Students still awaiting road to new school

Two groups offer water to crossers
Humane Borders group fights to eliminate migrant deaths

By Melisa Wirkan

The site is one along the U.S.-Mexico border that has sparked an increase in human rights organizations on both sides of the border.

As more migrants are crossing the border every year with the hope of a better life in America, the issue has become more pertinent to the Southern Arizona border towns, such as Tombstone.

Organizations including Humane Borders and Derechos Humanos are implementing programs to lower the amount of deaths along the almost 500-mile stretch of international border in Arizona. But with thousands of people crossing into the U.S. every year, more people fight to get them out.

One such group is the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a group that fights to keep illegal immigrants out of the United States.

According to a press release on the Web site written by Chris Simcox, the organization is fighting to defend the border and calls to President Bush to make a difference.

“We are three years post September 11, 2001, and still our government is more concerned with securing the borders of foreign lands than securing the borders of the United States,” Simcox said in a press release from earlier this year.

The Minuteman’s Cochise County chapter has held rallies and marches throughout the year, during which members patrolled the borders to watch for illegal crosses and report them to the U.S. Border Patrol.

“I cannot accept the weak excuse from our government that the problem is unsolvable,” Simcox said. “That mindset is un-American. We can and we will make a difference.

The chapter is scheduled to hold vigil during this Christmas. though along the U.S.-Mexico border across Cochise County. The volunteers will be looking for illegal crosses and report them to the Border Patrol.

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Guitar music, goodies at Courthouse

Basketball team takes to court

Senior Center plans for upcoming reparation

2005 Christmas Parade of Lights prepares to shine

By Cori Diamond

Although Tombstone lacks a local resident and no lack is in holiday spirit.

Christmas is quickly approaching and preparations for the Christmas Parade of Lights are full swing.

The Tombstone Silver Club, a local non-profit group, encourages everyone to come and enjoy the holiday kick-off event. The parade will be held Dec. 10 at 5 p.m., on Allen Street between Third Street and Sixth Street. There is no entry fee.

Tombstone Silver Club’s Director of Operations Louise Windle said to make the parade a bigger success than in its last year.

“The parade is a community holiday celebration to bring everyone together,” Windle said.

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Dog shootings growing issue in Cochise County

By Josh Persky

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona has advised residents of Cochise County to file all complaints concerning dog shootings directly with the Arizona Attorney General’s office.

After sending a formal request to begin investigating the reported shootings of stray dogs in Cochise County Sept. 27, the Attorney General’s office responded to the complaint.

Kimberly Ott, an assistant attorney general with the criminal division of Cochise County to file all complaints concerning dog shootings to the Arizona Attorney General’s office, responded to the Humane Society Oct. 3 that they are aware of the situation and are continuing to look into it, said Andrea Enos, press secretary for the Arizona Attorney General’s office.

The Humane Society sent the request after receiving numerous complaints from Cochise County residents about captures and shootings of dogs through the county, said Bill Windle, the community relations manager for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

“Once they [Attorney General’s office] told us that they needed to look into the issues further before investigating, we began phoning anybody calling to file a complaint and call them directly to the office,” Windle said.

The Humane Society has received approximately 10 individual complaints in the last few months. However, a much larger number of county residents have filed repeat complaints, said Dr. William Bright.

“The problem is that they are taking stray dogs that are on the streets along with wild dogs, and killing all of them,” Windle said.

Between Aug. 1 and Nov. 1, county animal control officers captured 575 dogs in the Douglas area, with 178 of those dogs reported to the Humane Society for reparation. Black said.

Dog shootings have sparked the interest of national animal protection services, including the PETA for the Ethical Treatment of animals (PETA).

“Someone from PETA contacted us [Humane Society] and is looking into it,” Windle said. “This is starting to open a real can of worms.”

Black said a report from the county sheriff’s department revealed that county animal shelters in Douglas, Wilcox and Hudonos Counties have killed more than 1,800 wild animals between August and October.

According to the Cochise County Sheriff’s Department, the majority of the animal shootings were from motorists.

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Silver Nugget provides great atmosphere, food

By James Patrick
The Tombstone Epitaph

Silver Nugget

Silver Nugget has an inviting ambiance, with pleasant lighting and comfortable seating. The restaurant offers a wide variety of dishes, including steaks, seafood, and vegetarian options. The service is friendly and attentive, ensuring a pleasant dining experience. The atmosphere is suitable for both casual and special occasions, making it a popular choice among locals and tourists alike.

The Desert Heat and the Tumacacori River Valley

By Ashley O'Hagan
The Tombstone Epitaph

The Desert Heat and the Tumacacori River Valley

The desert heat can be quite intense, especially during the summer months. It's important to stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun. The Tumacacori River Valley offers a refreshing escape with its cool temperatures and scenic landscapes. Take a stroll along the riverbank or enjoy a picnic at one of the nearby parks. Whether you're a nature lover or simply looking for a relaxing day outdoors, the Tumacacori River Valley has something for everyone.
Let there be light – at Tombstone City Hall.

Mayor Andrew Delucchio said it's plans to have two floodlights installed to punch up the nighttime exterior of the historic 1872 Tombstone City Hall building.

"Adding light is something small, but it makes us look nice," Delucchio said. "You've got such a beautiful building, why not make it visible?"

He said a floodlight will also be installed to make the monuments, offices more visible after dark.

According to Delucchio, the lights, towering and later will cost between $2000 and $4000. The照明, will most likely come from the city's general fund, he said.

"This town has a lot of beautiful things," he said. "But they're hidden." – Susan Barse

Coats for cold children

The Tombstone Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are hosting the first Coats for Kids Christmas giving event.

"All donations will be either given to the Tombstone Pharmacy on Allen Street or the Tombstone Auxiliary are hosting the first Coats for Kids Christmas giving event," Meredith Littlejohn concludes.

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"If this is an inconvenience to anyone, representatives from the Friends of Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park.

It's time to celebrate the community and the upcoming opening of new high school in Tombstone. All donations will be accepted from the Friends of Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park.

The Friends of the library have an open house Dec. 9 for residents to become more acquainted with it.

Youth Services Librarian Dustin Dupnick.

In addition to serving as the Associate

"Luminaries up tonight"

The Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park is hosting its 10th annual "Luminaries Up Tonight" event from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

"It’s an open house and cookies and refreshments will be served," Park Ranger Patricia Moreno said.

Johnny Benson, a local guitarista, will be performing in the West room with his own rendition of Victorian carols and classical strings.

There will be luminaries on the outside of the building.

"We use traditional lighting, with a candle and a bag with sand," Benson said.

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It’s a New Mexico tradition and has merged to the Western region," he said. Austin, park manager.

We are very excited," Austin said.

They are accepting any coats in good condition and in sizes from 1 to 9. Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain one of the numbers from 1 to 9. No number can be repeated in the same row, column or box. The puzzle is solved when all the boxes are filled with the correct numbers.

Some of the clues are:

2. Crumble cooled cornbread into a large bowl. (4)
3. Prepare your cornbread batter.

4. Add milk to the cornbread batter and stir until smooth. (4)
5. 8 canned tamales, mashed in a large bowl. (4)
6. 2 cups chicken broth
7. 1 cup chopped green pepper
8. 1 cup chopped green onion
9. 1/2 cup butter
10. 8 oz. shredded cheese

He worked at the Cottonwood library before joining the sheriff’s department in 1975. He went on to the fire sheriff three years later.

Judd is survived by wife Elva and two daughters and two sons.

The service was held in Benson Baptist at 9:30 am. He was buried in the Mormon Cemetery in David.

"Believe it or not, he was one of the most funny and capable leaders Southern Arizona has ever seen," Depew said.

By Ashley Johnson

Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park.

"The Tombstone Library had an open house Dec. 9 for residents to become more acquainted with it."

There are several sections to the library, including fiction, non-fiction and children’s. They are even looking for public use. The Bill Gates Foundation recently donated a computer, which will be set up in the library.

"It’s no nice that they do this. They do this for every library in the state," Hoffman said.

Commentary

T that fill the unique opportunity to cover football in both Tombstone High School and the University of Arizona, and one thing jumped out at me: The University of Arizona’s defensive coordinator, Deke Adams, would make a great addition to head coach Mike Stoops.

Proximity

The first and most obvious reason Thomas would fit in well at Arizona is playing a short jaunt from home.

Just as Yellowjacket fans chanted Thomas at the FCS field at Flagstaff, they could become the most-booked drive to Arizona Stadium to see him Saturdays in the Pac-10.

Building its football is something I’m sure Arizona football is aiming for, but better to do it than just bringing in a recruit who is not only from the southeastern portion of the state, but also who has had arguably the most hollow college career of any football player in the region’s history?

UBA banks on youth

In fact, by season’s end, the UA offense has been led by a pair of them – quarterback Willie Taggart and running back Dion Johnson.

Arizona expects even more from his young talent in 2006, with a host of freshmen and sophomores stepping into roles as freshmen and sophomores.

Tubby Smith, the Gophers have yet to see their first collegiate season on the sidelines as a result.

Tubby Smith, the Gophers reached national prominence on its own.

The Pac-10 in general is a league where multi-faceted players flourish. UCLA’s Maurice Drew, a 6-foot-2, 245-pound newcomer.

All three are under 6-feet tall. All three are light-footed. All three are multi-dimensional, and Tubby Smith said he is pleased with the trio.

Swissuttter southwestern cornbread and stuffing

SWISSUTTTER SOUTHWESTERN CORNBREAD AND STUFFING

INGREDIENTS

2 cups prepared cornbread mix
1 cup cheddar green pepper
2 cups cornbread crumbs
1 cup chopped garlic
1 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup honey
4 slices white bread
1 cup chopped chicken
1 cup bulk sausage
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup chopped onions
8 oz. yellow cornbread
1/2 cup instant mashed potatoes
PREPARATION

Suduko by Jeff Adler

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Tough non-conference schedule preps Tombstone High basketball

By Kyle Kenning
The Tombstone Epitaph

While a 4-4 record isn’t the start the Tombstone varsity boys basketball team had envisioned before the season began, taking its lumps early might be just what the Yellowjackets need to thrive in 2A Fast competition.

“We’re getting a lot of experience,” said THS head coach Robert Bristow after a 71-58 loss at Sahuarita on Wednesday. “And experience against teams with a lot more depth than we have.”

Tombstone has battled the sticky bug and a difficult non-conference schedule in the young 2005-06 season, including hard fought losses to 3A South Safford and Willcox and a Tuesday, six-game excursion to Tucson for the Thanksgiving weekend Boyd Baker Tipoff Classic.

“We’re going to have some pretty good depth when we get our injured people back,” Bristow said.

Included on the Jackets’ itinerary is junior forward Scott Robinson, who suffered a back injury in Tombstone’s state football playoff loss to Arizona Lutheran last Nov. 13.

In addition to the weakened roster, Tombstone has shown promise, with the backcourt pairing of junior David Lopez and Gary McHatton leading the way.

The Jackets fought back from a 20-point deficit at Sahuarita and came within nine points in the fourth quarter.

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The Jackets have had difficult finishing on the offensive end, particularly at Sahuarita, where THS was unable to capitalize despite good looks.

“We couldn’t hit lay-ups,” Bristow said.

Not everyone was satisfied with treating Tombstone’s State football playoff loss.

“While we didn’t have much of a game (against Sahuarita),” Tombstone’s State football playoff loss

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Thomas uncertain about collegiate football future

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Tombstone football’s star running back and holder of the state rushing record, previously announced his commitment to the University of Arizona Friday.

Junior Forward Allen Mayes (football) announced his commitment to the University of Arizona Friday.

Allen Mayes’ decision to commit to the University of Arizona was a surprise to many people involved in Tombstone’s football program.

“I do not know if we just need to be consistent scoring,” Bristow said.

The Yellowjackets came up well short.

At will posed too much as the THS defense work.

“The Sahuarita forward was consistently able to get the hoop in the first half,” Bristow said. “It was just a lack of scoring and our effort. It was just a lack of scoring and our effort. It was just a lack of scoring and our effort.”

Junior forvard Allen Mayes did his part in the second half, coming up with a team-high 11 rebounds and applying defensive pressure on澎澎 before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

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