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people to be
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August 2013

A
smooth
sea
never
made
a
skillful
mariner.
-Anonymous

The Tungland News



Kayla & Steve

Some months ago the staff of Tunland's Fallon, Nevada Region started to notice that Kayla and Steve, who are employed at the same workplace, seemed to like one another.

Shy smiles, furtive glances. All the telltale signs of budding romance.

At a potluck the Fallon staff noticed that the two seemed to be ready for a next step but each was reluctant to make the first move. So the staff tactfully approached each of the two and sounded them out about a date.

That first date was six months ago, and Kayla and Steve still date and enjoy each other's company. Kayla loves to dance so much that when the couple visited a local museum Kayla thought it was the perfect place to practice those ballroom steps.

We wish Kayla and Steve many waltzes.



Tungland staffers Antoine and Melvin earn their wings in 10,000-foot skydive

Antoine Ratliff and Melvin Medrina work at Tungland's corporate office in Phoenix, in Quality Management and DTA-DTC program respectively. Recently the two decided that they would brave the skies above Pinal County in a tandem skydiving jump—a first for both.

On a sweltering hot Saturday in July Antoine and Melvin donned their flight gear and boarded the small single-engine plane (photos at right) for their dive. Each had the benefit of a trained instructor who guided the adventuresome pair in the 10,000-foot jump over the Sonoran desert.

The photos show the feeling of rush and energy they felt during their descent. Both said it was an exhilarating experience that they'll never forget. Thanks to both for sharing these great pictures.



Above: Antoine's face shows his initial reaction on leaving the plane, but once airborne he's clearly enjoying the ride (Left).

Below, Melvin said the silence together with the feeling of soaring was an incredible rush.



Penny & Ruth in San Diego!

Vacation 2013 for Penny and Ruth found the ladies in beautiful San Diego for several days of surf, sun, and memorable sights, thanks to Vaughn Manager Mary Olivas and Staff Fos who chaperoned the adventuresome vacationers.

Their itinerary included time at the beach, a trip to Sea World, and a day at the San Diego Zoo.

Thanks to Mary and the ladies for sharing their great photos with us—and for ensuring that both ladies had a great time.





Above: Pausing at the San Diego Zoo for a little refreshment.

Left: The Vaughn travelers at San Diego Zoo.

Below, left: Mary, Penny, and Ruth at Sea World.

Below, right: If their smiling faces are any indication the ladies had a great time in Southern California.



Don't miss the Special Olympics Arizona Fall Games!

October 18 and 19, 2013



Aquatics—Surprise Recreation Center
15381 North Bullard Avenue
Surprise, AZ 85374

Softball—Surprise Farms Community Park
17894 West Park Boulevard
Surprise AZ 85374

Softball



Bocce



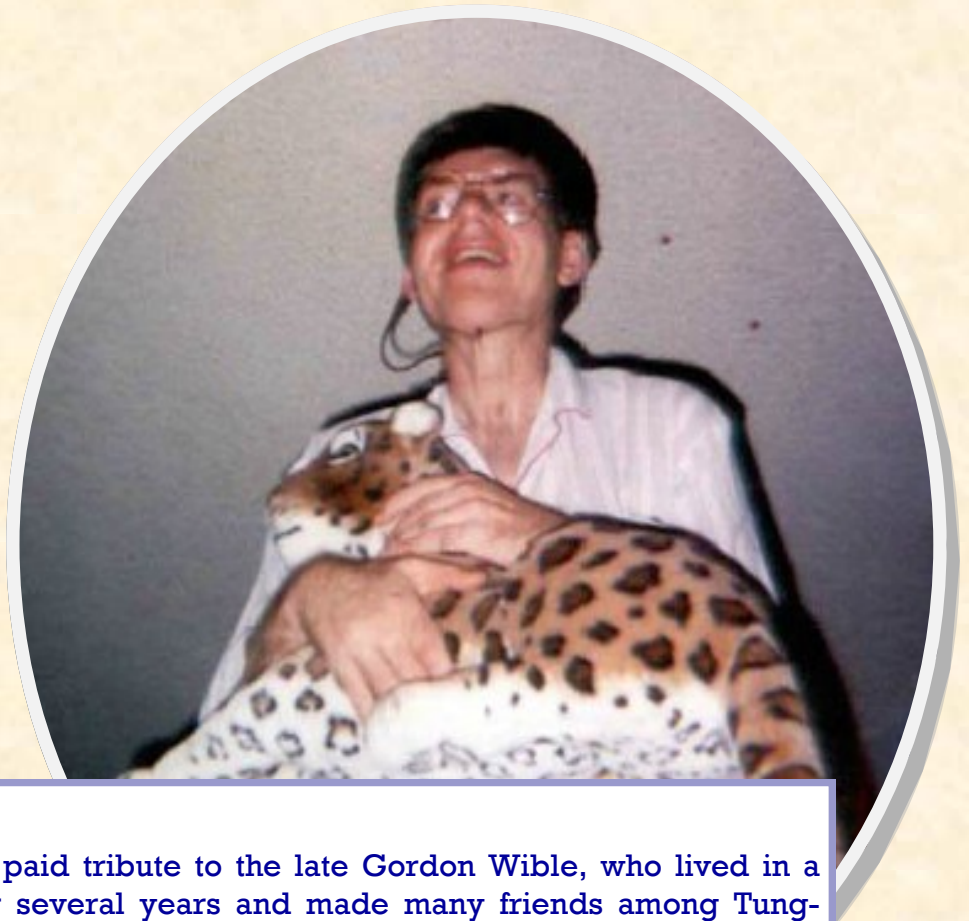
Bocce—Surprise for Surprise
Location to be announced

For more information about this event contact AZ Special Olympics at 602-230-9135

In Loving memory

Gordon Wible

1951-2013



In our July 2013 issue we paid tribute to the late Gordon Wible, who lived in a Tunkland group home for several years and made many friends among Tunkland's clients and staff. We received the following letter from Gordon's family:

"To the staff of the Tunkland Corporation,

The family of Gordon Wible want to thank the Tunkland Corp. for the great services that you have given to Gordon over the years. We could always rest assured that he was getting proper care and was in an environment that was safe and cheerful. No doubt this setting contributed to the relative long life that he was able to enjoy.

We also would like to congratulate the Tunkland Corp. for their great contribution to the care and well-being, over the years, of the hundreds of physically and mentally challenged individuals. It requires especially dedicated individuals to render the kind of service that you have provided. We wish you the best as you strive to provide for the well-being of these special people in the future.

*Cordially, from the Family of Gordon Wible,
Paul, Betty, Dale, and Amy Wible"*

*What we have done for ourselves
alone dies with us; what we have done
for others and the world remains
and is immortal.*

—ALBERT PIKE

**The Granite Mountain Hotshots Firefighters
Yarnell, Arizona
June 30, 2013**

Andrew Ashcraft, 29

Robert Caldwell, 23

Travis Carter, 31

Dustin Deford, 24

Christopher MacKenzie, 30

Eric Marsh, 43

Grant McKee, 21

Sean Misner, 26

Scott Norris, 28

Wade Parker, 22

John Percin, 24

Anthony Rose, 23

Jesse Steed, 36

Joe Thurston, 32

Travis Turbyfill, 27

William Warneke, 25

Clayton Whitted, 28

Kevin Woyjeck, 21

Garret Zuppiger, 27



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