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2 killed in I-40 cross-median crash near Seligman

By Associated Press

SELIGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — Two people were killed when a vehicle had a tire failure and crossed the median and struck a second vehicle on Interstate 40 in northwestern Arizona, authorities said Thursday.

The crash occurred late the night of Sept. 16 near Seligman, the

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Sports

Spectators encouraged to social distance, wear masks at sporting events

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WILLIAMS, Ariz. — Williams Unified School District is encouraging the community to help keep its athletes healthy as its volleyball and football teams head into their first games of the season.

Williams High School volleyball faced Chino Valley in a scrimmage Sept. 18 and has their home-opener Sept. 29 against Seligman. Vikings football has their first game on the road with Bagdad Oct. 2

With those games looming, WUSD has outlined a set of recom

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Mike Schabaker observes Eva Janes fire a revolver at a target during the Ladies Only Shoot sponsored by the Williams Sportsman's Club. (Photos/WSC)

Time at the range



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WILLIAMS, Ariz. — Even though a last-minute location change for academics had to be dealt with, the Williams Sportsman's Club (WSC) hosted a successful Ladies Only Shoot Sept. 12.

The annual event was tailored to provide women who have had little to no handgun experience an opportunity to learn about and practice safe firearms use. A total of 10 women, some traveling from as far away as Winslow and Phoenix received a comprehensive day of education and supervised

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Guardians of the forest: Kim Brown shares wildland firefighting experiences

Williams local reminisces on a career spent working for U.S. Forest Service

By B. Garibay

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WILLIAMS, Ariz. — As the "Baby Boom" phenomenon was thundering across the United States in the 1950's, the timber town of McNary, Arizona, located on the cuff of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, raised its population by one with the arrival of a healthy baby boy with the name of Kim Brown.

Brown spent the first three years of life in the Apache — Sitgreaves National Forest before moving first to Flagstaff and then Camp Verde and later Ash Fork, where he graduated high school.

At the time of Brown's graduation, the Vietnam War and the draft were still in full swing and it was certain that Brown, with a draft number of lucky No. 13, would soon be invited to join the nation's military. However, before Brown's draft card could be pulled, he voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for nearly three years in Germany. After Brown had fulfilled his military service, he returned to Ash Fork where he attended Yavapai Community College and Northern Arizona University. It was during this time, on a summer weekend at softball field, a path would be presented to him that would shape his life for years to come.

A job with the U.S. Forest Service

"I met some people who worked for the Forest Service through a softball team and they asked me 'Why don't you apply for

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Wildland firefighter Kim Brown (right) poses for a picture next to a smoldering tree during a wildland fire assignment in the 1980s. (Photo courtesy of Kim Brown)

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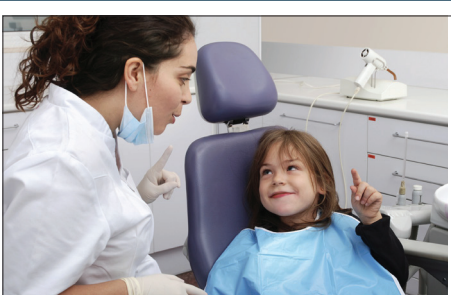
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