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Gila County Meth Coalition



“Drag Queen” Crowned at 2nd Annual Drag Race for the Cure

The 2nd annual “Drag Race for the Cure” took place at the Gila County Courthouse grounds on Friday, March 16th at 11:30 a.m., but was bigger and better than ever as contestants ran an obstacle course and final dash for the finish line all in high heels and female attire...all for a good cause. Although there was only one top place in the race...everyone wins in the effort to cure cancer. Green chile burros to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with lots of fun for competitors and spectators alike . The participants were “Precious” Peterson, “Easy” Alexander, “Heppy Titus” Holmes, “Mucho Michella” Nye, “Juicy” McGroarty, “Shur Ri-Ri” Lowan, “Babby the Amazon Temptress” Solberg, “The Devil Wears Prada” Heatherly, “Ruth” Cutter, “Hippy” Escobedo and “Round” Escobedo. The winner of the Drag Race was Matheu “Round” Escobedo. Approximately \$2,000 was raised and will go to Relay for Life which will be held on June 8, 2012. Volunteers are needed, if you would like to participate in the Relay for Life festivities, please contact Juley Bocardo-Homan at (928) 402-4321 or Misty Cisneros-Contreras at (928) 402-1879.



Lt Matt Solberg—”Babby—the Amazon Temptress”



The new Sheriff’s Office Administration Building
1177 E. Monroe Street
Globe, AZ 85501
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April Birthdays

- 4/3– DENNIS FOIL
- 4/3– KEITH THOMPSON
- 4/6– RAYMOND JOHNSON
- 4/12– SHERIFF ARMER
- 4/12– COLT MAXWELL
- 4/14– JUSTIN SOLBERG
- 4/16– ELOIS CORN
- 4/16– MARY LEON
- 4/16– ROBERT SCHULER
- 4/25– SHAWN CAMPBELL
- 4/29– LISA DZERA

May Birthdays

- 5/2 - LINDA ALLINSON
- 5/6-AMBER WARDEN
- 5/8-LINDA HOM
- 5/9-SUE HENDERSON
- 5/9- JAMES TUCKER
- 5/11– CLARENCE RICE
- 5/15– MICHELLE DALY
- 5/23– PRESTINA PRESTON-LYNCH
- 5/24– JEANETTE SHAPIRO
- 5/26– JACK MATHEWS
- 5/27– PETER LICAVOLI

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"SPRING
COMES: THE
FLOWERS
LEARN THEIR
COLORED
SHAPES."
- MARIA
KONOPNICKA

Dispatch Relocation Benefits the Jail Lt's and Sgt's

With the relocation of Patrol Sergeants/ Armory and Dispatch, it has given Detention the ability to create much needed office space than was available before. The old Lieutenants office in the jail was extremely small, considering there were at least three people working in it at any given time. By moving into the old Dispatch room, the Detention Lt's have been able to place three full size desks inside with plenty of room to avoid walking over each other and disturbing each other when placing or taking phone calls. The old Patrol Sergeant's office is now occupied by Linda Carnahan and Sgt. Linda Hom. The old armory now stores inmate commissary and supplies for the jail. Prior to occupying these rooms, both Lindas had been crammed into a small office

located at the back of the Jail Control Room. The Linda's old office is now occupied by Administrative Sergeant Christine Duarte, who previously had been sitting in the corner of the old Lt's office. The old (Detention) Lt's office is now occupied by Jail Classification, which allows them easier access to new inmates before housing them in different areas of the jail. The old Classification Office (which is the old jail laundry room) is now the Detention Sergeant's office, which allows them greater ability to supervise Detention staff and address problems with the inmate population.



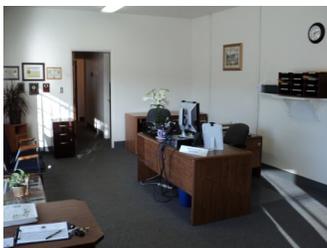
Administrative Services Division Relocation

The Administration Services Division has moved to 1177 Monroe Street in Globe. It has been very beneficial to the whole Division.

With much more work space as well as storage space, the outcome has been a more productive

work environment. Additionally, the Administrative Services Division can now provide better customer service in a more private and inviting setting. Realizing that those who are requesting reports and services of the Sheriff's Office may be dealing with difficult situations, the new recep-

tion area offers a quiet place to conduct business. With the relocation of the Administrative Services Division, Patrol now has more space available to work on reports and interview victims. In total 13 employees were relocated to the Monroe Building. Please feel free to stop by for a tour.



Benefits of Dispatch Relocating to the New Building

Yvette Baxley, Dispatching Supervisor stated since they have moved to the new building, which is located away from the main office, they no longer experience interruptions which are customary in a busy office such as the Sheriff's Office. They received new equipment and brand new work stations. The dispatchers seem much happier now and are enjoying a smooth transition.



Each year, the second full-week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create

"National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction.

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." In the intervening years, it has become known by several other names, including "National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week" and "International Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week." The Con-

gressional resolution also stated there were more than "500,000 telecommunications specialists," although other estimates put the number of dispatchers at just over 200,000. The Congressional figure may include support personnel and perhaps even those in the commercial sector of public safety communications.

**DISPATCHERS
LISTEN WITH THEIR
EARS AND THEIR
HEARTS.
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE AND
DEDICATION.**

911 Radio Dispatcher

Globe and Payson
Salary: **\$29,078.40**

The Gila County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for 9-1-1 Radio Dispatchers for the Globe and Payson offices. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Computer experience a plus! Must be able to type 35 WPM. For more information contact the Gila County Human Resources Department (928) 402-4253.

Sheriff Armer Announces Retirement

Gila County Sheriff John Armer issued the following press release to local media.

“I began my law enforcement career Aug. 1, 1968 as a Deputy at the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office. I have served as a Deputy Sheriff, Chief of Police at Globe and Sheriff now for 43 and a half years. For all of that time my wife, Claudia Sue, and children, Heather and Ben, while building their own lives and careers, have stood by and supported me through all of those years, some of which have been very challenging times.”

“As I now approach the end of my third term as Gila County Sheriff, it is time to retire and devote more of my time to family, friends, and other pursuits. I will serve the remainder of this term and then move on. I was born in Gila County and we plan to remain active residents here.

“It truly has been a privilege to serve as the Gila County Sheriff and I sincerely appreciate the trust that Gila County voters have placed in me to be their Sheriff. I consider that a high honor. I have been blessed to have had outstanding support from my command staff: Chief Deputy Tom Melcher, Undersheriff Adam Shepherd, Jail Commander Jim Eskew, Administrative Bureau Commander Claudia DalMolin and Commander Johnny Sanchez at the Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force.

“They have served tirelessly with great attention to ensuring that the Office was run professionally - always with an eye toward what was the right thing to do for the citizens of Gila County. All of the employees – whether detention, classified or certified as well as the many volunteers – are some of the best I have ever worked with and for their efforts I will be forever grateful. The fact that this office has not been the subject of lawsuits and public criticism is not an accident but the result of their professionalism. It is a very difficult and important job.

“As we approach an election this year, it is vital that the voters of this county carefully consider the election of my successor. Citizens’ selection of those who will represent them in their government is one of the most important responsibilities that the populace has in this great democracy.

“I am proud to be an American, an Arizonan and a citizen of Gila County.”

***A Very Happy Birthday to
Sheriff Armer—April 12th.***

