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# OBITUARY John Allen Chisholm Sr.

On a clear and crisp, early Texas morning, Nov. 13, 2021, John Allen Chisholm Sr., of Tecumseh, OK, departed this world under a waxing moon just as nautical twilight began. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather left us before the sun broke the horizon, reminding all of us that it is always darkest before the dawn. He was 74.

John Allen Chisholm Sr. was born on April 21, 1947, to Maurice and Elinore "Kitchie" Chisholm in Globe, AZ. John was the youngest of four siblings and the only boy. As a young child, little Johnny had a head full of curls and was due to have his first haircut. Maurice, who was busy working in his gas station, put off Kitchie's haircut request. There was work to do, after all. Johnny's mom donned him in his sister's pinafore and sent him with his auburn-toned curls bouncing over to his father at the station. Suddenly finding the time, Maurice closed-up shop to take John for his first haircut. Shortly thereafter,

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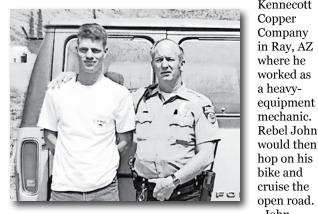
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"There are numerous countries in the world where the politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians" —David Brinkley the family relocated to Superior, AZ, where John spent his childhood.

The family relished in spoiling young Johnny, especially his dear older sister, Barbara. She remembers him as a bit of a pill who loved to tease his older sisters. One afternoon, as an early teenager, Barbara was hanging the family's laundry on the backyard clothing-line to dry in the warm Arizona sun. Her brother was giving her a relentless hard time and there was no stopping him. Growing upset at his antics, Barbara dropped the clothes in her hand and ran towards little Johnny as he took off sprinting. He hopped a neighboring concreteblocked fence, knowing full well his unathletic sister would be unable to continue her pursuit. To both of their astonishment, sister Barbara cleared the fence easily in her frustration with him and stood face-to-face with her pest of a brother. They both were shocked and simultaneously looked back at the fence, then back to each other, and immediately burst into laughter together. That is how their relationship was, and they remained the closest of siblings. Barbara remembers him as loving his family and having such a soft spot for his children and those he loved.

John had a charismatic smile and the bluest of eyes. With a rebellious nature and zest for adventure. Oftentimes he hid himself and his motorcycle in a ditch in the early morning hours when he should have been in school. He would watch anxiously as he waited for his father to drive up Sunset Dr. and make the right-hand turn towards the Kennecott



John enlisted in the Navy on March 18, 1965, a month before his 18th birthday. He was stationed aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) during the Vietnam War. He served honorably and always represented his service in a noble, dignified manner. John was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device. John Chisholm and Gladys Rhodes had their first date at the drive-in movie theater in Globe on Dec. 18, 1965, while John was on leave from the Navy. What's meant to be will always find a way and on June 1, 1972, John married the love of his life in Coolidge, AZ. Their relationship embodied a resiliency that withstood the test of time and they loved each other tremendously. Together, they raised 8 children and were rock solid representations of love. Gladys deeply misses John and will love him forever, even though he was "a pain in her behind". At John's passing, he and Gladys were 200 days away from celebrating 50 years of marriage.

John Chisholm again embarked on selfless service by graduating from the Police Academy in 1986. He protected and served the community



of Superior, AZ for 10 years. During this time, John exemplified integrity as well as compassion. He assisted countless individuals, saved lives, even helping to deliver a baby in a car while on duty. John's moral compass pointed true North, and he never broke character. Not once. He was an amazing cop and left the force as Sergeant.

The open road beckoned John to continue his career as a long-haul truck driver. John was an avid reader while on the road by listening to books on tape. He loved to call his wife, kids, and grandkids and was the most amazing storyteller. He made it home as often as he could, and as adults his children loved meeting up with him on the road. John had driven millions of miles throughout the United States and was awarded many times for his driving performance. John retried from his trucking career at the age of 72.

John truly enjoyed spending time with family and was very proud of all his children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. He was a hard-working man who took time to savor life, reminding his children to always do their best. John Chisholm's legacy will continue. His laughter is unforgettable, as is he.

John Allen Chisholm Sr. will be so profoundly missed by his wife of 49 years, Gladys Chisholm of Tecumseh, OK; children, Andrea (Darin) Wilbur, Tabitha Chisholm, Mark (Bobbi) Chisholm, John (Katherine) Chisholm Jr., Byron (Nina) Chisholm, Nancy Chisholm, and Chris (Jessica) Chisholm; grandchildren, Casey Chisholm, Kayleigh Chisholm, Ashley Chreene, Rebecca Stricklin, Michele Stricklin, Alec Trow, Megan Edwards, Morgan Trow, Dillon O'Daniel, Reagan O'Daniel, Nicola Chisholm, Penelope Chisholm, Stella Chisholm, Logan Stancil, Chance Picart, Clover Picart, Luciana Picart, Karisma Picart, and Sofia Chisholm; great-grandchildren, Charlotte Chreene, Remi Chreene, Abigail Mongillo, Hunter Mongillo, Cassandra Cobb and Alexandria Weaver; sister Barbara Sanders; brother-in-law Everett (Linda) Rhodes, and many other extended family members and friends. John was preceded in death by his son, Eric Chisholm; parents Maurice and Elinore Chisholm; sisters Patricia Lasater and Mary Beth Seller.

A celebration of John's life will take place on June 1, 2022, in Arizona, surrounded by the majestic mountains he cherished so fondly. This date would have been John and Gladys' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

#### Nov. 24, 2021



Superior Chamber of Commerce hosted several ribbon cuttings following the November meeting. From left are Heart Song Galleria, Superior Coffee Company and Superior Pets Az.

## Chamber celebrates new businesses with ribbon cuttings

After months of online luncheons and very few in-person meetings, the Superior Chamber of Commerce resumed their monthly luncheons and ribbon cuttings. This month, following their monthly luncheon, members flocked to three new businesses on Main Street to celebrate these new members with a quick ribbon cutting and photos opportunity.

Superior Pets Az: owned by Jessica Gerola opened

earlier this year providing pet grooming services. Her services include a self wash option, full grooming and pet baths. Superior Pets Az is located at 224 Main Street. **Superior Coffee Company:** formerly known at Sun Flour Market located at 203 Main Street and is now owned by Sam McCallie. The Superior Coffee Company features fresh coffees, pastries, delicious sandwiches and other goodies. The shop is located inside the building which also

## LOST plans Luminaria Hike Dec. 4

The Legends of Superior Trails Inc will host a luminaria hike to the old US 60 bridge on the Queen Creek Canyon segment of the LOST on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. The event will run from 5-8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to park downtown and return to the food court for hot chocolate and cookies. A brief ceremony at the US 60 bridge on the trail is also planned.

## Miracle on Main Street set for Dec. 10

The Superior Optimist Club will be hosting the annual Miracle on Main Street event in conjunction with Second Friday activities on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021.

Parade line up is at 6 p.m. on Magma Avenue and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Free train rides and food trucks will start at 4 p.m. Following the parade there will be free visits with Santa and he will give out goody bags for the first 300 children who visit Santa. Sign up for the parade online at: https://bit. ly/2021LightParadeRegistration or call Jessica Castillo 520-827-0098 or JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

## **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 Nov. 7 – Nov. 13

Nov. 7

Criminal damage was reported in the area of Western Ave. and US Hwy. 60.

A missing person was reported in the 200 block of Palo Verde Dr.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 400 block of US Highway 60.

#### Nov. 9

Criminal damage was reported in the 800 block of US Highway 60.

#### Nov. 10

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Gibbs St. Calls not listed include: medical (1), information (5), field interview (3), agency assist (2), city code violation (2), threatening (1), civil matter (1), trespassing (1), disorderly conduct (3), domestic (3), suspicious activity (1), neighbor problem (1), attempt to locate (1), traffic (2), suspicious person (2), welfare check (1), 911 hang-up (1) and noise disturbance (1). features many retails items and art and is also home to Rose's Roses.

**Heart Song Galleria:** This new art gallery is located inside the Elias Building at 161 Main Street. The shop is a collaborative effort of several local artists all from Superior who are selling their art which is of a wide variety from paintings on canvas and glass, to custom jewelry and wood carvings. They also sell a variety of soaps, fresh fudge and other artisanal items from our around the region.

The Superior Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at their building at 165 Main Street. To learn more about the Chamber you can call them at 520-689-0200 or visit their website online www.superiorazchamber.org



# **Mexico Consul General visits Superior**

Jorge Mendoza Yescas, the Consul General of Mexico to the Phoenix area, recently visited Superior for a meeting with Mayor Mila Besich along with other elected and business leaders from Superior. In addition to the meeting his trip to Superior included a luncheon at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and brief tour of Downtown Superior.

The Mexican Consul has developed an entrepreneurial development program for women that are of Mexican nationality or are Mexican American. The program was created in partnership with the Thunderbird School of Global Management and is taught in Spanish. The Consul's office is also responsible for cross border tourism promotion and business trade.

The event and meeting was coordinated by the Superior Enterprise Center which is a program of Rebuild Superior Inc.

"We are honored to have hosted the Consul and his team, and share our community with them. I am looking forward to future collaborations with him and his office," said Mayor Mila Besich.



Jorge Mendoza Yescas, the Consul General of Mexico to the Phoenix area, (left) is pictured with Superior Mayor Mila Besich (center) and Tina Waddington, Executive Director of the Phoenix Committee Foreign Relations.



Jorge Mendoza Yescas, the Consul General of Mexico to the Phoenix area, speaks at the Arboretum.



Jorge Mendoza Yescas, the Consul General of Mexico to the Phoenix area, visited with local government and business leaders.

# **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 520-487-0311

Bible Study – 9 a.m. Sunday Worship – 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting Tues. – 3 p.m. Movie Night Last Friday of the Month – 6 p.m. "Fellowship 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.

We Welcome You! www.YourLighthouseFamily.com

#### **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** 

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.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

San Manuel Ward • 101 S. Giffin Ave. **Bishop Jim Bingham** 

> 520-385-4866 Sunday Morning Meetings: Sacrament 10 a.m. Scripture Study 11 a.m.

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Pastor Peter Vaught 520-363-7283 www.thegoodshepherd.pbworks.com

Church of the Good

Shepherd

Sunday Worship 9 a.m. UMC in cooperation with the Episcopal Church & the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America We stand in awe of God and of one another

#### 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

Sunday Prayer 10 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study for Adults & Kids 6 p.m.

#### **Presbyterian Church** of Superior

100 Magma Ave., Superior

520-689-2631

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

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

#### Vista United **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.

Everyone is Welcome • Assembly of God

### 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.

### 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

Oracle

520-896-2771

3941 W. Hwy. 77

Find us on Facebook @ LWC Oracle

#### 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 lesus

# Living Word Chapel-

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

Join us at 8:45 or 10:30 a.m.

www.lwcoracle.org

# **COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will begin hosting Wednesday Night Tacos on Oct. 13, 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.

#### **Bob Jones Museum Hours**

Bob Jones Museum is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from noon - 3 p.m. It will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

#### 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.

#### Copper Basin Food & Toy Drive

There are holiday toy and food drive donation boxes located at Norm's Hometown Grocery Store until Saturday, Dec. 18. Please remember those in need and share what you can.

#### Donations Sought to Help Local Family

Friends and family of Danny Fessenden and Veronica Karr have set up a special account at Ray Federal Credit Union and a GoFundMe account to raise money to help pay for Veronica's funeral expenses. Veronica passed away recently after contracting COVID-19. She and Danny have four children at home, some with special needs. Donations can be taken to Ray Federal Credit Union and should be deposited into the "Veronica Karr Donation Account" or you can go online to https:// gofund.me/905b70df and make a donation. Friends have raised nearly \$1,200 to help the family, but more is needed.

#### **Church Seeking Volunteers**

Give a church a gift for the holidays. Volunteer a few hours on a beautiful day. You can cut the grass or Cool Coat two cooler pans in the roof to protect the church ceiling. The church to God, where all are welcome, is located at 4543 E. Dripping Springs Rd., off Hwy 77. Your kindness will be such a blessing. Please email AUniversalPhilosophy@ gmail.com or telephone 520-742-0911 to volunteer a time or to learn more.

#### **25** NOVEMBER Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW in Superior

The VFW in Superior will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 25, from 2-6 p.m. It is open and free to everyone. They will be serving turkey, ham, sides, and dessert. Donations are welcome and appreciated. VFW is located at 405 W. Main St. in Superior.

#### 27 San Manuel Community Meeting

Join us on the last Saturday of every month for the San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. Bring your friends and neighbors! This month the meeting will be on Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. - noon.

### DECEMBER

#### Christmas Market in Mammoth

There will be a Christmas Market on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Mammoth. Come and do some Christmas shopping and avoid the traffic and crowds at the stores. There will be a variety of homemade goods such as, Christmas decorations, personalized items, wreaths, lots of crochet items, blankets, door hangers and so much more. There will also be food for sale. Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit and support local vendors.

#### Winter Festival Light Parade

The Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Winter Festival 2021 Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4 All participants must register and forms returned to the Chamber office by Thursday, Dec. 2.

#### **5** Oracle Historical Society Meeting

The Oracle Historical Society will hold its 45th Annual Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Acadia Ranch Museum. The public is welcome to attend, however due to ongoing concerns about the pandemic, no business will be conducted except for election of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. OHS is planning more events for 2022, including but not limited to: An inaugural Speaker Event with historian John Medley, date to be decided, and the 34th Annual Spring Run/Car Show on April 16. You will be notified of details for those events and others as they are determined. Thank you for your support of OHS!

## **9** Gingerbread House Contest at Norm's

Norm's IGA will host a Gingerbread House contest. All entries must be delivered to Norm's by Dec. 9. Public judging will take place between Dec. 10 and 17. Winner will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. outside the Chamber office.

#### **10** San Manuel Community Movie Night

San Manuel Revitalization Coalition will host a movie night on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the San Manuel Community Center.

#### **10,18** Superior Christmas Cruise

The Second Annual Superior Christmas Cruise will be held Friday, Dec. 10, with the first ride during the Miracle on Main St. parade. Line up at 6 p.m. at Magma and Lime St. Parade starts at 7 p.m. The second ride SXS and ATV Parade through town will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, Line up is at 5:30 p.m. at the Kennedy School parking lot. Parade leaves at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Byrd at 520-827-5590.

#### **1** San Manuel Community Meeting

The San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting for December will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors!

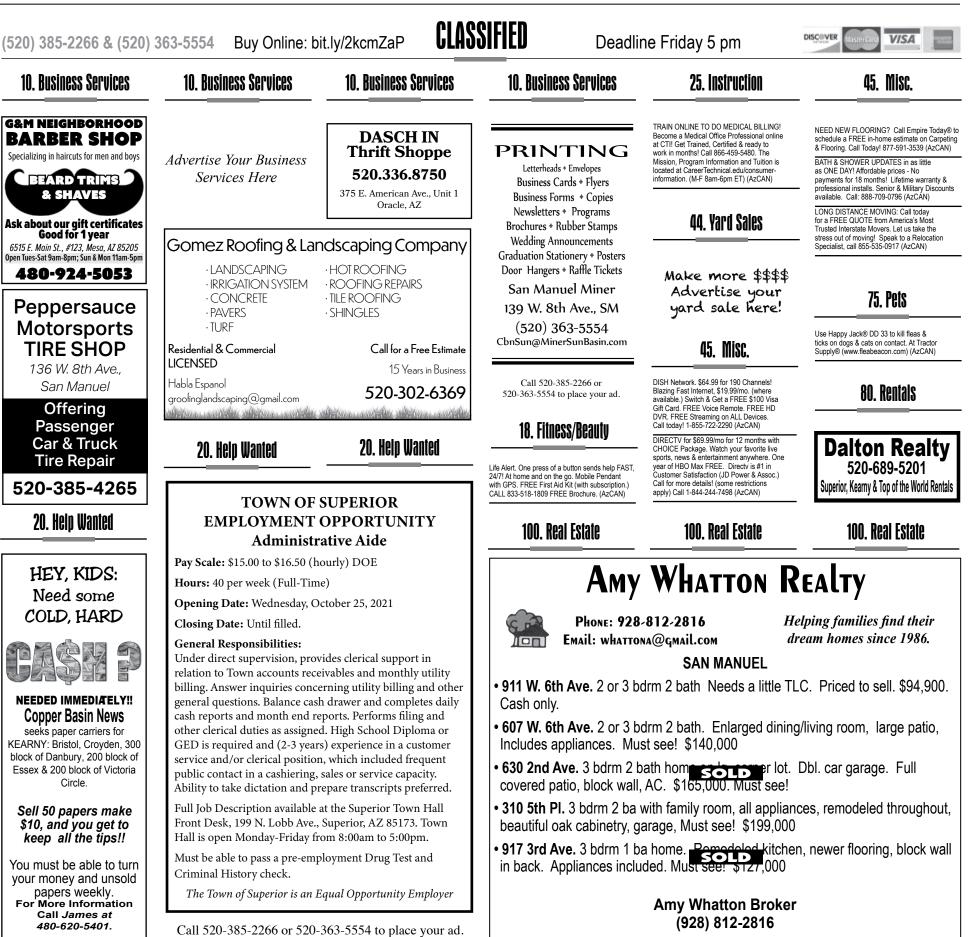
#### **11** Candy Land Christmas in Winkelman

The Town of Winkelman will host the Candy Land Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 11, 3-7 p.m. at 206 Giffin Ave., Winkelman. Bring your lawn chairs. Do some last minute Christmas shopping. Stay warm with menudo, posole and hot cocoa being sold by vendors. There will be a special performance by Kearny's Pink Lady Flag Football Cheerleaders. The Town of Winkelman will be selling ornaments for \$5 each to be hung on the memorial tree in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. The Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony will start at 6 p.m. There will also be a jumping castle, craft tables, vendors, SNOW, Santa's Helpers, professional photographers and DJ David Romero.

#### **9** Copper Basin Love Lights/Luminarias

Love Lights/Luminarias are being sold by the Copper Basin Junior Chamber members and are \$2. All entry forms available at the Chamber Office, located at 355 Alden Rd. The Love Lights/ Luminarias will be lit in front of the Chamber office on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

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. www.copperarea.com



# Shop Local: Heart Song Galleria

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 123 businesses and groups in the Copper Corridor.

It is hard enough starting a business or expanding one during normal times. But to start one during a pandemic adds an entirely different twist to things.

As the holidays approach, the topic on everyone's mind is "will the gifts I need to buy be available online or in stores?" Comments and advertisements on popular social media sites often encourage people to purchase from local artists, shop at local boutiques or consider gifts of experiences and services. There are really many endless options for shopping local and avoiding the hassle of crowded stores and delayed arrivals.

A new downtown Superior art gallery has opened, Heart Song Galleria. The shop is located at 161 W. Main Street in the building that the Ray Federal Credit Union is in. The building is now being called the Elias Building. The art gallery is curated by five local Superior artists, Deb Olson, Deb Kay, Marilee Lasch, Carolyn Gray, Rita Betti and Gary Bennett. They also are including some retail items and art from artists in Globe and Oracle, making the shop a bit of regional gallery. Each of the artists have a variety of different art pieces and combined they bring a tremendous amount of artistic talents and products to the gallery.

In the gallery you find a variety of art, from hand made jewelry and beaded crosses, to paintings and other mixed media. Some of the unique items, that are local to Superior, are hand painted glassware. Most of the items in the store are unique and one of a kind. There is also a variety of soaps, chocolate fudge, candles and other gift items. The local artists all take turns to staff the store, which is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than likely when you drop in to shop you can meet one of these talented, local Superior artists.

The artists also plan to host a variety of art classes throughout the year. Follow their Facebook page to keep up with their upcoming classes and new items being added to the store.



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