



Saddle Up

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Bits and Pieces

Opportunity Knocks

Don't forget to double check the list of Community Education Equine Classes that Central Arizona College is offering beginning again in February.

A beautiful, full-color brochure detailing them is available from the college by stopping by the campus at Idaho Road and Old West Highway or by calling 480-677-7721.

The instructor for the classes is Steve Edwards, owner of the Queen Valley Mule Ranch. Edwards is nationally known for his expertise on training horses and mules and gives seminars throughout the nation. He has worked with John Lyons, taught equine courses at Pierce College in Los Angeles, developed a riding and training program at the Phoenix Zoo, and provided packing services in Grand Canyon National Park, as well as having a wealth of practical experience.

The CAC classes are aimed at owners/riders of mules and horses. And, make no mistake, Edwards is also an expert on horses and horse training, as well as being

"the mule guy."

Actually, horses are much easier to deal with than mules and are more "forgiving." Make a mistake with a horse and you can fix it, more than likely. Mules have long memories, particularly for negative experiences. With mules, you better do it right the first time.

The CAC classes consist of one evening class during the week and a full day on Saturday with Edwards at his mule ranch in Queen Valley putting into practice — "hands on" — what was discussed in the classroom. The price is very reasonable. And, for a little extra, you can bring your

improving your communication with your equine (horse, mule or donkey), on the ground and in the saddle. Other classes scheduled for spring are Horseshoeing, Camping with Your Equine, Packing and Driving.

You'll never find such valuable information for such a bargain price; you can't go wrong taking these classes.

PC Zoning Change Info

If you were one of the people confused and concerned about the proposed changes to the Pinal County zoning ordinances and the county's comprehensive plan, attend the Superstition Horsemen's Association (SHA) meeting this Wednesday evening, Jan. 23 at the Pinal County complex courtroom in Apache Junction at Idaho and Highway 88. Jerry Stabley of the Pinal County Planning and Development Services Department will be there expressly to be a source of information regarding these issues and listen to input. If you are not member of SHA,

own mount to the Saturday class and work with it, one on one.

Coming up in February are classes on equine behavior and

come anyway. I'm sure that no one is going to check for your membership card at the door and maybe you'll even decide to join the group.

With an opportunity like this presenting itself, it should spell the end of rumors, misinformation and confusion regarding this issue. Find out what the "latest" is and make your feelings known.



ADOPT A PET



"Cassie" (Pen #9) is a white and tan female Shepherd/Hound mix. She is very sweet and friendly and needs a home right now. Please come take her home.

Apache Junction Animal Control can be reached at 480-983-4405 or you can visit them at 725 E. Baseline Road between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can also view available pets online at www.ajcity.net. Animal Control is a division of the Apache Junction Police Department.

S.A.F.E. Pet of the Week

"Rilee" is a gorgeous 1-1/2 yr. old spayed female Rhodesian Ridgeback mix. She is very lovable, loves walks and plays fetch. She would do well in home with teens. She loves "belly rubs" and a big yard to run in. She has had some professional training and needs a permanent home to call her own.



For more information please call SAFE (Save Animals From Euthanasia) at 480-466-6025 SAFE animals can be seen each month from 11-4 on the second and fourth Saturdays at PetSmart on Signal Butte and at Gold Canyon Bashes' the first and third Saturdays.

SAFE volunteers are also at Apache Junction Animal Control from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Donations to SAFE can be sent to PO Box 6829, Apache Junction, AZ 85278 or on the SAFE website at azsafeanimal.org with PayPal.

★ The Gold Nugget Contest ★

Nugget Grows To \$100 Value

The News Gold Nugget certificate wasn't found last week, so three new clues are added this week and the retail value of the gold nugget increases to \$100.

The clues which have appeared in the News so far are:

- clue: inspect
- clue: spin
- clue: boot

In addition to a Gold Nugget from Promack Treasure Hunting, home of the Superstition Mountain Treasure Hunters, the person who finds the gold will also win dinner for two at Apache Greyhound Park in Apache Junction.

Each week, the News hides a certificate for a real gold nugget somewhere in the area our paper serves, which includes Apache Junction, East Maricopa County, Gold Canyon and Queen Valley.

We then place three clues to the location of the certificate among the advertising in the paper, not the classifieds... just the display ads.

Locate all the clues, put them together, go out and find the certificate and the gold is yours. Simply bring the certificate by the News for verification.

The retail value of the nugget starts out at \$50 for the first week and increases by \$50 each week

it is not found (up to a total of \$250). Family and employees of the sponsors and officers of the SMTH Club are not eligible to win. Other persons are limited to one win per 12 month period.

The hiding place is checked regularly and the finder must notify the News within 24 hours of finding the certificate. The Gold Nugget Contest is sponsored by

Promack Treasure Hunting, home of the Superstition Mountain Treasure Hunters and Apache Greyhound Park.

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