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Superior Chamber of Commerce presents 2021 Burro Run and Apache Leap Mining Festival

The Superior Chamber of Commerce is excited to bring back two of the town's most popular events: the Superior Burro Run and the 33rd Annual Apache Leap Mining Festival. Held over the weekend of Oct. 22-24, 2021, these one-of-a-kind events will celebrate Superior's rich history as a mining town with a series of fun, family-friendly activities, ranging from pack burro racing to a hands-on

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"There are numerous countries in the world where the politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians" —David Brinkley mining competition and more.

With a long history in Colorado, where it is recognized as the state's official summer heritage sport, pack burro racing debuted in Arizona in 2019 with the inaugural Superior Burro Run. The sport is a throwback to mining days, when "burros" (the Spanish term for donkeys) were used to pack supplies and ore. For this year's event, teams consisting of one human partner and one burro partner will compete for glory — and gorgeous custom prizes! in one of three course lengths: three-, six- or 12-mile. On Saturday, Oct. 23, the teams will race down Main Street and out onto Forest Service trails, navigating together to see who has the best partnership and the fastest feet. Each course will conclude back on Main Street, where spectators can watch the teams dash across the finish line.

Spectators are encouraged to attend this exciting event, which will also feature a beer garden, live music and other entertainment, as well as trained burro adoptions from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Superior Police Report

Items are given to The Superior Sun by the Superior Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.

Activity listed Sept. 26 – Oct. 2.

Sept. 27

A hit and run accident was reported in the 200 block of Pinal Ave.

Sept. 28

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Main St. **Sept. 30**

Theft was reported in the 100 block of Lobb Ave. **Oct. 1**

Assault was reported in the 100 block of Lobb Ave. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of US Highway 60. **Oct. 2**



Ruben L Delgado, 43, Superior, was arrested and charged with driving on a revoked license; he was also arrested on a Superior Police Department warrant. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Calls not listed include: agency assist (6), information (5), code violation (5), parking violation (1), animal problem (3), medical (1), trespassing (2), alarm (2), traffic (7), field interview (1), domestic (3), juvenile disturbance (2), disorderly conduct (1), welfare check (1), speeding vehicle (1), found property (1) and unknown emergency (1).

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- Emergency (Police Fire Medical) 911
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The 2019 Burro Run. The 2021 Burro Run is set for Oct. 23.

MINING FESTIVAL

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A long-cherished annual tradition in Superior, the Apache Leap Mining Festival showcases the town's history, with a focus on the past, present and future of the mining industry. The Festival will launch on Friday, Oct. 22, with a carnival, vendors selling handcrafted goods, music and dancing on Main Street. The fun will continue on Saturday and Sunday, and will include the annual parade, with burros and big rigs and hilarious Chihuahua races, which feature a runoff between the fastest small dog and the fastest Chihuahua. Live entertainment will contribute to the upbeat atmosphere throughout the event. Attendees of all ages will not want to miss the Festival's popular hands-on activities, including a mining competition in

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Copper Corridor Communities Seeing Increase of COVID-19 Cases

	Oct. 4, 2021	Oct. 11, 2021	Total Increase
Globe	1863	1889	26
Hayden	71	71	0
Kearny	282	299	17
Mammoth	219	219	0
Miami	523	539	16
Oracle	560	567	7
San Manuel	394	401	7
Superior	390	413	23
Winkelman	213	215	2

Recently, State and National media have reported an increase in positive COVID-19 Cases. The communities of the Copper Corridor have also started to see an increase in positive cases. The new Delta variant of COVID-19 has been reported as highly transmissible. The CDC and other health officials warn that those who are not vaccinated should continue to practice physical distancing, wear masks in public and avoid crowded places and is also strongly recommending everyone wear a mask indoors and in group settings.

Governor Doug Ducey has signed executive orders that prohibit Cities and Towns from mandating mask wearing, limiting restaurant capacity or other enacting other physical distancing requirements. At this time there is no indication that there will be any restrictions put into place. Local schools are also prohibited from requiring masks be worn on campus.

COVID Vaccines are readily available at local clinics in the region including Cobre Valley Clinics in Superior and Kearny, Pinal County Public Health and Sun Life Clinics. Other chain pharmacies such as Walgreens, grocery story pharmacies and CVS also have vaccines available.

We last reported daily COVID-19 case increased on Oct. 4, 2021. Above is a chart showing our last reported number and the current number of total cases for each of the Copper Corridor communities through Oct. 11, 2021. Keep in mind that zip code data also includes unincorporated areas around a community. For instance, Riverside/Kelvin area is included in the Kearny zip code. Aravaipa and Dudleyville are included in the Winkelman zip codes, etc.

Those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should seek testing and quarantine until they can confirm a negative test.

Working together, we can slow the spread of the virus across the Copper Corridor. Wear a mask in public, remain physically distant (6ft apart or more), practice good hygiene (wash your hands frequently, sanitize high touch areas) and stay home if you are not feeling well.

Superior Celebrates 45 Years of Incorporation



State of the Town Address by The Honorable Mila Besich, Mayor, Town of Superior. Debbie Torres | Sun



Arizona Water Company celebrates with the Town of Superior. Debbie Torres | Sun

During these past thirty days, we have been celebrating 45 years of incorporation, 45 years of Superior's independence, 45 years of maintaining a local government, 45 years of preserving the unity and pride in our small rural town.

(Mayor Mila Besich, State of the Town)



Members of the Superior Junior High Student Council man the goodie table. Debbie Torres | Sun

Superior Celebrates 45 Years of Incorporation



Music was by DJ SupeTown.

Debbie Torres | Sun



Paul Rabago receives the "Spirit of Service" Award. Debbie Torres | Sun





Guests sign in at the table.

Debbie Torres | Sun



Enjoying some tasty food and excellent company.

Superior Celebrates 45 Years of Incorporation

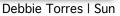


Superior Dance Company performs.



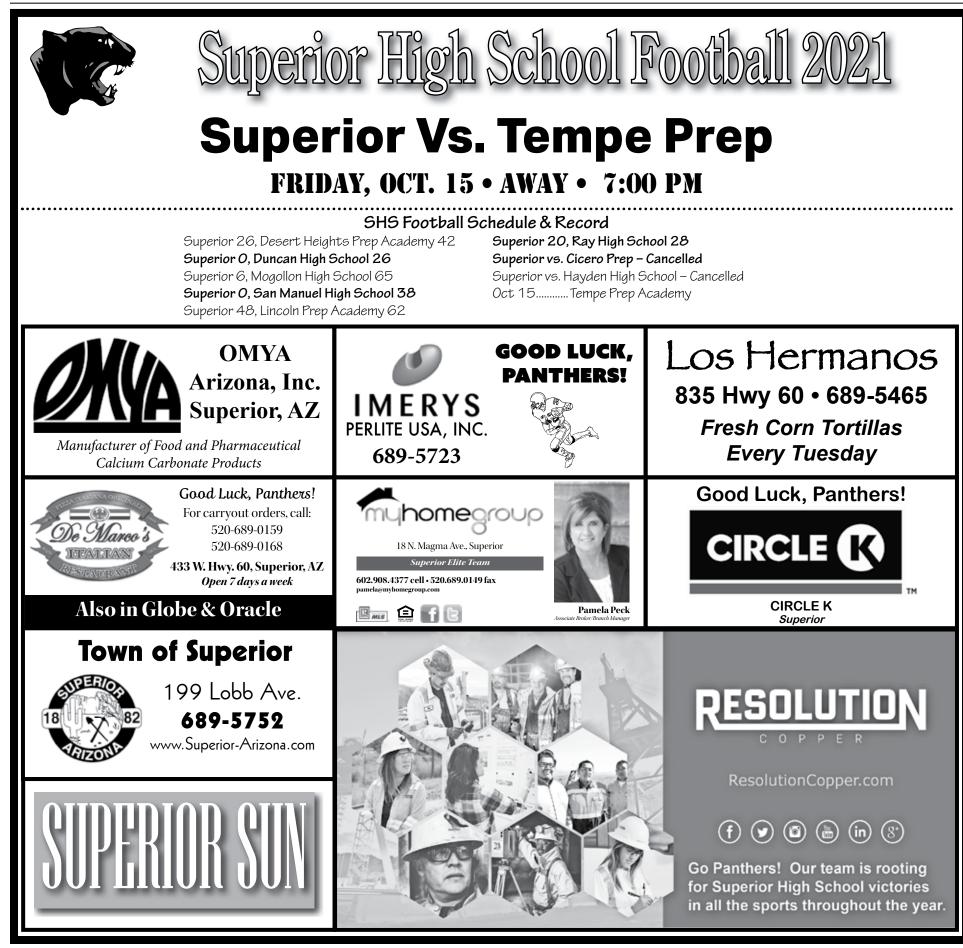
Arlynn Godinez recognizes an essay winner. Debbie Torres I Sun

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It was a packed audience at the celebration for the 45th anniversary for the town's incorporation.



COPPER CORRIDOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Casa De Salvacion 201 E. Kino (& Catalina)

Mammoth Carlos Gonzalez 520-487-2219

Domingo: Escuela Dominical 10-10:45 a.m. Servicio de Alabanza 11 a.m. Lunes: Servicio de Oracion 6:30 p.m. Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

103 W. Galiuro, Mammoth

Pastor Joe Ventimiglia 520-405-0510

Sunday School – 9 a.m. Sunday Worship – 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. – 5:30 p.m. Movie Night Last Friday of the Month – 7 p.m. "The Church on the Hill"

Lighthouse Assembly of God Hwy. 77, MP 134, 1/2 mi S of Winkelman

Pastor David Wade 520-356-6718

Worship Service 9 & 11 a.m.; Evening 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

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Oracle Seventh-Day Adventist Church

2150 Hwy 77 Oracle

Pastor Michael Soto

Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service 11 a.m.

San Pedro Valley **Baptist Church**

Dudleyville Road, Dudleyville

Pastor Anthony DaCunha 520-357-7353

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints Kearny Ward 200 Hammond Dr.

Bishop Brian Coleman Sunday Morning Meetings: Sacrament 10 a.m. Scripture Study 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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Infant Jesus of Prague **Catholic Church** 501 Victoria Circle, Kearny

Rev. Fr. George Kunnel (Pastor) 520-363-7205

Daily Masses Tues. 5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 8:30 a.m. Saturday Vigil 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass 9 a.m. Sunday Religious Ed for Children, Youth Ministry & Jr. High Youth Groups 10:15 a.m.

Oracle Assembly of God

1145 Robles Rd. Oracle

Pastor Nathan Hogan

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Church of Superior

520-689-2631

Anonymous prayer box located at Save Money Market. We will pray for you!

Methodist Church

JOIN US ONLINE Sunday live at 10 a.m. (Or stream anytime) www.vistaumc.org Facebook/Vista UMC

Community, Friendship & Faith Fred Baum, Pastor 520-825-1985

Family Life Christian Center

56 Kellner Ave., Superior "When Life Hurts - Only God Heals" Pastors Dennis & Sandy VanGorp 520-689-2202

Sunday Prayer 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Miracle Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Kearny Church of Christ

103 Hammond Dr., Kearny

Minister George Randall 520-363-7711

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Oracle Church of Christ

2425 El Paseo Oracle

Richard Ferris 520-818-6554

Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

11 Church Ave., Superior

Fr. Samuel Jandeh 520-689-2250

Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. Confession: Sat. 4-4:45 p.m. or by req. www.stfrancissuperior.org

To be included in the weekly church listing, please call 520-363-5554 or 520-385-2266.

1st & Nichols, San Manuel **Pastor Kevin Duncan** 385-4655

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Discipleship 5 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

Living Word Chapel **Copper Corridor** Love God, Love People

Pastor James Ruiz 520-896-2771

Join us at 5 p.m. 402 Danbury Rd., Kearny www.lwcoracle.org Find us on Facebook @ LWC Kearny

Oracle Union Church

705 E. American Ave. Oracle Pastor Dr. Ed Nelson

520-784-1868

Sunday Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 11 a.m. Thursday Prayer Time 11 a.m. to Noon

Set Free Church

302 Danbury, Kearny Pastor Daniel Sostre 480-645-7687 Sunday Service 10 a.m. Followed by Fellowship Luncheon Food Boxes Upon Request 760-238-0474

Sinners Welcome

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Pathway of Hope **Foursquare Church**

3270 E. Armstrong Ln., Tucson (Behind Golden Goose) Pastor Karen Kelly

520-344-4417 Saturday Worship 9 a.m.

A House of Prayer, Healing & Salvation www.pathwayofhope.net pastorkaren@pathwayofhope.net

Superior Harvest Church

Hill St. & Stone Ave., Superior

Pastor Albert M. Rodriguez 480-354-4499 H 480-329-3647 C

Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 5 p.m. Victory in Jesus

Casual, Relevant, Contemporary **Pastor James Ruiz**

Sunday Prayer 10 a.m.

100 Magma Ave., Superior

Worship Service Sunday: 10 a.m. All are welcome.

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COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dudleyville Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District which includes the area of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. Burn permits for both residential and agricultural purposes are not valid during this time.

Superior Farmer's Market

Superior Farm to Fantastic Farmers Market is open every Saturday 9 a.m. to noon at the Food Court on Main Street. Fresh produce baked goods and much more. Follow us on Facebook.

Wednesday Night BINGO

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for Wednesday night bingo and play starts at 7 p.m., at San Pedro Valley Lions Club, 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth. Come down and enjoy! Remember to wear a face mask. For information call 520-487-2000.

Tri-Community Food Bank Open

The Tri-Community Food Bank located at 108 Redwood Drive in Mammoth continues to be in business. We are observing social distancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To be eligible you must show proof of address that you live near or in Mammoth, San Manuel, Oracle or Dudleyville and have an income within the federal poverty guidelines. The thrift shop is closed and is not accepting donations. Call 520-487-2010 for more information.

New Superior Food Bank Hours

Clients can now receive food from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. on the last Thursday and Friday of each month at 99 N. Lobb Ave. in Superior. Drive up or walk up with an adequate cart and receive food without human contact. Every means possible is used to make the experience safe. Volunteers have their temperature taken and sign a consent form stating they are free from fever. Volunteers are always needed. Even an hour will be appreciated! Please contact, Sandy Van Gorp, at superioraz.foodbank@gmail.com or 520-689-2202. if you have questions or want to sign up to be a volunteer.

Eagle One Veteran Outreach

Visit Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center online at hohp4heroes.org. Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

San Manuel Senior Center Recycling

We at San Manuel Senior Center have received a great response to our Can Recycling Program and want to say a huge THANK YOU to all who donate. The money we make from this helps to pay for our Center and the utilities and we appreciate it.

OCTOBER

13 Superior School Board Meeting Change

The Superior School Board Meeting for October has been moved to Wednesday, Oct. 13.

3 San Manuel Elks Taco Wednesdays

Taco Wednesdays will be starting at the Elks Lodge on October 13th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Orders to-go may be called in after 5:30 pm at 520-385-4041. Desserts by Sissie will also be available for sale. We look forward to seeing you.



Fun Van to Visit SM Community Center

From Sept. 23 through Dec 2, the Fun Van free Parent Education and Raising A Reader Classes for ages 0-5 years will be at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. on Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Each class includes craft, playtime, parent session, storytime and book to keep!

6 Free Shred-A-Thon in Superior

The Superior Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Pinal County Attorney's office and others to present a free Shred-a-thon in Superior on Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Superior Town Hall, 199 N. Lobb in Superior. A maximum of five 13-gallon trash bags or bankers boxes are allowed per person. As October is Domestic Violence month, a donation is suggested of toiletries to benefit Pinal County Abuse Shelters.

16 Norm's IGA Pumpkin Patch

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., there will be vendors, food, a chance to decorate a pumpkin, games, socializing, tie dye (bring a shirt to dip!), a greased pig and a small (ungreased) petting zoo at 345 Alden Rd in Kearny, all part of the Pumpkin Patch! Vendors will include Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce, Kearny Mayor Jamie, Shelly's 2.0, Snak Shak, La Cantina, Mission 22, Ren's Crafty Cottage, Anahi's Most Glamorous Nails, Terri's Bootcamp, Fort Wilkin's Farm and Charlie's Rue's Barber.

20 Mammoth Little League Emergency Meeting

Mammoth Little League will be holding an emergency meeting to discuss the future of Little League in Mammoth on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Town Of Mammoth Community Center located at 101 W 5th Street in Mammoth. Anyone with children interested in playing little league is encouraged to attend. Important decisions about the upcoming season will be made.

23 Oracle Library Fall Book Sale

On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Oracle Public Library, located at 565 E. American Ave., will be having its fall book sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., with a 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. "fill a bag with books" sale of \$5 per bag. They provide the bag and you fill it. This sale will include paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction, non-fiction, CDs and DVDs, Oracle maps and library mugs.

23 Superior's 2021 Burro Poop Drop

Buy a numbered square (or multiple square) for \$10 each. If your square has the most poop in it after the burros take off for their race, you can win money – up to \$2500! You do not have to be present to win. Go to www.poopdrop.fun to reserve your winning square. The event is sponsored by the Superior Chamber of Commerce and is held in conjunction with the second annual Superior Burro Run, set this year for Saturday, Oct. 23.

24 Calabazas Festival at the Oracle Learning Garden

Come enjoy family fun with model trains at the Oracle Community Learning Garden Kid's Railroad on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. We are located at the intersection of Mt. Lemmon Hwy. and John Adams. Watch your kids enjoy the Play-mobile train, airport, pirate ship and doll house, see G-scale model trains run on the outdoor layout, participate in the Garden's Pumpkin Festival, listen to live music by Mother Cody and enjoy the food truck and Wendy's Tacos.

30 Free Haunted House in Winkelman

Free Haunted House IV will be at the old tire shop next to the historical bridge, 305 W. Quarelli St. in Winkelman, on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will be vendors, costume contests, games, raffles and prizes. All are welcome!

NOVEMBER

6-7 Annual Oracle Artist Studio Tour

On Nov. 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., visit more than 38 artists and artisans showing and selling their own work at 14 locations with pieces of ceramic, metal work, paintings, jewelry and more. Stop at any location with a purple sign for a flier with a map and description of artist work. Stop by the Visitor Center on American Avenue to pick up a map and information about Oracle. This is a free event. You may also download a map from the website oracleartiststudiotour.org.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com, online at copperarea.com/pages/forms or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free. Copper Area News reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.



The 2019 Mining Contest at the Apache Leap Mining Festival.

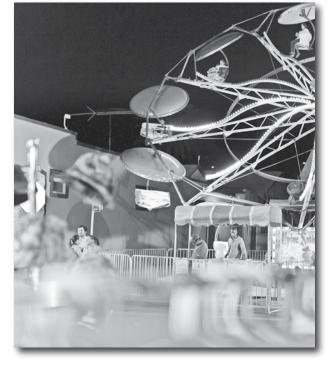


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which participants perform grueling tasks such as sawing, mucking, spiking and drilling in a battle to win a coveted prize. In addition to all the fun, the Apache Leap Mining Festival offers fascinating educational opportunities, such as historian speakers bringing to life the area's mining stories from the past.

Superior locals and visitors alike are encouraged to experience these unique, entertaining events, both of which are free to the public (with the exception of race participants in the Burro Run). Festivities will run from 5-11 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, visit www. superiorarizonachamber. org, call 520-689- 0200 or stop by the Superior Chamber of Commerce at 165 W. Main St., Superior, Ariz. 85173. Burros and dogs inherently do not care for each other

so we ask that you leave

FIDO at home.

Public Notice NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of November, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, Historic Courthouse, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, to consider: ORDINANCE NO. PZ-C-902-21 – PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION: Pinal County Community Development Pinal County Community Development requesting approval of a County Initiated Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Services Code, to add Chapter 2.365: Large Master Planned Community Zoning District, to consider adding text to create a new zoning category to address developments that are over 2000 acres in size and feature: Planned multimodal transportation systems Coordinated residential, commercial industrial and public facility uses; the Chapter will contain application submittal requirements, provisions for plats and specific plan submittals and requirements for amending the plan. Copies of the proposed ordinance containing the text amendments are available for review on the Pinal County website at pinalcountyaz.gov on the Community Development Department page under zoning ordinance amendments and at all Justice Courts, Libraries and Supervisors' District Offices within Pinal County and the Planning and Development Department Office and Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Florence. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE PINAL COUNTY WEBSITE AT: https://www.pinalcountyaz gov/CommunityDevelopment/Planning/ Pages/OrdinanceMajorCPA.a spx UNDER ZONING ORDINANCE UNDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER MAY APPEAR AT THE HEARING AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED ABOVE AND STATE THEIR APPROVAL OR OBJECTIONS TO ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT. Contact for this matter: Steve Abraham E-MAIL ADDRESS: steve.abraham@pinal.gov Phone #: (520) 866-6642 Fax: (520) 866-6435 DATED THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2021. Pinal County Planning and Development Department /s/ Lester Chow, Community Development Director MINER, CBN, SUN Legal 10/13/21

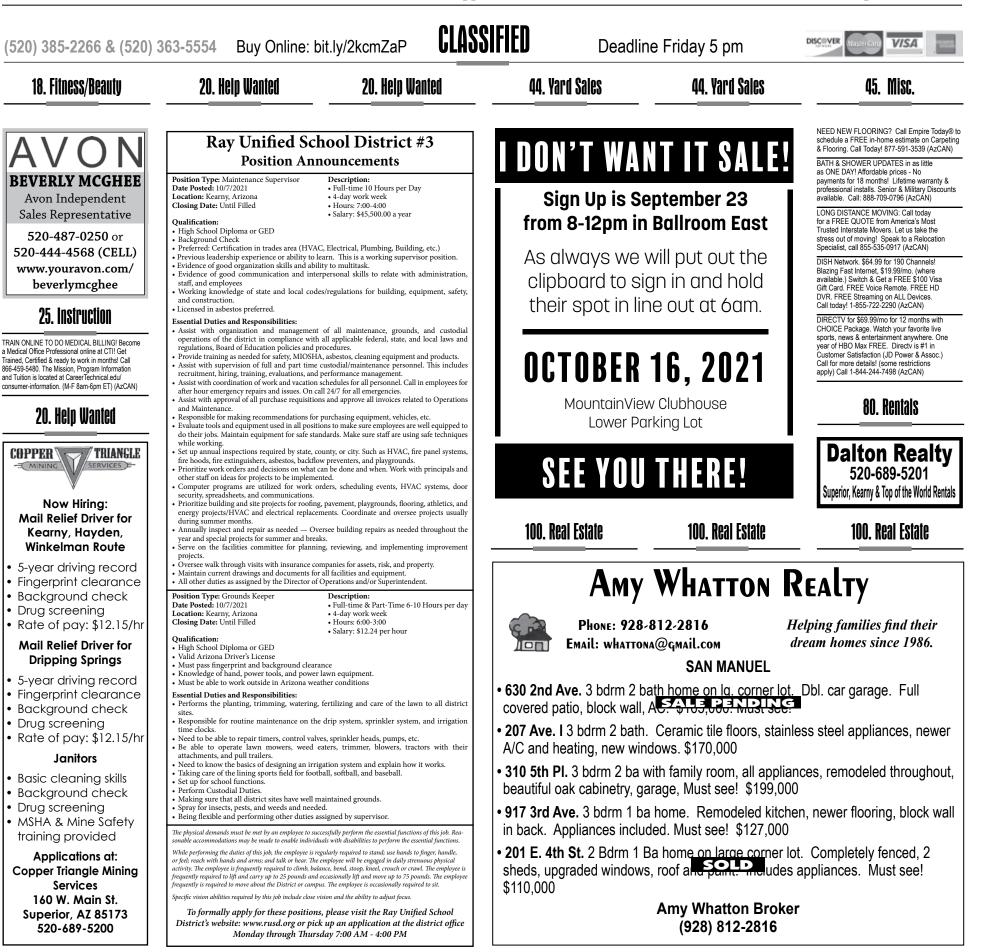


9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors • Food • Decorate Pumpkins Games . Socializing . Greased Pig Bring a Shirt to tie-dye Small Petting Zoo 345 Alden Rd., Kearny 363-5595 • normsiga.com



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Support Local: Silver King Smokehouse & Saloon

n April 2020, COVID-19 brought much of Arizona's economy to a screeching halt. All businesses not deemed "essential" were ordered closed by Arizona's governor Doug Ducey.

The lockdown continued for nearly two months. When Gov. Ducey finally gave the go ahead to reopen, businesses slowly began the road to recovery. Even those listed as "essential" had a challenge with this economic recovery.

Many small businesses and non-profits in Arizona didn't survive the lockdown. The businesses that did survive are hanging on as best they can. Copper Area News wanted to give something back to the local business community as a thank you for supporting us through these troubled times. Our newspapers (Copper Basin News, Superior Sun and San Manuel Miner) have been featuring local businesses and non-profits since the beginning of 2021, encouraging our readers to Shop at Home, stay local and support our local businesses. To date, Copper Area News has featured 115 businesses and groups in the Copper Corridor.

The Silver King mine has a storied history, and was the first mine in the area that determined the riches of the ore bodies in and around the Superior. Once Silver was no longer the king mineral, prospectors mined for copper and other minerals to make their riches.

While most in the restaurant, bar and travel sectors struggled to navigate the pandemic, Superior as a community actually saw new businesses open, a wine bar, a new diner and a new restaurant moved into the old Porters Saloon. Over the last decade the former home of the Porters Antiques and car repair shop, has been the home of many restaurant most recently the Silver King Smokehouse and Saloon.

Justin Evans and his business partner Tony Fatica, found an opportunity in downtown Superior and with their friend and colleague Dell Morris decided to open a barbeque restaurant in their portfolio of bars and restaurants, in Superior. They are the owners of several concepts throughout the State of Arizona, including The Golden Pineapple, The Theodore, Hops on Birch, The Wandering Tortoise and the Sleepy Whale. Justin and Tony have been working in the Food and Beverage industry since they were in their teens, and developing these concepts have become natural to them. Chef Dell Morris, hails from the Four

Seasons, and the menus at the Silver King Smokehouse and the Golden Pineapple in Tempe.

Justin explained that when they found the location in Superior it was important to them to honor and showcase the history of the area, they chose the Silver King mine as part of the history they wanted to showcase. At first they wanted to call it the Silver Queen, but after talking with the locals, they determined it was best to name it the Silver King after the mine.

The pandemic created many challenges for their company and despite the challenges they determined that opening a location in Superior was an opportunity they could not pass up. They determined that smoked meats and BBQ would be a a great addition to the culinary options in Superior and it would be different from other restaurants in the area. Chef Dell was excited to work with the smoker once again. Their menu is designed to avoid food waste and offer maximum freshness. Many will notice that many of their "From the Kitchen" menu items such as burgers are not available on the weekends - this allows them to focus on serving the smoked meats. Guests are encouraged to arrive early, as they often run out of the smoked meats on the menu as the quantity is limited.

Their first craft beer bar concepts in the Valley only sell drinks and do not offer food; the Golden Pineapple the Silver King Smokehouse are the first food and beverage concepts they have opened. For the Silver King Smokehouse, they offer a variety of craft beers, domestic beers and many custom drinks from their full bar. The local drink the "Supie Splash" is a custom drink on the menu designed to represent Superior.

Across all of their concepts they have a team of 75 to 80 staff members, some of which rotate across each of the businesses which includes four craft beer bars and two restaurants. They will be opening another craft beer concept in Gilbert, called the Beer Barn. The Silver King Smokehouse, located at 404 Main St., is open Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They do close at 6 p.m. on Sunday for their Summer Hours. They plan to open more days per week beginning in mid-October.

You can follow the Silver King Smokehouse on Facebook, Instagram or online at www.silverkingbbq.com. They can accommodate take out or pre-orders by calling 520-689-7100.





Silver King Smokehouse & Saloon is Superior's newest eatery. Why not stop by for some good eats?