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Wildland Firefighting Class at Eastern Arizona College Celebrates 19 Certificate Earners



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Globe, AZ – Eastern Arizona College’s Wildland Firefighting program celebrated a successful session on November 22, 2024, as 19 dedicated students earned their certificates in wildland firefight-

ing. The ceremony marked a significant milestone for the students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment, skill, and determination throughout the course.

Instructor Barry Johnson

praised the students for their hard work and perseverance, commending them for their dedication to the rigorous training that prepares them to combat the growing challenges of wildland fires.

“This is no easy field, and these students have shown what it takes to succeed in one of the most challenging and rewarding careers,” Johnson said. “They’ve worked tirelessly and have proven

that they are ready to protect our communities and natural resources.”

The program continues to serve as a vital training ground for individuals passionate about wildland firefighting and public ser-

vice. As the demand for skilled wildland firefighters remains high, Eastern Arizona College is committed to providing top-tier education and training to those who are ready to take on the challenge.

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Citizens For A Better Community Madera Peak Christmas party was absolutely beautiful!

Tri City Fire helped bring Santa Claus to surprise the residents who had a fabulous time telling Santa their lists and taking photos. Santa (Josh Cummings) was amazing and distributed special gifts donated by Kino Floors. Globe Miami

Chamber of Commerce contribution also helped make the event possible. Ham dinner, music, and raffles. Huge thank you to all who contributed!! Our community is truly blessed with all who helped make it a wonderful event.



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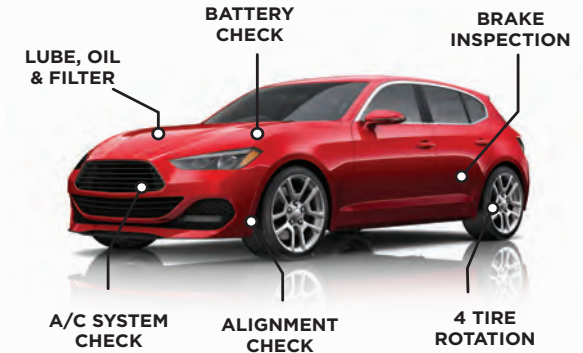
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Brianna Christine Welker

Brianna Christine Welker, aged 31, made the choice to leave this world on 12/14/2024.

Brianna lived her short life to the fullest and filled it with travel, baking, art, family, and countless friends. She was a kind soul with a true heart of gold. She inspired those around her to be true to themselves and helped shape the lives of everyone she met. Brianna was caring, funny, and weird in the best ways possible. Her laughter was infectious, and she was far more intel-



ligent than most of us. She was the embodiment of beauty, inside and out.

Brianna is survived by her mother, Edie Eisenschenk, her father Eugene Welker (Delletta), her sister Ash-

ley Ross (Michael), her nephew Theoden Ross, and numerous other family and friends. Our hearts are empty without Brianna here, but we know she is in the universe spreading stars for us every night.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made in Brianna's name to the NAMI organization.

If you or a loved one is having a mental health crisis or thoughts of suicide, please reach out. The world isn't the same without you here. #988

Lois Long

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Lois Long, who left us on December 4, 2024 at the age of 95. Born on September 1, 1929 in Hamblin, Texas, Lois was a cherished member of her family.

Lois Long was a devoted wife and mother who touched the lives of many with unwavering support and love. She dedicated her life to our Heavenly Father and family, leaving a lasting impact through-



out the years of service and caring.

Preceded in death by husbands; Sheldon Lofgreen and Roy Long, mother; Allie Wittenburg, father; Reuben Tabor, sis-

ter; Hazel Evans brother; RC Tabor.

She is survived by son; Foster Lofgreen Uudy), daughters; Shelene Burke Cindy Coinman, grandchildren; Aaron Sheldon Shennon Michelle John Joey, and 16 great-grandchildren who will forever hold her memory in their hearts. She also leaves behind numerous friends and extended family members who will miss her warm spirit and infectious laughter.

Obituary deadlines are Thursdays by 10 a.m.

Email submissions at office@silverbelt.com to be printed in the next Wednesday issue.



GLOBE, AZ – Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) is excited to announce the future opening of its much-anticipated "Highway 60 Clinic," a walk-in clinic located near Cal Ranch and Walmart. This new facility is set to provide essential healthcare services to the community, offering a convenient option for those seeking immediate medical attention without the need for an appointment.

The journey to establish the Highway 60 Clinic has not been without challenges. The initial plans for the clinic encountered an unexpected delay when it was discovered that the proposed location fell within a designated floodway.

Determined to bring this vital service to the community, CVRMC worked with local and federal agencies to reassess the flood maps that impacted the clinic's location. Through extensive modeling, updated maps were drawn to better reflect the actual conditions of the area. CVRMC then submitted a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), requesting an official change to the flood designation.

On July 29, FEMA issued a LOMR, paving the way for the new clinic. The new facility will offer extend hours to walk-in patients, providing a convenient, affordable option for healthcare services. While the specific timeline for construction and opening is still being finalized, the team is working diligently to bring the project to completion as swiftly as possible.

CVRMC is committed to keeping the community informed as progress continues. Updates on the clinic's development will be shared regularly, with a focus on ensuring that residents are aware of the new healthcare options that will soon be available.

The opening of the Highway 60 Clinic represents a significant step forward in CVRMC's mission to provide comprehensive, accessible healthcare to the region. The medical center looks forward to welcoming patients to this new facility and continuing its tradition of high-quality care for the community.



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How Do I Know If I Have Faith?

By Greg Baker

Pastor of First Baptist
Church of Miami, AZ.

Since faith is essential to the Christian life, many Christians wonder if their faith is strong enough or is quantifiable enough to impress God into answering their prayers and seeing God work wonders in their lives. Even asking the question, "How do I know if I have faith?", shows the lack of faith and expresses the doubt in your heart. But your faith isn't based on your present doubt, but on what you do to overcome your doubt.

The most famous Bible verse regarding the definition of faith is the one found in Hebrews 11.

Hebrews 11:1 — Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hope Is the Key

The word "hope" is the key to knowing if you have faith or not. The Bible tells us that hope is the substance, the essence, the main ingredient of faith. We use the word "hope" in a much weaker sense than the Bible does. For the av-

erage person, "hope" is wishful thinking of something that we do not think to be likely.

Biblically, the word "hope" is significantly stronger, means strong confidence. Considering how Hebrews 6:18 uses, hope, a better definition of biblical faith would be: The looking forward to something that you believe will happen and are relying upon its occurrence.

This is important to understand. Hope almost universally has weight in a future event or occurrence. It lies in what you believe will happen and what you are relying upon to happen. Consider Romans 8:24-25 which tells us we are saved by hope.

No Hope, Then No Faith

Let me make a statement here: If there is no hope, then there is no faith.

One of the more powerful examples or illustrations of faith is found in Romans 8:28. There is much hope in that verse, much that is looked forward to, and much that is counted upon to occur in the future.

Too many people panic when things go wrong. They pray, they go to church perhaps, they may even read their Bible. But they are trying to get God to take away the problem. They grasp their thin straw of faith — or what they think faith is — and ask God to take away the burden, the situation, the pain, or the care. This is not faith.

Faith says, "God, I think You have a plan in all this. I'm not sure what it is, but I'm going to look for it. I believe that You know what is happening to me. I know that You can turn it to good. So, Father, I will look for that good."

That is faith. Faith is where you put all your eggs in the basket of what God will do. It is the reliance upon a promise of God, the strong hope of God's intervention, deliverance, and work. If you are not looking forward to, or hoping in God's promises, then you don't have faith.

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Most Creative Award Copper Sanitation-Deal Local First! Santa's Watching You

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Best Use of Theme Christmas Traditions 2nd Place Gonzales Family

Best Use of Lights 1st place Globe Unified School District-Gingerbread Express

Best Use of Lights 2nd Place Round Mountain Bakery-Christmas Trees and Cookies Please

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Best Commercial Entry 1st Place IBEW #518 – “Globe Miami Ginger Bread” Best Commercial Entry 2nd Place Arizona Public Service

Best Local Organization/Club 1st Place CCYS Chaos Fastpitch Softball Best Local Organization/Club 2nd Place Power Elite Dance Academy

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Historic Train Depot award: “The Santa's Elves' Award” goes to FFA Globe and Gila County 4-H

Procession of The Virgin Mary held December 12

The procession of the Virgin Mary was held on December 12. It started from the YMCA at 5:30 pm and they all walk to the church. After that there was a Mass @ 6pm. Following the Mass was a free dinner which consisted of chicken pozole, menudo (red & white), and a pozole called gallina pinta which has beef, beans and hominy.

My family and I have made the float for many years. My Dad, José Guadalupe Acosta, has always made the float and my



mom, Carmen Acosta, decorates the church and my sister, Susana Hurtado, makes the food. The Curiel family always provides the Mariachi.

We would like to thank

everyone that helped and came to pay tribute to The Virgin Mary. Also, thank you to all that brought the flower arrangements. Thank you to Fr. Bosco. God Bless.



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Determined to follow this new born star;
Traversed the Silk Road toward Judea.
Like a lantern ever brighter,
Stretched its light across
Miles and miles of rippled sand,
Passed nearby Roman garrisons;
These astute Chaldeans fastened
Their eyes upon the great lantern in the sky.

As they stood upon the stony mountaintop,
Saw the fires in the village,
Saw the great star descending;
A high banner over Bethlehem.
Holding fast their star charts,
They gazed upon the sight.

In the silence of the night, a band
Of shepherds watched their flocks.
Through the boundless vale of darkness,
Burst forth a glorious light.
As the light overpowered them,
Fear bloomed in the shepherds' hearts.
An angel spoke, "Fear not!"

For unto you is born this day
In Bethlehem a SAVIOR!"
"Let us go!" "Let us see!"

From the village came a priest
Inquiring, "Whom seeketh thou?"
"We seek the King of the Jews!"
"There is no King here!"
"Oh! Sir, do you not see
The star, majestic? And the
Prophecies of antiquity bid us here!"

The Kings of the East found
The divine child in the manger.
With spiritual wonder and joy,
The multitude fell on their knees
Worshiping in reverent love
The divine child, KING of the Jews.
The Kings brought earthly gifts:
Great amount of gold, great
Amount of frankincense and myrrh.
The KING of HEAVEN brought heavenly gifts:
Great amount of LOVE, great amount of
SALVATION, great amount of GRACE.

The villagers, the shepherds, the Kings
Prone to watch the vivid glow of the star,
Heard angelic voices sing endearing hymns,
T'was a night of PEACE
That passes all understanding.

The PRINCE of PEACE is born.
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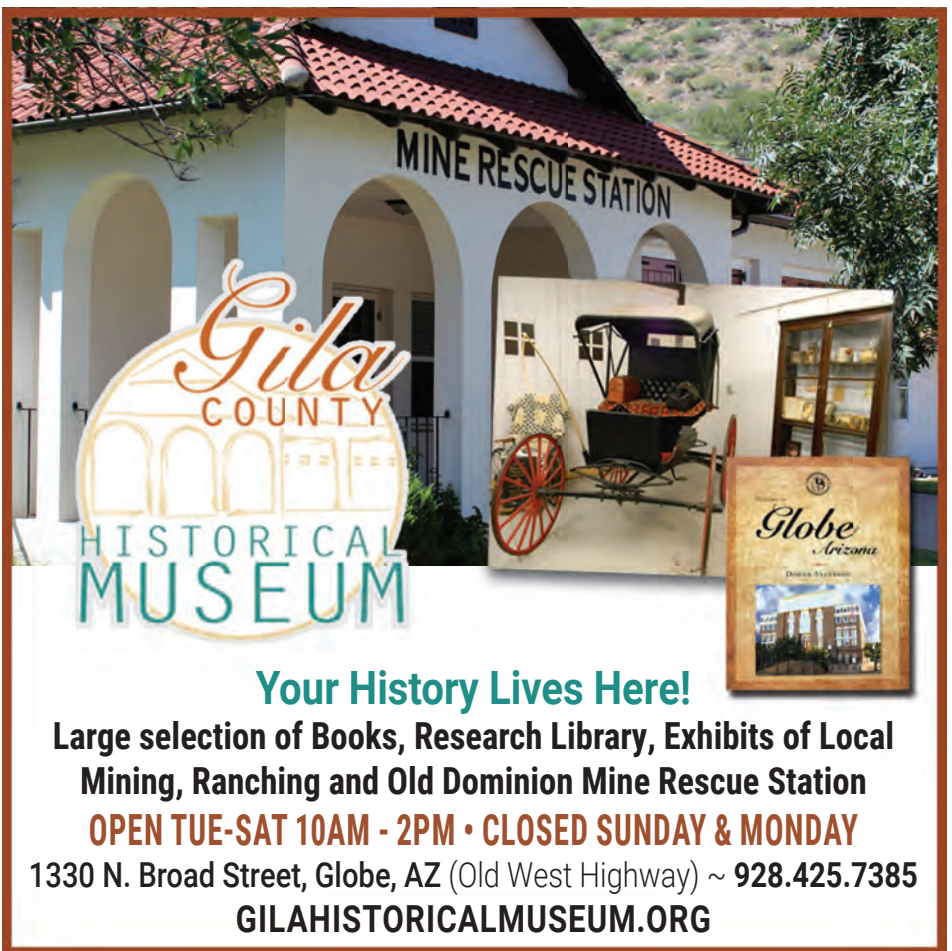


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