities. The rest are in small towns, smaller cities,

or suburbs. In the Western Slope town of Paonia, population 1,500, Emily Sinclair opened Paonia Books a year ago. She said she likes exercising her own as well as local taste, and also enjoys inviting Western writers to give talks and sign their new books.

These days, said Duncan, bookstores are becoming more diverse in both ownership and retail model.

"We now have online-only stores, pop-up stores, book buses and bookmobiles," she said. And new store owners are often Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino, or LGBTQ+. "Diverse-owned stores are approximately 20% of our membership. In the past it would have been around 10%."

Locating a bookstore in a rural community is arguably another aspect of diversity—and a surprising strength.

"Small-town stores had a much better success rate during the pandemic," Duncan said, "due mostly to the support of their communities, as well as lower overhead costs."

The strong connection to community, however, requires work. "We pick the books one by one," Brian Sweet said. "People are surprised to hear that—some think we just sell whatever shows up. But I pore over publisher catalogs, and in a small store, for every book that I choose, probably 200 don't make the cut."

Bookstores in tourist destinations, such as Back of Beyond in Moab, Utah, have always thrived on deep community connections. But the current trend highlights how community is something best appreciated by full-time residents rather than visitors.

Like farmers' markets, microbreweries, bakeries and outdoor-gear stores, bookstores are places to gather in person with like-minded neighbors, Amy Sweet said.

"Customers in a bookstore are friendly and inquisitive," she said. "They come in to browse and talk about books."

While tech companies are always looking to "scale up" to provide growth, the challenge for many small towns is finding business models that "scale down" to smaller populations. Bookselling provides that model.

But booksellers agree that they're doing a job: "It's business—it's not reading books all day," said Brian Sweet. "But it's a business where people want to support you. Every day," he added, "people thank us for being open."

Here's a sampling of much-loved bookstores in Western towns under 10,000 people:

1. Back of Beyond Books, <https://backofbeyondbooks.com/>, Moab, Utah, pop. 5,300
2. The Mad Dog and the Pilgrim booksellers, <https://www.facebook.com/MadDogandthePilgrimBooks/>, Sweetwater Station, Wyoming, population too small to count
3. Elk River Books, <https://elkriverbooks.com/>, Livingston, Montana, population 8,300
4. Townie Books, <https://towniebooksco.indielite.org/>, Crested Butte, Colorado, population 1,681
5. Reader's Oasis Books, no website, Quartzsite, Arizona, population 2,413

And here's a sampling of bookstores in Western towns under 10,000 that opened in the last three years:

1. Mountain Shire Books, <https://mountainshirebooks.com/>, Winter Park, Colorado, population 1,033
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 3. Page Turners, <https://bookshop.org/shop/page-turnersmt>, Fairview, Montana, population 844
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 5. Cobb's Book Nook, <https://cobbsbooknook.company.site/>, Vernal, Utah, population 10,000
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Ex-NBA, Arizona basketball player Chase Budinger makes Olympics in beach volleyball

By Jimmy Golen
AP Sports Writer

Former NBA player Chase Budinger is going to the Olympics — for beach volleyball.

The 6-foot-7 Californian, who helped Arizona reach the Sweet 16 in 2009 before playing seven seasons with the Rockets, Timberwolves, Pacers and Suns, earned a berth with Miles Evans as the No. 2 U.S. men's pair at the FIVB tournament in Ostrava, Czechia, on Wednesday.

Most teams qualify for the Olympic beach volleyball tournament by earning points on the international tour through this weekend. The field is limited to two teams per country per gender, and Budinger and Evans clinched their spot when the No. 3 U.S. men's team, Trevor Crabb and Theo Brunner, lost in the qualifying round and could not earn the points to move up.

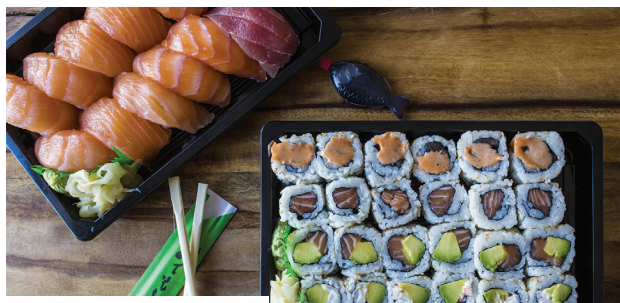


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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Chase Budinger (10) shoots over Memphis Grizzlies guard Courtney Lee during the second half of an NBA basketball game Oct. 29, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn. Former NBA player Budinger is going to the Olympics — for beach volleyball. The 6-foot-7 Californian, who helped Arizona reach the Sweet 16 in 2009 before playing seven seasons with the Rockets, Timberwolves, Pacers and Suns, earned a berth with Miles Evans as the No. 2 U.S. men's pair at the FIVB tournament Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in Ostrava, Czechia.

Budinger and Evans are both first-time Olympians, as are the other American men, Miles Par-

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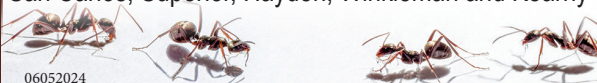


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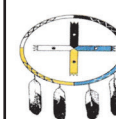
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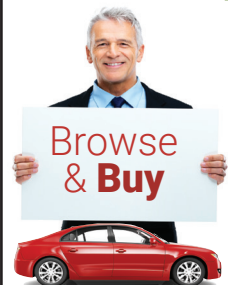
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