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Texas man builds towering memorial to honor Emily Pike

By Bob Hembree

Special to Copper Country News

Michael Collins knew he wasn't supposed to be working on another cross so soon. He hadn't even finished painting the one in his shop, the one meant for a young woman in Georgia. But then he saw the story of 14-year-old Emily Pike, and everything changed.

"I looked it up right there where they found Emily's remains," Collins said. "It was 12 hours and 26 minutes from my house. That's exactly how far it is to Georgia, where I'm delivering Laken Riley's cross. That was my sign from the Lord above."

Emily Pike's murder rocked the Globe community in early 2025. Her story received minimal national media attention, certainly not the attention Caylee Anthony or Jon-Benét Ramsey received. But it made its way to Collins, a retired, disabled welder from North Texas who builds massive steel crosses in memory of children taken too soon.

"I started building these after I lost two sons in 2019," Collins said. "In 2020, I started building these memorial crosses. Then the Uvalde school massacre happened in South Texas, and I'm in

North Texas, and so I started building them for murdered children. That cross represented 21 souls."

Collins said each cross is forged through pain, his and the families'. He gives them away, asking for nothing. The work is grueling. He spends hours at a time welding, only to find himself unable to move the next day.

"These crosses are really hard on me," he said. "But it's what God put on my heart, so that's what I do."

Emily's cross will be his biggest yet. It will stand more than 25 feet tall and span 14 feet wide, constructed from heavy 12-inch steel tubing turned on a 45-degree angle.

"A really good friend of mine here in town—he's a millionaire now, worked hard for everything he's got—he came on board,"



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MI-CHAEL COLLINS

Brady's cross with Crown of Thorns



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MICHAEL COLLINS

One of the crosses prepared by Michael Collins and his team for Uvalde, Texas.

said Collins. "He said, 'Let's order more steel and do this. I'll foot the bill.' So this cross is going to be three or four times bigger than anything I've ever built."

Collin said that Clark Brooks is a good friend of 13 years from the oil field days. His friend asked, "Brother, what do you need?" And then he stepped up and bought the first piece of steel for Emily's memorial cross. Brooks also helped deliver Laken Riley's cross last weekend."

James Lindsey, a good friend of Collins's son, Brady, told Collins, "Let's make it bigger and be a voice for Emily!" James bought the second piece of steel for the cross."

It will be white with a pearl finish, like high-end Cadillac paint. Emily's full name will appear in bright pink letters on both sides.

Around the base, there will be small red handprints, like those used to memorialize missing and murdered Indigenous women, and orange ones for children lost to abuse. There will be a gray-and-white kitten sculpted in steel, sitting just above the concrete line.

"Her aunt was telling me about a gray and white kitten that she had," said Collins. "It just broke her heart. It changed her after something happened to that cat. I didn't ask what happened, but it just tore her up real bad."

The cross will also feature something Collins includes on every memorial he makes now—a golden heart built directly into the center and a welded mailbox labeled "Letters to Heaven." Both are tributes to his sons.

"My stepson took his life five and a half years ago, fighting depression," Collins said. "Then, 10 months to the day later, my younger son died in a car accident, going home one night. He died right there on Farm to Market Road, right off of Interstate 20 here in North Texas."

Collins said his son came to him in a dream and told him what to build.

"He said, 'That is what I want you to build me.' And I woke up and I drew it all out. I put the heart in there. And later, when I was working on the Uvalde cross, I dozed off and had another dream—he came to me again and said, 'Dad, make them a letter to heaven mailbox.' So that's what I do now."

Collins plans to arrive at the San Carlos Apache Reservation around May 2. He has been in contact with tribal members and Emily's family, but he is still waiting to confirm the exact location. He wants the cross in a visible, public area—somewhere people can leave messages, not fenced in or hidden.

"With Emily not getting the nationwide news she deserves, this cross is going to be a voice for her," he said. "If you could see five miles on flat ground on a clear day, you'd be able to see the cross."

Collins isn't coming alone. He expects a dozen or more people to travel

with him. Some are volunteers who helped weld the cross. Others are parents of children he's already memorialized. One woman lost her foster daughter on the same stretch of highway where Collins's son died. She's traveling with him, waiting for the day she can afford a cross of her own.

James, the friend who funded the steel, owns the largest water well drilling company in Texas. He's bringing a semi-truck, and Collins has his CDL (Commercial Driver's License) in case he needs to haul the oversized load himself. A crane or boom truck may be required just to lift it into place.

Collins doesn't advertise or market his work. But word spreads. A journalist from Channel 11 News in Dallas is covering the delivery of another. A Motorola executive from Asheville is planning to meet him in Georgia about a new project. Donations come in from people who want to help but can't build or travel.

"I try to give back all I can," Collins said. "It's a blessing whenever you can give something to someone that you know can never pay you back. That's kind of the way I try to live my life after losing my sons."

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Globe Active Adult Center News & Menu

Hello from the Globe Active Adult Center. Video Exercise Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am. Stretch and Flex 9:30am on Tuesand Thursdays. Wednesdays and Fridays Bingo 9am. Wednesday Ceramics at 9am and Friday Crafts at 9am. Wednesday Biscuits & Gravy 7:30am \$ per bowl. PGCSC/SHIP and Ombudsman Education every 2nd Tuesdays of the month. Alzheimer's Support Group every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11am. Birthday Party every 3rd Thursday of the month. Benefits Assistance Pinal-Gila Council at 1-800-293-9393. Lunch served Monday thru Friday at 11:45am, 60 and over is \$2.50 per meal, under 60 \$5 per meal, located at 579 S. Broad St. Phone 928-425-9030.

Thursday, April 10 Video Exercise 8am/ Stretch & Flex 9:30am

Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Wheat Bread, Mixed Fruit

Friday, April 11 Bingo 9am and Crafts 9am

Tuna Salad Sandwich w/ Lettuce/Tomato, Carrot/ Raisin Salad, Wheat Bun, **Applesauce**

Activities/Health Dept. Kasey Presentation-Nutrition 11am

Beef Raviolis, Spinach, Garlic Bread. Squash, **Peaches**

Tuesday, April 15 Video Exercise 8am/Stretch & Flex 9:30am

Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Spinach Salad, Peas &

Monday, April 14 Open Carrots, Wheat Bread, Ambrosia

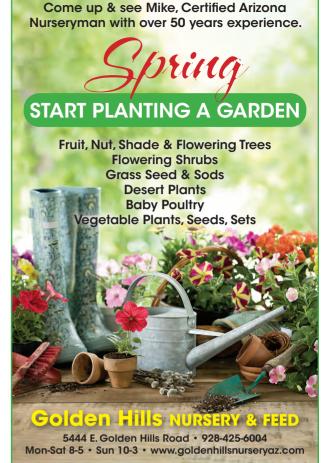
> Wednesday, April 16 Biscuits/Gravy 7:30am/Bingo 9am/Ceramics 9am

> Mac and Cheese w/Ham, Beets, Mixed Veggies, Wheat Bread, Applesauce Menus—All meals 2% milk

> The Globe Active Adult Center is sponsored by

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Firewise Awareness Day and Firewise **Treatment Walk-thru**

and friends are invited to come this Firewise Awareness event at Cobre Valley Rec Center, 4877 W Cypress Way, Miami, AZ 85539, Tuesday 22, 2025, from 10am to 3pm. Information tables will be available to talk and learn more about what you can do to firewise your home and property. Sponsored by Freeport McMoran Inc and

Cobre Valley residents the International Association of Fire Chiefs, food will be available and a demo firewise treatment will be conducted by the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for an afternoon walk-thru. Invited presenters include Fire Marshal Dallas Lane from the Superior Fire Department, and Supervisor Tim Humphrey, Globe Fire Chief Gary Robinson and

others to discuss preparations for this year's fire season. Please see the agenda below for more details. We hope you join us for this fun and informative event! Firewise Awareness Day and Firewise Treatment Walk-thru

April 22, 2025, 10am -

Cobre Valley Rec Center, 4877 W Cypress Way, Miami, AZ 85539

Visit information tables:

- Tri-City Fire Department (invited)
- Globe Fire Department
- Gila County Office of **Emergency Management**
- Arizona Department of Forestry & Fire Management (ADFFM)
- Arizona Public Service
- Local Insurance (invited)
- UA Rethinking Wildfires, Floods and Health

We are so proud of you!

Lane Phillips, GHS class of 2013, graduated from Northwest Fire Academy, In Tucson, AZ on March 20, 2025. In attendance were his Wife, Rianna, parents, Del and Becky Philips, Mother, Georgia, and Father Trinidad. Lane's Aunt Tammy pinned his badge on him at the formal Ceremony. A reception was held at Lupe's located in Oracle Junction. The Family is very proud of our new firefighter.



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EMBER AWARENESS CHECKLIST

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR HOME:

WOOD BOOF

Replace wood roofs with fire-resistant types such as composition, metal and tile.

ROOF OPENINGS

Plug openings at locations between the roof covering and roof deck using a noncombustible material

ROOF DEBRIS

Routinely remove leaf and pine needle debris from the roof.

Replace plastic skylights with double-pane tempered glass on gabled or sloped roofs.

SPARK ARRESTER

Install an approved spark arrester on chimneys.

WINDOWS

Use multi-pane, tempered glass windows. Close windows if wildfire is threatening.

Cover all exterior vents with 1/8-inch corrosion resistant wire mesh or install new vents designed to resist ember entry. Use a louvered vent for the dryer.

RAIN GUTTERS

Use noncombustible rain gutter covers. Inspect and keep gutters free of debris.

Fill gaps in siding and trim with caulk. Assure at least a six-inch separation between the ground and the start of the siding.

Move woodpiles at least 30 feet from the house.

PATIO FURNITURE

Put combustible patio furniture inside or move 30 feet from the house if wildfire is threatening.

DECK BOARDS

Replace deck boards <1" thick, or in poor condition, with thicker higher density decking (i.e., hardwood or plastic composite). Properly install metal flashing between the deck and house.

DECK DEBRIS

Remove leaf and pine needle debris on top of deck and between deck board gaps

PORCH & DECK ACCESSORIES

If wildfire is threatening, remove door mats and combustible materials from the porch and deck. Place BBQ propane tanks indoors.

UNDER THE DECK

Remove leaf and pine needle debris and other combustible materials from under decks. Enclose open sided decks with 1/8-inch corrosion resistant wire mesh

FLOWERBOXES

Remove plants and combustible materials (or flowerboxes as practical) from beneath windows if wildfire is threatening.

EAVES

Enclose open eaves with a noncombustible material.

FLOWERBEDS

Should be at least five feet from the house. Use noncombustible mulch like gravel. Routinely remove dead and dry plant material. Choose plants and flowers that are deciduous, herbaceous, low resin or non-resinous, succulent and/or low growing.

VEHICLES

Close vehicle windows. Park in closed garage or away from the house.

GARAGE DOOR

Adjust garage doors to achieve a tight fit. Close the garage door if wildfire is threatening.

GARBAGE CANS & RECYCLING BINS

Use garbage cans with tight lids. Place recycling bins in garage or away from the house.

WOODEN FENCES

Use a five-foot or longer noncombustible gate or fence section next to the house. Keep base of fence free of combustible debris.









WORSHIP

Worship Directory

St. Paul's United Methodist Church Pastor Gary Simons

928-425-2340 • 141 N Hill St, Globe (Cedar & Hill) Sunday Service 10:30am Office 9am-12pm Office Mon, Tues 8am - 4pm, Wed 8am - Noon stpaulsumcglobe@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 4 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

Roosevelt Baptist Church Dr. Roger D. Pike

928-467-2349

18653 Hwy 188, Roosevelt, AZ Sun. Worship 11:00am • Wed. Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church - PC (USA) Pastor Troy Agema

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

The Only Marriage That Can't Be Saved

By Greg S. Baker
Pastor of First Baptist
Church of Miami.

In my years as a marriage counselor, I've dealt with some very real and troubling problems in marriages. But no matter what the extent of the problems may be, they can be solved, reconciliation made, and hope rekindled. Every marriage can be salvaged and repaired — except one.

The only time I've been unable to help a marriage and the only time God can't help a marriage is when one or both involved no longer have a desire to make it work. When someone doesn't care to fix the marriage, they simply won't try.

The desire to save a marriage is often dependent upon several factors:

- 1. Has their heart already moved on? Sometimes a person's heart has already left, already divorced themselves from the other person. Sometimes a person has already latched on to someone else. This means their desire has shifted, and it won't come back unless that other desire can be severed.
- 2. Can they see past their pain? Hurt people only have the desire to be rid of

their pain and to prevent themselves from being hurt again. Until there is a measure of healing, the desire to make the marriage work will be stifled.

3. Is there a sense of teamwork? People who believe they are the only ones trying to fix a problem will soon lose their desire to fix the problem. Both sides of the marriage must work together. A person's desire to fix a marriage maybe directly related to the effort and desire they see from the other party.

You can pound a person into the ground emotionally and spiritually so that you drive out any desire to even want to make the marriage work. I've witnessed husbands who were so lackadaisical regarding their marriage that they killed their wife's desire to want to be married. The husband come to me in a last-ditch effort to save their marriage, but she doesn't have the will or desire to save it anymore.

It's hard to fix a marriage where someone doesn't want it to be fixed. It's almost impossible.

Don't mistake hope for desire, however. A person who feels that there is no hope may still have the desire to make it work. There is therefore hope for the marriage. Hope can be rekindled when there is desire, but trying to rekindle desire is extremely difficult.

So if your marriage is struggling, the most important thing you can do is try to see to it that desire to make the relationship a success remains on both sides of the marriage. Don't allow the desire to perish.

Consider these ideas to keep desire alive in your marriage:

- 1. Be willing to get help. Show that you are willing to make a go at it.
- 2. Tell your spouse that you believe in them.
- 3. Say that you aren't willing to give up. If your spouse sees your determination, maybe he or she will be willing to keep trying too.
- 4. Start having weekly dates.
- 5. If your spouse is hurt, find ways to promote healing
- 6. If your spouse's heart seems to be elsewhere, you may need to try to win their heart as you did when you first met.

Keep desire alive! To learn more, go to fbcmiami.com.

Worship Directory

Pentecostals of Globe , UPC Pastor David Staten

928-651-2191 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 Sunday School 3:30 - 4:30 p.m Wed. night Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Sun. Worship 10 am • splcaz.org

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

First Baptist Church of Miami AZ Pastor Greg S. Baker 3654 Gordon St. Miami, AZ 85539

(928) 351-7799 | fbcmiami.com facebook.com/firstbaptistmiami/ Sunday School: 10 AM Sunday Morning Service: 11 AM Sunday Luncheon Fellowship and Prayer: 12:15 PM Sunday Afternoon Worship: 1:30 PM Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 PM Saturday Visitation: 10 AM Nursery provided for all services

Would you like to see your place of worship featured in the directory? Please call use at 928-425-7121

Maranatha Baptist Church

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

First Southern Baptist Church, Miami Pastor Gary McPherson

928-473-3311 920 Live Oak St, Miami, AZ Sun. B'fast 9:00am, Sun. School 9:45am Sun Worship 11am & 6pm Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm



OBITUARIES

Thomas Aguirre

Thomas Aguirre, a devoted educator, coach, and respected member of the Globe Community, passed away March 11, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family after a courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born on May 11, 1949, in Globe, Arizona. Tom's journey in education spanned nearly four decades, leaving a lasting impression on the lives of thousands of students in the Globe and San Carlos Communities.

Tom was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend, whose kindness resilience touched those who knew him. Tom enjoyed fishing, traveling, golfing, attending and watching all sporting events and most importantly spending time with his wife, family and friends. Some of Tom's proud accomplishments include being selected as the 3A South All-Star Basketball Coach in 1994, the most



victorious Globe High School Varsity Basketball Coach with 185 wins which still holds the record at Globe High School, and being the head varsity coach of football, basketball, baseball, track and golf at various times throughout his career as an educator. Tom was inducted into the Globe Hall of Fame in 2012.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Luis and Lydia Aguirre, brother

Louis Aguirre and sister Barbara Valencia. He is survived by his wife, Christy Aguirre, and children: Cynthia Garcia (Arthur), Stephanie Irish, Brian Valencia (Peggy), Gabriel Valencia (Heidi) and his grandchildren: Aubriana, Alyssa (Aaron), Derek (Abby), Caleb, Samanatha and Jakob and great grandchild: Harrison

Tom will be deeply missed. The love, compassion, and energy that Tom brought into the world will continue to shine through those he leaves behind, as they carry on his legacy of nurturing, encouragement, and dedication to education and family.

Services were held Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Holy Angels Catholic Church.

Obituary deadlines are **Thursdays by 4:30 p.m.**Email submissions to David Sowders at **dsowders@silverbelt.com** to be printed
in the next Wednesday issue.

The family of Lawrence "Lazo"

Lopez Contreras would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all of the love and support that has been displayed to us during these past few weeks, it has been nothing short of Amazing! God Bless.

The Contreras Family

Trudy Sue (Phillips) Miller

Trudy Sue (Phillips) Miller, GHS class of 1986, passed away on March 25, 2025 with many loved ones by her side.

Trudy Sue was born in Globe, AZ on July 24, 1968.

Trudy's smile was infectious; she loved everyone. Her children and grand-children were her life.

Trudy is survived by her children DJ (Crystal), Jess (Al), Liz (Tommy), and 8 grandchildren: Braelyn,



Harlie, Remington, Cheyenne, Lillie, Deej, Peyton and Al. Parents Del & Becky Phillips, Sisters Delene and Tammy. Many

Nephews and nieces. Special long time Love and Companion Doug Chase.

Trudy was preceded in death by her sister Georgia on December 23, 2023.

Services will be held Friday, April 11th at noon at Living Waters Community Church in Globe with a reception to follow at her childhood home @ 7860 S. Hopi Ave, Globe, AZ.

TRUDY SUE YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL!

Agnes Rios Paul

Agnes Rios Paul, 87 of Central Heights, died Saturday, March 15 in Globe.

Agnes was born in Mogollon, New Mexico September 30, 1937, to Joe and Ann Rios. Her family moved to Miami in the early 1940s where she lived the rest of her life. Agnes graduated from Miami High School in 1956.

Mom married the love of her life Michael Paul of Globe November 24, 1966. They had two children, Andrea and Anthony.

Agnes was a wonderful Mom, Grandma, sister, aunt, and friend. She loved being with her family, whether at dinners, cookouts, or parties. Mom especially loved her grandsons Michael and Brady.

Agnes worked in healthcare most of her life. She worked with her friend Dr. Charles A. Bejarano for decades, initially as a medical assistant and later as an insurance clerk.



Agnes developed many lifelong friends during this time, and helped countless patients and their families.

Mom loved listening to music throughout her life. She was a voracious reader, devouring books by authors that she enjoyed. Mom loved to watch television. Some of her favorite shows included The Price is Right, anything in the Star Trek universe, all of the shows in the CSI franchise, The Big Bang Theory, and Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. Mom greatly enjoyed visits to the casino, especially her trips with Dad to Laughlin.

Mom is preceded in death by her husband Michael, parents Joe and Ann Rios, and brother Bobby Rios. She is survived by her daughter Andrea (Scott) Allen of Phoenix and son Anthony (Gina) Paul of Globe. Grandsons Michael Paul of Globe and Brady Allen of Phoenix. Her brother Joe (Carol) Rios of Globe and sister Linda (Doug) Versaevel of Globe. Her bonus kids Carol Tarango, Dominic Renon, Tarango, and Christopher Gonzales. Numerous nieces and nephews as well as her large collection of Guysitos.

Per Mom's request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Globe Salvation Army or the charity of your choice.

We love you Mom. Please give Dad a kiss and a hug



In celebration of AzPoppyFest, the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts is hosting an art show, themed "Desert Art"



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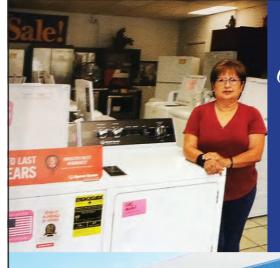
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Justice for Emily







The Gila County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the San Carlos Apache Police Department are seeking the public's assistance with information on the death of Emily Pike. San Carlos Apache Police Department is assisting with this investigation by providing its anonymous tip platform tips411.

If you have information on the Emily Pike case, please contact The Gila County Sheriff's Office at 928-425-4449 Opt #1 or the San Carlos Police Department at 928-475-1700 or you can remain completely anonymous. Web tips can be submitted online at https://www.tip411.com/tips/sancarlosazpd/new

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He's hoping the Globe community will help find a proper home for the cross. Collins said if someone can help with the concrete foundation, the installation will go faster.

"I'm going to try to roll into the 'res' on May the second and get some rest," he said. "But I've done bit off a big piece this time—and now I've got to chew it." Collins asks that anyone who wants to support the trip consider donating to the travel fund. The welding is free, but gas and lodging for a dozen volunteers across multiple states add up quickly.

He said if it were just about building something beautiful, he wouldn't do it. But these crosses aren't about aesthetics. They're about presence.

"All glory goes to God," he said. "You make sure you put that in your report."



If you would like to donate to "Fund Emily Pike's Memorial Cross and Travel/Delivery Costs" scan the QR Code. You can also donate via Venmo: SLMPICKINS1976 or Cash App: \$SLMPICKINS.



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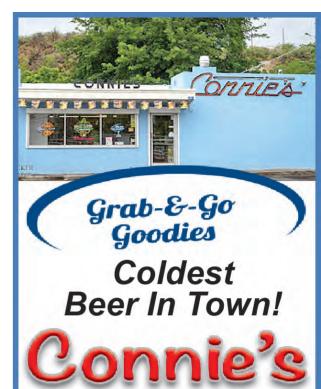
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Dry Conditions Statewide Could Fuel High Fire Activity Across ArizonaZONA

Phoenix, AZ - On March 31. the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) along with local and federal partners briefed Governor Katie Hobbs on the outlook for Arizona's upcoming fire season. Unlike year's past, state and regional fire behavior analysts warn this year, Arizona's lingering warm and dry conditions, coupled with droughtstricken fuel could be the driving forces for widespread fire activity. In addition, a windier spring weather pattern and sustained warm and dry con-

ditions could potentially lead to larger and longer duration fires sooner, particularly in southeastern Arizona, including within Cochise County. Then, as the state moves into its hot and dry summer months, analysts forecast fire activity increasing throughout Arizona, including across the high country. The minimal moisture in Flagstaff and in northeastern Arizona also puts those areas at higher risk for increased fire activity.

DFFM's State Fire Management Officer John Truett said this year's season

is not based on elevation or fuel type. "More than half of the state is in extreme drought status. That combined with a lackluster winter and spring, in terms of rain and snow, have really put us at a disadvantage statewide."

However, the possibility is there for areas south of the Mogollon Rim, including across the Sonoran Desert landscape, and southern Arizona to see larger intensity fires due to the fuel types and amount of fuel loading. Prior to the recent precipitation, state fire personnel recorded historically



low live fuel moisture levels within brush in Yavapai County and in southeastern Arizona in Bisbee and Douglas. The abnormally low moisture levels essentially equate to dead fuel that can be highly conducive to quick ignitions and rapid-spreading fire.

"The recent moisture may have spared us a few weeks in terms of keeping fire activity down. However, with the possibility of a very active fire season across Arizona, it is important that residents stay vigilant of the conditions. Be prepared and be proactive when it comes to fire. Do your due diligence when working outdoors with tools that may spark. Be a good steward of our lands and recreate responsibly. It's not a matter of if a fire starts, but when," Chief Truett said.

In 2024, firefighters responded to 2,162 fires – an increase of 33% from 2023. Those 2,162 fires burned 282,507 acres of private, state, and federal lands. In 2023, 1,831 fires burned approximately 188,000 acres.

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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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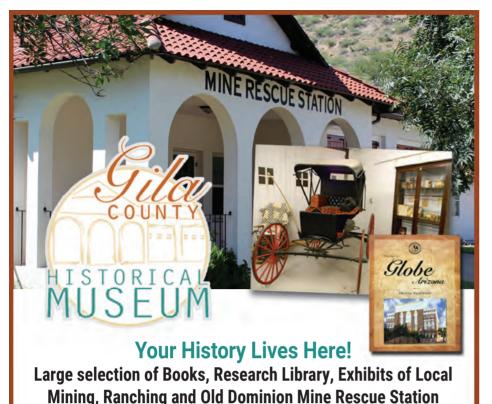




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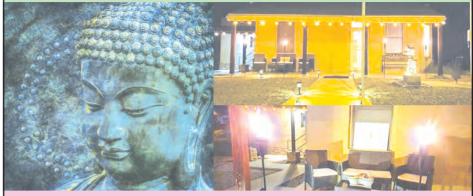
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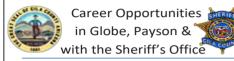
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Summer is fast approaching, and you're getting excited about all the adventures that await you. Well-deserved nature walks and outings promise to be the highlights of the season



CANCER Be daring and embrace new adven-

tures that could take you to all four cor ners of the globe. At work, a position you've always wanted will suddenly

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Dive deeper into your spirituality to achieve personal fulfillment, If you commit to a cause, you may be able to face life's big questions and discover a richer meaning

VIRGO

You'll have a flood of ingenious ideas that will inspire you to create a master piece. You'll be extremely generous with someone close to you.

LIBRA

You'll be under a lot of pressure at

work this week. Take a moment to step back and recharge with friends. Fortunately, you'll organize an event that will bring together the people you cherish most.

SCORPIO

A revelation will light your way and guide you toward a career that aligns with your aspirations. You'll face a learning process that will help you navigate and define your goals more

SAGITTARIUS

Let your dreams guide and inspire you as you plan your summer vacation. Make sure you plan ahead to create memorable getaways with those you love.

CAPRICORN You need to take a break and give yourself

permission to relax, especially if you're feeling vulnerable. Going on a vacation could help you work through difficult emotions. This will allow you to return to work with a calmer mindset to tackle nev challenges

AOUARIUS

Negotiating with someone you have no

emotional connection with is easier Sometimes, you may be unwilling to be flexible when dealing with those closest



PISCES

work. Trust your instincts and organizational skills. They'll help you score a top role within the company

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