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Over 275 CASA volunteers trained in 2020 to

CASA of Arizona has trained over 275 applicants to become the voice for children in foster care in 2020 which includes 7 applicants from Gila County. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who fight for the best interests of children currently living out of home who have experienced abuse and/or neglect.

Under normal circumstances, in-person training is offered to new CASA applicants across Arizona in addition to virtual training. CASA of Arizona is currently only offering virtual training to new applicants due to physical distancing and safety precautions.

"CASA of Arizona has gone above and beyond to ensure every new applicant who is able to train virtually through Zoom is comfortable and confident with the new training environment," states CASA of Gila County Coordinator Emily Nader. "The state trainers take time to work one on one with volunteers who express concerns and help them through this new virtual reality we are all living."

Virtual training sessions are offered to all CASA applicants in Arizona with multiple days and times to choose from that best fit the applicant's schedule.

CASA of Gila County welcomed three new CASA volunteers through our first virtual CASA Oath ceremony on Dec. 17, 2020 before Hon. Judge Timothy M. Wright. These volunteers have completed 30 hours of preservice training and are now certified to serve in their community as the voice for our children living in foster care. Upon their first assignment, our program will have 27 advocates



serving children from our communities, with 195 children living in out-of-home care.

CASA of Gila County is in critical need to increase the number of dedicated members of the community to step up and become Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers, and help break the cycle of abuse and neglect, through supporting children and families.


Studies show children with a CASA volunteer receive more services that are critical to their well-being than children without an advocate, and those children are more likely to achieve educational success.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. No specific background or training is needed to become a CASA volunteer. Anyone 21 years of age or older, who can pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of free training, is encouraged to apply.

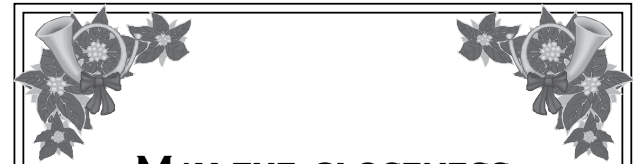
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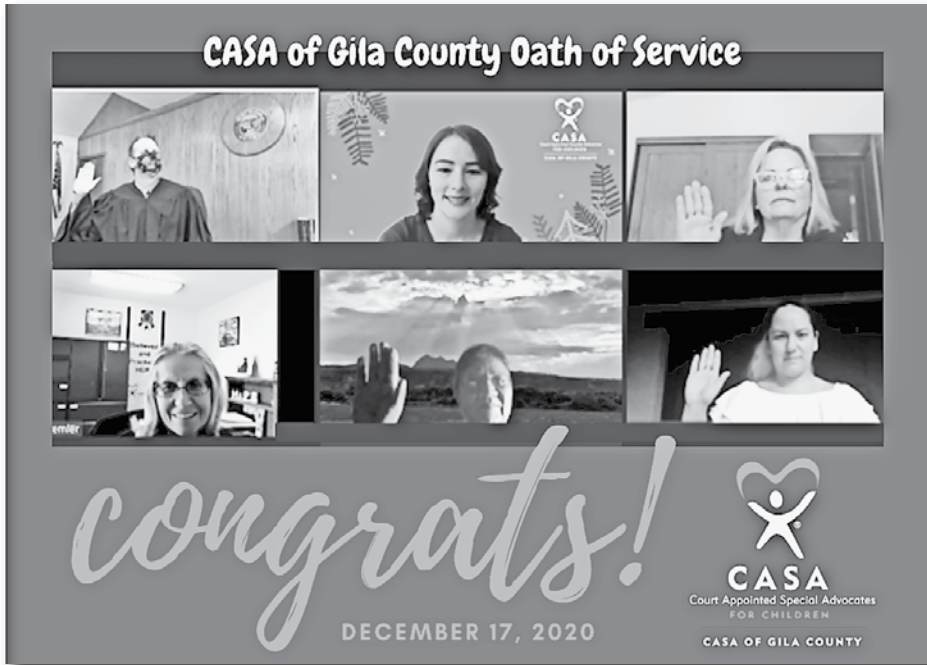
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CASA volunteers Sherri, Angel, and Breanna completing thier Oath of Service before the Hon. Judge Timothy Wright on Dec. 17, 2020.



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Dear Santa ...

Christmas is coming. It will be here ever so soon. In every land, every country, every city or town or village - really, anyplace you can find on a map and many places that you cannot - children have written their holiday missives, expressing their heart's desires and are anxiously awaiting a Christmas visit from Santa.

The United States Postal Service site states, "Each year, hundreds of thousands of letters sent to Santa from children and families arrive at Post Offices around the country. Most letters ask for toys and games. Some ask for basic necessities. Some ask for help for themselves and their loved ones."

For as long as children have been sending letters to Santa, he has cherished these communications and shared them with his wife. In December of 1899, Santa decided to share a letter to be printed in a newspaper. The letter was quite simple. In it an unnamed girl said, "Dear Santa, If you haven't time to pick out things for me, just leave everything you've got."

The very next year, many more letters to Santa were printed in the same newspaper. A tradition was born. Though Santa has never explained the reason he started sharing the letters he receives and allows them to be printed, there are many theories which he has equally never denied as possibilities.

The chief theory is that with the increased population of the world, Santa was using this method of communication to seek out new helpers. Another theory, somewhat less likely to apply in all situations, is that the newspaper editor had been a very good boy or girl in their youth and Santa felt they deserved an extra present.

To read more about the history of Santa sharing his letters with newspapers, and more historical letters that were shared, visit the Tampa Bay Times for a great article by Christopher Spata, at <https://tinyurl.com/y9nvj3t6>.

Our local children of the Copper Corridor have joined the ranks of hopeful letter writers this season. True to form, Santa's belly shook with mirth as he read each one. These are the ones Santa was especially tickled with, and generously decided to share with us.

Please be patient where we might make mistakes. Sometimes, things are hard for us to read that Santa, due to the twinkle in his eye, can read with expert precision every time.

My name is Izabella Varga This year I have been: Nice For Christmas this year, I would like: 1. Scooter 2. Doll house 3. Sand 4. Playdough 5. Paint Merry Christmas, Santa!

My name is Blake This year I have been: Nice For Christmas this year, I would like: 1. Pok omon cards. 2. Legos 3. Cryastals 4. Or a rc car 5. A Nerf gun Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Blake

My name is Emily Salazar This year I have been: Nice For Christmas this year I would like 1. My password journal voice activated security 2. Poopsie Slime Surprise 3. Pets Alive Fifi the Flossing Sloth 4. Gotta Go Flamingo 5. American Girl Doll Merry Christmas Santa!

My name is Izayah Valenzuela This year I have been: Nice For Christmas this year I would like: 1. A good Christmas with family 2. a battery for my quad 3. A Boba tea kit 4. Kinetic Sand 5. Remote Control Car Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Izayah.





My name is Millie Webber
This year I have been:
Naughty (but I can
explain) I am a brat but I'm
cute For Christmas this
year, I would like: 1. Hot
Wheels track 2. Cars 3.
Scooter 4. Power Wheel
5 .lincoln logs Merry
Christmas Santa!

For Christmas I would
like a gymnastic mat and
a basketball hoop, and a
cloth book. From, Caroline
Makins.

I have been very good this
year, and some things I
would love for Christmas
are ... Mama Josey the
Kangaroo A Singamaling,
Gotta go Flamingo love
from Devi Anne

My name is Sam This year
I have been Naughty Nice
(but I can explain) For
Christmas this year, I would
like: 1. a job 2. a 9-5 job.
3. 12 or more dollars every
hour 4. gaming keyboard.
5. a new bed frame and
mattress Merry Christmas
Santa!

(Santa's note: Most
children were given a
form to personalize, to
help them learn how to
format a letter. Sam is no
exception. You can see
how Sam's letter fits one
of the major formats that
many other letters take.
What you cannot see is
that Sam did not check
either Naughty or Nice,
or both as some children
have done. No! Sam went
right ahead and inserted his
own blank box dangling
like an ornament from the
line above, where children
state their name, placing it
right in-between the two
choices, and then checked
that.)

I want a hatchimal Pixies
Crystal Flyer For Christmas
From Kayle

I have been very good this
year, and some things I
would love for Christmas
are... I want a rc car. And I
want farm simutater. And
I want a nerf gun AR. love
from Dillon Loya

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My name is Cody Vargas
This year I have been:
Naughty Nice For
Christmas this year, I would
like: 1. Roboat 1 a video
game 2. a nerf gun 3.
Scooter 4. legos 5. Illegible.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Cody

My name is Big D Lopez
This year I have been Nice
For Christmas this year, I
would like: 1. Keyboured
and mouse 2. Gaming chair
3. Vbucks 4. New headset
5. New flyers Merry
Christmas Santa! Love, love
you all



My name is Tabitha and
Derek This year I have
been Nice For Christmas
this year, I would like: 1.
Beard for Derek 2. For
Tabitha Ameiran girl doll
joss 3. doll clothes Merry
Christmas Santa!

I have been very good this
year, and some things I
would love for Christmas
are ... I want a hoverboard
, penny board (black),
clothes, and SD cards for
my camera. Please love
from Madelyn Richardson





I want the Launch and defend Batmobile for Christmas From Gabriel

My name is Andriah I have been Naugty Nice (but I can explain) For Christmas this year, I would like:
1. Sunglasses 2 facneis 3. Mere crismis 4. Satu Merry Christmas Santa!

My name is Rocky Martinez This year I have been: Nice For Christmas this year, I would like:
1. A Slide 2. A Swing 3. A Soundbox 4. Talking Robot 5. Tablet Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Rocky



Deer Santa! wish for a doggie with on legh and 2 ears and one eye and a whole caletion of bardie Dream house with barbie and ken and 100 \$ to victoria secrets- from me

Barbie toys Baby alive Barbie car boots for 9 year old girl clothes for 9 year old girl lol surprise camper orbidiz feet massager From Araselly



I would like a riemeier SAW it on or a remote control airpk Thank you R. J.

R.J.'s letter was one it was hard for us to read and, unfortunately, Santa was too busy to stick around and help us out with such problems. Pictures were drawn by R.J, however, to make sure that Santa understood just so.

Jordan's Car (followed by a charming drawing of Jordan's car) Please bring me a Christmas police car. I love you JORDAN I am 4 but on Christmas I am 5 now.

After another picture of a car, Jordan continued: Please bring my Mama and Daddy some food to eat and something to wear like a pretty dress and shoes and pants. From Jordan.

This year I have been: Nice Here are a few things I am wishing for: Siren Head plush and Cartoon cat plush roBlox piggy toys dancing lights candys little critter books Minecraft enderman Minecraft Wolf Flashlight Milk Walker Love, Gino P.S. The milk & cookies are for you and the carrots are for Rudolph.

My name is Logan Murrieta. I'm 3 yrs old. I'm waiting for you to come visit me at Christmas. I want some presents. I'm a good boy and would like anything. I love you Santa - safe traveling on Christmas. Love Logan - I found Santa Clause picture inside for you.

Letter to Santa. I have been good. I clean my room up. I clean the ___ too and then I cleaned the litter box too. 1. Inuyasha wig 2. Inuyasha costum 3. Inuyasha nails 4 inuyasha ears 5. Just Dance 2020 PS4 6 inuyasha teeth 7. 4 nanaha surprise dolls 8. New boots like alydia's boots 9. O.M.G. Surprise dolls.

Dear Santa Clause I want a barbie dream house and barbies and a pink motorcycle because I am a good girl. I love you Santa love Selenna Espinoza 3 years old

I have been very good this year, I would like ... Baby Yoda, fart gun, Barbie with puppy, tablet, scooter, shoes, clothes, toy bird and books. Thank you, Savannah Granillo

From Melany Please can u get me a LOL trailer for Christmas Please Santa The above letter was followed by a large and impressive drawing of Santa calling out his traditional laugh of "Ho ho ho!"

I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), I made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me:
Wishlist: 1. Pink kitchen and home Appliance 2. race car 3. A Microphone 4. Selfie camera 5. Kids walkie talkie 6. Playhouse tent 7. Best choice Play Kitchen Pink 8. 32 pcs of cutting food. I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas. Riley, Lilleah Henley Love, Santa Claus

I want playdough Legos NinJago, Lego Fortnite, I have been very good. I love you! From Gage Boyd

I want this for Christmas Transformer Toy Paw Patrol Vehicle with Character I was a good boy Christmas

I want a TV, Trampoline, PS5, lego, Phone, Scooter, V Bucks, led light, clothes, controller I hope you will be safe. From Gabe.



Make a list, check it twice could be anything like hugs, hats or talking mice. Little live pets Gotta go Flamingo Pink kids tablet L.O.L. Surprise O.M.G. house. L.O.L. Surprise Deluxe. Present Surprise . a pretty doll. Playdoh Kichen. little tikes first dryer. Trolls world tour sing along boombox with microphone. Disney frozen 2 elsa journey dress up trunk

I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are ... New Tractor, New Hay Baler Lover for All Family love from Don Hedrick

12/02/2020 Dear Old Saint Nick, My name is Anthony Espinoza. I know I was probably on the naughty list but I promised to have been extra good this month to make the nice list. I want the elves to make me a short monster truck, electric scooter, and a monkey bike! I can't wait until Christmas. Love, Anthony Espinoza 8 years old



For Christmas I would like L.O.L. O.M.G. roller Chick, L.O.L. Chillax, and a Nintendo Switch. From Camilla Tracy

I want a LOL and a night before Christmas and a back pick nig and a baby Yoda. I been good Merry Christmas from Jazzee.Bee

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My name is Yzirrah Rodriguez I have been: Naughty Nice (but I can explain) For Christmas this year, I would like: 1. Sweatpants and a swetr 2. Pans size 00 and shirts 10-12 or 10-14 3. and a crimiflog god 4 addison Rea Swetr 5. and muneey Love all you guys Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Yzirrah Rodriguez

I want shoes with wheels at the bottom and a blanket elsa and Anna dolls fro the 2ed movie and led light under my bed and I have been a good girl this year and I want phone and my life dolland clos for my doll and Legos and a pilo and a tv and a PS5 and makeup for me and mom from Belia Martinez to Santa

My name is Malaya and I have been a naughty little Brat and all I want for Christmas is airPods an iPhone XR and for you to give my brother what he wants Because I think he deserves what he wants. But this is all i want for Christmas and I hope I can leave cookies, milk, and carrots out for you for Christmas. Malaya Rodriguez

My name is Cecilia Martinez and I am two years old. My grandma says I have been very good this year although my mom might say different ... For Christmas this year I would like a new stroller for my baby dolls, a dollhouse, and a tablet to watch cartoons on. I promise to leave you lots of milk and cookies. love, Cecilia Iris



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In spite of the ongoing pandemic, or perhaps because of it, the folks from the Town of Winkelman held a socially-distanced visit with St. Nick on Saturday. Gifts were distributed by Santa's Elves (AKA Winkelman Firefighters). Pictures (properly distanced, of course) with Santa Claus were available and Mr. and Mrs. Claus gave out stockings filled with goodies to the kids attending the event. Everyone had a merry, jolly time.

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Everyone likes their firefighter hats.



The firefighters' truck was a popular stopping place for the kids.



The Mayor, Louis Bracamonte, and John Wallestad contributed their support to make a fun time for all.




This little one is just eight months old and celebrating her first Christmas.



Those who worked to make the Winkelman Christmas event fun for everyone included Gloria Ruiz and Emilia Rutledge.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus and Frosty the Snowman were joined by Santa's Elves for a photo at the event Saturday. Pictured with them are, from left, Mayor Louis Bracamonte, Ray-Ray Ramirez, Fred Ruiz, Alonzo Ruiz-Lopez, Rebecca Garcia, Sylvia Kerlock, Gloria Ruiz, Tyler Warren and Emilia Rutledge (standing behind Frosty).



This face of this little girl describes the fun everyone had at the event.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

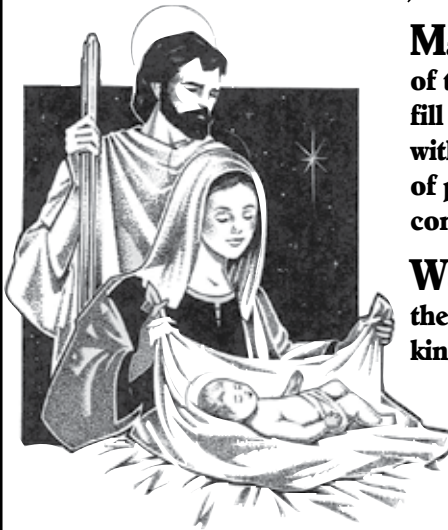
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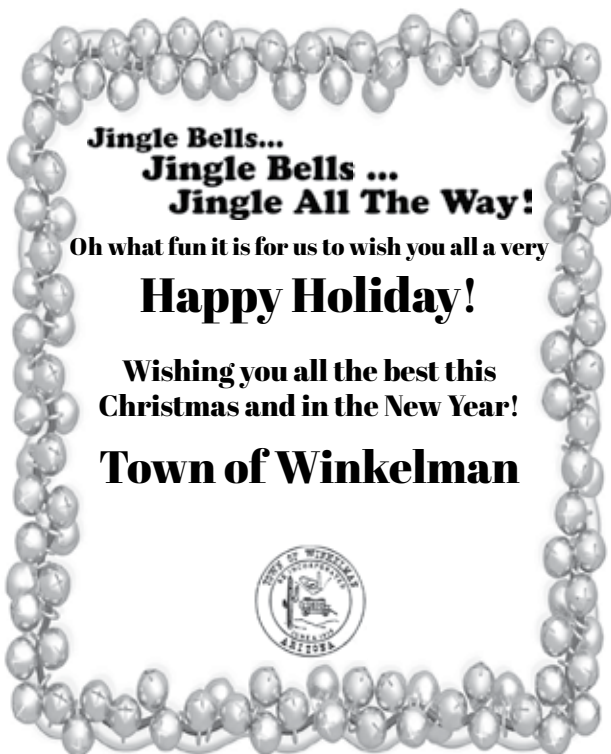


Larry Lewis

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By **Anthony De La Torre**
Special to Copper Area News

Some of you can remember back to Dec. 18, 1966. You'll recall a Christmas story was broadcast nationwide on CBS. In it a green menace descended on the town of Whoville, with a plan to steal Christmas.

This was cartoon "pretend" of course.

No pretend this Christmas of 2020. The Grinch, now with an alias of COVID-19, has descended with a menginece (menace + vengeance = menginece), to steal our jobs, maybe even grandma, grandpa, even junior. So many of us have lost someone, or know of someone who has.

We are in winter, soul-wise.

"Fa-la-la" would ring hollow this year.

We need a story of hope. The best, I think, was broadcast some 2000 years ago, and captured best by a Doctor named Luke. Start there.

I've never had much to give my kids, but they all have always enjoyed my stories. So each Christmas, I write them one from my heart. This one seemed appropriate for this moment. It is a story of death and loss, and yet hope. May it buoy you this Christmas. I entitled it *The Reluctant Santa*. "Santa," derives from both Latin and Spanish words meaning SAINT. We are all invited to be that, though like Joe in my story, we come to it reluctantly. Here Joe, involuntarily volunteered by his wife Rosie to dress up as Santa and make a Christmas Eve house call to a critically ill little boy, realizes he is out of his element and comfort zone. Let us enter the tale...

.....
What do I say to a kid who is dying? Joe pondered. With no clue, he did what all good Santas do. *Dear God, this fat man in red feels very inept. Please help me with this one.*

A good prayer. Honest. Direct. Short. Answered. The help started with the phone call to Luke's parents. Joe decided he wanted to really know this little boy before he met him. He gently asked the parents many questions. "Does Luke have any brothers or sisters? Ah, a baby sister Amy. And how about pets? Two puppies huh? One tan, one white. Got it. And their names? Like in Snow White and the Seven Dwarves? I love the kid already." *What else?* "Ah yes, does Luke have a favorite color?"

Red.

Huh. You know I am growing particularly fond of that color myself. One last question, hard for me to ask, but it may help me when I visit. Does Luke, well, know about?... Ah. Yes, very hard to talk about isn't it? Very hard..." *They didn't tell him. Does he know he is dying? What do I say if he asks Santa?*

"Sorry, what was that again, Mrs. Morningstar? When can I come? Well when would be best for you folks? About 7:00 tomorrow night? Yes, that would work. 7:00 then. Oh, you're very welcomed."

At seven sharp, next evening, Joe was at the door. Through the long side windows framing the big front entry, he could see a huge fir tree, a good two stories high. Dwarfed at its base was a sunken-chested, pale, hairless little boy of indeterminate age. He was clad in Superman pajamas. Joe rang the doorbell.

"Son, see who's at the door for me please," the boy's mother shouted from the kitchen. Joe pressed the button again.

"Son, the door..."

"OK Mom, I'm going." Luke padded slowly toward the door. It seemed the weight of the world pressed down on his shoulders. As he got closer Joe started 'chink-chink-chinking' the four brass bells attached to the bottom corners of his gift bag. Disbelief, then awe, swept across Luke's face. He ran to the window, "When what to his wandering eyes should appear," but a big guy in red, robustly shouting "Ho-Ho-Ho!"

Luke's jaw dropped open, and he froze where he stood. "Who is it son?"

"You're not going to believe it if I tell you, Mom!"

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"Of course I will, now who is it?"

"It's Santa Claus, Mom! Santa!" the little boy gasped.

His Mother came from the kitchen, wiping her hands on her apron. "Well let him in, hon. Let him in!"

Joe stepped in and shook the boy's pale, limp hand.

"Are you the REAL Santa?" Whispered the wide-eyed little boy.

"Are you the REAL Luke?" Santa intoned, imitating Luke.

"Hey, how did you know my name?"

"I know a lot of things, Luke."

"Like what?"

"Oh, like you favorite color is red. Good choice. It's the color of love, you know."

Luke's eyes register surprise. But he had to be sure.

"What's my little sister's name? And my dog's?"

"Your baby sister's name is Amy." Then Joe rubbed his chin, as if in deep concentration, and unnoticed by Luke, gave his mom a little thumbs up. Yesterday's phone call was paying off. Then to Luke, Joe answered, "As for the dogs, the white one is Sleepy. Happy is tan."

Luke gasped. "He knows! Mom, it is the REAL Santa! Santa, you have to see our tree, its hu-m-u-n-gous! Come look! I think Dad got us the biggest and best-est tree in the whole world!"

Luke's Dad entered the room cradling baby Amy. He nodded at Joe, beaming. Joe nodded back.

"I helped decorate it. The bottom anyway," Luke said proudly, pointing at the tree. Santa gasped, clapped his white-gloved hands and shouted with glee. "Ho-Ho-Ho! Oh, it's beautiful, Luke. You're right, this IS the biggest, best-est Christmas tree ever." Then he bellowed another joyous "Ho-Ho-Ho!"

Luke looked right at him, and asked bluntly, "Santa, why do You say 'Ho-Ho-Ho' so much?"

The sudden question caught Joe off guard. He wasn't sure how to answer. But then it came. He asked quietly, "Can you keep a secret?"

"Sure Santa."

"It's code Luke. Some folks take offense if I pray in public. So I shorten and disguise the praise. To them I am just a jolly old coot who stutters. But the joke's on them."

"So 'Ho-Ho-Ho' is a prayer?"

"You got it. Short for Hosanna! A praise prayer."

"Cool! But how come you say it three times?"

"I'd try for four, Luke. But I'm an old man. I run out of breath."

Luke thought about it for a moment, then nodded that he understood. He then confided in a whisper to the big man, "I don't have that much wind either, Santa. But don't tell my mom or dad. They'd worry."

"Try for three then."


"You mean right here? Right now?"

Santa nodded.

"Me? Myself?"

Santa nodded again. "Ho-Ho-Ho" Luke intoned timidly.

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“No, no, my boy, we’re praising God here. Let it build from way down deep. Then just let ‘er RIP!”

Luke nodded he understood. He bowed his back, filled his little lungs with all the air he could hold, then shook the rafters. Joe patted him on the back proudly. “Now ‘that’s’ a proper Hosanna! How did it feel boy?”

“Great!” Then in a whisper, “Can I do that up there?”

The little guy knows his time is short though everyone is trying hard to keep him from knowing. Joe realized. “Yeah Luke, in heaven you shout it out just like that! Oh, it’s going to be a great shouting!” Joe’s throat pinched up tight with emotion.

Joe noticed Luke’s flour-dusted Mom wipe a tear from her eye with the edge of her apron. Dad gently rocked baby Amy in the crook of his arm. To Joe it seemed this little family, noble, loving, vulnerable, looked very much like another little family must have looked 2000 years ago on that first Christmas.

To both husband and wife it appeared their waxen, sunken-eyed, beaming little boy was locked in beautiful conversation with a very wise old man, a Magi, a King in scarlet robes and purest white gloves. The big man and boy seemed to glow. The parents stood transfixed.

Just then the 2 pups peeked into the room, saw Santa,

and froze. Joe got down on one knee, and called cheerfully “Happy, Sleepy, come...” The two little dogs bounded to him, tails wagging. To their joy he tickled and rough-housed them a bit. Then, as he rose off his knees, the four bells his wife Rosie had sewed to the bottom of his big velvet gift bag, jingled and jangled merrily, each in its own voice.

“Santa, are those real reindeer bells?” Luke asked awed.

“Actually, they’re even more special than that Luke. How do you feel when you hear them?”

“Happy!”

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“Yes lad, that’s their special magic. They’re *Gaudium’s*, “Joy” bells.”

With deep longing, the frail little boy asked in a whisper, “Santa, do you think I could have one?”

The request caught Joe totally off guard. He didn’t really want to give up any of the bells. To buy time to form a response he swung the big bag up over his shoulder. As he did so, the sack snagged on the edge of the stairwell bannister. The momentum popped one of the bells off. It tinkled loudly as it rolled across the carpet and settled right at Luke’s feet. Both Luke and Joe stared at it for a silent moment. Then Santa chuckled and said, “Well Luke, it seems this bell has answered for us. It wants to stay here! It WILL stay here.”

With that Joe bent over and picked up the bell. He gave it a little breather puff, and polished it on his love red sleeve. Then he motioned for Luke to put out his hand, and gently set it in his palm.

“I can keep it?” The little boy whispered, awe struck.

Santa nodded “Yes.” *Dang, that lump in my throat again.* All that Santa could do at this point, was enfold the little fellow in a huge hug. His voice had truly deserted. He was barely able to croak, “Well, time for me to go, Luke. Christmas Eve you know... Miles to go...”

Luke nodded.

“Love you Luke.” And then in a confidential whisper, “And, oh, you will be so very much loved where you are headed.”

Luke whispered back, “Will I see you there someday, Santa?”

“I’m counting on it Luke.” *Damn, it was happening*

again, that hitch in the throat thing. How can I love and miss a kid already from just one visit? A visit I really didn’t want to make.

Joe suddenly removed his soft scarlet cap and slipped it over little Luke’s cancer-bald dome. “My gosh, a perfect fit... And I do believe red looks even better on you than on me Luke!”

“I get to keep it?” An awed Luke whispered.

“Yes Luke, as long as you need it.” Then before anyone could protest, he gave Luke a wink and a nod, then spun and was out the front door into the night, shouting a hearty, “Ho-Ho-Ho!” as he went. It was echoed back by a brittle little “ho-ho-ho” from the doorway.

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Winter passed, and with it Luke.

Then spring burst forth with new life. One bright sunny morning, what he would call “a blue bird day,” Joe and Rosie’s Pastor, an old German named Father Johannes, set out from the Rectory on one of his cherished neighborhood walk-a-bouts. He stopped by the home of two he loved.

Rosie had poured coffee, and was slicing them all a big piece of lemon frosted pound cake, when the doorbell rang. She excused herself, and went to answer. In a few moments she returned with a neatly wrapped small package.

“Who was that love?” Joe asked.

“The UPS man. He delivered this, for you.”

“Ah,” Joe said smiling, “then open it for us.”

“You sure?”

“You’re still holding the knife Rosie; I won’t argue.

Besides, it will help with the tape.”

Rosie blushed, but wasted no time tearing into the box.

She loved surprises, especially those addressed to Joe. Inside the box was neatly folded a red Santa’s hat. To it was pinned a fine velum envelope, carefully addressed to Joe in beautiful old script handwriting. Rosie handed the envelope to Joe. He opened it, read. His eyes misted. He tried to say something, but was suddenly too choked up to speak. He just handed the note to Rosie. She read,

To the Real Santa:

Our dear little Luke wore your cap to the end. We hope that you don’t mind that we kept the bell. It means so much to us. It sounds like a happy soul. Every time we ring it, we think of Luke... But we wanted to return your cap. It gets cold out there on a winter’s night. We know. And you still have miles to go before you sleep. God go with you.

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Rosie wiped a tear from her eye with her napkin. She handed the note to the priest and blurted out something very unlike her, but then again, very much her brassy self. “Damn, if I’m not really married to Santa Claus!” She got up, gave her husband a tender kiss on his forehead, then ran out the room. The priest read the note, and sighed, and nodded agreement. He neatly folded the note and gently handed it back to Joe. Then he stood up, gave Joe an affectionate pat on the shoulder, and with genuine emotion muttered, “*Ja*, this Kris Kringle here is the real thing... The real thing.” Then he turned and let himself out the door.

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COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please note: many events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please check with organizations when planning to attend events listed.

Superior Chamber of Commerce Reopened

The Superior Chamber of Commerce, 165 W Main St, reopened on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by or call if we can help you. Masks are required. Call 520-689-0200 for more information.



Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will begin hosting Wednesday Night Tacos on Oct. 7, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Elks Lodge is now open to the public for dine-in with limited seating for social distancing. Please be advised there will be no Tacos on Nov. 25, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 so our Kitchen staff can enjoy time with their families.



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.

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Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center is asking everyone to bring their own mask when you come to the hospital. Thank you.

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 and Oracle 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.

Superior Food Bank Holiday Hours

To accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Superior Food Bank will distribute food the week before each holiday. Thursdays and Fridays, Nov. 19 -20 and Dec. 17 -18, all at 3 p.m. YES, we will be needing volunteers! Please call 520-689-2202 for more information and to volunteer.

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Superior Community Garden

The Community Garden beds are ready to go! Many thanks to Mike Montiel, Pete and Chris Casillas, Shaun and Rick Cartier for their tireless help with building steps, making the area accessible, picking up soil and delivering it. Anyone interested in helping out with planting and maintaining the garden should text Leanne Taylor at 520-342-7307. This is a situation that you will literally "reap the benefits" if you pitch in on the working end!

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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, Susan Ashe, at susan.ashe@gmail.com or 480-274-6896 if you have questions or want to sign up to be a volunteer.

COVID Relief Fund For Superior Vets

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DECEMBER

Town of Hayden Holiday Schedule

The Hayden Town Hall and Senior Center will be closed for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and Thursday, Dec. 24, and for New Year's on Wednesday, Dec. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 31. Public Works will be closed for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25. For the Christmas holiday trash will be picked up for residential areas on Monday, Dec. 21, and Wednesday, Dec. 23; and for businesses on Tuesday, Dec. 22. For New Year's, residential trash pickup will be on Monday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 30; and for businesses it will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Town of Kearny Holiday Hours

The Town of Kearny Town Hall and Library will be closed Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1, 2021.

23 Last San Manuel Elks Tacos in 2020

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will be serving tacos on Wednesday, Dec. 23, one last time for them to cook for you before Christmas. They will be closed for tacos on Wednesday, Dec. 30. The Elks say, "Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. See you again on Jan. 6."

JANUARY 30-31 Superior Home Tour Canceled

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COVID-19 Positive Case Weekly Report

	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22
Globe	713	733	748	771	775	790	796
Hayden	32	33	33	37	37	39	38
Kearny	85	87	90	91	92	95	97
Mammoth	78	79	82	86	88	94	98
Miami	170	179	184	189	190	197	201
Oracle	161	165	168	170	175	179	187
San Manuel	140	142	144	145	152	159	172
Superior	129	137	141	143	143	152	160
Winkelman	81	86	86	92	92	104	104
Statewide New Cases	7,530	5,817	7,635	5,560	5,366	7,748	5,857

Copper Area News is committed to providing our readers with as much information as possible. This graph shows the positive cases as of press time on December 22, 2020. We have also included a graph showing the daily counts for the past week. Daily statewide case counts are recording higher than they were during the last peak this Summer and hospitals are becoming overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients.

There are a few points we would like our readers to consider when following this data.

1. This will continue to be a rolling total of positive cases. It does not reflect recoveries or deaths. The Arizona Department of Health Services does not break out this data.
2. If you see a reduction in numbers from day to day it is most likely due to a data entry error or mis-coding of a zip code (at the state level).
3. This is all zip code based data; most of our zip codes include unincorporated areas. There is no way to track exactly which areas each of the positive cases are. Example, Kearny and Winkelman each have small communities in their zip code that are not in the Town's incorporated boundaries.
4. If you live in Gila County, please follow the Gila County Health and Emergency Management, Facebook. They have maintained their data on recoveries and current positive cases.
5. You can follow other data such as ICU bed use, Ventilator use and hospital capacity online: <https://bit.ly/3in280>

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) and practice good hygiene (wash your hands frequently, sanitize high touch areas), stay home if you are not feeling well.

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NOTICE of LITIGATION INVOLVING WILL CHALLENGE & OF MEDIATION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2021, at 9:00 am. Case No. PB201900454/PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. In re the Estate of CASIMIR KRAMARCZYK, Deceased. TO: DIANE R. GRANDEL (KRAMARCZYK) Karen C. Hyland, the spouse of the Decedent filed her application for informal probate to admit the Decedent's Last Will and Testament dated September 10, 2019 on December 24, 2019. Petitioners Edward J. Kramarczyk and David J. Kramarczyk filed their objection to the September 10, 2019 will on February 4, 2020, and alleged that the Will was the produce of undue influence. Attempts to reach Diane R. Grandel directly have been unsuccessful. Petitioners are represented by Soderquist Law PLLC, 4939 W Ray Road, 4-313, Chandler, AZ 85226, Telephone: (480)720-2528, Carol A. Soderquist, Esq. Karen C. Hyland, the Personal Representative is represented by Larry Dunn, Esq., Denton Peterson PC, 1930 N Arboleda #200, Mesa, AZ 85213, Telephone: (480) 325-9900. Copies of all pleadings can be obtained from either counsel. This matter has been assigned to the Honorable Kevin White, 971 N. Jason Lopez Circle, Bldg A, Florence, AZ 85132, Telephone: (520)866-5425 WARNING This is a legal notice; your rights may be affected. [Este es un aviso legal. Sus derechos podrian ser afectados.] You are not required to attend this mediation. A final trial date has not been set. However, if you oppose any of the relief requested in the petition/objection that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written response at least three days before the hearing date OR you or your attorney must contact the division assigned to the case at the time of the hearing using the following instructions: Any written response must comply with Rule 15(e) of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure. If you do not file a timely response or attend the hearing: (1) the court may grant the relief requested in the petition without further proceedings, and (2) you will not receive additional notices of court proceedings relating to the petition unless you file a Demand for Notice pursuant to Title 14, Arizona Revised Statutes. 1. NOTICE IS GIVEN that a private mediation with Andrew Klein Mediation has been scheduled for February 19, 2021 at 9:00 am. This may be a virtual mediation. Andrew Klein can be reached at andy@andrewkleinmediation.com or (602)492-3473. For additional information regarding the mediation, contact either attorneys listed above, or Andrew Klein. A final trial date has not been scheduled. Dated this 10th day of December, 2020. SODERQUIST LAW PLLC, /s/ Carol A. Soderquist, Esq., Attorney for Petitioners Edward J. and David J. Kramarczyk
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RESTATED ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BONITA CREEK LAND AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10-11002, 10-11006 and 10-11007 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following amendments and restatement of its Articles of Incorporation: FIRST: The name of the corporation is "Bonita Creek Land And Homeowners' Association". SECOND: The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" sets forth a restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, which contain amendments to the Articles of Incorporation including a change to the corporation's name from "Bonita Creek Land Arid Homeowners' Association" to "Bonita Creek Water Company". THIRD: The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was duly adopted by an act of the board of directors of the Cooperative on June 26, 2020. DATED: June 26, 2020. By: /s/ Lorna Glaunsinger, Secretary. EXHIBIT A RESTATED ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BONITA CREEK WATER COMPANY These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede and take the place of the heretofore existing Articles of Incorporation and any amendments or restatements thereof of Bonita Creek Water Company, all pursuant to the Arizona Nonprofit Corporation Act, Sections 10-3101 through 10-11702 of the Arizona Revised Statutes ("ANCA"). ARTICLE I NAME The name of the corporation is "Bonita Creek Water Company". The corporation is hereafter referred to as the "Cooperative". ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND CHARACTER OF AFFAIRS The Cooperative is organized and shall be operated on a member-controlled, democratic basis, to: a. develop, improve, and operate a low-cost water distribution system in Payson, Arizona for the benefit of the Cooperative's members; and b. to transact any or all business for which non-profit corporations may be operated under the laws of the State of Arizona that are permissible for organizations exempt under I.R.C. § 501(c)(12). Specifically, the character of affairs of the Cooperative shall that of a water utility cooperative. In these Articles, the term "I.R.C." means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and references to provisions thereof are to such provisions as they are from time to time amended and to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. ARTICLE III OPERATIONS The Cooperative shall operate at cost, accounting to members for all costs and savings that result from providing water services. Costs and savings shall be equitably allocated among members such that savings or losses are returned to each member in direct proportion to his or her patronage once reasonable reserves have been established. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Cooperative shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Cooperative exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. § 501(c)(12). ARTICLE IV MEMBERS The Cooperative shall have one or more classes of voting members whose respective qualifications, rights, and method of acceptance shall be as specified in the Bylaws. ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS The affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by its democratically elected Board of Directors, which currently consist of five (5) directors, and shall in the future consist of such number of persons as shall be fixed by the Bylaws from time to time. The terms of office, qualifications and method of election of the directors shall be as specified in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the current directors are: Ron Robinett 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Pat Nagy 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Terry Quillin 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Tim Mattison 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Lorna Glaunsinger 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541 ARTICLE VI OFFICERS The names and addresses of the current officers are: Ron Robinett, President 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Pat Nagy, Treasurer 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Lorna Glaunsinger, Secretary 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Terry Quillin, Other Officer 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541; Tim Mattison, Other Officer 251 N. Big Al's Run Payson, Arizona 85541 ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the directors of the Cooperative by a vote of majority (51%) of the number of directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that no amendment shall substantially change the original purposes of the Cooperative. ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION In the event of the dissolution of the Cooperative, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the Cooperative's liabilities, distribute all of the Cooperative's assets exclusively to the Cooperative's members in direct proportion to his or her patronage. ARTICLE IX PRINCIPAL OFFICE; REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT The mailing and street address of the principal and registered office is 251 N. Big Al's Run, Payson, Arizona 85541 and the registered agent at such address is Lorna Glaunsinger. ARTICLE X DIRECTOR LIABILITY To the fullest extent permitted by the ANCA as the same exist or may be hereafter amended, no director of the Cooperative shall be liable to the Cooperative for monetary damages for any action taken or any failure to take any action as a director. No repeal, amendment or modification of this article, whether direct or indirect, shall eliminate or reduce its effect with respect to any act or failure to act of a director of the Cooperative occurring prior to such repeal, amendment or modification. ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION The Cooperative shall, to the fullest extent permitted or required by Sections 10-3850 to 10-3858, inclusive, of the ANCA, including any amendments thereto (but in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent such amendment permits or requires the Cooperative to provide broader indemnification rights than prior to such amendment), indemnify its current and former Directors, Officers, and agents against any and all Liabilities, and advance any and all reasonable Expenses, incurred thereby in any Proceeding to which any Director or Officer is a Party because such Director or Officer is a Director or Officer of the Cooperative; provided, however, that the Cooperative's obligation of indemnification shall be conditioned upon its receipt of prompt written notice of the threat or filing of an action, suit or proceeding as to which rights of indemnification are sought. The Cooperative may indemnify its employees and authorized agents, acting within the scope of their duties as such, to the same extent as Directors or Officers hereunder. The rights to indemnification granted hereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to indemnification against Liabilities or the advancement of Expenses which such Director or Officer may be entitled under any written agreement, board resolution, vote of the Members, the ANCA or otherwise. All capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10-3850 of the ANCA. CERTIFICATION The undersigned officer of Bonita Creek Water Company hereby certifies that the foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation do not contain amendments to the Articles of Incorporation requiring member approval and that said Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted on June 26, 2020, in accordance with Section 10-11002 of the ANCA. DATED: June 26, 2020, /s/ Lorna Glaunsinger, Secretary
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