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Bruzzi Vineyard: Worth the Road Trip to Unwind in Gila County

Mila Besich
Pinal Nugget

Tucked away in central Gila County, nestled snugly in the Tonto National Forest is the community of Young, Arizona, also known as Pleasant Valley. This small mountain town is home to about 600 residents and is quickly becoming a destination for those seeking outdoor adventures, Arizona wine and relaxation. Bruzzi Vineyard has become a destination within the community and to visitors from across the world.

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While the Arizona wine industry is growing, Gila County is an emerging wine region. James Bruzzi and his father Aldo Bruzzi started out on this adventure of developing a winery in 2010 when they planted the first crop of grapes, what James calls a "happy accident." It did take some time to figure out the right grapes to grow for the

climate in Young. Their hopes were to grow grapes to create ice wine and, after a few trials, they determined that the Vidal Blanc grapes were a perfect match for the rugged terrain at higher elevations.

The first wines were made from the 2015 harvest, which created their signature wine the Vidal Blanc. The Vidal Blanc wine has won best



⬆️ DECKED OUT

The entrance to the Bruzzi Vineyard is all decked out for the Christmas season.

desert wine in the state of Arizona for three years in a row. In addition to the Vidal Blanc wine, Bruzzi Vineyard also buys wine from other Arizona vineyards to create red wines including a Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirrah and Pino Noir. Depending on your wine preference, Bruzzi

Vineyard has wines for the experienced wine drinker and those who are starting to enjoy drinking wine.

The tasting room at Bruzzi Vineyard has a home-like feel; their goal is to make you feel at home while you enjoy their wines. Their tasting flight provides a generous tasting

of each of their wines and you can enjoy a meal during your tasting. The menu at the tasting room includes Belgian Chocolate boards, meat and cheese boards, homemade pizzas, salads and sandwiches. On Saturday mornings, they do offer breakfast and at least once or twice a month they have prime rib dinners and other special meals.

Focusing on the farming and agricultural traditions of the community, Bruzzi Vineyard hosts four special events each year on the seasonal solstice. The next event is the Spring Solstice which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The seven course meal is designed to celebrate the coming season and serve the locally sourced Arizona products. The dinners are a fine dining experience and each menu is designed by

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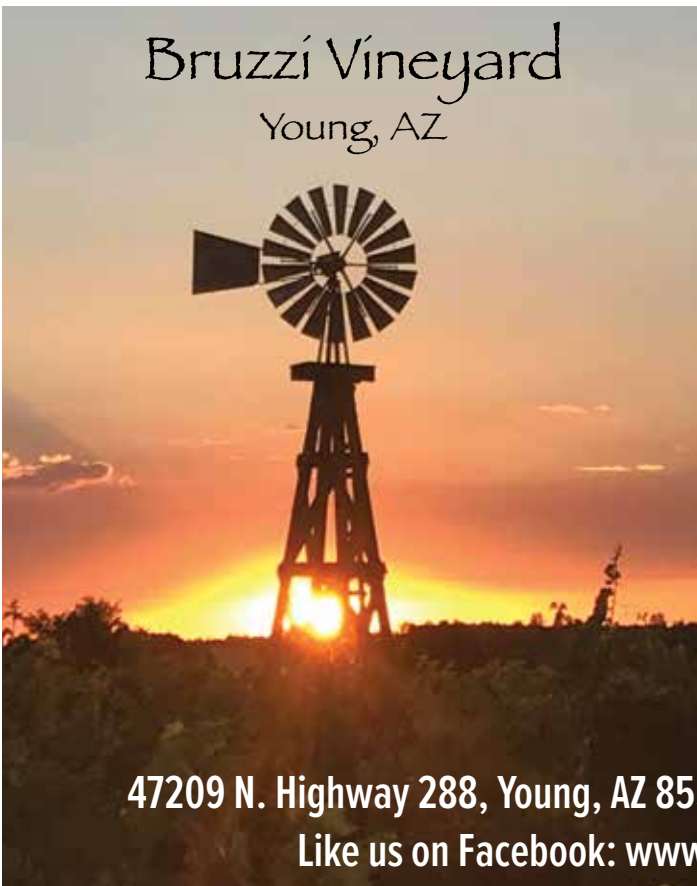
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The chocolate boards served at Bruzzi Vineyard enhances the wine tasting.



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Bruzzi Vineyard

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James. Each course is paired with a Bruzzi Vineyard wine and homemade truffles, and the evening also includes music. These special events do require a reservation.

The Bruzzi Vineyard farms include two llamas, Abigal and Nefie, along with two babydoll sheep, Chip and Jelly, who enjoy visiting with guests at the vineyard.

the trip to Young is scenic, making a trip to Bruzzi Vineyard a destination. Traveling to Young will require a trip on the Arizona Highway 188, which you access off of Highway 288 on the way to Roosevelt Lake. Arizona Highway 188 is known as the “Desert to Tall Pines” scenic highway. Those traveling on this road should check local weather conditions

as part of the road is unpaved and it can get muddy. You can also travel to Young via Forest Road 512 off of Arizona Highway 260 just east of Payson, Arizona. Both routes into Young are very scenic and each route includes unpaved roads, narrow lanes, sharp curves and most importantly beautiful views. Young does have a small motel and some cabin rentals. There are plenty of areas for hiking, mountain biking, ATV riding and enjoying the great outdoors.

Bruzzi Vineyard is open Fridays 3-7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays noon to 7 p.m. To make reservations for the upcoming Spring Solstice dinner please call 928-462-3314 or visit them on Facebook at Bruzzi Vineyard.



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Death of a Mammoth Cowboy

John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget

In 1929, Edgar Mercer was a well-known cowboy in the Tucson area as well as in the Mammoth and lower San Pedro River Valley. In 1928 he competed in the bronc riding and roping contests at the Tucson Rodeo/Fiesta de los Vaqueros winning the All-Arizona Cowboy Championship. During that same time he had been managing the San Pedro Ranch near Mammoth. His brother Virgil owned a ranch adjoining the San Pedro. Another brother Dell owned a ranch near Tucson.

Oakley Y. Olney, 50, was a cattlemen from Hayden, with his ranch in the vicinity of the ranches of Virgil and Edgar. As it was open range, cattlemen in the area often competed for range land and water holes. Many disputes often occurred over missing cattle and water rights, some ending in gun play.

On Sept. 23, 1929, newspapers reported that Edgar Mercer age 23 had been shot to death near Mammoth around 11 o'clock on Sept. 22. Olney had given himself up to authorities in Hayden and was being held in jail for the shooting. All that was known was that Olney had used a .30-30 rifle. Olney was refusing to answer any questions from authorities.

In the following days, more information was learned. On Sept. 23, an inquest was held in Mammoth with Justice of the Peace Christman of Mammoth presiding. Pinal County Attorney E.W. McFarland reported that Olney had shot Mercer "as the climax of a quarrel between the men over a calf." A witness, Dave Miller testified at the inquest. Miller was Olney's son-in-law and testified that a calf was missing from Olney's corral. "They enlisted the aid of Mercer in looking for it." Miller said "that Olney was riding

ahead, he in the middle and Mercer behind, as they worked their way across the range." Olney suggested that maybe they should search the Mercer corral. Mercer got offended and hot words were exchanged. Mercer started to draw his revolver and Olney raised his rifle and fired. The bullet hit Mercer in the mouth. Mercer was survived by his widow and a 20 months old son. The killing happened near Sombrero Butte.

On Oct. 4, Olney was charged with first degree murder. The preliminary hearing was held in Oracle with Justice of the Peace Jamieson presiding. The hearing was held in Oracle because the Mammoth Justice, Cressman disqualified himself on his own motion as having formed an opinion in the case. It was the contention by the prosecutors, E.W. McFarland and George R. Darnall, that Olney shot Mercer from ambush. Judge Darnall of Tucson was a special prosecutor hired by John Rhodes, Edgar Mercer's step-father, and Virgil Mercer. The defense was made up of William Barnum of Phoenix and George Stovall of Superior. They would claim that Olney acted in self-defense. Quite a number of the defendant's and victim's friends attended the hearing.

The trial of Olney began on Dec. 13, 1929 in Florence. Dave W. Ling was the presiding judge. The prosecution said they would seek the death penalty. They argued that Olney shot Mercer over a missing calf and that there had been bad blood between the two men over grazing land. They sought to disclaim Olney's and Miller's testimony that they had been riding together before the shooting and prove that Olney ambushed Mercer. Olney testified on the stand that he shot Mercer in self-defense only firing after Mercer had tried to draw his gun. "I beat him to it. That's all. I shot in self-defense," Olney told the court. Fifty witnesses testified in the case. The trial drew the interest of many of the friends of both parties and people in eastern Pinal County.

In his book, *Cow Country Counselor*, published in 1968, author Tom Fulbright a former Pinal County Attorney and long-time lawyer told a story about the killing and trial. Fulbright was in the courtroom as an observer at the trial. After hearing Olney's testimony that he beat Mercer to the draw believing that Mercer was going to kill him, Fulbright felt that the defense had a problem in not being able to show



SCENE OF THE CRIME

The shooting of Edgar Mercer happened near Sombrero Butte.

that Olney could beat Mercer to the draw with a rifle from his saddle scabbard before Mercer who allegedly drew first with his pistol.

Fulbright calling it the highlight of the trial watched as the defense set up a demonstration of Olney’s gun skills. Fulbright said that Olney’s Winchester .30-30 rifle was a shortened version of the gun being only about 18 inches long. “He drew with lightning speed and emptied the gun containing blank cartridges.” The swift draw and rapid firing reminded Fulbright of the television series *The Rifleman*. The gun display may have put doubt in some of the juror’s minds.

On Dec. 14, the jury was locked up to deliberate the hearing. After 48 hours of deliberation, they told the judge that they “were hopelessly deadlocked”. The case was discharged as a hung

jury. A new trial would be ordered.

In January, Olney was released on a \$20,000 bond. A new trial was set for Feb. 10, 1930. Olney’s attorneys filed a motion for a change of venue, arguing that Olney could not receive a fair trial in Florence. The motion was granted and the trial was moved to Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix. A jury was chosen on March 25 and testimony began on March 26. Judge M.T. Phelps presided over the trial.

The prosecution rested its case and the defense began its testimony. This time Dave Miller testified that he and Olney had rode over to Mercer’s place to see about a lost calf. Mercer warned them to get off of his property, and an argument ensued. Mercer reached for his gun but “Olney beat him to the draw and shot,” Olney carrying his rifle

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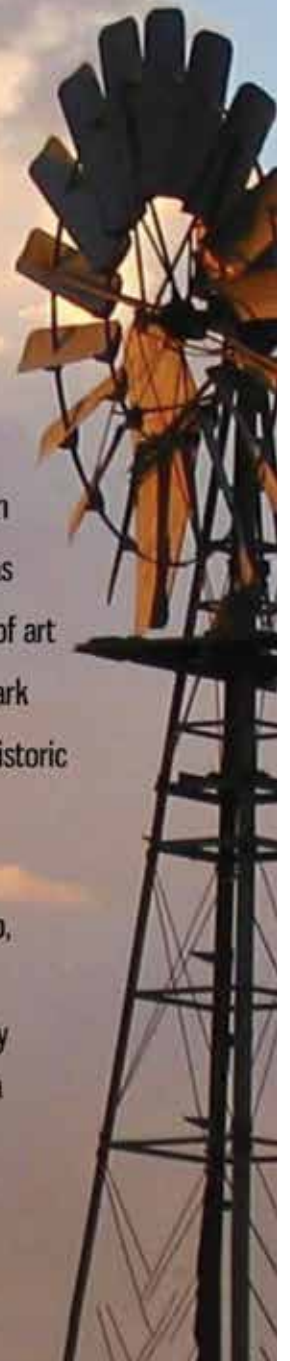
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Mercer

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in a gun case under the fender of the saddle.

On March 27, Olney testified. *The Arizona Republic* said that he told the jury, "I was positive that Edgar Mercer was going to shoot me, so I shot first." After four days of trial including 20 hours of deliberation by the jury, Olney was acquitted. Edgar Mercer was buried at Evergreen Memorial Park in Tucson.

This was an additional tragedy for the Mercer family. In 1914, their father James Arthur Mercer was working as a range officer for Pima County. He was a former deputy sheriff. He was well liked and respected. On Dec. 2, 1914, he was working on a case involving Mexican cattle rustlers. He and a local rancher, Robert Fenter went to the ranch of J. Padilla near Pantano in search of a stolen calf. As they approached the ranch corral, Mercer hollered out that he was going to take the calf. Padilla began walking towards them carrying a .30-30 rifle. Padilla stopped about 75 yards from the two men. He then raised the gun to his shoulder and fired one shot. Mercer fired at the same time but missed.

The bullet struck Mercer in his calf just above the knee breaking the bone. When Padilla saw Mercer fall, he ran into a nearby canyon. Fenter took Mercer to Pantano where he was put on a train to Tucson. Mercer had lost a lot of blood and the doctors were talking about amputating the leg. The *Tucson Daily Star* newspaper reported: When amputation was suggested, the brave ranger said "No, I will get well or die altogether." Mercer died on Dec. 9, 1914

at the Rodgers Hospital in Tucson. A posse went looking for Padilla and rewards totaling \$1,000 were offered for his capture. I could find no record of him being found. Last reports in the newspapers said that it was believed he had made it into Mexico where he was in hiding.

Another interesting note in this story was that John Rhodes, Edgar's step-father, was originally born John Tewksbury. His father was John Tewksbury Jr. killed during the infamous Graham-Tewksbury feud better known as the Pleasant Valley Range War, the deadliest range war in American history 1882 – 1892. He would be adopted by John Rhodes after John married his friend Tewksbury's widow Mary Ann. John was in his mother's womb at 8 ½ months when his father was killed and survived the gun battle that followed at the family's ranch in northern Arizona. Members of the Graham faction shot into the cabin where Mary Ann Tewksbury and some ranch hands were barricaded and returning fire. The battle lasted for hours before the Grahams left. John Rhodes would later be accused along with Ed Tewksbury of murdering Tom Graham, the last of the Graham brothers, which ended the war. Rhodes would be charged then released when an alleged alibi placed him far away from the crime scene.

The Mercer Ranch near Mammoth is still working and has been owned by four generations of the Mercer family. There was bad blood between the Olney and Mercer families for the next 50 years over the killing of Edgar.

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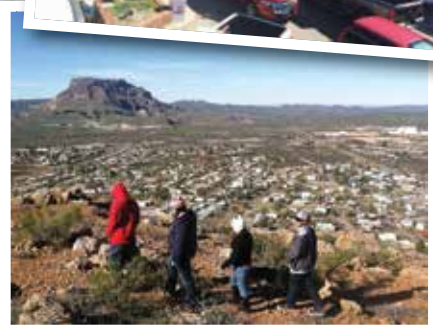
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The Spiritual Art of Pat Dolan

Pat Dolan has been painting more than 40 years and teaching art for more than 30. Besides being an accomplished artist and teacher, she is a shamanic healer and published author.



**John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget**

⤴ ARTIST

Oracle artist Pat Dolan uses animals in her artwork.

Her book, *Stalking the Sacred*, is a memoir of Pat's search to understand what happens after death. It is a spiritual journey filled with candor, humor and warmth. Her spirituality is reflected in her artwork as well.

Pat has exhibited and sold her art nationally. She continues to teach and mentor at the Drawing Studio in Tucson. She is planning on starting a mentoring program for artists in Oracle and will

work individually with the artist in the medium of their choice. Plans are in the works for a solo show at Rancho Linda Vista soon.

Animals and nature are a large part of Pat's art.

"I choose animals because they are endangered. I feel a spiritual connection with them," she said. "You will see in many of my animal paintings, the eyes of the animal trying to make a connection."

Her training in Shamanistic healing and travels around the world learning from indigenous people and their cultures have influenced much of her work. She feels that "the animals in my work are visual prayers asking the viewer to remember that once we felt a connection to all life and lived in a way that sustained us all."

To learn more about Pat and her art visit her website: www.patdolan.net.

Superior Chamber to Present the Apache Leap Mining Festival

→ HARD ROCK

The mining competition is one of the most popular events at the Apache Leap Mining Festival. (Cat Brown photo)



From Friday, March 15, through Sunday, March 17, 2019, the Superior Chamber of Commerce will present the 31st Annual Apache Leap Mining Festival, a unique event that is beloved by locals and visitors alike.

The fun-filled line-up of activities will include a parade, a carnival, live entertainment, and opportunities to learn about mining and Superior's rich history.

On Friday evening, the festival will launch on Main Street with a carnival, vendors, music and a Friday night "Miners Rock ... and Roll" theme! Attendees are invited to dress for the Rock and Roll era and take a stroll down memory lane as they kick up their heels with '50's and '60's music by Neto and the Imagine. This year's festival will celebrate and honor the

hard rock miners who worked in the smelter. Sadly, Superior's iconic smelter stack had to be removed due to age and condition, but it remains in the hearts of many of the town's residents.

Saturday will begin with the annual parade on Main Street led by the Grand Marshals, who all worked at the smelter. There will also be hilarious Chihuahua races and a string of great entertainers performing throughout the event. Attendees will not want to miss the mining competition, in which men and women compete to win the coveted prize of a \$3,000 purse by performing the

grueling activities of sawing, mucking, spiking and drilling. Younger members of the family will enjoy the Kid's Zone, where they will learn about mining hands-on and pan for pennies. After a full day, attendees can relax and enjoy a cold beverage from the Blasting Zone Beer Garden and dance in the streets to the music of Sol Deville. The fun will continue on Sunday with the music of mariachis and others.

The festival will also offer attendees an opportunity to learn about mining and Superior's history. Representatives

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Mining Festival

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from mine companies will be eager to share information about the many types of mining, and Westland Resources will present the “History of the Smelter,” a fascinating show describing the processes of mining in the past. In addition, historian speakers will share captivating mining stories of the area.

This one-of-a-kind event is free to the public, with the exception of vendors, the carnival and the beer garden. Festivities will run from 5-11 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. The Superior Chamber of Commerce is proud to invite visitors to “Discover Superior—a well-kept secret of an amazing little town.”

The Chamber of Commerce is located at 165 W. Main St., Superior, Ariz. For more information, call 520-689-0200 or follow us on Facebook and see schedule updates at www.superiorarizonachamber.org.



KIDS' ZONE

A volunteer helps a youngster with a project during last year's Apache Leap Mining Festival. (Cat Brown photo)

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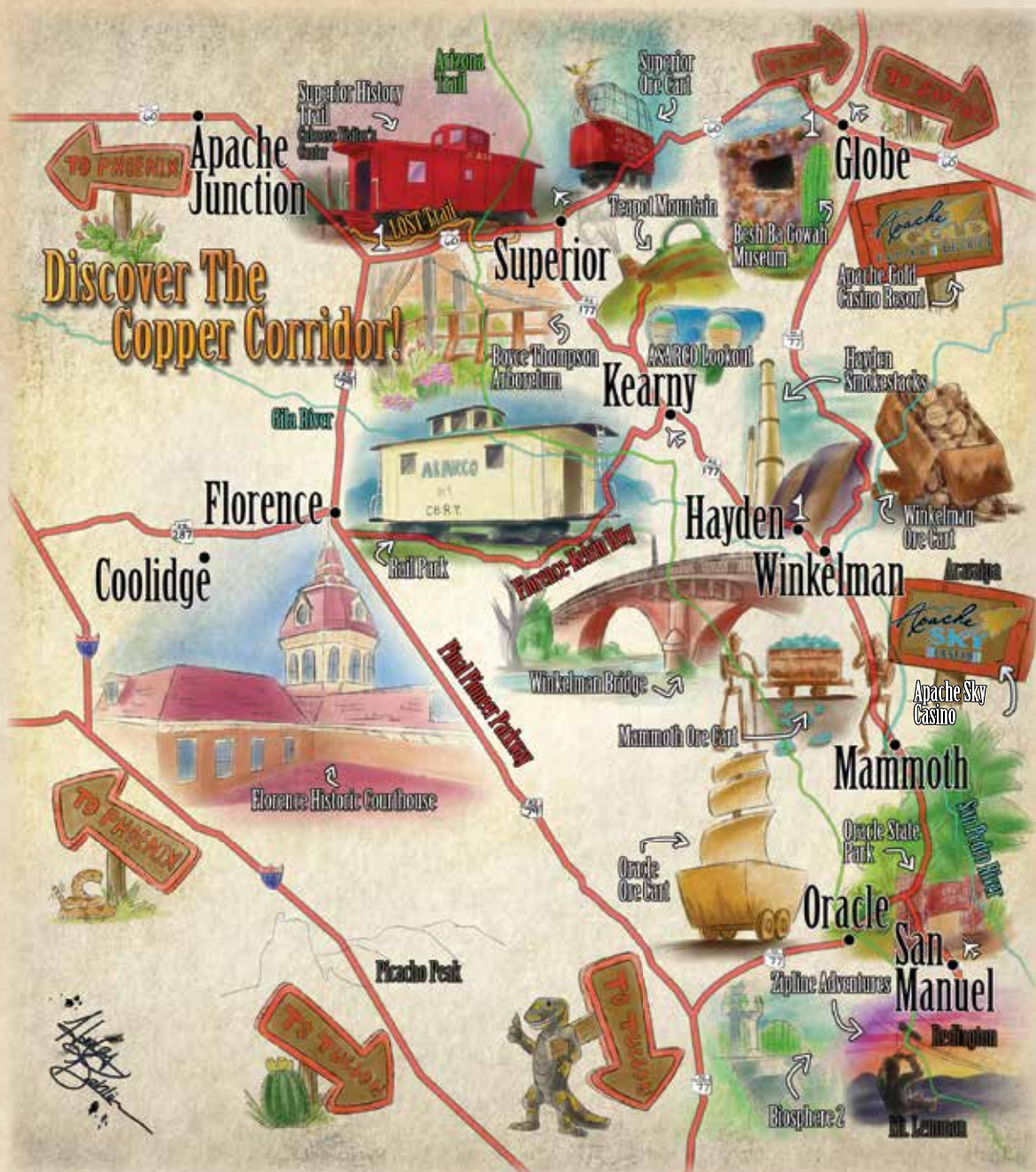
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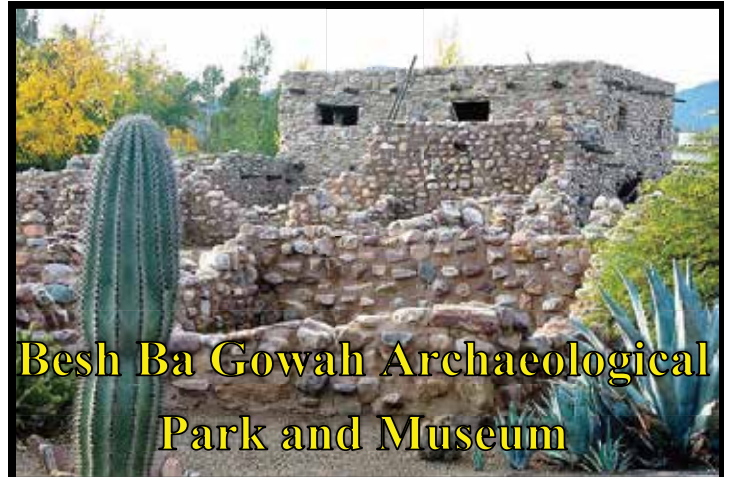
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↑ ON THE COURSE

A view of the 13th hole on the Queen Valley Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble open to all teams: men, women and mixed. Teams will be flighted by handicap. Entry fees are \$40 each for members and \$60 each for non-members (this includes cart fees). The entry fee includes morning coffee and rolls, green fees, specialty holes, lunch, team prizes and door prizes. There will also be a silent auction at the luncheon.

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Finding Beauty In Reflections & Rust

Photos by Jennifer Carnes

Reflections and rust. Those are the two things that draw photographer Jennifer Carnes to car shows like the Oracle Spring Run Car Show.

"I love the duality of reflections," Jennifer said. "It's looking at one thing and seeing something entirely different."

Jennifer has been photographing the Oracle Spring Run Car Show for the past 10 years. The car show, held annually in conjunction with the Oracle Oaks Festival, is set for April 13, 2019. With more than 150 cars every year, there is much to photograph.

"My favorites are the art shots I take of the vehicles," she said.

Her photos focus on a hubcap or an interesting hood ornament. She looks for what the reflections reveal. It might be the car parked alongside what she's photographing or it might be the person standing next to her who is looking at the cars on display.

"I see textures in the colors and shadows," she said.

The photo on the cover of this magazine is a good example. The vehicle pictured is a 1939 Chevy Town Sedan owned by William Spagnola of Arizona City. The Chevy took Best of Show Car in 2017.

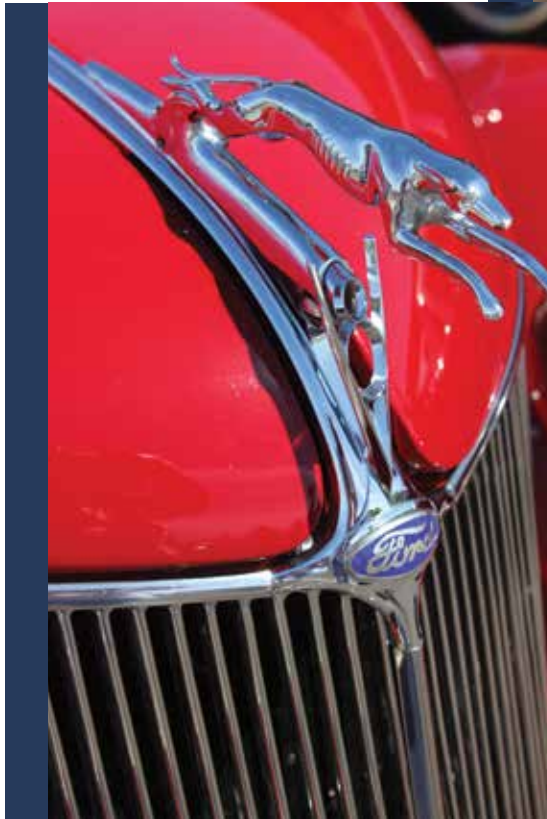
"The hood was up and the colors were just spectacular in the sunshine that day," Jennifer said. "My daughter said it looks like a metal flower."

Jennifer also likes taking art photos of

the rat rods, "the rustier the better," she said. The rust makes for an interesting contrast to the shiny "show" cars.

This is the first time many of these

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Finding Beauty In Reflections & Rust

Photos by Jennifer Carnes



Reflections

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photos have been seen. Jennifer, who is the editor of the *Pinal Nugget's* sister publication the *San Manuel Miner*, only publishes one art photo a year on the cover of the *Miner* the week of the car show.

She laughingly explains that she and the show's organizer Margaret Guyton

have a running joke between them. "Margaret doesn't like my art shots – she wants the whole vehicle in the photo. So I take Margaret's photos and keep them separate from my art shots." The ones that are published in the newspaper and placed in a gallery on Facebook (@Copperarea) are the photos of the whole vehicle.

Jennifer credits SaddleBrooke photographers Don and Sandy Libby (Iron Creek Photography) for mentoring

her with her photography.

"Don and Sandy are the real photographers," Jennifer said. "I've shared some of my art shots with the Libbys over the years and they've encouraged me to continue taking them, sometimes offering suggestions for different angles or composition."

Jennifer will be back this year, photographing all the entries and looking for the beauty in the rust and reflections.

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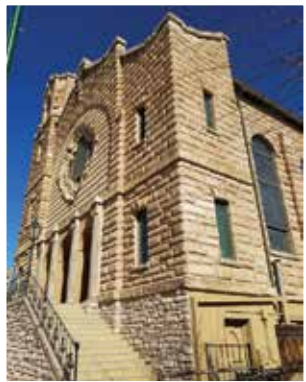


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New Travel & Adventure Website Invites You to DiscoverGilaCounty.com

Travel, tourism and adventure in Gila County has a new website – launched with a Valentine’s Day red carpet debut at theaters in Globe and Payson.

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Gila County Supervisor Tim Humphrey helped unveil the new discovergilacounty.com portal on Feb. 14: which doubles as Arizona Statehood Day. Funded by Gila County government to boost tourism county-wide, the ambitious website and linked social media pages promote Gila County from Rim Country down to Hayden-Winkelmann; including 17 communities and three Apache Nations.

“It’s all here – and we’re gonna keep building!” said Cameron Davis, webmaster for Discovergilacounty.com. “This comprehensive guide has our best places for hiking, mountain biking and kayaking – unique bed-and-breakfasts to overnight in Payson and around Rim County, where to dock your Fifth Wheel for a week-long stay, and every possible place to eat; sites to see and things to do while you’re here.”

Join the growing community of outdoor enthusiasts and check out scenic photos at [Facebook.com/discovergilacounty](https://www.facebook.com/discovergilacounty), where you’ll also find links to Instagram and other social media

A few years ago when Supervisor Humphrey was on the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Board the concept was brought before the Board of Supervisors as a project worth backing. One year ago Gila County Supervisors hired Cameron Davis to write a comprehensive marketing plan and host stake-holder meetings in Payson and Globe, where Supervisor Humphrey joined dozens of community leaders planning key elements of the website. Then Davis began the laborious process of building it.

“Gila County’s bigger than people realize,” said Davis. “The site already



has 400 linked pages and features more than 4,000 breathtaking photographs – generously shared by 75 talented photographers.”

Other innovations of the new site? Employers can post jobs on a county-wide job board; people considering moving here can scan employment opportunities across 17 communities – read city and town profiles, view videos showcasing life and leisure across Gila County. The new county-wide event calendar already spotlights more than 100 events (concerts, rodeos, races, art walks, fundraisers); a user-generated calendar that will grow into the authoritative list of all public events for 2019, from north-to-south, and with casino concerts and rodeos of the White Mountain, San Carlos and Tonto Apache Nations.

Companion sites are already live on social media; join the community at facebook.com/discovergilacounty today, or hashtag

your best scenic photos and share on Instagram and Twitter. Just a few suggested hashtags include #GilaCounty, #ExploreTheWild, #AdventureInArizona, #DiscoverGilaCounty, #PaysonArizona, #GlobeArizona, #MiamiArizona, #PineArizona, #StrawberryArizona

Think you’re already a Gila County expert? If you’ve never heard of ‘The Jug’ or ‘Homestead Rock’ or ‘Peridot Mesa’ – search those keywords on the new site, and begin planning your next road trip adventure. Read about miners, ranchers, outlaws, cowboys, and the deadly feud that’s debated to this day in the high desert town of Young, AZ. While exploring the Young community page – plan a wine tasting at Bruzzi Vineyards, or a deluxe overnight stay at Q Ranch.

Explore the wild at discovergilacounty.com; watch



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“Pioneer Days” is an annual event and will be held on March 14-17, 2019.



Visiting the Oracle State Park

John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget

Oracle State Park: Center for Environmental Education is a 4,000-acre wildlife refuge located in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains near the town of Oracle, Arizona.

The park offers over 15 miles of nature trails for use by hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers and a section of the Arizona Trail crosses through the park. It has day use picnic areas including shaded areas and group use areas with restrooms. Overnight camping is allowed for reserved groups and special events in the group use areas. The park has also been

designated an International Dark Skies park for its exceptional condition for observing the stars and night sky. The Milky Way and many other celestial objects can be seen in the clear Oracle sky. Star Night parties are held regularly with telescopes provided by local astronomy clubs including the SaddleBrooke SkyGazers Club. Star gazing events may include guest speakers.

Oracle State Park has environmental educational programs for schools and adult groups. The two school programs are designed for students from 1st to 3rd grade and 4th to 6th graders. They are interactive programs that encourage kids to connect with the local nature and cultural history. The students learn ecology and the appreciation of nature and our connection to

the environment. Schools can call 520-896-2425 for more information.

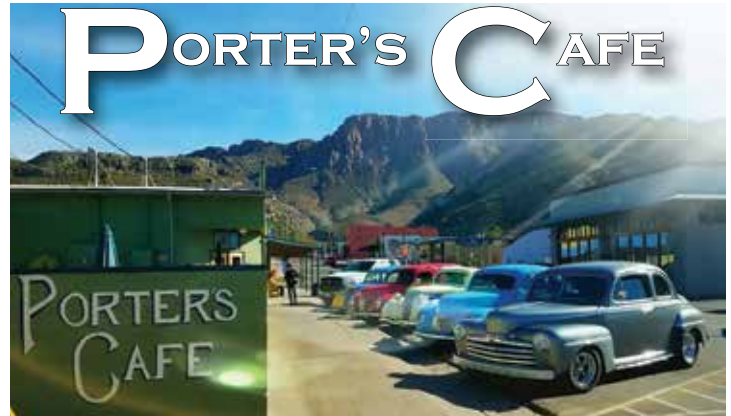
Adult group education programs include guided nature hikes, birdwatching and lectures on history, ecology, biology and botany of the area and Arizona.

The Kannally Ranch House is the center for the park, housing the park office and gift shop. The house was built in 1929-1932 and is of



Mediterranean Revival Style with Moorish influences and was patterned on Italianate villas of the 1920s. The Kannally family originally purchased the 160-acre ranch in 1903. Over the years it grew to 50,000 acres. In 1976 following the death of Lucille Kannally, the last member of the Kannally family, it was willed to the Defenders of Wildlife which later deeded it to the Arizona State Parks Board. Thanks to Friends of Oracle State Park, funds for the restoration, preservation and operation of the historic house and grounds have been provided. Self-guided tours can be taken of this beautiful house daily. Guided tours are offered on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. The park ranges from 3,300

to 4,600 feet in elevation. It offers magnificent views of the Galiuro and Catalina mountain ranges. A large variety of Arizona wildlife species can be found within the park and wildlife viewing opportunities are offered throughout the year. Park and facility hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The American Avenue trailhead parking lot is open seven days a week to access the Arizona Trail and to accommodate after-hours use by star gazers. The gift shop is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The park entrance fee per vehicle (1 to 4 people): \$7; Individual/Bicycle: \$3. For more information about Oracle State Park: Center for Environmental Studies, visit www.azstateparks.com.



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calendar of events

Spring 2019

We wanted to share a few of the local events with our Pinal Nugget readers.

PIECES OF FRIENDSHIP

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March 2-April 7. The Copper Country Quilters of Globe will host their 29th Annual Pieces of Friendship Quilt Show at Cobre Valley Center for the Arts. All Globe/ Miami area quilters are invited to enter their quilts. Entry forms are available for pick up at Julie's Sewing Corner, Hill Street Mall, G-M Chamber of Commerce and The Center for the Arts. slhquilts@cablone.net. globemiamichamber.org



PIONEER DAYS

14

March 14-17, annual Pioneer Days in Kearny. Parade on Saturday at 10 a.m. Carnival. Fantastic food. Entertainment throughout the weekend. There will be the usual merchandise vendors with handbags, t-shirts and toys the children love and on Saturday there will be information booths lined up along the Little League area of Pioneer Park. [facebook.com/copperbasin.chamber](https://www.facebook.com/copperbasin.chamber)



APACHE LEAP MINING FEST

15

March 15-17, Main St., Superior, Annual Apache Leap Mining Festival. Entertainment throughout the event, Chihuahua races, roping competition, food and retail vendors, crafts market, art walk, beer garden, Saturday night street dance and concert, speakers, lots of "hands on" things to do for all ages. Mining competition! Family oriented and ALL FREE except carnival and vendors. superiorarizonachamber.org



GLOBE MIAMI HOME TOUR

6

April 6-7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 35th Annual Historic Home and Building Tour, E. Sycamore St. & S. Broad St., Globe, AZ 85501. Enjoy the territorial architecture of Globe as you are driven in style to each stop where a host will regale you with stories of the early days, point out architectural details and give a history of the building owners. Tours leave from the train depot in downtown Globe. globemiamichamber.org



SUPERIOR ARTS FESTIVAL

6

April 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Superior Arts Festival and Mural Walk. Main Street and Magma Avenue, north to Wild Cow Gallery. Almost 40 artisans, most who live in Superior, will be showing in the galleries and the Superior Chamber building in Superior. There will be a self-guided mural walk, art demonstrations, music and an art rock hunt (painted rocks with prizes). Find more information on Facebook at Superior Arts Festival.



ORACLE OAKS FEST

13

On Saturday, April 13, Oracle Oaks Festival. The Oracle Community Center, once again, hosts the Oaks Festival. Start the day with breakfast at the Oracle Community Center, then cheer along at the festival parade. The Center's parking lot will be lined with vendors and information booths. You can even head over to the Oracle Library for the semi-annual book sale. oraclecommunitycenter.org



ORACLE SPRING RUN CAR SHOW

13

On Saturday, April 13, Oracle Spring Run Car Show. Sponsored by the Oracle Historical Society, head to Oracle and the Pinal County Building on Justice Dr. where more than 150 classic cars and trucks will take over the parking lot, truly a sight for all vehicle enthusiasts. oraclehistoricalsociety.org/oracle-car-show-2019





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