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## Right on target: Threat Systems Target Simulation shop

By Ana Henderson

For the last 80 years, Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) has tested virtually every piece of equipment used by our Warfighter.

Munitions, artillery, and aircraft testing all have one thing in common — they all need targets.

Firing systems' accuracy cannot be tested without targets. Aircraft and drones cannot test the functionality of their radars without a target to track. Targets are vital to testing.

The team at the Threat Systems Target Simulations (TSTS) shop have been amazing YPG and beyond with their target creations. From silhouettes to high-fidelity mobile targets, the team can fabricate it.

“We don't say ‘no’ to much-- we'll

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The Threat Systems Target Simulation shop can create targets as simple as a silhouette or as elaborate as a replica of a foreign threat system. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

## Project Convergence 2021: Army to demo modernization ingenuity and Joint Force interoperability

By Jean-Louis “Dutch” DeGay

The U.S. Army has commenced Project Convergence 2021, a large-scale, live-fire, multi-domain exercise to test the effectiveness of newly harnessed technologies and innovative tactical approaches.

The six-week exercise at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), Ariz. and White Sands

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# THIS IS MY SQUAD

## Soldier spotlight

By Ana Henderson

Army Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Mezi is currently assigned as a Test Jumper/Inspector Tester and Air Delivery Non-Commissioned Officer for the Airborne Test Force at Yuma Proving Ground.

Mezi was born and raised in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. At the age of 23 he said he, “had the privilege to immigrate to the United States with his mother and sister.” In 2014, he enlisted in the U. S. Army.

Mezi is currently enrolled at Central Texas College. His career goals include attending the Military Free Fall Jump Master School and becoming a senior non-commissioned officer.

Outside of work Mezi enjoys spending time with his wife and two young sons. He also keeps busy playing basketball, soccer, running and travelling.



Yuma Test Center Commander Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson congratulated Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Mezi during his promotion ceremony last month. Mezi's wife and two children were also by his side during the ceremony. (Loaned photos)



## Employee recognized for work during developmental assignment

By Ana Henderson

Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Contract Management Support Officer Amanda Mantz was awarded the Civilian Service Commendation Medal on Sept. 16.

YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall presented Mantz with a certificate and pinned her medal during the small ceremony.

Mantz completed a developmental assignment as an acquisition analyst as part the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) Contracts Management Division between February and May of this year.

The award citation states that Mantz, “played a vital role in the development of over 1,200 labor categories for five subordinate commands.”

“I was excited because I wanted to learn more from the headquarters side of contracting,” said Mantz of the assignment.

YPG is a subordinate test center under ATEC's command. Mantz was honored to see ATEC's Commander, Maj. Gen. James Gallivan, personally signed her certificate.

“When I saw the award and I saw that Maj. Gen. Gallivan signed it, that was pretty exciting. I had never received an award from the ATEC level.”

She added, “It's always nice to be told you are doing something good. It might be hard while you are doing the work on a daily basis, you are thinking like ‘I am just doing my job,’ but when people recognize your hard work, it's nice.”



Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall presented Amanda Mantz with the Civilian Service Commendation Medal on Sept. 16. She was recognized for her work in a developmental assignment with The Army Test and Evaluation Command. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

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# SHARP resources expand to Army civilians

By Arlene Gentry

Department of Defense Army civilians are now eligible to receive Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) services per Army Directive 2021-30. This policy change was announced Sept. 17; Previously, Army civilians could only receive limited services while outside the continental U.S, deployed or if they were Active Duty dependents.

“We expect our civilians to live by the Army values and to take the same mandatory training as our Soldiers because we are a team. We should extend the same services to them,” said Arlene Gentry the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for Yuma Proving Ground.

This policy changes are an additional effort in order to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual assault in the work force. Here are the changes to policy:

DA civilians now have the option to file an unrestricted report of sexual assault.

DA civilians electing to make an unrestricted report are eligible to receive victim advocacy services from Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) and SHARP Victim Advocates (VA). These services do not include expedited transfers or any medical entitlements or legal services DA civilians are not already authorized by law or policy.

DA civilians who experience retaliation associated with their unrestricted report of sexual assault now have the ability to file reports of retaliation using DD Form 2910-2.

DA civilians not otherwise eligible for military medical treatment do not obtain additional eligibility through the SHARP program for non-emergency services such as follow-up care. Instead, SARCs and VAs will assist DA civilians in finding off-post resources such as rape crisis centers, counseling services and medical facilities. DA civilians may use Employee Assistance Program services alternatively or in addition to SHARP services.

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Employment Opportunity (EEO) offices will continue to process complaints of sexual harassment for DA civilians. SARCs and VAs who receive complaints of sexual harassment will help direct DA civilians to points of contact at the servicing EEO office.

These changes can have a lasting impact on the healing process for victims and the potential to prevent further sexual assaults in our community. If you need to make a report you can call the YPG Helpline at (928) 920-3104 or you can call the DoD Helpline at 877-995-5247.

# National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Submitted by the YPG Equal Employment Office

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The NDEAM is commemorated annually in October to raise awareness of the employment needs and celebrate the many and varied contributions of disabled veterans and individuals with all types of disabilities. Their contributions exemplify the inclusive environment that is a cornerstone of Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) success. This year's theme is "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion."

The month is an extension of "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," initially observed during the first week of October, beginning in 1945. In 1962,



the word "physically" was removed, acknowledging both visible and non-visible disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month, and the name was changed to National Disability Employment Awareness

Month. In addition, in the 1990's, people were no longer referred to as "handicapped." The word "handicapped" is only used when referring to tangible objects, such as parking spaces and bathrooms. We

pay tribute to the contributions of our men and women with disabilities, who serve our nation by reaffirming our commitment to ensure equal opportunity for the YPG community.

Leaders, Soldiers, and Civilians must then acknowledge the contributions of men and women with disabilities on YPG and in the United States Army. We must strive for a workplace that welcomes the talents of all people, who are an essential part of our effort to continue to place people first, with a focus this month of recognizing the many successes of people with disabilities.

The Department of the Army Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office, YPG, is proud to honor the contributions of men and women with disabilities in our community, our Army, and our nation.

## PROJECT

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Missile Range, N.M., includes the participation of personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Participants will experiment with more than 100 new technologies across seven use cases during the event, illustrating how members of the Joint Force can employ and interact with dynamic software, systems and equipment to execute key strategic aims.

Technologies to be tested utilize artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics and other scientific



advances in transformative ways, resulting in sophisticated sensor-to-shooter systems and revolutionary speed, range and convergence of Joint operations.

Numerous service members, including the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Operations Forces, will support the event, which

will also incorporate use of premier U.S. military assets such as F-35 fighter jets and long-range precision fires.

Project Convergence 2021 is the second iteration of the Army's annual Project Convergence capstone event. Project Convergence 2020 focused on the testing of promising

new technologies, while PC 21 will demonstrate how the Army can sync recent modernization advances with Joint Force warfighting strategies on a technologically robust and high-tempo battlefield.

"Project Convergence 2021 is about how we use technology to fight and organize for the future. Each of the Joint Services has capability from a sensing standpoint. We are learning how to converge all of the Joint capabilities together to enable the best sensor to the best shooter, regardless of Service," said Gen. John M. Murray, commanding general of U.S. Army Futures Command.

The Army plans to showcase results of the exercise during an event at YPG this fall. The daylong event, referred to as Project Convergence 21 Live, will provide distinguished visitors the opportunity to view a live demonstration and learn more about the Army and Joint Force's warfighting innovations.

Army Futures Command launched Project Convergence in late 2019 as a campaign of aggressive learning, providing the Army with a rapid, creative, inclusive and effective avenue for exploring and identifying optimal ways to meet persistent and emerging operational needs in the areas of people, weapons systems, command and control, information and terrain.

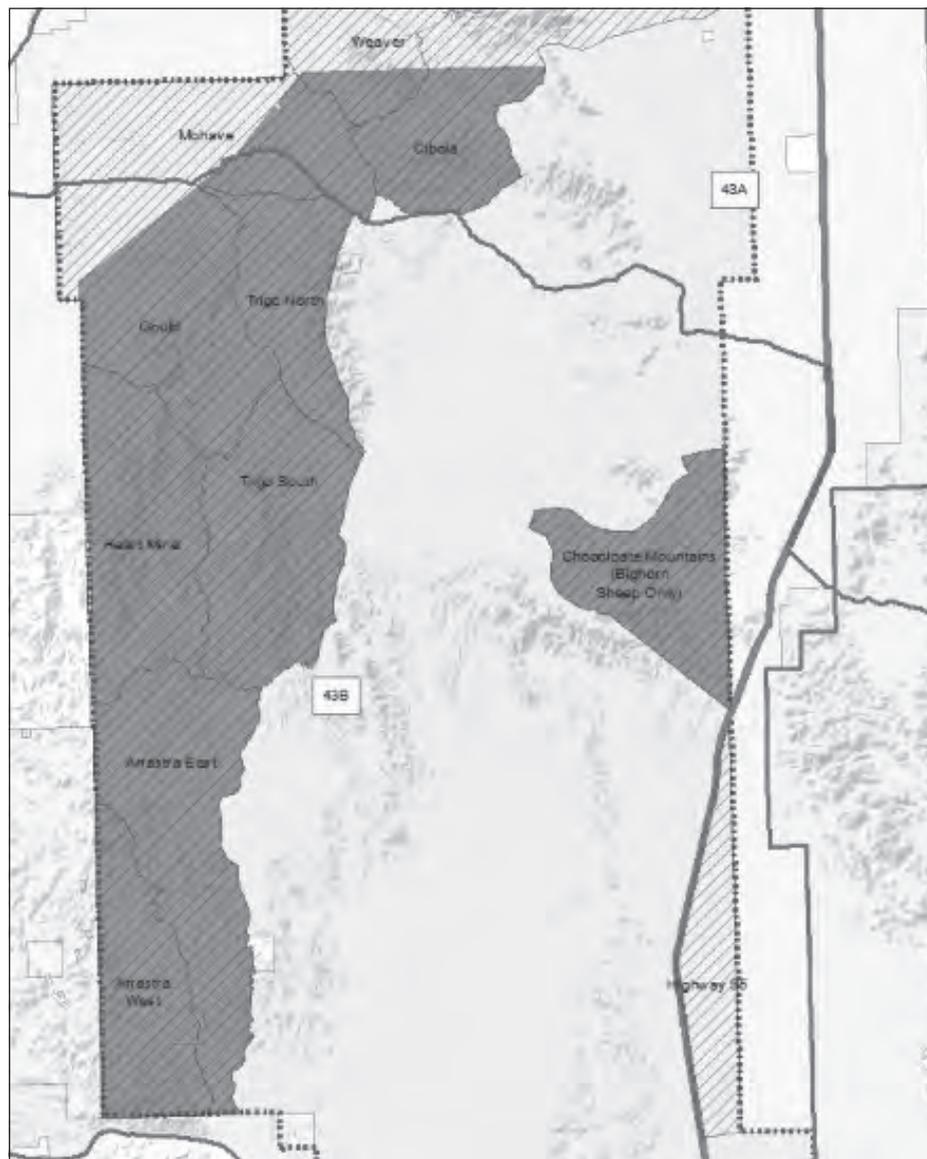
A unique and integral aspect of the campaign is its focus on Soldier-centered design, which ensures that any state-of-the-art tools or equipment adopted by the Army meet the hands-on needs of Soldiers in the field. During Fiscal Year 2021, the Army conducted 113 Soldier touchpoints as part of Project Convergence.

Army Futures Command also continues to champion productive Army partnerships with academia, the tech industry and nimble startup companies, fostering novel ways of working and thinking that will contribute to ongoing modernization achievements for the Army and the broader Joint Force.

## Hunting area restriction

By Daniel Steward

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) will be performing a military testing event Nov. 1 to Nov. 10 that will result in access restrictions in various locations on the range. Hunting access will be restricted during this period on YPG along Cibola Lake Road, Red Cloud Mine Road, and portions of Ehrenburg Road. Several YPG Hunting Areas will be closed to access including Arrastra East, Arrastra West, Heart Mine, Trigo South, Trigo North and Chocolate Mountains. Access to the eastern and southern portions of the Gould, Mojave, and Weaver units will be restricted as well. Hunters will not be permitted to camp on YPG along Cibola or Red Cloud Mine Roads during this time. For more information, contact the YPG Public Affairs Office (928) 328-6189.



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## TARGET

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figure it out, we'll design it," said Randy Ehrlich TSTS supervisor.

The team is made up of fabrication experts, electronic technicians, mechanics, welders, and operators, most of whom have commercial driver's licenses.

"We are very rounded," remarked Ehrlich.

TSTS personnel travel often because they not only create targets, they operate and maintain the foreign targets. Where the targets go, they go. These targets can be as simple as a silhouette of a person or they can be elaborate, such as a replica of a foreign threat system.

The TSTS team can make the targets mobile as well. They have converted motorcycles, trucks, and weapon systems serving as a target, to be operated by remote control. They have the ability to make both low and high-speed remote controlled targets.

Other mobility options involve hydraulics and rotating parts. These features are mainly used when testing radars. Another feature added for radar testing is heat.

Ehrlich explains, "The sensors have a higher capability of detection and they can detect what's real and what's

fake. The closer you can get it to the real thing, the better off it is for our sensor development."

The team has replicated foreign threat systems that U.S. adversaries would use. When replicating a piece of equipment, they have never seen in person, scaling becomes a valuable skill.

Senior Electronic Technician Jose Velazquez explains that fabricators need to be able to scale from a photo.

"There are none in country, you can't find these targets and cannot find exact dimensions. One of the innovative things they do is scaling these targets without ever having seen one in person," he said.

The team doesn't use software; they hand draw the designs. They also cut most of the target's internal metal by hand and use a CNC plasma machine to cut the external shell.

A common question they get asked is if it is difficult to see their creations destroyed?

"If it worked and it got the training or testing done, that's where our job feels fulfilled," said Velazquez.

"As soon as the target is destroyed, that's direct feedback that my mission was accomplished."

Even while their targets are constantly shot at and blown-up, the steel targets have an 80% reusability factor.



The Target Simulation team can manufacture mobile targets. They have remote controlled enabled motorcycles, trucks, and weapon systems. They have the ability to make both low and high-speed speed remote controlled targets.



Randy Ehrlich demonstrates the hand-crank system installed in one of the targets. It will be used to raise and lower a mock radar. It's one of the mobility features personnel can add to a target. (Photos by Ana Henderson)

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# Trespassing on YPG is dangerous, illegal

By Mark Schauer

It's not a jungle out there, but trespassing on Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) vast desert ranges is dangerous enough.

Unauthorized entry into any military installation is a crime, but the proving ground has a host of hazards that are as unique as its mission testing virtually every piece of equipment in the ground combat arsenal in a natural environment.

After 78 years of existence and plenty of posted no trespass signs, you might think people would steer clear of these areas.

But you would be wrong. And instances of trespassing, even vandalism, have increased in recent years, necessitating a vigorous enforcement response from the YPG Police Department.

"The off highway vehicle (OHV) population is pretty prevalent," said Sgt. David Nieto, range conservation officer for the YPG Police Department. "They've been using one of the BLM roads, driving around our restricted area signs, and establishing a new road across our boundary."

In addition to the possibility of unexploded ordnance from the proving ground's distant history as a World War II training facility, YPG's 1,300 square mile ranges accommodate the surface danger zones for test fires of powerful long-range artillery shells and airdrops of cargo parachutes carrying multi-ton pallets of equipment or military vehicles. The testing of laser targeting technology in the area also carries the risk of causing serious eye injuries to unwitting persons traipsing in areas that they do not belong.

"I try to stress to them that there are so many dangers to trespassing within our boundaries, especially not knowing what is being dropped or shot," said Nieto. "The people I encounter are mostly harmless and have no malicious intent, but



Trespassing on Yuma Proving Ground is illegal and dangerous. In addition to the possibility of coming across unexploded ordnance, YPG's ranges accommodate the surface danger zones for test fires of powerful long-range artillery shells and airdrops of cargo parachutes carrying multi-ton pallets of equipment or military vehicles. (U.S. Army photo)

that won't protect them from these hazards."

A citation for a first offense carries a \$280 fine, and fines for repeat or particularly egregious violations can run into the thousands of dollars.

The dangers to life and limb are bad enough, but trespassing within YPG's borders can also degrade the proving ground's range conservation efforts and mission readiness.

"We want to preserve wildlife habitat, but the larger objective is supporting our test mission," said Daniel Steward, YPG wildlife biologist. "These ranges are our natural laboratory and we try to keep them as pristine as possible."

Steward says that federal law allows for some public access to military installations, an obligation the proving ground takes seriously.

"We provide for some limited public access where it's not interfering with our mission," he said.

"We permit hunting in very specific areas and with our range controllers notified of where it is taking place to keep people safe. If we have unauthorized access and range control is not aware of it, it puts people in danger and affects our test mission."

Steward believes that some members of the public may conflate YPG with the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR), a training range jointly controlled by the Marine Corps and Air Force southeast of YPG that allows significant public access to people who apply for and obtain a permit. Such a liberal policy is not possible at YPG, however.

"Our mission is so much different than that of BMGR," explained Steward. "They're not doing as intensive work on the ground as we do at YPG. Also, the experimental nature of YPG's mission has a lot more safety and security concerns than theirs."

Steward doesn't anticipate any significant changes to this policy, either.

"The areas we do allow hunting in are very remote and with a volume of visitors we can sustain without impacting our test mission," he said. "There is a huge demand for OHV recreation, and we just couldn't sustain allowing unlimited public access."

YPG's successful wildlife conservation efforts have sustained a variety of creatures that are imperiled in many other places of the American West, from bighorn sheep and Sonoran pronghorn to fringe-toed lizards and the Sonoran desert tortoise. They have also provided ample habitat for numerous species of bats in several abandoned mines that predate the proving ground's existence. The mines, however, also attract trespassers, which can wreak havoc on fragile roosting locations for the bats, natural predators of all manner of pesky insects.

"When there is a bat breeding colony in a mine, one entry is all it takes to wipe out an entire reproduction season for those bats," said Steward. "A lot of bat species are very high conservation concern because of the lack of habitat availability."

Additionally, Steward adds, isolated abandoned mines are extremely dangerous places for people to visit.

"Mines are flat-out hazardous," Steward said. "They have bad air, unstable ground and ceilings, and deep, sometimes flooded shafts. They are real death traps. Stay out and stay alive."

## Yuma Proving Ground observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Garrison Yuma Proving Ground leaders greeted members of the workforce as they entered the gates of the installation and provided them with information on domestic violence. Every year the Army dedicates the month of October to bring to light the many causes and conditions that contribute to domestic violence. (Loaned photos)

## The silent victim



The Yuma Proving Ground community may notice red cut-outs in the form of a human silhouette around public buildings. The cut-out is called a "silent victim." The victims each display a true story from a survivor of domestic violence within the military community. Family Advocacy Program Manager Cathyann Robinson also set up informational displays around the installation as another way bringing awareness to domestic violence. (Loaned photo)

## Domestic Violence Awareness

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Appreciation and gratitude are words that we throw around from time to time, usually at the end of an exercise when passing out awards or when someone has completed their time in our organization and are in transition. But we all like to be recognized for our work. In fact, we all need to be affirmed that what we do has value. That can be in our jobs, but also in our home, our social circle, our extended family, etc. Gratitude comes from a heart that is humble enough to understand that other people contribute to make your world a better place.

The COVID pandemic has been so hard on people because they don't get to contribute

in their normal ways, or by teleworking without the normal office interactions, they question if their efforts are valued in their communities.

You are here for this time, during a pandemic and a very busy time as a new school and fiscal year start, playing an important role in the lives of other people. What you do matters to many people. The Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) and Army family would be worse off without your unique contributions: your actions, your words, your presence, your concern for your battle buddy to the left and right, and much more.

I want to encourage you to look for opportunities to demonstrate appreciation and gratitude. That might be in words, or words and actions. As President Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

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The Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Fire Department kicked off Fire Prevention Week with the help of Sparky. YPG Fire Chief Gerald Ball, Fire Prevention Inspector Brad Henderson, and Sparky paid a visit to YPG Garrison Headquarters and met with Garrison Manager Ron James and Deputy Garrison Manager Ken Musselwhite to discuss fire safety. (Loaned photo)

## October Safety Awareness Training: Fire safety

By Jeni Williams

The October Safety Awareness Training topics cover fire safety and emergency actions.

Fire is a real danger. Fire departments in the United States respond to a fire about every 24 seconds. The following are some tips for fire safety:

- Install alarms and test them every month to ensure they are functioning properly as well as replace alarm batteries twice a year.
- Ensure fire extinguishers

are available in a highly visible location.

- Have an actionable fire escape plan.
- Talk with team/family members about the fire escape plan and practice the plan at least twice a year.
- Never leave a room with an open flame.
- Embrace the cliché – “Stop, Drop and Roll”.

For more information on fire safety and emergency actions navigate to the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Sharepoint site and select the October Safety

Awareness Training. Make sure to upload your certificate for credit.

As always, the training information that is provided each month is guaranteed to be useful, relevant as well as entertaining! So whether you are Army Test and Evaluation Command Mission, Garrison, Military Free Fall School, Medical Clinic, contractor or any other YPG tenant, this training is for you!

If you have any questions, please contact Jeni Williams at [jeni.m.williams2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeni.m.williams2.civ@mail.mil).

# Punt, Pass, Kick competition



Children from the Yuma Proving Ground community put their best foot forward to take part in the Punt, Pass, Kick competition. Nearly two dozen kids age four through 13 each took a turn showing their skills — including running a 40-yard dash. (Photos by Ana Henderson and CYS staff)



The overall winners in each age group:

- 4/5 Girls - Haley Miller
- 4/5 Boys - William Garber
- 6/7 Boys - Elias Wells
- 8/9 Girls - Audriana Soto
- 8/9 Boys - Jaxxon Murray
- 10/11 Boys - Ricardo Ramirez
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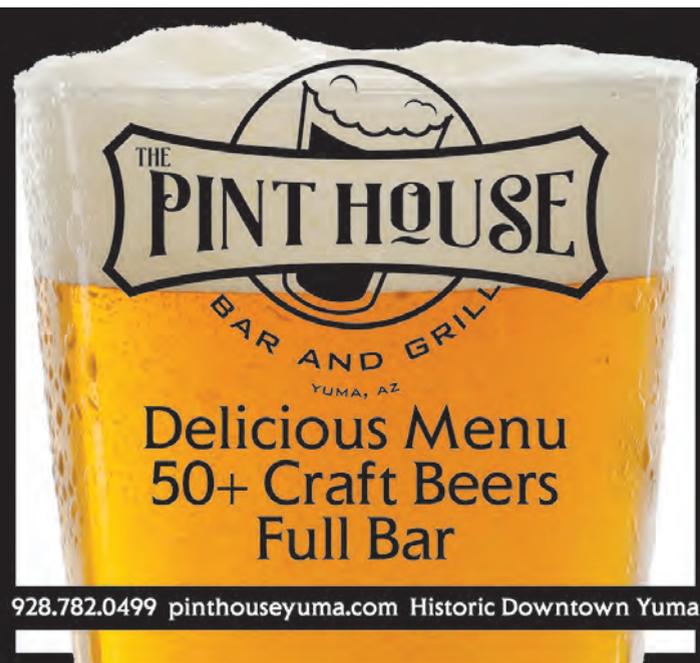
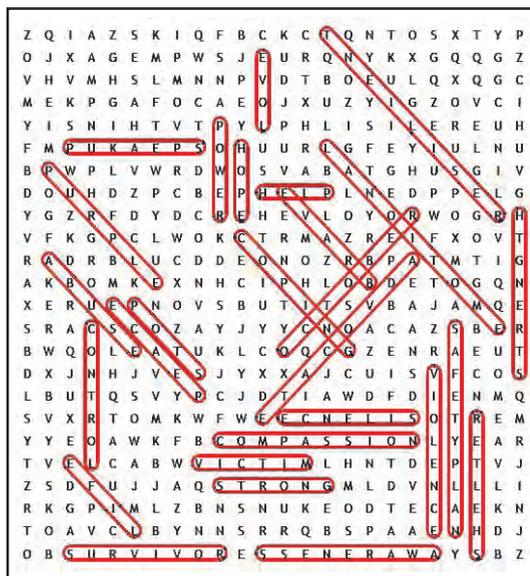


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# Fun time at the library

Little ones and their mothers gathered for story time and crafts at the Yuma Proving Ground Library. Story Time came to an end on Oct. 8. The next event the library staff is planning is a free paint night on Oct. 21. See library staff for details. (Loaned photo)



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