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Consolidation pro and con to meet at Oct. 5 forum

By BILL HELM
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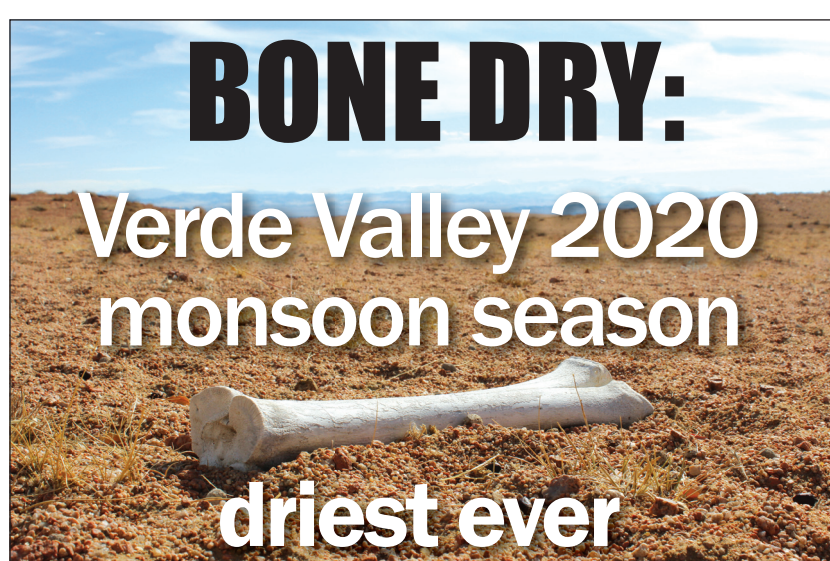
COTTONWOOD — At 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, representatives for and against the consolidation of the Cottonwood-Oak Creek and Mingus Union school districts will participate in a forum at the Cottonwood Community Clubhouse.

This event will be held by League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley - LWGVV. The public is invited to ask questions through a YouTube broadcast

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Andy Groseta Stephen Renard



BONE DRY:

Verde Valley 2020 monsoon season

driest ever

By JASON W. BROOKS
Staff Reporter

VERDE VALLEY - According to the National Weather Service, the 2020 monsoon season was the driest summer rain season ever recorded in the Verde Valley.

From June 15 to Sept. 1, a measuring station at Tuzigoot National Monument recorded 0.35 inches of rain. That's the lowest total for that period in the 100 years precipitation has been recorded there.

The previous low was 0.46 inches, recorded in 1936.

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Michelle Conway appointed interim president/CEO of Sedona Chamber

Director of Marketing will step in as search for new leader gets underway

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Board of Directors announced Tuesday that it has appointed Michelle Conway as interim president/CEO, effective Oct. 12.

Conway, the SC&TB director of marketing, will take on the role upon the departure of current President/CEO Jennifer Wesselhoff, who announced her appointment as president/CEO of the Park City, Utah, Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau last month. Wesselhoff's last day at the Sedona Chamber is Oct. 9.

"Michelle's deep experience with the business community and her critical role in developing sustainable marketing strategies for Sedona will keep the Chamber moving forward at this critical time," said Board Chairman Lonnie Lillie. "Her work with the Sedona Tourism Economic Recov-



Michelle Conway

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Clarkdale addressing tiny home code changes

By JASON W. BROOKS
Staff Reporter

CLARKDALE - At its Sept. 22 meeting, the Clarkdale Town Council held a lengthy discussion about potential regulations for tiny homes.

Prompted by a recently approved 22-space cluster development on Lincoln Drive, Community Development Director Ruth Mayday led a presentation about tiny home issues. Mayday covered what is currently allowed to be built or installed.

She also covered what is not allowed and how city building or zoning code could be amended.

"Anything with a towing tongue and wheels is a recreational vehicle, and is regulated as an RV," Mayday said. "The idea that tiny homes are on wheels and aren't subject to the building code — that simply isn't true. Tiny homes are currently regulated as RVs."

Mayday said staff is looking for council to amend the zoning code for tiny homes. Mayday said the International Residential Code calls for tiny homes to be a minimum of 400 square feet.

Clarkdale requires a building permit for any minimum 120-square-foot structure and any residence of any size.



At its Sept. 22 meeting, the Clarkdale Town Council held a lengthy discussion about potential legislation regulating tiny homes. Adobe Stock photo

"We don't have anything in code that regulates the use of tiny homes, besides falling back to the IRC," Mayday said. "But we don't really have anything specific to tiny homes and RV regulations, and the IRC definitions are very broad. This is our chance to custom-tailor a code to Clarkdale's needs."

RVs are only allowed to camp, outside of RV parks, for 14 consecutive days. RV parks can only be built in R4 residential zones. Homes removed from wheels and set on foundations are regulated as manufactured homes. Homes built on-site are regulated as single-family residential.

Cottonwood's City Council recently adopted language from the International Residential Code's

tiny homes appendix as part of its code. Cottonwood included a 400-square-foot maximum for any of its three tiny home designations.

Mayday said there are at least two other parcels in Clarkdale that could potentially be the subject of RV park applications similar to the Lincoln Drive cluster. Mayday said amending code will also give the council a chance to look at RV regulations as well.

"By including some definitions, we can separate out uses," Mayday said.

Council Member Bill Regner said the town could also look at specific regulations for RV parks. Mayday agreed to bring proposed RV-specific code amendments to the council.

Both Mayor Doug Von Gausig and Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert said they didn't understand why amendments are needed.

Town Manager Tracie Hlavinka said the Lincoln Drive proposal is a perfect example of a problem. The town doesn't have sufficient definitions or parameters in place.

"The IRC is very broad, whereas Clarkdale is very specific about lot

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California man last seen in Verde Valley

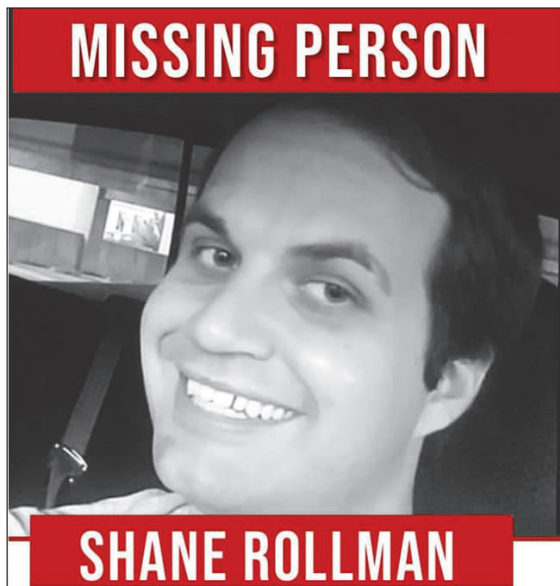
Vehicle found Sept. 24 at McGuireville rest area

By JASON W. BROOKS
Staff Reporter

CAMP VERDE - Steven Rollman said his son has had a lot on his mind this past year. But none of his son's struggles explained why he suddenly drove to Arizona two weeks ago.

Shane Rollman, 31, shopped at Bashas' super-

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This flier shows Shane Rollman, a 31-year-old Southern California man who disappeared from his home Sept. 12. Courtesy image

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Sophomores Cesar Diaz, Maisie Babcock pace Mingus runners at Wherley Invite

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Camp Verde boys soccer beats Ash Fork, loses to Chino Valley



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