

RAILROAD WORK TO TAKE 8 MONTHS

Sahuarita Town Manager Shane Dille told the Town Council on Monday that there is some progress on the traffic light at Quail Crossing Boulevard and Old Nogales Highway, at the entrance to Quail Creek.

Union Pacific signed a construction and maintenance agreement May 17 that indicated it would begin designing and procuring parts for the railroad crossing. His report noted Union Pacific expects work to take about eight months.

Dille's report noted there is an Aug. 7 hearing scheduled with the Arizona Corporation Commission on the matter.

SPECIAL-NEEDS GROUP SEEKING NEW VAN

A non-profit for adults with special needs is looking for donations to buy a second van to keep up with growth.

Adventures with Friends was launched in 2019 by Sahuarita resident Penny Grabowski and her son, Tim, who has special needs. The group connects adults with special needs through social activities.

The group uses a van to get to their activities, but when it broke down on the side of the road, Grabowski knew she had to find a replacement.

She recently bought a 2007 van, but with 27 members and just 15 seats, they need a second one.

"Membership is growing," Grabowski said, "and we're always looking to connect with other families with special needs."

Grabowski said they're using word-of-mouth to get donations but fundraisers

Briefs

are possible.

Adventures with Friends has been named as the beneficiary for the 2023 Charity Golf Event hosted by the Green Valley Sahuarita Association of Realtors in November.

Grabowski said if no van is donated by then, the funds will be used to buy one. She expects they will need around \$20,000 for a used van.

"It's just so joyful to ride around in the van with them," she said. "They're always singing or laughing and just having fun."

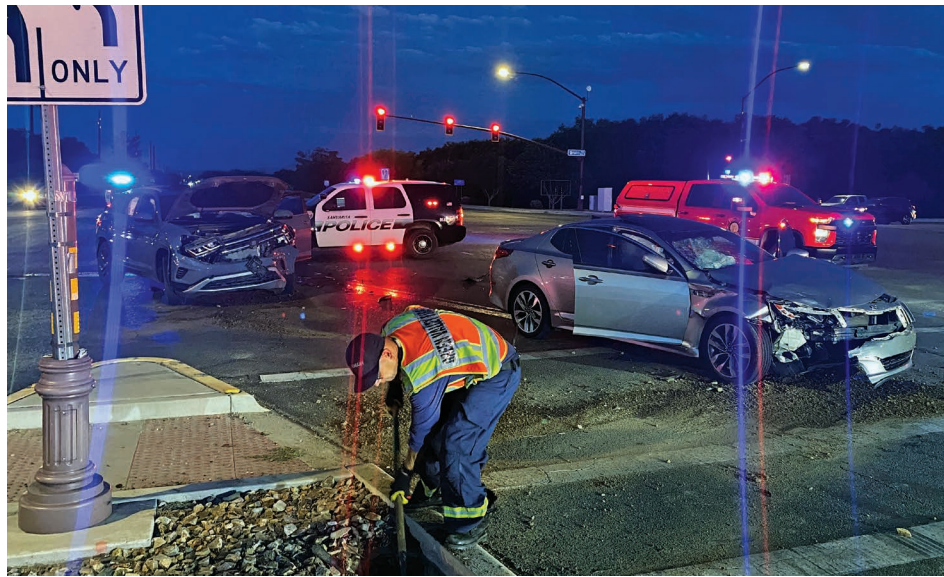
To make a donation or get involved with Adventures with Friends, contact Penny Grabowski at 412-401-0581 or pennygrabowski@verizon.net.

GLOBAL WATER RATE CASE MOVES AHEAD

Global Water Resource told the Sahuarita Town Council on Monday that it plans to move forward with its request for a 20 percent rate hike with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Global Water said the increase is needed since it made capital improvements, and the current rates for its Las Quintas Serenas Water Company are based on 2012 costs. Global Water noted increases wouldn't affect customers until mid-2024.

Global Water said the rate case is for all of its utilities in Pima County except Farmers Water Company, which it purchased this year. Global Water told the council the ACC wants providers to own and operate a utility for at least one year



Proper restraints

A TWO-VEHICLE ACCIDENT shut down parts of Sahuarita Road and Nogales Highway for about an hour Saturday night, though no injuries were reported, a spokesman for the Green Valley Fire District said. Crews from GVFD and the Sahuarita Police Department responded to the accident at Sahuarita Road and Nogales Highway around 7:20 p.m. Seven people — six of them minors — were involved in the collision. GVFD said no one needed transport to a hospital, crediting proper use of seatbelts and airbag deployment. Traffic was restricted as crews conducted an investigation and cleanup. Lane restrictions remained in place until the roadway was cleared around 8:30 p.m.

GREEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PHOTO

before filing a rate case.

Global Water said the current rate case affects about 1,600 customers, with the largest customer base in and around Sahuarita, with 1,263 Las Quintas Serenas Water Company customers included.

STAMP OUT HUNGER RESULTS ARE IN

The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, which includes locations in Green Valley and Amado, collected 214,932 pounds of food during the National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 13.

The annual drive encourages people to donate

non-perishable food items by leaving them out at their mailbox for letter carriers to collect and deliver to local food banks.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS SET

Two local events will mark Memorial Day on Monday.

American Legion Post 131 and Valley Presbyterian Church are hosting a 9 a.m. flag folding ceremony and a guest presentation by Chris Arundel about his time at a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WWII. The ceremony is at the church, 2800 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley.

American Legion Post 66 will feature a flag presentation and folding ceremony at 10- a.m. at the post, 1560 W. Duval Mine Road. They will also recognize war veterans and salute the armed forces.

GV FAVORITE ON TUCSON STAGE

Green Valley's Got Talent recently featured musician Samantha Beemer is taking her animated performance style to Tucson's Saguario City Studio Arts upcoming performance of "Seussical the Musical."

Beemer will play Mrs. Mayor alongside professional actors and students who

participated in the Studio Arts Presents summer camp program.

The musical takes place from June 23 to 25 at the Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway. Tickets are \$15 for adults and kids get in free with an adult.

For show times, more information or to purchase tickets, visit saguarcity.org/tickets.

SEVENTH-GRADER WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Continental Elementary School seventh-grader Quinn Stalnaker won the Arizona Elks Association Drug Awareness Essay Contest for his grade level.

The year's essay theme was "One Pill Can Kill."

Stalnaker was judged against all the other seventh grade entries from participating Elks Lodges around the state. He received an engraved plaque, a letter of congratulations from the Elks and a monetary award.

CESD STUDENT WINS POSTER CONTEST

Continental Elementary School eighth-grader Daniella Russillo has been chosen as one of four finalists in the Arizona Department of Health Services' "Be Sun-Wise and Play Sun Smart" poster contest.

The contest, which has been going for 20 years, encourages students to illustrate ways to stay safe in the Arizona heat.

Russillo's poster is displayed on the SunWise website and she was honored on the field at Chase Stadium before the Diamond-backs baseball game May 7.

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SHOWTIMES FOR MAY 26 - JUNE 1

THE LITTLE MERMAID (PG)
 DAILY: 12:00, 2:45, 6:30

BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER
 DAILY: 5:00, 7:00

FAST X (PG-13)
 DAILY: 12:00, 3:00, 6:30

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOLUME 3 (PG-13)
 DAILY: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30

ABOUT MY FATHER (PG-13)
 DAILY: 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:30

THE LITTLE MERMAID (PG)
 DAILY: 11:30, 2:15

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