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## USFS addresses possible pozzolan mining in Parks

By Wendy Howell  
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PARKS, Ariz — Residents in Parks are continuing their fight to keep pozzolan mining out of their backyard.

Several hundred residents turned out for a second community meeting, which included an opportunity to ask representatives from Kaibab National Forest about their options for keeping mining out of the Spring Valley area of the Parks community.

Drake Cement, LLC has recorded and placed lode and placer claims total-

ing around 1,068 acres on the Kaibab National Forest near Government Hill in the Spring Valley area of Parks, and a small cluster of claims on approximately 348 acres south of Hardy Hill.

The company out of Paulden, Arizona, mines pozzolan as an additive for concrete. It is found in deposits of volcanic tuff, a glassy, igneous rock formed when deposits of volcanic ash compress under pressure over time.

Although Drake Cement has placed claims, the company has not submitted a formal proposal to mine in the Spring Valley and Hardy Hills area, according to Kaibab National Forest Supervisor

Nicole Branton.

"I'll try to explain a little bit about the role of the Forest Service, although I won't be able to talk about any plans," Branton said. "I'll try to make our process a little clearer for you all."

Branton said the only active mine in Kaibab National Forest is Drake's current pozzolan mine at Frenchy Pit. She said the forest is also looking at Drake Cement's proposal for exploration of pozzolan on Bill Williams Mountain.

"It is not for mine development.

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Drake Cement has placed claims for pozzolan mining for an area near Parks. (Wendy Howell/WGCM)

## THANKSGIVING COMES EARLY AT WEMS



Darcy Evans' second grade class at Williams Elementary-Middle School enjoys an early Thanksgiving feast, Nov. 16. See page 5 for more photo highlights. (Morgan Smith/WGCM)



## WUSD Governing Board approves plan to address behavioral issues at WEMS



A temporary solution was found for the behavioral issues at WEMS. (Photo/WGCM)

By Morgan Smith  
Williams-Grand Canyon News

WILLIAMS, Ariz. — After hearing about extreme student behavioral problems at Williams Elementary-Middle School (WEMS), the Williams Unified School District Government Board approved a plan to address the issue at their Nov. 3 meeting.

Several WEMS teachers had previously addressed the governing board about the unprecedented behaviors they were experiencing.

"Based on what last year's second-grade teachers told me, I knew this year was going to be a rough year," third grade teacher Patti Jackson previously told the board. "I had no idea how rough."

After several months of planning, WUSD staff and teachers created a program they feel will address the problems.

WUSD staff presented a plan to the governing board that included hiring a behavioral specialist and designate a behavioral recovery room for students.

The board approved creating a room the would serve as a place for children to calm down and reset after outbursts or other extreme behavior. It would be a temporary solution for teachers as they work toward hiring a behavioral specialist.

"The ultimate goal here is goal A:

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## Angel Delgadillo honored in Washington D.C. for lifetime efforts to preserve Route 66

Delgadillo receives President's Award for National Leadership in Historic Preservation

By Loretta James  
Williams-Grand Canyon News

SELIGMAN, Ariz. — Known for his practical jokes and renowned ice cream and burger shop on Historic Route 66, Angel Delgadillo, 96, of Seligman, received a National Preservation Award for his efforts to preserve the historic road.

Delgadillo received the award in person Nov. 8 in Washington D.C. during the PastForward National Preservation Conference. He was joined by his wife and son.

The President's Award for National Leadership in Historic Preservation recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional contributions in the field of preservation.

The award, which is selected at the



Angel Delgadillo (center) with his wife Vilma and son Angel, are joined by Nikki Seegers and Krystal Burge with the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona in Washington D.C. Nov. 8 for the awards presentation. (Photo/Historic Route 66 Association)

discretion of the President of the National Trust, has been given three times prior to this year: in 2015 to the Greenwich Post Office project, in 2016 to Judge Ed Emmett

for his work related to the Astrodome, and in 2019 to NASA for their restoration

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Angel Delgadillo, 96, was recognized for his lifetime efforts to help preserve Historic Route 66. (Photo/Historic Route 66 Association)

# Vikings basketball season gets underway

By Wendy Howell  
Williams-Grand Canyon News

WILLIAMS, Ariz. — The Williams Vikings boys basketball team is returning for the 2023-24 season with a new coach at the helm. Michael Tyler is stepping in as the head coach and brings a wealth of experience. Gabe Alvarado and Brandon Cody return as assistant coaches. Tyler said he has been working on the fundamentals with the team. "I'm putting in my system which is going to be a very fast paced up and down the court game," he said. "I'm finding that I need to do a little more work with skills." Tyler said he appreciates the extra time to work with the athletes after the football team went out early in the playoffs. "This gives me some time to work on some extra skills with the team," he said. Tyler said he is impressed with the cohesiveness of the players. "I've been coaching for 25 years,

all of it in California, and after every practice half the team walks up to me and shakes my hand and says 'thanks, coach, have a good night,' he said. "And that's never happened to me before." Tyler said the athletes play hard, despite the hard conditioning. "They aren't complaining," he said. "They are a good group of kids." Tyler said he plans to work on full and half-court presses, and strictly man-to-man defense. "I was surprised to find that our division in Arizona doesn't have a shot clock," he said. "Watching the films, many of the teams were doing zone defense last year." Tyler said he has 12 on the varsity team, and plans to get all 12 players ready to play. "They are all good enough athletes to be on the floor," he said. The Vikings first game was Nov. 17 where they fell to Mohave Accelerated, 60-44. Their next game is with Baiss-Flagstaff Nov. 21. They return to Williams to face Shonto Prep Nov. 27.



Left: New basketball coach Michael Tyler speaks to players at the beginning of practice. (Morgan Smith/WGON)

# Ash Fork High School boys basketball score triple wins

By Marilyn R. Sheldon  
Williams-Grand Canyon News

ASH FORK, Ariz. — The Ash Fork High School boys basketball team cruised to a 49-31 victory over Bagdad Nov. 15. Josue Tellez pumped in 19 points to lead the Spartans, including 5-for-7 beyond the arc. Parnell Tossie added 14, Gabe Zeller contributed 13, along with 11 rebounds, to fuel the offense. Jesus Ayala tallied six rebounds and two steals on defensive efforts. Ash Fork hosted the Red Mesa Redskins Nov. 19. The Spartans crushed the visitors, 67-30. Zeller topped all scorers with 27 points, including 9-of-11 from the free throw line. Tossie dumped in 20, including six 3-pointers. Jesus Ayala added two assists, and three rebounds. On Nov. 20, the varsity



Ash Fork Spartans volleyball team ended their season in the 1A State first round Nov. 1 (Marilyn R. Sheldon/WGON) team faced Rock Point where they squeaked out a narrow, one-point win. Down by three points and with less than a minute left, Tossie hit his only shot of the game, a 3-pointer to tie things up at 27. Red Mesa fouled Zeller, who calmly dropped in a free throw to put the Spartans up by one, with eight seconds left on the clock. The tough Spartan defense

# Ash Fork Lady Spartans face Bagdad and Rock Point

By Marilyn R. Sheldon  
Williams-Grand Canyon News

ASH FORK, Ariz. — The Ash Fork Lady Spartans had a busy first week of their basketball season. The Spartans faced Bagdad Nov. 15, with both the varsity and junior varsity chalking up wins to start the season. The varsity team dominated the Sultans 38-19, and the JV team topped Bagdad 45-10. Gracie Staples was a standout for Ash Fork. She was an effective force both on offense and defense with 16 points, five offensive rebounds, and 12 defensive boards. High scorer for the JV girls was Eva Flores with 20 points. Red Mesa was the second opponent for the girls on Nov. 19. The Redskins were off to a strong start, leading 30-16 at the half. In



Ash Fork Spartans volleyball team ended their season in the 1A State first round Nov. 1 (Marilyn R. Sheldon/WGON) the second half. Ash Fork out-scored Red Mesa 18-8. The leading scorer for the girls was Andrea Vazquez with nine points. Crystal Nixon and Staples teamed up on the boards to haul in 14 rebounds. Aspen Bond contributed with two steals. The JV girls defeated Red Mesa 37-22. Flores was again the high scorer with 18 points. On Nov. 20, the Lady Spartans headed to Rock Point, where they lost 32-28. Staples led Ash Fork with 11 points, and also tallied 9 rebounds. Aura Mendez contributed 9 points, and Nixon had seven rebounds.

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# Senior spotlight: Williams High School graduation and beyond



Angel Belmontes

Angel Belmontes is a senior at Williams High School (WHS). He has lived and attended school in Williams his entire life. In high school, Angel participated in football and basketball and played all four years. Angel said Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Johnson were his favorite coaches that influenced him and his favorite teacher was Mrs. Mitkowski. In his free time he is either spending time with his friends or managing basketball. "This is my third year managing," Angel said. After graduating, Angel plans on attending the University of Arizona or Arizona State University. He would like to study architecture or accounting.



Jorge Salgado

Jorge Salgado is a senior at Williams High School (WHS). He has lived and attended school in Williams his entire life. In high school, Jorge has played football all four years. His current position on the field is right guard. Jorge said Mr. Brownlee was his favorite coach that influenced him. In his free time he is either spending time playing Fortnite or working at his job at La Quinta. "I've worked there for two or three years now," Jorge said. After graduating, Jorge plans on taking a gap year and then attending Coconino Community College. He would like to study to become an auto technician.

## • WUSD

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the child can self-regulate and start learning how to do that more often," said WUSD Superintendent Eric Evans. "And then goal B is we ultimately want to send them back to their regular classroom with their peers." Evans added that in the past the governing board worked to reshape the approach toward student behavioral issues with stricter punitive solutions. However, Evans said that approach is not always appropriate.

"For some kids, that does have to be the answer," Evans said. "Engaging in those activities where it causes harm to oneself or to others, that's where we use the long term suspension route and the hearings." Evans hopes to correct the behavioral issues as early as possible, adding that addressing this at a younger age results in better growth.

"The Nest (behavioral room) is a way to see if this concept can work, and it's a last chance for kids to try to reset and get it right before we say it's time for a hearing," Evans said. "I think it has to be a start for us."

WUSD Vice President Carla Dent expressed concerns about the behavioral recovery room. Dent said only a few children should be in the room at a time, and she also was concerned about making the recovery room widely available to K-8 because of the age and development differences between the grades.

"I think if we say it's only K-5, then we're really doing our middle schoolers a disservice who do need some types of downtime," WEMS Principal Janet Bressler responded. "I'd hate to make an age limit on it and not be able to use it."

WEMS Assistant Principal Andrew Wollman explained the room would have different zones set up for the older kids as well as younger ones.

Dent was also concerned that the room could be seen as a softer approach to the behavioral problem.

"Looking at the kids going in (to the recovery room), it's all happy, they're comfortable there, they're going to continuously want to go there," Dent said.

WEMS Counselor Bailee Cameron disagreed and noted that many of the kids are from hard backgrounds and don't have the skills necessary to calm themselves. She said that before discipline, this could be an effective step to coach students on how to address their emotions. She added that each child's behavior would be evalu-

ated before the intake into the recovery room to avoid unnecessary visits.

"In the short term, this restorative room is a place to coach the students," Wollman said. "But when discipline is needed, that will be administered."

To assist in keeping track of students' behavior, WEMS staff provided the governing board with intake forms that will be used for the recovery room. The intake forms were created in hopes of further understanding each student's situation, finding behavioral patterns, and making sure to avoid unneeded visits.

The recovery room is part one of a three phase plan. After the opening of the first recovery room, two extra rooms could be implemented, one for middle schoolers and one for elementary students - for children who need more discipline. Phase three involves a highly-trained, certified behavioral specialist who will oversee the entire behavioral program.

If children are not self-regulating in the phase two recovery room, the next step is to work with the specialist one-on-one.

The governing board approved the WEMS staff's three-tier proposal with the recovery space being implemented first. The district expects the program to begin at the beginning of 2024.

The board requested monthly reports of the recovery room to stay updated on student progress.

## Williams annual Christmas parade and tree lighting Nov. 25



The Christmas tree lighting from the 2022 parade. (Photo/WGCN)

### Williams-Grand Canyon News

WILLIAMS, Ariz. — The annual Williams Christmas light parade and tree lighting is happening Saturday, Nov. 25.

Line up begins at 5 p.m., with the parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. along Historic Route 66 in Williams. Santa hats, hot chocolate and treats will be available.

Line up will start at Ninth Street in Williams. Floats and other participants will make their way down Route

66 for the Williams Christmas Light Parade. After the parade, the official Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place.

More information about the parade can be found by visiting the Williams Visitor Center, 200 W. Railroad Ave or at the Williams-Grand Canyon News office, 118 S. 3rd Street.

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McElwain and U.S. Navy Desert Storm Veteran Kymberlee Roberts. Your speeches warmed the hearts of many. Once again, thank you, Williams, for making the biggest veteran-supporting little town in the nation.

Carol Lee McElwain  
VFW Post 12128 Auxiliary President

USFS Women in Wildfire Boot Camp now accepting applications

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Coconino National Forest will host a Women in Wildland Fire boot camp in April for individuals interested in exploring a career in wildfire.



Women in Wildland Fire participants learn to cut line during a bootcamp on Kaibab National Forest. (Photo/USFS)

Boot camp participants will gain a greater understanding of the challenges and responsibilities of wildland firefighting through sessions conducted both in the classroom and in the field.

Class work will consist of online training modules, where participants learn about wildland firefighting strategy and safety.

During field training, participants follow guidelines set by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group to explore firefighting as a career in a hands-on way.

Participants will receive the beginning certifications needed to start a career in wildfire, whether it be as a firefighter or a supportive role.

Applications will be accepted until

the cohort is full, and selection for the program will begin Nov. 28, 2023. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2024, or until the class is full.

Those interested in applying can do so via the Wildland Learning

Portal where they will need to create an account and search for R3 FAM Coconino WIWF under the Find Learning, Courses tab to apply.

Online work will need to be completed by March 31, 2024, and one-to-two consecutive in-person field days will take place on the Coconino NF during April.

Applicants must be between 18 and 37 years of age, though exceptions will be considered. Applicants must also be in good mental and physical condition.

The intent of the boot camp is to mentor participants in a supportive, educational environment.

More information about Southwest-area Women in Wildfire programs is available on the Forest Service Region 3 website.

For additional questions contact Forest Fire Training Center Manager Bill Kuche at william.kuche@usda.gov or 928-606-2438.



Church Directory

Table listing various churches and their services, including Bethany Fellowship, International Kadampa, The Church at Canyon Chapel, Holiness Congregational, Northwoods Church, St. John's Episcopal-Lutheran Church, Community United Methodist, First Baptist Church, Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Gateway Bible Community Church, and The Gathering at Shiloh.

Community calendar:

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 23

Williams Food Pantry, Sprouts, Anna's Restaurant (Grand Canyon Cafe) and the Williams community would like you to join them at St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 900 W. Grant for Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 23 starting at 3 p.m. It is open to all. Please call (928) 266-7865 if you have any questions.

Fallen Officer Memorial Dec. 2

The Fallen Officer Memorial will be at the Williams Cemetery on Dec. 2 beginning at 10 a.m.

Lions Club Toys for Kids

The Lions Club is asking for the community's assistance in helping underprivileged children by picking a Christmas tree tag from either Old Trails, National Bank of Arizona or City Hall/Library. After purchasing the gift just attach the tag to the unwrapped gift and return it to the same location where you picked the tag from. The deadline for returning

your gifts is Dec. 8. If you know of any children that need to be added to the list or if you have questions, contact Patty Williams at (928) 853-4974 or Ginger Dickson at (928) 380-5333.

Williams Police 2023 Toy Drive

The Williams Police Department is asking for new, unwrapped toys/gifts, new unwrapped clothing items or monetary donations for their 2023 toy drive for children ranging from infants to 17 years of age. Donations can be dropped off at the police station located at 501 W. Route 66 by 5 p.m. on Dec. 15. Call Theresa Johnson at (928) 635-4461 with questions.

ESA Christmas boxes for military

The ESA is again preparing to send Christmas boxes to our active military members. We are asking for the address of every active military member related to Williams, both deployed and in country, and any relatives. Volunteers will be packing boxes Nov. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church at 2nd and Sherman. Volunteers are needed and donations of

items and money for postage are accepted. Contact Vicki Andros at (928) 635-1420 or Norma McDowell (928) 635-4644.

VFW Auxiliary raffle tickets on sale

This is the last chance to buy a ticket for the \$500 VFW Auxiliary Meat Raffle. The raffle will be held Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Craft Show at the Sultana. The drawing will be at 4 p.m.

The Annual Williams 2023 Christmas Light Parade

The annual Williams Christmas light parade will held along Historic Route 66 Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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Community Reach-Out Meetings

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Life After Loss support group

The Life After Loss grief support group meets every Monday starting at 5 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., except holidays, at the Community United Methodist Church located at 127 W. Sherman Ave. For more information, call (928) 380-5333.

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# Williams Elementary-Middle School feasts early for Thanksgiving



Darcy Evans' second grade class at Williams Elementary-Middle School enjoys an early Thanksgiving feast Nov. 16. (Morgan Smith/WGCM)



## • Drake

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it is for exploration of the pozzolan deposits," Branton clarified. "We started the analysis of this last year and we've been working through an environmental analysis. And you all know, there's another set of claims here in Spring Valley and Willow Springs (Hardy Hill)."

Branton said the U.S. Forest Service has several roles as it relates to minerals. Any areas of the National Forest that have not been explicitly withdrawn from mineral development, which have to be done by the Secretary of the Interior, are available for mineral extraction.

"We have a responsibility to determine the nature of (the) deposits," she said. "There are two classes of types of minerals...one is locatable and the other is saleable."

Branton said the Forest Service has limited discretion when it comes to locatable minerals, such as gold and copper, but has more discretion when it comes to saleable minerals such as gravel and sand.

Once the Forest Service receives a formal proposal to mine, the agency considers the environmental effects.

"You may be familiar with the National Environmental Policy Act, we call NEPA," Branton said. "The Forest Service has to consider the environmental effects and, to as much as is possible, mitigate those effects. So the NEPA process is a robust public process."

Branton encouraged the public to participate in the process and said the agency saves every email and letter.

"We consider public comments, we're noting the environmental conditions you've (already) pointed out," she said.

Branton also said that if a proposal is sub-

mitted, the analysis is complex and can take time to process. The proposal for exploration on Bill Williams Mountain was submitted in January 2022 and is still under review.

"It's a matter of months, sometimes years," she said. "It's a really complex analysis."

### Community efforts

Brian Hughes, the founder of the group Save Parks AZ, spoke at the meeting and gave an update on the group's outreach efforts to stop any mining in the Parks community. He said the group was aware that no formal mining application had been filed by Drake and explained that mining claims are a preliminary part of a potential process.

"This is not the right area for this mining operation," Hughes told the group. "Not only the watershed, but the impact on the residents."

Hughes said he had received a call from Arizona State Attorney Kris Mayes who has filed a preliminary injunction to stop a proposed sand and gravel mine planned for a Chino Valley neighborhood. The injunction, which was filed late last week, says the attorney general has the authority to prevent a public nuisance.

"That mining operation is similar to what we could see, but a little different," Hughes said. "She is backing the residents, and said her office would be on standby. I told her I would keep her informed of the situation."

Troy Arnold, an environmental investigator with the State of Arizona Attorney General's Office was in attendance at the Park's meeting.

### Drake Cement response

David Chavez, a representative of Drake Cement responded to questions from the *Williams News*, with a statement. He said he wanted to emphasize that Drake has placed



The Spring Valley area near Parks is being considered for possible mining. (Wendy Howell/WGCM)

claims around the area, in keeping with federal law.

"If we receive approval from the U.S. Forest Service, we intend to conduct explorations for pozzolan on small portions of some of these sites to analyze their mineral content. If Drake later moves forward to mine at any of the sites, it would be in keeping with federal law and by following the public process the USFS requires," he said. "Any mining activity, if it ever happens, is almost certainly years in the future."

Chavez said he wanted to clarify that Drake considers their impacts on the community and takes social responsibility seriously.

"It's clear from your questions and some of the feedback we've received that residents have concerns about Drake trucking mined materials through Parks," Chavez said. "Put simply, that will not happen. Drake is 100 percent committed to finding routes to our Paulden plant that do not involve traveling on Spring Valley Road. That worry is unfounded."

Chavez said fears about dust impacting residents and about Drake somehow poisoning the area watershed, are also unfounded.

"If we mine in the area, dust will not be an issue given the comprehensive dust control

systems we will have in place," he said. "No water wells will be drilled at this site. That will prevent pozzolan — a substance already in the ground in the area — from somehow 'seeping' into the water supply. Nor will 'water quality be impacted for millions of people.'"

Chavez said the company recognizes their ability to operate successfully is connected to their performance as responsible corporate citizens.

"Should we ever conduct a mining operation in the areas where we are currently exploring claims, we will do so in ways that mitigate any impact on residents, and in a manner that minimizes any potential effect on quality of life," he said.

### Expert testimony

Ron Smith, a retired chemistry teacher, spoke at the Park's meeting about what pozzolan is and how it impacts the environment.

"I feel like I'm the bearer of bad news, but you guys have to know this," he said. "The effects on the environment are going to be horrendous. I have no idea what it's going to do to the spotted owl. I have no idea what it's going to do to the watershed."

Every chemical that is sold or produced has to have a (Safety Data Sheet)," he said. "Pozzolan is a skin and eye irritant and it affects the respiratory system."

Smith said crushing of pozzolan will produce large quantities of dust.

"That can react with your lungs, and it stays here, it doesn't come up," he said.

"When handling this substance, you have to wear goggles, gloves and a respirator."

He said that every chemical that makes up pozzolan has a hazard rating.

"Which means that with repeated exposure, damage can occur to your organs," he said. "It's not advisable to breathe the dust."

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of Johnson Space Center Apollo Mission Control Room.

"Angel has dedicated his life to the preservation of Route 66 from his home in Seligman. Arizona's stretch of the Mother Road would not be what it is today without Angel's dedication and effort," stated Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona. "We are so happy to announce that not only did Angel receive the 2023 President's Award for National Leadership in Historic Preservation, but he also received it in person in Washington D.C."



Angel and Velma Delgadillo during their recent trip to Washington D.C. (Photo/Historic Route 66 Association)

Delgadillo grew up on Route 66, where he opened a barbershop and souvenir shop. When Interstate 40 opened in 1985, Delgadillo experienced firsthand the devastating impact of the decommissioning of Route 66 as a U.S. highway. After several years of laying the groundwork, Delgadillo's

tenacious advocacy and community engagement played a pivotal role in the preservation and celebration of Historic Route 66.

The Delgadillo family would like to thank Krystal Burge for her generosity in making the travel opportunity possible. Burge is the current president of the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona and a fan of Angel's. To ensure Delgadillo could attend the

awards ceremony in person, she arranged to have a private jet fly Delgadillo and his family to Washington D.C.

Delgadillo received a standing ovation at the awards ceremony and was honored with a special luncheon afterwards. He also received an official commendation from the Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, congratulating him on receiving this national honor.

While in Washington D.C., the Delgadillos enjoyed exploring the city and experiencing the beauties and treasures of the capital.

Featured firefighter: Lukas Atwood



For the month of November, High Country Fire & Rescue recognized FF/EMT Lukas Atwood. Atwood is one of HCFR out of town FF/Emts, he lives and works in Flagstaff. On his days off he comes to the station and works a 24-hour shift. Atwood has been with HCFR just under a year, but when he is on a call you would never know he is the new guy. His knowledge and patient care is top notch. Atwood is always working and training to learn new skills in the fire service. (Photo/High Country Fire)

Snowbowl now open for season



FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Arizona Snowbowl opened Nov. 18 for the 2023/2024 winter season. Snowbowl reports that early-season conditions exist and are asking those enjoying the slopes to ski and ride with care. Lifts are open daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., weather permitting.

Cottonwood boy, 12, reports mountain lion encounter

COTTONWOOD — A 12-year-old boy met a mountain lion while hiking in a forest area west of Chuckwalla Drive, which is west of Dr. Daniel Bright School in the Verde Village.

The encounter was reported Nov. 19, around 2:30 p.m. When the animal seemed to linger near the boy, he called Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Cottonwood Police Department was notified of the situation. Using GPS coordinates, officers Austin Perez and Zebedah Shoemaker plotted his location and started searching the area before

YCSO arrived. Officers found the boy unharmed and led him out of the forest.

"Although the mountain lion was not directly observed by the responding officers, its presence was considered a likely scenario due to the juvenile's familiarity with the area and the nature of his report," Savage reported.

Cottonwood PD noted the boy "demonstrated remarkable calmness" during his call to emergency services and in providing crucial information that led to his location.

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**A BIG THANK YOU**

On October 28th 2023, the City of Williams Public Library held their 2nd Annual Haunted House Trunk or Treat. Our event was a huge success, with almost nine hundred attendees, which was roughly three hundred more than the 2022 event. The Williams Public Library greatly appreciates all of our volunteers, donors, trunk or treat participants, and everyone behind the scenes who made the event possible, a special thank you to all City Staff, including the Maintenance department, Street department, Police department and all who participated in setting up and tearing down of the event. The Library graciously accepted donations from the following: True Value Old Trails, Open Country Water Handling, Pine Country, Grand Canyon Railway, Williams-Grand Canyon News, Sefway, Williams Fire Department, Bearizona, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Cab Scouts, Daniel Santos, Steve Iversen, Robert Case Construction, Cameron Maebe, Bernie & Connie Hemenz, and Cathy Benham. In addition, we had thirty different businesses, groups and individuals participate in our Trunk or Treat handing out candy and good times. Thank you to Danny Amara for his DJ services, the music was great as always. Thank you to ASA Party Rentals out of Prescott Valley for their service and amazing staff who provided us with a fun bounce house obstacle course for the kids. We look forward to next year's event and bringing the community together once again for the benefit of the kids.

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