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## OBITUARIES Jose Valentin

Funeral services for Jose Valentin will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 Mountain View Dr., Hayden. A visitation is set for 9 a.m. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden. Mr. Valentin, 91, passed away peacefully at the Park Avenue Health and Rehabilitation Center in Tucson, Arizona, on Dec.

14, 2021.

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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

He was a native Arizonan, born on March 23, 1930, and raised in Hayden, Arizona and resided there until moving to Nogales, Arizona. He was longtime resident of Nogales, Arizona. He will be missed by his family.

## **Public Notice**

Nominations are Open for 1 Winkelman NRCD Supervisor seat The Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) will hold a Supervisor Election on Saturday, May 7, 2022, General Keamy Inn, 301 Alden Rd, 85137, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The District is soliciting petitions for a supervisor candidate.

a supervisor candidate. The election's open seat is for a new 6-year term. To be eligible, a candidate must be 18 years of age, a resident of the District, a registered voter in the State of Arizona, and have a Cooperator Agreement on file with the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District. A regular candidate nomination petition requires the signatures of district cooperators; while, a write-in nomination petition does not require signatures.

Write-in nomination petitions must be filed by March 27, 2022 Regular nomination petitions must be filed by April 22, 2022

Nomination Petitions must be obtained from the Winkelman District Board of Supervisors by emailing clerk. wnrcd@gmail.com or calling 210-380-5770. Once you provide your email address, additional candidate forms will be emailed to you to complete the nomination process.

If you have any questions regarding the cooperator agreement, nomination petition or filing, send an email to clerk. wnrcd@gmail.com. CBN Legal 2/2/22

## **Public Notice**

Jared R. Owens, Esq. ()27874) THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC 200 W. Frontier St., Ste L Payson, AZ 85541 Phone: (928) 472-4303 Fax: (928) 472-1309 info@owenslazwaz.com Attorney for Personal Representative, LAURA LEE ESPINOZA SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF HELEN DARLENE SHAW. An Adult, Deceased. Case No.: PB2021-00152 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: 1. LAURA LEE ESPINOZA was appointed Personal Representative of this Estate on December 17, 2021, and the notice to the heirs of informal appointment of personal representative was given as required by law. 2. All persons having claims within (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or after receipt of this Notice by mail or their claims will be forever barred. 3. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to LAURA LEE ESPINOZA, Personal Representative, % The Owens Law Firm, 200 W. Frontier St., Ste. L., Payson, Arizona 85541. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of December, 2021. THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC By /s/ Jardet R. Owens Jared R. Owens, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative **CBN Legal 1119**/22, 126/22, 2/2/22

Following graduation from Hayden High School he joined the Army where he was stationed in Germany, served in Company C 169th Infantry, and was honorably discharged. Following his discharge from the Army he attended and graduated from Art school in Portland, OR. He returned to Hayden and later moved to Nogales with this sister, Jessie, and parents. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Teodora Valentin; sisters, Jessie Valentin and Antonia (Toni) Scrivner: and brother. Trinidad Valentin. Jose is survived by his sister-in-law, Yolanda Valentin, widow of Trinidad Valentin,



FOR THE CENTRAL ARIZONA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC

**DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)** The Central Arizona Governments Regional Council and Economic Development District Governing Board have completed a draft of the 2021-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Central Arizona Economic Development District. The CEDS is used as a guide for economic development decisions in the Gila and Pinal County region. The document contains a profile of the region's economy, including strengths and weaknesses, as well as goals and strategies. There is also a listing of vital economic development projects and performance measures to gauge the effectiveness of the CEDS A thirty (30) day public comment review period is required prior to adoption and submittal of the updated CEDS to the United States Department of Economic Development Administration (EDA). **PUBLICATION:** The 2021-2025 CEDS available to review on the Central Arizona Governments (CAG) website at www. canaz ore

DATE AND TIME: The required 30-day public comment period for the CEDS will commence on January 24, 2022 and conclude on February 22, 2022, however, if you have comments or questions, please feel to contact CAG at any time. COMMENTS: Comments should be submitted either by email to rmawson@ cagaz.org or by mail to Robert Mawson, Community and Economic Development Manager, Central Arizona Governments, 2540 W Apache Trail, Suite 108, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. MINER, CEN, SUN Legal 1/26/22, 2/2/22

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children of sister Antonia (Toni) Scrivner, Leo Scrivner (Patti) of Cary, NC, Benjamin Scrivner (Maria) of Missouri City TX, Vera Scrivner (Robert) of Algona, IA, and Thelma Ramos of Laveen, AZ. and children of brother Trinidad Valentin, Raquel Valentin Wheeler of Sierra Vista, Esther Henley (Robert) of Casa Grande, Paul (Traycee) of Sierra Vista, and Olivia Silver (Aaron) of Tucson, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

**Jose Valentin** 

Arrangements by Griffith Mortuary, in Kearny, AZ.

## Gladys Mae Martinez

Memorial services for Gladys Mae Martinez,78, will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church in Kearny, beginning with a Rosary at 9 a.m., followed by the Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden. She passed away peacefully



She passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at her home in Kearny, AZ,

surrounded by her family. Gladys was born to Jewel and Leona Stephens on Sept. 8, 1943, in Tucson, AZ.

Gladys moved to Springerville, AZ at the age of 13, where she met Antolino T. Ballejos. They were married on May 30, 1959. They lived in St. Johns and Flying C until they moved to Winkelman in 1967. Gladys and Antolino raised 7 kids together until their divorce in 1993.

Gladys remarried in 1999 to Richard M. Martinez for 12 years until his death on Dec. 21, 2011.

Gladys worked for Curtis Jackson for many years before she went to work for Asarco until she retired in August 2005.

Gladys is preceded in death by her mom, dad and her son, Jenaro P. Ballejos. She is survived by her children, Charlotte (Frank) Castro, Arlene Ballejos, Laura (Jesus) Ortega, Veronica (Marty) Rios, Merlinda (Thomas) Cabrera and Antolino A. Ballejos. She also leaves behind 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Griffith Mortuary assisted with arrangements.

## Hayden, Ray basketball teams have busy week, wrapping up regular season play

By Nathaniel A. Lopez Copper Basin News

The Ray and Hayden teams had busy weeks, finishing up the regular seasons and preparing for the sectional tournaments.

Ray hosted three teams this week.

On Jan. 24, the Superior basketball team came to compete. The Lady 'Cats played a tough game, but were unable to walk away with the win. The final

score of their game was a close 32-37. The Bearcats closed out the night victoriously, with a big win, 61-24. On Jan. 28, the teams hosted

Cicero Prep. The girls team avenged

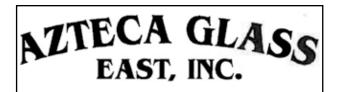
their loss from earlier in the week, winning only by three points, in a 33-30 game. The Bearcats played a tough game, posting 52 points, but in the end falling short by 11 points. The final score of the boys game was 52-63.

The following day, San Simon made its way to Ray's court. The Lady 'Cats played a dangerously close game, with a nail-biting finishing score, 27-26, giving them their second close win of the week. The boys team turned up the heat against San Simon, overpowering them by a 31-point difference at the end. Recovering from the previous night's loss, the Bearcats won 63-32.

On Feb. 4, the Lady 'Cats will travel to Gilbert's Leading Edge Academy to compete in the two-day girls 1A East Section Tournament. For the boys, the Bearcats will once again be hosting, starting Feb. 3, the three-day Boys 1A East Section Tournament at Ray High School.

Hayden, likewise, had a busy week, with five games for the boys and four for the girls.

On Jan. 24, both teams traveled to Cibeque to compete against Dishchii'bikoh. The Lady Lobos suffered a loss, with a final score of 24-56. The boys team played a close



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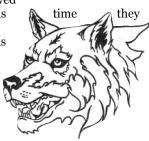
928-425-8212 Licensed • Bonded • Insured game, but weren't able to come out victorious like their last game against them. The Lobos fell short 7 points, resulting in a 50-57 loss.

The following day, they traveled to Gilbert to play against Leading Edge Academy. It was a tough evening for both teams, the girls team taking a hard loss of 22-71. The boys team losing in their 69-82 game.

On Jan. 27, Fort Thomas traveled to Hayden. The Lady Lobos took their third loss of the week in their 23-60 game. The Lobos were able to walk away with a victory in hand, defeating Fort Thomas with a close 59-55 final score.

The next day, the teams once again were on the road, this time to Lincoln Prep. It was once again a tough evening for both teams. The girls team was able to score 33 points, breaking out of the 20-25 point range they'd been in all week. Unfortunately, the Lady Lobos were unable to keep down Lincoln Prep's offense, resulting in a 33-51 loss.

The Lobos once again played a close game, although this fell short by 5 points. The final score for the boys was 38-43. The following day, the boys team hosted San Manuel. The Lobos recovered from their previous loss, defeating the Miners in the 61-36 game.



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## Kearny Police Report

Items are given to the Copper Basin News by the Kearny Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.

Activity listed Jan. 9 – Jan. 22. Jan. 18

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Alden Rd. Calls not listed include: alarm (5), welfare check (3), illegal dumping (1), ambulance (28), harassing phone calls (1), extra patrol (1), agency assist (5), traffic (27), unkempt



premises (2), parking violation (1), civil problem (1), civil standby (2), vacation house check (1), suspicious vehicle (2), illegal fireworks (1), traffic (4), animal complaint (3), citizen assist (6), disturbance (1), unwanted subject (1), noise disturbance (2), suspicious activity (2), code violation (1), unkempt premises (1) and information (1).

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## Hayden student places third at Elks District Hoop Shoot

All their practice paid off! The Kearny Elks Lodge is very proud to announce they have three first place winners going on to compete at the State Hoop Shoot on Feb. 12 in Apache Junction. The fourth student competing in the District Hoop Shoot placed third. Joshua Zapata, Noelle Duarte and Nathaniel Sinteral all placed first in the East District Hoop Shoot on Jan. 8. All three are from Superior.

Ysenia De Las Reyes of Hayden placed third in her age group.

The Kearny Elks are very proud of these young athletes and will be cheering them

on in February. If any (or all) of the first place winners win at the state level, they will advance to the regional shoot in Las Vegas, where they will compete against athletes from Utah, California and Nevada. For over 45 years, the Hoop Shoot allows every boy and girl between 8 and 13 in an Elks Lodge community the opportunity

to participate in a fun, age-appropriate program that sets them up for future success. Participation in the Hoop Shoot encourages kids to set goals and work hard. For more information on the Elks Hoop Shoot go to www.elks.org/ hoopshoot.



Ysenia De Las Reyes placed third for 8-9 girls. Pictured with her is Arizona Elks State President Charyll McKean.

## **Redistricting Community Meetings** *Your Chance to Have Your Say!*

February 7th 6 - 7 pm Pinal County Complex, City of Maricopa

February 10th 10 - 11 am Arizona City Firehouse

February 16th 3 - 4 pm MountainView Clubhouse, SaddleBrooke

February 22nd 6 - 7 pm Pinal County Complex, San Tan Valley February 9th 3.30 - 4.30 pm Apache Junction Performing Arts Center

February 15th 6 - 7 pm 1891 Courthouse, Florence

February 17th 6 - 7 pm San Manuel Community Center

February 23rd 6 - 7 pm Casa Grande City Hall

More Info: www.pinalcountyaz.gov/redistricting



PINAL COUNTY





# Support Local: Lopez Customs

In 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 135 businesses and groups in the Copper Corridor.

When the pandemic started, it became so important to maintain social distance, only socialize with family or work within your "COVID Circle."

Ruben and Arnold Lopez, who are brothers, were lucky that their family and work COVID circles were the same. The two are owners and partners in Lopez Customs in Dudleyville.

"We specialize in custom paint jobs, medal flake, pearls and candies," said Ruben, who manages the body, paint and upholstery shop. The shop uses Lusid Technologies for color matching, base-coat, clear-coat, and perfect color match when needed. They offer custom upholstery or original style. Estimates are free.

The two have been in business for more than 30 years. The shop is located at 5855 N. Dudleyville Rd., Dudleyville. They can be reached by phone at 520-444-8521. They are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



Ruben and Arnold Lopez in front of their shop inDudleyville.James Carnes | CBN



Ruben and Arnold Lopez stand next to a 1952 Chevy 5 window pickup. The truck was restored for late Jack Jacobson. James Carnes | CBN



Ruben and Arnold Lopez with their completed restored 1957 Chevy.

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Pastor Joe Ventimiglia 520-487-0311

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#### **Oracle Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

2150 Hwy 77 Oracle

#### Pastor Michael Soto

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

#### San Pedro Valley **Baptist Church**

Dudleyville Road, Dudleyville

#### Pastor Anthony DaCunha 520-357-7353

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

## **Church of Jesus Christ**

of Latter-day Saints Kearny Ward

200 Hammond Dr. **Bishop Brian Coleman** Sunday Morning Meetings: Sacrament 10 a.m.

Scripture Study 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church** 

1st & Nichols, San Manuel

**Pastor Kevin Duncan** 

385-4655

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

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Sunday Evening Discipleship 5 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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## **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

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#### Family Life Christian Center

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103 Hammond Dr., Kearny

#### Minister George Randall 520-363-7711

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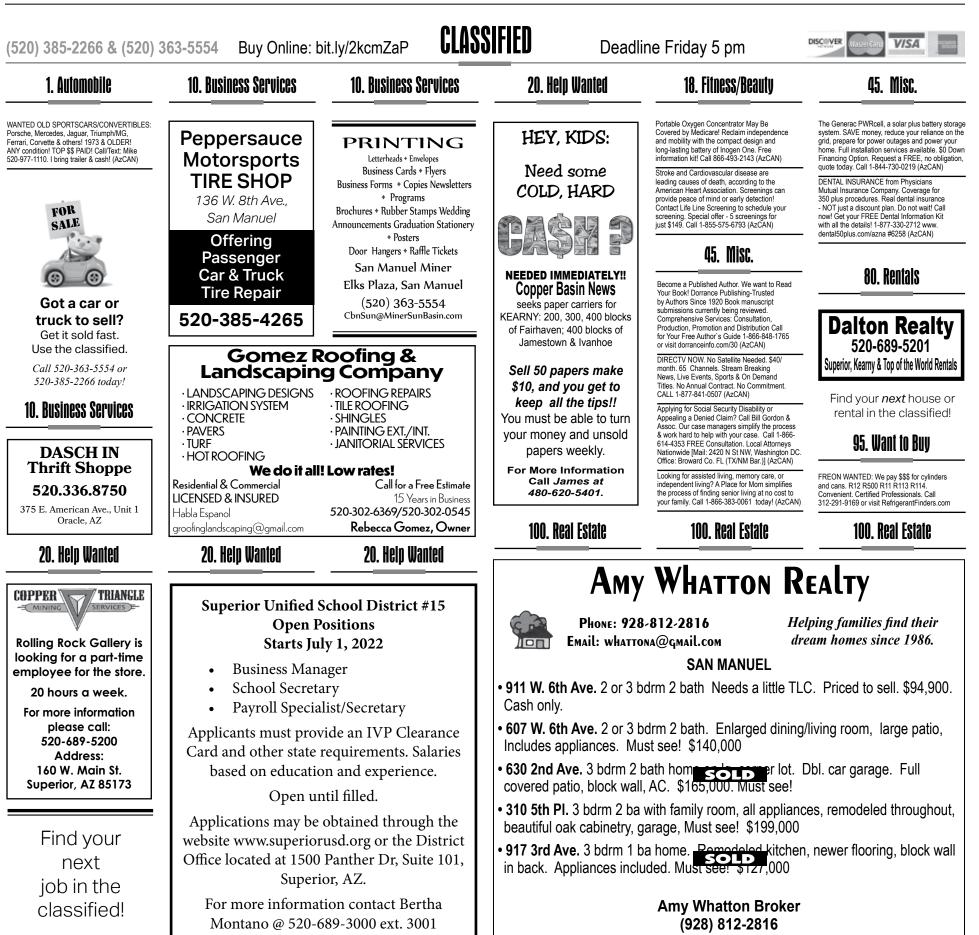
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