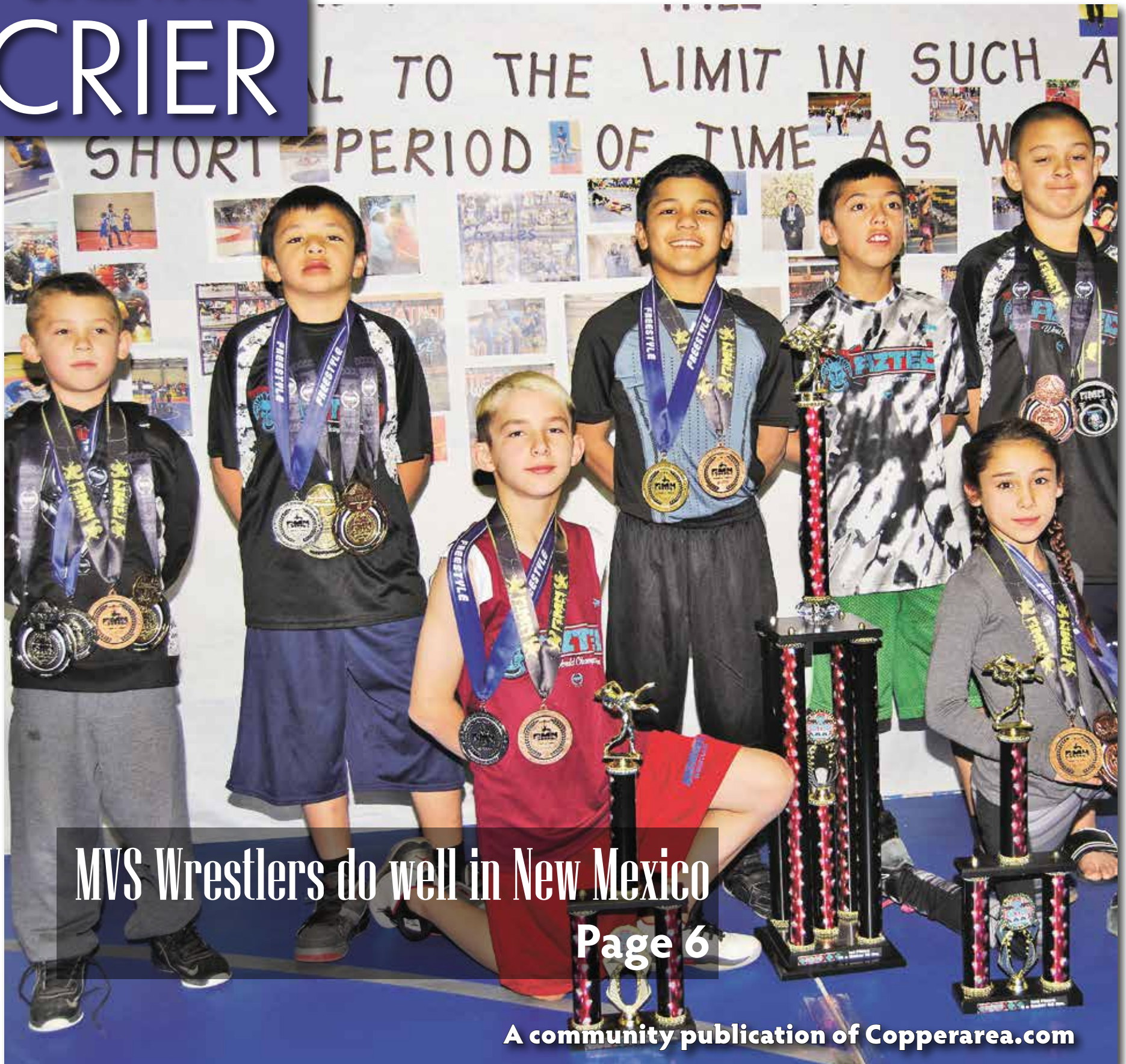


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OBITUARIES

Robert Calhoon

Robert Calhoon was born May 28, 1923 in Victor, Colorado. He passed away at the age of 92 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

Robert served in the Navy during World War II and was active during D-Day. He moved to Arizona in the early 1950s with his wife, Claudine, and they built their home in Oracle, Arizona in 1964.

Robert retired after working 29 years at Magma Copper Company. He lost his wife 34 years ago and

took on the responsibility of raising their daughter alone. He spent his retirement traveling to fiddle contests throughout Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. His traveling companion was his daughter, Letha Miller, until she was grown and then the Lord blessed him with Mary Beaman. Mary was his girlfriend for 16 years and longtime traveling companion. This relationship saw him through his golden years and made him a



happy man. A celebration of Robert's life was held Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Oracle. Following the service, there was a Fiddler's Jam Session, thanks to the Arizona Old Time Fiddler's Association, and a potluck.

Bruce William Robertson

Bruce William Robertson was peacefully taken home early Wednesday morning, April 20, 2016, after a long and heroic battle with lung disease. Born October 18, 1935, in Rock Springs, Wyoming, Bruce is survived by his loving family: Caroline Perreira Robertson, son William (Bill) Guy & Jane Robertson, daughter Gigi Mari (Robertson) and Mark H. Boyack, grandchildren Rachel (Boyack) and Kyle Koch, Kayleigh (Robertson) & Charles Howard Johnson IV, Steven William & Kailey Boyack, Conrad William Robertson.

In 1953 Bruce graduated from Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, Utah then joined the Navy and served on the USS Eugene S. Greene in the Mediterranean. He later graduated from the Naval Post Graduate school in Monterey, CA and while there he met the love of his life, Caroline Perreira, whom he married in November, 1958.

After moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1959, he started his engineering career with Sperry Univac, later attending the University of Utah where he earned a BS in Electrical Engineering.

After graduation he worked for Litton Industries which took him to Italy, then relocated the family to California, Texas eventually returning to Salt Lake City.

A perpetual entrepreneur, Bruce started several companies – not all were commercially successful, but not for lack of trying. Starting with TipMats, then Trionics, Computer Video Systems, moving to The Stone Cooker, and finally Information Age Systems /Digital Alert Systems, which continues to thrive. A well known and respected expert and educator on Emergency Alert Systems he authored several articles and gave numerous presentations to SCTE and SBE chapters around the country.

Bruce was a member of the Rock Springs Chapter, Order of DeMolay, later he joined Twin Peaks #32 Masonic lodge and followed through York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shriners organizations. Bruce chose to join St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in 1994 and served faithfully in various ministries since. After moving to Oracle, Arizona in 2002, became involved and served at St. Helen Parish and joined the Knights of



Columbus. Always ready to help with a church project, he particularly enjoyed his time spent ministering to inmates in prison. A husband, father, grandfather, friend, teacher, mentor, minister, musician, humorist, writer and inventor with several patents... but mostly he embodied the eternal optimist who set a great example for others with his always positive outlook on life, and always caring for the needs of others. His legacy shall endure and he will forever be missed by all that knew him.

Bruce's Pay It Forward Wish

In lieu of flowers, his last request to honor his memory: "If there is some way to say goodbye, find a need in family or community - no matter how large or small - that needs to be filled. Buy a coat for someone, make a car payment, pay a medical bill. Just look and you can find a need. Pay it forward and we will consider it paid."

A memorial for Bruce was held at St. Helen Catholic Church in Oracle, AZ on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Obituaries are published free of charge in the Oracle Towne Crier. If you have an obituary you would like us to print, please email it to editor@minersunbasin.com or submit it online at www.CopperArea.com. You can also request our newspaper through the mortuary or funeral home.

DIAPER BAG



Exemplary Women Leaders of Pinal County were recognized at Central Arizona College's Aravaipa Campus on March 31, 2016. Family First of both Winkelman and Oracle had two honorees: Rebecca Keogh, Staff Volunteer at the Oracle center, and Nita Kauffman, Center Director at Winkelman center. This program was sponsored by the San Manuel Rotary Club. The purpose of this honoree was because of the volunteerism that they provide for the community. Family First is a great place for volunteering. Call 520-896-9545 or www.familyfirstpcc.org to get more information to volunteer with "mothers, youth and families".

Ten for Teens Program

Easter has come and gone; the year is flying by while spring flowers are sprouting all around us. It is a wonderful time of new growth and fresh beginnings. It's a good time for all families to grow and learn especially if you are a teen.

As the school year is drawing to the end of the semester we have opportunities for students to complete community service projects for scholarships through Ten for Teens at Family First.

"Ten for Teens" encourages young people to learn and develop new skills and grow with a group of fellow students or circle of friends. Teens set a time each week to volunteer at Family First to learn leadership skills, confidence in team

building, and basic office and computer skills for their future.

Adult supervision is provided by Family First staff for all students volunteering. This will help them stay in school, be motivated, helping in academics, and accomplishing their goals for their future.

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Call Family First at 520-896-9545 to schedule a time to come in and join "Ten for Teens"! We are located at 1575 W. American Ave Oracle, AZ. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. and Thursday by appointment.

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Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - Jovert - Tucson High Magnet School Steel Band - 7:30pm. Produced by Khris Dodge Entertainment. Jovert, the Tucson High Magnet School Steel Band, is coming to the DesertView Performing Arts Center for a one-show extravaganza. Playing a mix of international music, movie-themed songs, and original compositions written by their director, Khris Dodge, these multi-talented teenagers will fill the room with their energy, enthusiasm, and phenomenal musicianship. Get ready to dance the night away! \$25 in advance, \$30 door.



Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Neon Circus - A Tribute to Brooks & Dunn - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Carrying on in true Brooks & Dunn style, **Neon Circus** welcomes you to a live authentic tribute to country music's most legendary duo. Spanning a 20-year career and selling over 30 million albums, every country music lover has a Brooks & Dunn album in their collection. Neon Circus features authentic performances of Brooks & Dunn's number 1 hits such as "My Maria," "Only in America," "Neon Moon," "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" and many more!



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Saturday, June 18, 2016 - '56 - 1950's Rock & Roll Revue -7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Then: '56....A year that featured Coup de Villes and drive-in movies, Ed Sullivan and Milton Berle in your living room once a week. Elvis had four Top Ten hits that year, alongside Dean Martin and The Platters, and he became a movie star, all in '56. Now: '56....four amazing musicians, individually accomplished in other genres, come together to ask this question, "What if all those legends from Sun Records and the Louisiana Hayride never went to Hollywood, never made TV shows and movies, but were still just playing today?" Put your glad-rags on and get ready to ROCK!



\$30 in advance, \$35 door.

Friday, July 22, 2016 - Gregory Wolfe - Rod Stewart Tribute - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Gregory Wolfe has been singing from a very early age, but it wasn't until his late 20's when he realized that he looked and sounded just like Rod Stewart.



Since then his show has gone from strength to strength and he has since taken his act world wide, from Singapore to South Carolina, from Bangkok to Berlin. Gregory's entertained them all over the globe! This incredible evening packed with the hits of Rod Stewart will live in your memory for a very long time. \$30 in advance, \$35 door.

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Canadian Birds in Arizona

This last November a friend and I were camping in the Picacho Mountains. Not on the side of the highway where Picacho Peak towers

above the landscape but on the western side where the expanse of rugged hills is far less travelled and hides many things, including petroglyph sites. Even

in November the desert was warm and full of sunshine. It was good to be back in the low desert of ironwood trees and saguaros, an environment which always feels like home to me. The scrub brush was alive with birds. Everywhere we walked little birds were frightened from the underbrush by our approaching footsteps. There were countless birds, cactus wrens, curve billed thrashers, juncos, cardinals and many of them were chirping and singing.

We heard a lovely whistling coming from a palo verde tree where a small bird fluttered from branch to branch. My friend whistled in imitation of the song. The bird hopped to another branch and whistled in return. My friend whistled again. Thinking perhaps that it had found a friend or maybe even discovered a mate, the little bird took flight, moving in the direction of my friend's call. The little bird landed atop Jerry's head, searching for a companion. While the tiny little bird hopped atop his hat, Jerry remained as still as possible, trying not to frighten his new friend away. He whistled again. The bird whistled in return, but hopped about atop Jerry's head looking confused.

Jerry identified the little bird as a pine siskin, a bird which lives in cool forests



Gary Every's friend Jerry holds very still so he won't disturb the little bird atop his head.
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at high elevations. What was it doing in low scrub desert filled with ironwood trees and saguaro cactus? We spied other high elevation birds. It did not take much research to discover the answer. Every two to seven years there is a mass migration from Canada down to the southern parts of the North American continent. Scientists have discovered that these mass migrations are triggered by bad seed years in the northern forests. Usually there is a two or three year lag

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The Importance of Iodine

Iodine is an element of the earth primarily found in the sea. Elements are basically atoms with varying amounts of protons and electrons. Examples of other elements would be calcium and iron and oxygen...all those listed in the Periodic Table. Most exist in a stable form. When unstable they are radioactive and decay over time effecting everything in close proximity.

In the human body iodine is most noted for its function as a key ingredient of the thyroid hormone, thyroxine. Thyroxine is comprised of the amino acid tyrosine and four iodines, thus its symbol "T4." Thyroxine almost immediately drops one of the iodines, with the help of selenium (another element), and becomes T3 or liothyronine (also know as triiodothyronine). This is the form of the thyroid hormone that does most of the work of stimulating our metabolism. It acts as a messenger to the other organs signaling them to function.

This is rather like turning up the idle on your car. It keeps everything running smoothly. If the thyroid is not working well, and the "idle" is slow, you will be sluggish. This sluggishness may result in

weight gain, brittle nails, dry skin, lower body temperature, higher cholesterol readings and/or constipation. At times the problem could simply be a lack of one of its raw materials, iodine.

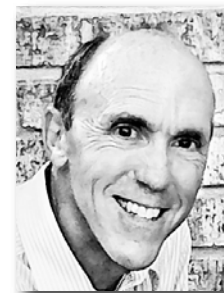
If the thyroid is not getting what it needs to function properly it can enlarge and be seen as a goiter, or large lump on the neck. In 1920 the government took note that an increasing number of citizens were being seen with goiters. It began adding iodine to salt to address the growing concern that the citizens were not getting enough in their food system.

Pregnant women have been encouraged to take iodine to ensure that the fetus gets enough to develop properly. Because the iodine works its way through the breasts, especially in lactating women, it has a protective factor. A report noted that Japanese women, who consume more sea food than Americans, had a significantly lower incidence of breast cancer. There has also been a connection made between low levels of iodine and fibrocystic breasts.

In 1970 the radioactive forms of iodine began being used for medical imaging techniques as enhancing agents. The radioactive forms had a slightly different

amount of neutrons and electrons. Though some of these forms can be radioactive for millions of years, a couple of them proved to be useful. Iodine 123 has a half-life of only 13 hours and is well suited for imaging procedures. "Half-life" refers to the amount of time necessary for the strength of a substance to decrease by half. Iodine 131 has a half-life of 8 days and has found use as a cancer killing agent for thyroid cancers. Iodine will seek out thyroid tissue anywhere in the body and attach to it. If the iodine is radioactive, it will irradiate and kill what it is attached to. Some people have found success applying iodine topically to skin lesions.

Though the RDA for iodine is only 150 micrograms, many professionals believe amounts as high as 50,000 micrograms (50 milligrams) would be more beneficial. It is reported that the body can store upwards of one and a half million micrograms of iodine. The best sources for iodine are sea foods, in particular sea weeds like kelp. Cranberries, organic strawberries and organic potatoes are also sources of iodine.



HEALTH ISSUES

By Dr. Michael Miles
Special to the Crier

Dr. Miles is a naturopathic physician practicing at the Catalina Clinic of Integrative Medicine in Catalina. Dr. Michael Miles' Clinic is located at 15601 N. Oracle Rd. in Catalina behind Golf Cars of Arizona. You can learn more about the Catalina Clinic and Dr. Miles by visiting the website: www.catalinaclinic.com. To contact Dr. Miles or make an appointment at the clinic call 520-825-8100.

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The wrestling Cougars are, from left, (back) DJ Small, Jacob Tafoya, Gilbert Rodriguez, Miles Smith and Victor Fittz, (front) Charles Croci and Sophia Smith.

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Cougar wrestlers do well in New Mexico

By John Hernandez
Oracle Towne Crier

The Cougar Wrestling Club traveled to Farmington, New Mexico for the Aztec Warrior National Wrestling Tournament. The team from Oracle took seven wrestlers to the tournament which had 1,800 kids competing, some from as far away as Nebraska and Montana. The wrestlers and their records at the tournament were:

Sophia Smith 57 pound division – 14 wins 5 losses, 1st Place Rookie, 2nd Place Freestyle, 3rd Place Championship and 4th Place Greco-Roman style.

D.J. Small 50 pounds – 14 wins 6 losses, 2nd Place Rookie, 5th Place Championship, 2nd Place Freestyle, and 4th Place Greco.

Miles Smith 77 pounds – 5th Place Freestyle.

Charles Croci 73 pounds – 12 wins 4 losses, 3rd Championship, 2nd Place Freestyle, 4th Place Greco.

Jacob Tafoya 89 lbs – 12 wins 3 losses, 1st Place Rookie, 2nd Place Freestyle, 4th Place Championship.

Victor Fittz 114 lbs – 4th Place Freestyle.

Gilbert Rodriguez 80 lbs – 11 wins 0 losses, 1st Place Championship, 1st Place Freestyle and 1st Place Greco.

Coach Gilbert Rodriguez said, “These kids have worked hard these last few weeks getting ready for this tournament. We came home with three trophies and 15 medals.”

The coach’s “Beast of the Week” is Sophia Smith. “She put it all together and did a great job beating some good kids,” Rodriguez said.

Congratulations to all the Cougar wrestlers!

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SPATS: Remember the Alamo ... Hotel



Joe (Imo Baird) tells Glen (Jim Pollack) 'how it's going to be.'

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Louanne (Melissa Sears) and Janet (Christine Oberth) discuss men and love.

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By John Hernandez
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If you are looking for something entertaining to do this weekend don't forget the SPATS play *Doin' Time at the Alamo*. This comedy takes place in the Alamo Hotel across the street from a federal penitentiary in Texas. Like their inmate loved ones across the street the lonely, wisecracking quirky characters at the hotel find themselves prisoners of the situations in their lives and of love. Can they escape or somehow find freedom? Go see SPATS latest production to find out. The award winning play was written by Mary Hanes.

This year's cast for *Doin' Time at the Alamo*:

- Glen Beaks owner of the Alamo – Jim Pollack
- Janet Cacaci, girlfriend of an imprisoned New York mobster – Christine Oberth
- Joe Venezia, bodyguard for Janet – Imo Baird
- Melissa Woelfer, gin rummy card sharp and enjoying life

while her husband is in prison – Rosanne Weaver

- Louanne Woelfer, Melissa's daughter and "has a thing" for Joe Venezia – Melissa Sears
- Judith Bridges, visiting her lying husband in prison for the first time – Mechelle Egan
- Elizabeth Grant – a 70 year old spinster, numerologist and coming to marry her 20 year old inmate pen pal, who she has never met and happens to be a convicted murderer – Julie Szekely

The play is directed by Cathleen Piermarino and produced by Rose Milam. *Doin' Time at the Alamo* opens on Saturday, May 7, with a 7 p.m. show and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 8. Admission is \$15. The other dates are May 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. Donate a can of food for the local Food Bank and receive \$1 off the admission price.

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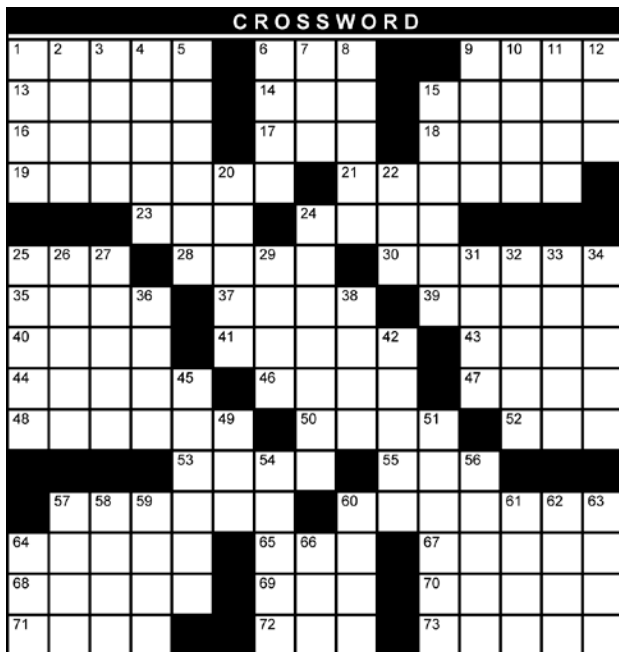
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1. Give gratitude
6. *In the manner of, French
9. Etna output
13. Saintly glows
14. Filling station filler
15. Never say this?
16. Outhouse
17. FedEx competitor
18. Gallery opening, e.g.
19. *Firm to the bite, Italian
21. *Agreement, French
23. Luau welcome
24. Prep flour for baking
25. Public house, for short
28. Sudden break
30. Tapioca in primordial stage
35. Beehive state
37. Stewie Griffin's bed
39. Holy Grail, e.g.

40. Infamous Roman
41. Having prongs
43. _____-a-whirl
44. Dr. Watson to Sherlock Holmes, e.g.
46. Hostile to
47. In good health, often precedes "heartly"
48. Door holders
50. Where Magi came from
52. Feeling blue
53. _____ cream
55. Bird word
57. *Mashed chickpeas, Arabic
60. **"Airy" dessert, French
64. Put through a blender
65. William F. Cody, _____ Buffalo Bill
67. Alley cat
68. Ar on Periodic Table
69. Band booking
70. L in AWOL

71. Harbor ill feelings
 72. _____ of Good Feelings
 73. Keyboard key
- ### DOWN
1. *Cover in Spanish
 2. Fling
 3. Like Gobi
 4. Innie or outie
 5. Father of Keynesian economics
 6. Chills and fever
 7. Napkin holder
 8. *Allegro _____ in music, Italian
 9. Prefix meaning "left"
 10. Affirm solemnly
 11. Vendors do this
 12. Public hanging?
 15. Greek god's libation
 20. Color lightly
 22. Chlorofluorocarbon
 24. "Mr. Twister" gear
 25. *Judy's husband, from Italian Pulcinella
 26. Embryo cradles
 27. Sacha Cohen's middle name
 29. *Vocal piece for one,

- Italian
31. Comedian _____ Rogan
32. Bruce Wayne's Batman, e.g.
33. *Fancy country house, Italian
34. Behaved
36. *Mercantile establishment, Chinese
38. Between Phi and Kappa
42. Studio 54 heyday genre
45. Ones of unquestioning obedience
49. Old French coin
51. Dishevel
54. Cell phone bill item
56. More than occasional
57. Injure
58. Drive
59. Feline noise
60. *Long and complicated story, Old Norse
61. Sigma Phi Epsilon
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63. Ogler
64. *Ballet step, French
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Yes, English can be weird. It can be understood through tough thorough thought, though.

Friday Night Lights

My quest for unidentified flying objects, UFOs, almost came to a screeching halt the other day when I was shopping at the Golden Goose. I was talking with another shopper I'd just happened to run into and we started a very friendly conversation. Our talk led us into a discussion about psychic phenomenon, but just as quickly ended up with me mentioning UFOs. At that point, the woman visibly backed away and said she was worried she was talking to a crazy person. I was amazed she was comfortable with psychic phenomenon but not UFOs. I started wondering if my interest in UFOs might make others consider putting me away, at least

for a three-day trip to a mental ward. And then I wondered if I had run into possible misconceptions regarding this subject because of the veil of silence that surrounds UFOs. The realization came once again this is a subject that sorely needs to be brought into the light of day and discussed as casually as what movie I saw this week.

I am fortunate to have a friend in Oracle who quite often sees lights above our town and refers to them as "the other people". They are well versed in planets, stars, satellites, airplanes and other objects that normally are suspended in the night sky, but they said these lights are not planets or stars or satellites or air planes. I

was told they are glowing lights that appear to change from orange to blue to white and fit into the UFO scenario. I sadly told my friend I had not been witness to them, but consider calling me when they were seen again. I got a call one Friday night that the lights were visible Northeast of the Ranch. I went outside and looked until I found an object larger than a planet but in a location where I'd never seen a planet before that moment. I stood there transfixed as this perfectly round object glowed orange, the color undulating changing to a light bluish color and then back to orange again. I watched it for over 10 minutes and then saw three small flashes of white dots that appeared and disappeared one right after the other in various locations around that orange globe. The next night I checked to see if it could possibly be a planet, but it no longer could be seen in the sky and hasn't appeared in that location since that time. Those lights were like nothing I had ever seen before, but I would love to get another chance at seeing them again. The experience was indescribable.

I had another friend share a story that happened when they were much younger. Their father was on a hunting trip between Tucson and Nogales and as they lay down for the night they saw three saucers fly directly over them, hovered for a few moments and then flew away. The father reported this



AND SO IT GOES AT THE RANCH

By Sigrid Settle
Special to the Crier

sighting to Davis Monthan Airbase and a person came out, interviewed them, left their name and said they'd get back with them in a few weeks. When they weren't contacted they called the base but were told there was no one by that name working at the base. My friend had thought his father was hallucinating when he saw the saucers but now realizes his father had a UFO experience as well as an unknown person interviewing them about their sighting. The silence was as strong then as it still is today.

And so the mystery continues even now
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Balloon Causes Excitement

A high flying balloon kept this newspaper's phone jumping last week Tuesday evening as reports came firing in on the sighting of a UFO.

The huge balloon drifted over the Galiuro Mountains and was spotted about 6 p.m. by hundreds of Tri-Community residents as the setting sun reflected its rays off the clear plastic of the object.

Some reports said that the balloon was flashing various colored lights and one caller insisted that it wasn't a balloon at all but some "strange mysterious" thing which had been hovering in the sky over Mammoth for two days. From later reports it does seem that the balloon had been floating high over the area for at least a couple of days, but was really noticed on the second day at sunset.

At first it took on a bluish color and then began to glow

Vera Hardy Injured

Mrs. Vera Hardy was injured Saturday morning when the car she was driving left the back road between Oracle and San Manuel and smashed into a tree.

Mrs. Hardy was reportedly hospitalized here with a fractured wrist.

orange and red as the sun sank in the west. And as the sun sank, the telephone began dancing as the balloon appeared to change colors.

About 7 p.m. an Air Force jet plane came streaking across the Galiuros leaving behind a long vapor trail, turned toward the balloon and appeared to fly far over the top of it.

However, if the balloon was flying at 65,000 feet, like some say it was, the plane probably must have been below it. In any event, there is one thing certain, the balloon was not flying over the Catalina Mountains as reported by one of the daily newspapers.

It was so high that it could be seen for miles around, but actually was over the Galiuros or maybe even a bit east of them. The sun set over the area about 7:30, but cast its light on the balloon up until about 8 p.m. This gave it that colorful appearance and triggered all the UFO reports.

But in the end, the only little green men who could be found were those who had gulped their supper too hurriedly in order to rush outside and witness the sight of a floating bag of hot air.

San Manuel Miner
Page 20, June 16, 1966

UFOs over the Galiuros as reported in the June 16, 1968 San Manuel Miner.

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CANADIAN BIRDS

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between rainfall and the seed harvest but there are other mitigating factors such as temperature and the previous year's cycles as well. During some years, bird populations in vast numbers, travel from Canada's boreal forests thousands of miles to vacation in our southern states. It is mostly seed eating species which make these long irregular migrations, birds such as the pine siskin, cedar waxwing, and evening grosbeak.

I remember once washing dishes in the second story kitchen of a house in Sedona with a giant juniper tree just

outside the window. Suddenly a small flock of cedar waxwings arrived and completely denuded that giant juniper tree of juniper berries in just a matter of minutes. They are beautiful birds with a pointed head that resembles a cardinal and raccoon markings around the eyes. Another Sedona bird moment came when I saw a small flock of western mountain bluebirds harvesting piracantha berries. Between the blue birds and the bright red berries it was one of the most colorful nature scenes I have ever stumbled across even if it

happened in a convenience store parking lot.

When I lived in Oracle I had a bird feeder which sat right outside my desk window. While I wrote I would often pause to watch orioles and black headed grosbeaks. Another regular visitor was an extremely tiny bird with a red spot on his head – a ruby crowned kinglet. Every time this tiny bird saw his own reflection in the glass he felt compelled to attack it ferociously. There was also a small black and white bird, a nuthatch, who scrambled up and down tree trunks like some sort of feathered squirrel. I was able to identify a rufous sided towhee, a black bird with white spots and red sides, only because it stopped to bathe in a small puddle outside my door for quite some time.

I could always tell when a big storm was approaching. Birds from the top of the mountain would migrate down to the lower elevations to dine at my feeder. In particular, the noisy blue ubiquitous scrub jays would be replaced by their cousin the Stellar's jay. The Stellar's jays have pointed crests, almost as if they are adorned with tiny pompous plumes and black faces above their bright blue bodies. The Stellar's jay is what most people picture when they try to imagine a blue jay.

The story of how the Stellar's jay got its name is quite incredible. Herr Stellar was a good German doctor leading a comfortable upper class life when he was bitten by the exploration bug. It was the Age of Discovery and the exploits of Captain Cook, Humboldt, Lewis and Clark and John Wesley Powell's journeys down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon made international headlines. Stellar met Vitus Bering

at a party for European royalty and at an age when many physicians were retiring, Stellar signed up to be the camp physician for the star crossed Bering expedition.

First, Stellar journeyed to the royal court where he joined Bering in bending down on one knee and humbly begging the czar to fund the expedition to find the fabled Northwest Passage from the Russian direction. Receiving royal approval and funding took almost a year. The journey from Moscow across the vast frozen expanse of Siberia took another two years. Building a boat on the wind swept Pacific coast took another year. A big storm arrived and destroyed the ship. Vitus Bering and Herr Stellar journeyed back to Moscow to receive funding to build another boat and then journeyed all the way back to the most remote reaches of Siberia. Then they built another boat. This ship sailed the storm tossed waves, crossing what is now known as the Bering Sea and reached Alaska. Herr Stellar was given a few hours on the North American shore to collect plant and animal specimens before being called back to the ship. Bering launched the ship again only this time the perpetual storms wrecked the vessel on a remote Aleutian Island. The survivors spent another year on the tiny island as castaways before being rescued and brought back to civilization. Herr Stellar's odyssey took eight years and earned him only a few hours on the North American continent. While he was there, Stellar named a type of blue jay and that blue jay is spread all across the North American continent, the noisy blue birds explore the continent Stellar wished to see, exploring the continent with a million pairs of curious eyes.



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Nature art workshop, Scarborough talk highlight big weekend at Oracle State Park

Local artist Aviva Gold will present a workshop that guides participants in creation of a personal art piece on Saturday, May 21, at Oracle State Park. The following day, widely known geologist Bob Scarborough will give a program on "Geology of the Catalina Mountain Region" and lead a trail walk. Both events are free with park admission.

Art Medicine Woman and internationally acclaimed author, artist, and therapist, Gold is a master facilitator of "Drawing from the Source." No art experience is necessary, but reservation is required for the 2 p.m. workshop, due to limited space. Her workshop begins outside with participants taking a short solitary walk or sitting quietly to take in the surrounding beauty. Participants then create a spirit drawing in oil pastels and nature materials that expresses their experience. Presented with the support of Friends of Oracle State Park.

Scarborough's program begins at 9:30 a.m., and covers the geology of Oracle State Park, San Pedro River Valley, Galiuro range,

and local mountains. Reservation suggested.

Oracle State Park is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; park admission is \$7 per car at the main gate on Mt. Lemmon Rd. in Oracle. Reservations are made by calling the park office at 520-896-2425. Up-to-the-minute Oracle State Park event information is always posted on the state parks website: www.azStateParks.com/Parks/ORAC.

Be sure to mark your calendar for a Live Music and Star Party event on Saturday, June 25. Details will be posted on the website.

Guided tours of the historic Kannally ranch house are scheduled for 11 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The 45-minute tour visits rooms and patios extending down the hillside. The multi-level Mediterranean-Revival style house, built in 1929-33 by one of the earliest cattle ranching families in Oracle, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An exhibit of impressionistic-style cowboy paintings by self-taught artist Lee Kannally is on display in the living room and dining room.

For information about all 28 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs, and the State Historic Preservation Office, call 800-285-3703. Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the reservation call center at 520-586-2283. Follow AZStateParks on Twitter and Facebook.

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with silence being the accepted approach to this subject and some thinking only crazy people talk about such things. I've had people tell me what's the use in talking about it, we won't know what they are even if we talk about it. Perhaps if we do start talking about this as casually as what movie we saw this week we might get our government to realize the information they have will not frighten us.

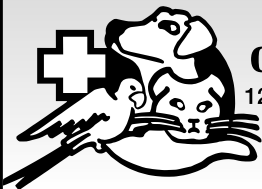
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SaddleBrooke Pottery Club artists painted a desert scene on ceramic tiles for the club's community service project to benefit Mountain Vista School in Oracle. Shown, left to right, are Jeanne Rudolph, Harriet Hason, Ellen Perkins, and Jan Stebbins.

SaddleBrooke Pottery Club creates mural for Oracle school

By Dan Stebbins
Special to Copper Area News

The SaddleBrooke Pottery Club has created a mural of a panoramic desert scene on ceramic tiles as a community service project for Mountain Vista School in Oracle. The mural depicts the flora, fauna, and topography of the Oracle area.

At an expansive 99" X 28," the mural is composed of nearly 100 hand-painted 6"x 6" tiles. The framed mural will be installed at the entrance to the school at 2618 W. El Paseo. A dedication is set for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 12. The public is invited.

Using colored glazes, a team of SaddleBrooke Pottery Club artists illustrated the desert scene with a cougar (the school mascot), coyotes, quail, ground squirrels, desert tortoises, hawks, roadrunners, and big horn sheep. Plant varieties depicted include cacti and agaves. A representation of the Santa Catalina Mountains serves as the background while tiles at the bottom of the mural contain words of inspiration for the students, reflecting the school's values and expectations.

"Working with Mountain Vista School has been a great way for us to give something back to the community," said SaddleBrooke Pottery Club President Steve Law.

The project was launched last summer to replace a severely weatherworn mosaic near the entrance to the kindergarten through 8th-grade school. Pottery club member Jeri Taylor, who is also a member of the Oracle School Board, suggested the undertaking to the club. The club approved funding last fall.

Harriet Hason, Jan Stebbins, and Janice Waller designed the mural. Esther Olson, Harriet Hason, and Kathleen Thompson transferred the final design to the tiles in February with technical support from Jerry Dohms.

After extensive planning, Ellen Perkins, Jeanne Rudolph, Jan Stebbins, and Harriet Hason commenced to paint the desert scene with glazes and kiln fire the tiles.

"The Pottery Club members' labor of love and commitment to the creation of this beautiful mural for the Mountain Vista School community is a shining example of the wonderful support the Mountain Vista school children enjoy," said Oracle School Board Member Linda Lyon.

School officials expect the mural to be a source of pride for the school's 450 students as well as the faculty, staff, and community. Oracle resident Michael Hawkins and school district volunteers will set the tiles and mount the mural at the school.