

## Free career expo app showcases Pinal County jobs

New and diverse job opportunities continue to come to Pinal County. Employers like Lucid Motors, Abbott Nutrition, Resolution Copper and Nikola are seeking employees with a variety of skills, experience and education. A new app called Achieve Pinal's Virtual Career Expo has been created to help Pinal County residents learn about careers that are in the county and how to prepare for them.

Achieve Pinal, a project of the Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth, is a community based effort dedicated to building a more competitive workforce through education and has developed the new app. Abbott Nutrition and Resolution Copper have sponsored the

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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

app's development and ongoing updates. "The pandemic has forced communities to adapt to alternate ways of learning, working and meeting. Virtual learning, telework and Zoom meetings have become the norm. Achieve Pinal's career exploration efforts also adapted to successfully reach our Pinal County audiences during the pandemic and into the future," said Bob Jackson, Career Expo Committee Chairman.

Career Expo is a free app, accessible to all, offering information about careers in Pinal County. The app offers a career exploration experience with professionals in a variety of careers. Career fields have been identified in partnership with ARIZONA@WORK. Some of the highlighted careers in the app include: Robotics, Cyber Security, Education, Veterinary Medicine, Public Safety, Utilities, Trades, Advanced Manufacturing/Technology, Medical, Finance, Agriculture, Hospitality and Engineering.

Careers showcased in the app will continually be updated

to reflect the dynamic changes occurring in Pinal County. New and exciting careers are coming to the region and employers are seeking qualified workers. In addition to new employers, longstanding Pinal County employers are experiencing ever changing work environments and their careers will be highlighted in the app as well.

The labor analytics firm, Emsi, that ranks counties by various economic development factors, announced the results of their recent study last month. The study evaluated counties in terms of migration, overall job growth, skilled-job growth, educational attainment, regional competitiveness and annual job openings per capita. The study analyzed 601 counties throughout the United States including nine of Arizona's 15 counties.

Pinal County was the second-highest ranked county in Arizona and 29th in the nation. The Emsi report also stated that small and medium sized markets are becoming more attractive to workers rather than living in a larger,

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## Mila Besich appointed to serve on National League of Cities' Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Mila Besich, Mayor, Superior, Arizona, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2021 EENR Federal Advocacy Committee. Mayor Besich was elected to a one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy agenda and policy priorities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Kathy Maness, councilmember, Lexington, South Carolina.

"I am honored to be appointed to this important committee of the NLC. In this capacity, I look forward to representing Superior and our sister Copper Corridor communities – communities that rely on mineral extraction as well as our beautiful natural environment to support our local economies. Our economic realities, opportunities and challenges can help inform systemic changes that will benefit countless small communities throughout the United States."

As a committee member, Besich will play a key role among a diverse group of local leaders in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocating on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

"Our federal advocacy committees are the voices of what's happening on the ground in our communities," said Maness. "I am proud to have Mayor Besich join NLC's EENR committee on behalf of her residents. Together with a team of local leaders from around the country, we will work to solve the most pressing challenges facing our communities."

This year's Committee leadership team consists of Chair Ellen Smith, Councilmember, Oak Ridge, TN; Vice Chair



Mila Besich

Cindy Dyballa, Councilmember, Tacoma Park, MD; and Vice Chair Adrian Hernandez, Councilmember, Pearland, TX

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, visit: www.nlc.org/advocacy/committees. The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. www.nlc.org.

# 2020 wildfire season one of the worst in a decade

Arizona experienced one of the worst fire seasons in nearly a decade driven by a multitude of factors, including unseasonably warm conditions, a lack of moisture, an overabundance of fine fuels, and increased recreational traffic across the state.

In 2020, 2,520 wildfires burned 978,519 acres of state, federal, and tribal lands. Of those fires, wildland fire investigators say 82% were human-caused. As compared to 2019, 1,869 wildfires burned 384,942 acres on all land jurisdictions. In 2018, 2,000 wildfires burned an estimated 165,000 acres.

Fire managers predicted high and likely extreme fire activity going into the summer due to the overgrowth of fine fuels across the Central region and within the Sonoran Desert. The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and partnering agencies prepared for the forecasted busy season with additional resources from neighboring states, early arrival of aircraft, and crew prepositioning.

As predicted, fire activity exploded in central Arizona, including across the central Wildland Urban Interface, along Interstate 17, within the Superstitions, southern Arizona, and throughout the Tonto National Forest. The nonexistent monsoon season exacerbated predictions and pushed fire activity well into the fall with October's 9,537-acre Horse Fire on the Prescott National Forest. The lack of precipitation also kept fire restrictions in place through November.

"This was a historic fire season across the board, throughout the west, from California and Arizona to Oregon, and we are not just talking in terms of data. The extreme drought conditions, excess ground fuel, and inadequate moisture created fast moving, large-scale fires. Under certain conditions, a majority of these fires produced extreme fire behavior that pushed right through retardant lines and created very dangerous situations. This week's recent moisture only helps our

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A smoke plume rises over Oracle during last summer's Bighorn Fire.





## **COPPER CORRIDOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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#### Carlos Gonzalez 520-487-2219

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480-645-7687

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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760-238-0474

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www.lwcoracle.org Find us on Facebook @ LWC Oracle

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> 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**

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

Victory in Jesus

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

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Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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#### Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church

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#### 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.

## 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

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

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

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Pastors Dennis & Sandy VanGoro

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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2150 Hwy 77 Oracle

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Pastor Joe Ventimiglia

520-405-0510

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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.

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of God

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www.YourLighthouseFamily.com

Pastor Michael Soto

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

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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

#### 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.

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

# Ray splits games with San Manuel

By Nathaniel A. Lopez Copper Basin News

The Ray and San Manuel rivalry continued on Feb. 2, as the Bearcats hosted the Miners. The boys team ending the night with the win. The girls suffered a close loss, their first of the season.

"Unfortunately we struggled at the start of the game," girls coach Vanessa Camacho commented, "Although, we were able to keep it close, we just weren't able to get the win."

Leading scorers were Marissa Barragan 12 points, Chelsea Flores 11 and Emma Stuart 9. The game ended with a close 40-44.

"We fought all four quarters, but San Manuel brought the fight, and ended up with the W," said Coach Camacho.

The boys started strong scoring 18 points in the first quarter, and continued it by ending the second quarter with 16 points. The third quarter proved their strongest, ending it with 22 points. Coach Jonathan Archuleta noted Alex Bravo as an outstanding player for the game, scoring 22 points. The night ended with a 65-31 win.

The following evening the Bearcats hosted Mogollon; the girls once again suffered a close loss, while the boys ended the evening with another victory.

"Against a very good Mogollon team, Johnavon Pace came up very big for us," said Coach Archuleta.

Johnavon Pace lead the team with 26 points. The boys were down by 8 at the end of the first quarter, but scored 30 during the second quarter. They continued to keep

the lead they procured and came out with the win, the final score being 81-63.

The girls put up a tough fight, but were unable to close the game with a victory.

"We knew this game was going to be tough, and we knew we needed to bring the intensity from the tip," said Coach Camacho, "Our shooting was off and we struggled to play our style of basketball."

The final score was 22-39, Mogollon coming out with the win.

"These are the games we use to help us improve," Coach Camacho optimistically commented.

On Feb. 5, Desert Christian came to Ray to face the Bearcats. The boys continued their winning streak, but unfortunately the girls fell short of the win.

"We played better this game," said Coach Camacho, "We are still working through some kinks, but we are progressing each game."

The girls kept the lead the first two quarters, but weren't able to keep it through the third. By the end of the fourth quarter, the girls were tied, and taken into overtime.

"We missed important free throws, which would have helped us put up points to get the W," commented Coach Camacho, "These are the hard lessons of basketball each team will struggle with at one point in the season."

Leading scorers were, Marissa Barragan with 12 points, Chelsea Flores with 9, and Indigo Patterson with 5. The final score of the game was 32-40.

The boys team once again closed out the night with a victory.

## Flags and pins for our Fallen Heroes

Forty souls have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the lives and property of the citizens of Gila County since 1881. Law men and women, fire fighters, rescue and medics lost their lives while trying to save some others.

This is a sacrifice that should not be soon forgotten.

It is the mission of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association to remember them, but we need your help. Along with the establishing of a granite monument upon which the names of these fallen heroes shall be inscribed, a flag and memorial pin will be dedicated to the memory of each one of the fallen. We ask that the citizens of Gila County, we the beneficiaries of these honorable sacrifices, would donate a minimum of \$30 to sponsor a flag and pin. If you know one these

lost in the line of duty and would like to make your donation in the memory of him or her, it is gladly received by the Memorial Association. Donations above and beyond this amount are also gladly welcomed and can be used at your direction either to purchase another memorial flag and pin or to be used toward the construction of the monument. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make checks to Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association, or simply GCPSMA, and mail them to 1330 N Broad St., Globe, AZ, 85501.

If you are interested in getting involved in the work of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association, members from Northern Gila County, San Carlos, and Hayden-Winkelman are needed, as well as Globe-Miami. Please send an email stating your interest to gilacomemorial@gmail.com. "Desert Christian was a very well coached team, but these boys found a way to pull out the win," commented Coach Archuleta.

The boys ended the first quarter with only a one point lead, but picked up the pace and ended each quarter with more points than the previous one. Derek Figueroa was the point leader of the game, scoring 27 points. The final score of the game was 78-55.

The next day, Saturday Feb. 6, the Bearcats traveled to Immaculate Heart. Both boys and girls closing the evening with wins.

"Against Immaculate Heart, which was the fourth game in five days, the boys were a bit worn out," stated Coach Archuleta, "They did what they had to do to get the win."

Alex Bravo lead the team, scoring 19 points, helping them secure the victory. The

final score was 65-57.

The girls were able to lift themselves up during this game.

"This was a tough game, coming off a three-game losing streak," commented Coach Camacho.

Senior player Emma Stuart stated, "We are not losing this game."

Stuart lead the team in the game, scoring 12 points, followed by Chelsea Flores with 10, and Marissa Barragan, with 6. The girls came out victorious, the final score being 30-22.

"[We] have another tough week. We play some solid teams," commented Coach Archuleta, "The boys just gotta keep working hard and getting better."

Both teams continue their quests for victory, and have a busy week coming up.

## Letters of Interest with Resumes being accepted to fill vacancy created by resignation of Justice of the Peace, Nancy Discher.

Pinal County Board of Supervisors to appoint a Justice of the Peace to serve remainder of the term through December 31, 2022.

FLORENCE – Nancy Discher who has served as Justice of the Peace over Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court, representing Oracle, Eaglecrest Ranch, SaddleBrooke Ranch and SaddleBrooke, since January 2015 has announced her resignation effective January 20, 2021.

The law that covers vacancies in county offices makes a distinction between whether the vacancy occurs within the first two years of an official's term or afterwards. In the case of a mid-term vacancy that occurs after the completion of the first two years of service, Arizona Revised Statute 16-230.A.2 is invoked. This states:

If a county office becomes vacant, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a person of the same political party as the person vacating the office to fill the portion of the term until the next regular general election. If the person vacating the office changed political party affiliations after taking office, the person who is appointed to fill the vacancy shall be of the same political party that the vacating officeholder was when the vacating officeholder was elected or appointed to that office.

Judge Discher was elected as a Republican so the Pinal County Board of Supervisors is only accepting applications from registered Republicans for the Justice of the Peace position, Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court. To be eligible for appointment as Justice of the Peace, Arizona law specifies that the following criteria be met by each potential candidate:

- Must be a legal Arizona resident living within the Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court
- Must be registered to vote,
- Must be able to read and write the English language and,
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Interested individuals should take note of the application criteria and deadlines below:

Letters of Interest and Résumés by 5:00 PM Friday, February 26, 2021.
 There is no formal application to submit and any combination of a letter of interest with résumé and other documents outlining the applicant's qualifications for office shall be emailed, mailed, or submitted in person:

#### ClerkoftheBoard@pinal.gov

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board Pinal County Board of Supervisors **Physical Address:** 135 North Pinal Street **Mailing Address:** PO Box 827 Florence, AZ 85132 520-866-6219

Candidates shall indicate their address, party affiliation and contact information in their letter of interest.

Title 22 of the Arizona Revised Statutes provides more detail on the duties of a Justice of the Peace.

## Preparing for the first day of kindergarten starts now

The start of the new year may seem early to start thinking about the first day of school, but for families with children entering kindergarten next school year, it's not too soon to get ready. In fact, many schools hold their kindergarten registration events beginning this month.

In 2021, discussions about virtual learning vs. onsite

classrooms also are a factor for families preparing their child for their first year of elementary school. The first step is for parents to contact their local school for kindergarten registration information.

Then, at home, no matter what back-to-school situation families may face there are things families can do to help their child be successful on the first day of kindergarten. First Things First (FTF), Arizona's early childhood agency, has resources to help parents and caregivers online on the FTF Kindergarten Readiness page, found at https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/kindergarten-readiness/.

Below are some tips from FTF to help ease your preschooler's transition to kindergarten:

- Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day. This can be done by having short reading sessions throughout the day to add up to 20 minutes total, which can help with shorter attention spans. Try books that repeat words; involve activities like counting, identifying colors, objects or letters; or, are about things your child likes. Ask questions like, "What do you think happens next?"
- Talk with your child everywhere at home, in the car, at the store. Have real conversations with your preschooler. Make up stories or songs about your outings.
- Writing begins with scribbling. Give your child safe writing tools to play with, like crayons, chalk or markers and blank paper. Ask your child to tell you about their drawings. Also, writing requires fine motor strength. Your child can build hand strength by playing with play dough.
- Teach your child how to use the bathroom by themselves, to wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, to blow their nose and sneeze into their elbow.
- Since preschoolers may be in places where cloth face coverings are required, help them get used to wearing them. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers reassurance that mask wearing becomes routine when reinforced by adults and peers, just like wearing a bicycle helmet and buckling into their car seats.

"There are many things you can do to help your Continued on page 7

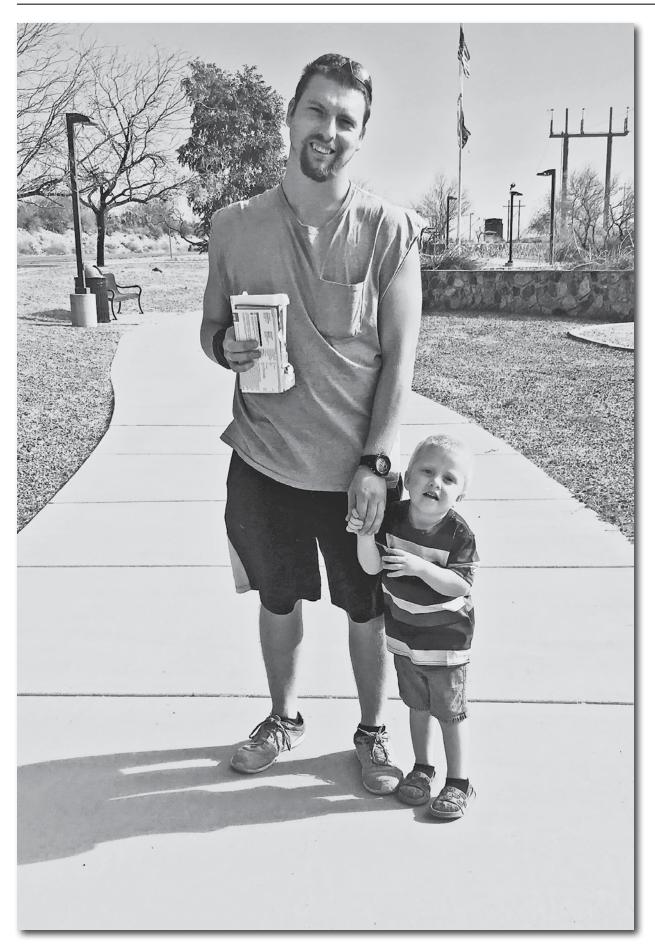


Reading with your child in short sessions throughout the day to add up to 20 minutes total is one of the best ways to help your child be ready when they start kindergarten. Visit https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/kindergarten-readiness/ for more tips on what you can do at home with your son or daughter.









## A walk in the sun

(At left) A father and son were out for a walk in Kearny in the Arizona winter sunshine. Joshuah Hazlewood and his two year old son Toby were enjoying the 70 plus degree weather. Joshuah from upstate New York moved to Kearny about two years ago, takes in the Kearny temperatures unlike this time of year in New York.

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child prepare for Kindergarten," said Mary C. O'Brien Elementary School Kindergarten Paraprofessional Lee Ann Miller. "This is an exciting time for them, preparing them for the beginning of their educational career. Activities that help strengthen their fine motor skills are important. Some fun fine motor exercises are stringing beads, putting nuts and bolts together, or painting with Q-tips. These are activities that will help them prepare for writing. Reading to your child, and having them look for colors and shapes in everyday items are fun ways to get them learning."

Even if you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our young kids to school with the skills and confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

**About First Things First** 

As Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

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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.



#### Support Offered for Copper Corridor Low Income Senior-Owned Homes

The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) is supporting the USDA 504 and Habitat for Humanity's Aging in Place programs to help low-income seniors to make sure their homes are safe and healthy. For help in evaluating your eligibility and in applying contact via email at ccedc@magmadorada.com or by phone at 520-788-3672.

#### **WIC Program**

Have you been laid off or had your work hours cut back due to the pandemic? Pinal County Public Health's WIC program may be able to help! WIC serves pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding moms, as well as children under the age of 5. We provide nutrition and breastfeeding education, referrals to community programs, and healthy food for you and your family. Call 1-866-960-0633 today to find out more and to schedule your first appointment!



#### 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.

#### **BYOM: Bring Your Own Masks**

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 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!

#### 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.

#### **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, 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

American Legion Post #17 in Superior would like to express its deepest support for our community's effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and encourage everyone to wear your mask, wash your hands, and stay home if you're feeling ill. We also understand lots of Superior residents are experiencing financial hardships due to lost employment and wages due to uncertainty and shutdowns, so in an effort to support our local veterans we are announcing the Veteran's COVID Relief Fund. The find is going to provide \$250 grants to local Superior veterans who need help paying essential bills. This grant is open to veterans of ALL branches of the American military and eras of service. For more information and an application email Commander Gary Michael Montiel at gmmontiel83@ gmail.com. Stay safe Superior!



## Car Keys Found at Ray High School

Car keys were found in the Ray High School track area. Check at Ray High School and describe keys to claim.

#### **FEBRUARY**

## 12 Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

Superior Food Bank is serving up a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner. Take out will be served from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, at the Patio, Sunflour Market, 203 Main St. for a donation of \$10 per plate. Come out and support the food bank.



12 Drive Thru Dispose-A-Med

Drive Thru Dispose-A-Med will take place on Friday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Sun Life Family Health Center,23 S McNab Pkwy in San Manuel, and then on Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Oracle Community Center, 685 E. American Ave in Oracle. Bring unused or expired pills, patches, powders and ointments. Do not bring liquids, inhalers and needles. For more information please contact Darien Matthews by email: DARIEN@AZYP.ORG or phone: 310-926-4765.

## Free Kearny Dump Day Scheduled

There will be a Free Dump Day on Saturday, Feb. 13, starting at 7 a.m. Volunteers will not be allowed to assist with the unloading of your items. Please have your own helpers with you. Appropriately worn face masks will be required of anyone entering the dump area.

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.

## ON THE AGENDA

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.

RAY PTO: The Ray Bearcats Parent-Teacher Organization will hold monthly meetings on the last Monday of every month. If you would like to get involved with all of the great things the PTO has been doing for the school, please join us at a meeting. The meetings will be held virtually at 7 p.m. Please email raybearcatspto@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**UNITED FOOD BANK:** United Food Bank will be in the parking lot of the Church of the Good Shepherd (bottom of the school hill in Kearny), on the first Friday of each month.

**KEARNY ELKS LODGE # 2478:** Kearny Elks Lodge # 2478 meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. The lounge's schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 – 8 p.m. and Sunday 3-9 p.m.

**HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER:** The Hayden Senior Center, 520 Velasco Ave., is open every weekday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., to serve the needs of senior citizens and low-income families. A warm,nutritious lunch is served every day. Call 520-356-7035 for information or to check on the daily meal.

**LOBO BOOSTERS:** For Lobo Booster Club membership and information, please call Michelle Gonzales at 480-888-6598.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Kearny Police: Against Town Code to Block Street, Etc.

The Kearny Police Department would like to remind the community that it is a violation of Town Code 10-1-13.A to any person to obstruct any public street or alley, sidewalk or park or other public grounds within the town by committing any act of, or doing anything with is injurious to the health, or indecent or offensive to the senses, or to do in or upon any such streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks or other public grounds, any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone, in or upon, or facing or fronting on any such streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks or other public grounds in the town. The Town Code covers any object that would block the sidewalks within the town such as portable basketball hoops. Please be mindful of this Town Code and remove any objects that are currently blocking any portion of the sidewalks. Kearny Police Department would like to thank you for your assistance.



Photo from the most recent (2019) contest winner, Sean Stubben. Photo courtesy Arizona Highways Magazine

# Student photographers have chance for Arizona Highways fame; ADOT-published magazine announces 2021 Student Photo Contest

PHOENIX - One of the most unique publications in the world, the ADOT-published Arizona Highways magazine, is offering student photographers a rare chance to have a nature photo published in an upcoming issue.

The publication, in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy and COX Communications, is sponsoring the 2021 Adventures in Nature Student Photo Contest, which is open to Arizona students between the ages of 13 and 18.

The competition is open through Friday, April 16, and

winners will be announced on May 6. Submissions of high-resolution nature photos must be submitted via arizonahighways.com.

A total of \$10,000 in cash prizes await the top 10 winners and the overall winning entry will be published in Arizona Highways, which is renowned for its outstanding images taken by world-famous photographers.

Contestants can find more information on submission requirements at arizonahighways.com or nature.org/arizona.

## COVID-19 Positive Case Weekly Report

	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9
Globe	1257	1257	1262	1268	1271	1275	1280
Hayden	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Kearny	139	139	140	140	142	143	144
Mammoth	169	169	170	170	170	173	173
Miami	355	355	356	356	356	356	356
Oracle	353	356	356	356	358	362	368
San Manuel	291	267	273	273	275	275	278
Superior	267	267	273	273	275	275	278
Winkelman	149	149	149	149	149	149	149
Statewide New Cases	2,296	4,417	3,826	3,471	1,544	2,250	4,381

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 Feb. 9, 2021. We have also included a graph showing the daily counts for the past week. The state has reported that as of this past week, there has been a decrease in cases statewide. This downward trajectory has not been seen since early September, 2020.

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/3inh280

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.

## **WILDFIRE SEASON**

drought situation for the short term and residents cannot let their guards down. We need people to be proactive and protect their properties and be fire safe when outdoors," said John Truett Fire Management Officer for the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

It is imperative residents create defensible space around their properties and do their part to help prevent wildfires.

Always pay attention to surroundings when working outdoors, use a spark arrester, and never burn on windy days. Put out campfires completely, secure tow chains, and abide by fire restrictions.

Last year was as one of the most severe and destructive of wildfire seasons, but it was not the worst. In 2011, Arizona hit the million-acre mark in part due to the Wallow Fire in northeastern Arizona. That year, 1,988 fires burned a total of 1,016,428 acres.

#### PINAL CAREERS

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metropolitan area. The Career Expo app will aid students, workers and employers to access information about the exciting job opportunities in Pinal County. The county's job growth and job openings are amongst the best in the state and nation.

"During this unprecedented and challenging time, we have found new, different ways of connecting with each other. This mobile app provides students the opportunity to learn about careers in Pinal County through interactions with business professionals. A big thanks to the Pinal Alliance organization for leading this critical initiative," said Angela Doerr, Abbott Plant Manager.

Jobs are changing rapidly. This is a period of unprecedented change and the pace is accelerating. Technology is impacting work more and more everyday. Many jobs will require education beyond high school. Currently in Arizona, only 45 percent of adults have education beyond a high school diploma. Pinal County is currently at 36 percent. In order for Arizona to be competitive, increasing the number of individuals who are equipped with a high value professional certificate or degree, is an area of needed improvement.

"The students in Pinal County are the future of our community, and we want to do whatever we can to make sure they have access to an innovative experience that builds career exploration, connects students to employers, and improves post-secondary attainment," said Bryan Seppala, Resolution Copper Economic and Workforce Development.

To access the free app, visit the App Store and download CrowdCompass Events and search for Achieve Pinal's Virtual Career Expo. The app can also be accessed via any browser at: https://event.crowdcompass.com/ virtualcareerexpo

Achieve Pinal is a regional grassroots effort dedicated to working with education, government, business and other interested community partners to develop a competitive workforce for future jobs by improving educational attainment in Pinal County.

#### **Public Notice**

Law Offices Fuller & Stowell, P.C. Stapley Professional Plaza 1116 E. Greenway, Suite 103 Mesa, 85203-4399 Telephone (48 (480)0709 Randal L. Stowell, SBN 007513 Attorney for Personal Representative IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL IN the Matter of the Estate of DAVID STEARNS, Deceased. NO. PB2021-00006 NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Caroline L. Stearns has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative, Caroline L. Stearns, 3631 Lakeview Drive, Algonquin, Illinois 60102. Dated this 27th day of January, 2021. FULLER & STOWELL, P.C. By /s/ Randal L. Stowell 1116 E. Greenway, Suite 103 Mesa, Arizona 85203 Attorney for Personal Representative CBN Legal 2/3/21, 2/10/21, 2/17/21

#### **Public Notice**

WILLIAM H. DOYLE, ARIZONA BAR NUMBER 007285 THE DOYLE FIRM, P.C. 1313 E. OSBORN ROAD, SUITE 220 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85014 TELEPHONE: (602) 240-6711 FACSIMILE: (602) 240-6951 WDOYLE@ DOYLELAWGROUP. COM ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS NAVAJO COUNTY JUSTICE COURT PINETOP-LAKESIDE 1630 EAST WHITE MOILINGTHIN BOUIL FIVARD PINETOP PINETOP-LAKESIDE 1630 EAST WHITE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD PINETOP, ARIZONA 85935 SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY POOL, an Arizona corporation, as Subrogee of AZ Med Transportation, LLC; AZ MED TRANSPORTATION, LLC, a domestic corporation, Plaintiffs, vs. NICOLE SUE QUINTERO and JOHN DOE QUINTERO, wife and husband; JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; Defendants. INO. CV 2020 0000 30 I-XI, Defendants. DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X, Defendants. INO. CV 2020 0000 30 CIVIL SUMMONS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO: NICOLE SUE QUINTERO 3150 MOUNTAIN LION LANE WHITE RIVER, ARIZONA 85941 REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MUST BE MADE TO THE COURT AT LEAST 3 JUDICIAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SCHEDULED HEARING 1. YOU ARE SUMMONED to respond to his complaint by filing a written ANSWER with this Court and by paying the required fee. If you cannot afford to pay the required free, you may request that the Court either waive or defer the fee. 2 if you were served with this summons If you were served with this summons in the State of Arizona, the court must receive your answer within twenty (20) calendar days from the date you were served. If you were served outside the State of Arizona, the Court must receive your answer within thirty (30) calendar your answer winn unity (so) calendary from the date you were served. If the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you will until the next working day to file your answer. When calculating time, do not count the day you were served with the summons. you were served with the summons.

3. Your answer must be in writing. A. You may obtain an answer form from this Court. B. You may also obtain an answer form from the Form section of the Navajo County Justice Courts website. 4. Provide a copy of your answer to the Plaintiffs or to the Plaintiff's attorney in accordance with JCRCP Rule 120. The accordance with JCRCP Rule 120. The Plaintiff's attorney is: William H. Doyle, Esq. THE DOYLE FIRM, P.C. 1313 East Osborn Road, Suite 220 Phoenix, Arizona 85014 5. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THIS COURT WITHIN THE TIME INDICATED ABOVE, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU. Date: 2/14/20 /s/ R. Smith Clerk You are required to keep the court advised of your current address and contact phone number. The clerk can provide you with a Notice of Change of Address form. CBN Legal 1/20/21, 1/27/21, 2/3/21,

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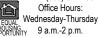
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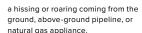
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Folks who run the Desert Mountain Realty are (I-r) James and Darlene Hosea, Realtors, Pam Collins, Office Manager and Jason Collins, Designated Broker. n April, COVID-19 brought much of Arizona's economy to a screeching halt. All businesses not deemed "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. Over the next several weeks, our newspapers (*Copper Basin News, Superior Sun* and *San Manuel Miner*) will be featuring local businesses and non-profits, encouraging our readers to Shop at Home, stay local and support our local businesses.

It is hard enough making it as a small business in a small town during normal times. But to balance those difficulties during a pandemic adds an entirely different twist to things. And real estate can be even harder.

Jason Collins and his team at Desert Mountain Realty are ready to help if you need to sell your home or are looking to move.

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Jason is the designated broker, while his wife Pam serves as the office manager. James and Darlene Hosea work with the Collins as realtors.

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