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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

## Rudy Lujan appointed Copper Corridor Justice of the Peace

On May 5, 2021 at the Pinal County Board of Supervisors regular session meeting, the Board approved the recommendation by the Justice of the Peace selection committee to appoint Rudy Lujan as Pinal County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, to fill the remainder of the term left by the retirement of Justice of the Peace Nancy Discher

Lujan will serve in this appointed position effective

June 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2022. Precinct 5 serves the citizens of Superior, Kearny, Mammoth, San Manuel and Oracle.

Lujan is currently the Chief of Police for the Town of Mammoth. He has more than 30 years' experience in law enforcement including working as a Pinal County Sheriff's Deputy and more than 23 years with the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

## Superior Police Report

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

Activity listed May 2 through May 8. May 5

Enrique Mejia, 31, Superior, was arrested in the 90 block of Arnett Dr. on warrant out of Gilbert after being reported for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

A narcotics offense was reported on the 90 block of Arnett Dr.

#### May 6

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Picket Post Dr. Calls not listed include: traffic stop (29), trespassing (2), domestic (4), utility problem (1), agency assist (5), field interview (1), suspicious person/activity (2), reckless driving (4), welfare check (1), animal problem (1), medical assist (2), threatening (1) and noise disturbance (1).

To reach the Superior Police and Fire Departments:

- Emergency (Police Fire Medical) 911
- Police Non-Emergency 520-866-5111
- Police Department Business 520-689-5255





## COPPER CORRIDOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

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> Carlos Gonzalez 520-487-2219

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103 W. Galiuro, Mammoth

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Pastor Anthony DaCunha 520-357-7353

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#### **Church of Jesus Christ** of Latter-day Saints

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Bishop Brian Coleman

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pastorkaren@pathwayofhope.net

**Superior Harvest Church** 

Hill St. & Stone Ave., Superior

Pastor Albert M. Rodriguez

480-354-4499 H

480-329-3647 C

Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5 p.m.

Victory in Jesus

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501 Victoria Circle, Kearny

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

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

#### Church of the Good Family Life Christian Center

Shepherd Bottom of School Hill, Kearny

Pastor limmy Nelson 520-363-7283

www.thegoodshepherd.pbworks.com

Sunday Worship 9 a.m. UMC in cooperation with the Episcopal Church & the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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#### Kearny Church of Christ

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56 Kellner Ave., Superior

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Richard Ferris 520-818-6554

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 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!

#### Catholic Church 11 Church Ave., Superior

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Fr. Samuel Jandeh 520-689-2250

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

## 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.

#### Help for Victims of Margo Fire

Chuck Jordan, owner of Palo Verde RV Park, is offering free used lumber to those who have lost their homes by the Margo Fire in Dudleyville. The items available are 2x4s, 4x4s and ply board. Check in at the park office, located on Hwy 77, mile marker 133, near Winkelman. Call 520-356-7930 for more information.

#### **Superior Headstart Registration**

Headstart is a free preschool program in your area located at 150N. Lobb Ave. Our program promotes school readiness and prepares your children for kindergarten. In our program your children will receive meals, learning experiences that promote growth in all areas of child development, and individualized services for all children. Headstart is currently accepting applications for the upcoming school year. If you're interested you can start the application process at www.pgccs.org or you can speak to one of the staff at the site. 5206892812 is the number to call for more information.

#### Superior Farmer's Market

Superior Farm to Fantastic Farmers Market is open every Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Food Court on Main Street. Fresh produce baked goods and much more. Follow us on Facebook.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### JFK Kindergarten Registration

John F. Kennedy Elementary (Superior) is accepting Kindergarten Registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2021. Parents/Guardians will need to provide the child's original birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency. Applications are available at JFK Elementary School, 1500 Panther Drive, Superior. For more information, please call the Kennedy office at 520.689.3000 ext. 3049.

#### 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!

#### **Free Paint For Superior Residents**

Great news for Superior Homeowners! The Chamber of Commerce just received a large load of paint. We can supply you with paint for the inside and outside of your Superior home FREE. As always, exterior trim paint for doors and window trim is available too. Call Tiffany Rowell at 480-815-6955 or the Chamber at 520-689-0200. There's still time to paint outside before it gets too hot.

#### MAY

# **12** Early Voting in Mammoth

The Mobile Voter Outreach Van will be in Mammoth on May 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Pinal County Courthouse, 118 Catalina Ave., to provide residents early voting opportunities. Drop-off your ballot or request a ballot and vote on site. We will have a secure ballot drop box in the van. What's on the Ballot? Mammoth/San Manuel Unified School District- Site Sale Measure - Prop 455. For more information, visit pinal.gov/vote or call 520-866-6846.

## Workshops at the SM Community Center

San Manuel Revitalization Coalition Career Exploration Workshop on finding a career in Pinal County will be held from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave in San Manuel, on Thursday, May 13. Attendees of all ages, who can bring a laptop, are welcome. Each person will be walked through an interest and skill assessment to match them with industries and employers. There will also be help with creating a resume and connecting with a dedicated case manager who will help to connect to jobs over the coming months. Two more upcoming workshops are Starting a Food Business (all ages) which will be held June 17, from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Computer Basics for Business which will be held on July 29 from 3:30 p.m. -5 p.m.

## Golf Tourney for Softball Team

AZ Force Girls Travel Softball Team 10th Annual AZFORCE Doran Golf Classic will be held at the Foothills Golf Course, 2201 E. Clubhouse Dr., Phoenix, AZ on Sunday, May 16. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The 4-Person Scramble tournament will cost \$95 per player, or, \$360 for a foursome, to enter. This includes golf, gift bags, lunch, and on course prizes. There will be a raffle, silent auction and awards. This event will help fund the team members, including Superior softball player Danika Bryant, traveling to national tournaments this summer Text Coach Rick for a player sign-up sheet at 602-386-6386.

## 18 Ballot Drop-Off for Special MSMUSD Election

The Mobile Voter Outreach Van will be a Ballot replacement side and a Ballot drop off site on Election Day, May 18, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will be located at 711 S. McNab Pkwy., San Manuel, in the Mammoth-San Manuel Pre-K through 12 School parking lot. For more information, please visit pinal.gov/vote or email voter@pinal.gov.

### 18 Lobitos Preschool Child

Lobitos Preschool Child Find will be held by appointment only from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, at Lobito Preschool Room 305. Your child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2021. We will also be available to screen children who will be three years old by September 1 for developmental delays. Call Eva Rivera: at 928-228-3822 to make an appointment. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of residence (street address) and your child to be tested.

#### **OCTOBER**

## 2 CV Foundation Annual Health Fair

"Get Out and Get Fit!" at the bi-annual health fair brought to you by the CV Foundation, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the hospital campus, 5880 S. Hospital Drive in Globe. The "Get Fit Run" competition heat will begin at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars! This year's focus is beautiful Globe-Miami and all that the region has to offer: hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, boating, camping and many other outdoor "ings". There will be health, wellness and safety booths, outdoor activities, food trucks, arts and crafts and so much more! Booth operators are requested to provide their own chairs, tables and canopies if possible. For more information send an email to: contactus@cvrmc.org or mail: Shantae Hunter, 5880 S. Hospital Drive, Globe, AZ 85501.

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.

# Lady Panthers head into semifinals Friday after wins over Ray, St. Michaels; Panthers' quest for title ends in quarterfinals

By Nathaniel A. Lopez Superior Sun

The Superior baseball team started their 1A state championship playoffs on May 7 with a quick and devastating victory

against Duncan.

The Panthers started off the first inning posting seven runs, creating a large gap for Duncan to catch up. The Panthers' defense was able to keep Duncan from putting any runs on the board. The third

# gap even more, as they posted nine more runs, resulting in a 17-0 final score. Gabe Denogean lead the team at the plate with 3 hits and 3 RBIs. Followed by Adam Navarrette with 3 hits and 2 RBIs. The following day the Panthers competed in the quarterfinals against

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The following day the Panthers competed in the quarterfinals against Bagdad. Bagdad took the lead early in the game, and the Panthers were unable to post any runs. The game ended in the fifth inning, with the Panthers losing o-12. This concluded the Panthers quest for the state title.

The Panthers ended the 2021 season with a 9-6 record.

The Lady Panthers also began their quest for state with another game against the Ray Bearcats for the first round of the 1A state championship playoffs. This would be the third time that the Lady Panthers would face off against Ray, with a 1-1 record against them. The Lady Panthers started off hot, with a seven-run lead by the bottom of the second. The girls posted 10 runs in the third inning,

creating a large score gap. They followed with a five-run fourth inning, and Ray was left behind.

McKenna Duarte lead the team on the mound, pitching 9 strikeouts during the game, allowing only 6 hits. Juliana Navarro lead the Lady Panthers at the plate with 4 hits and 5 RBIs.

The following day the Lady Panthers competed in the quarterfinals against St. Michaels. The game started off slow, with a o-o first inning, but by the end of the second inning, the Lady Panthers were up by one. They lost their lead in the third inning, and the gap grew larger in the fourth inning. Luckily, the Lady Panthers were able to hold St. Michaels in the fifth, and kept them from scoring. In the sixth inning, the girls came back and posted five runs, putting them in the lead by two. They finished off the seventh inning with two more runs, resulting in a 13-9 victory over St. Michaels.

The Lady Panthers will continue their quest for state and compete in the semifinals against Williams on May 14.

# Teachers and staff recognized at Superior Schools

Superior Unified School District celebrated Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week with a breakfast catered by Mountainside Coffee on Wednesday, May 5.

All staff were recognized for implementing the District remote-learning program and then transitioning to hybrid-learning during this historic school year. It was also a chance to recognize the teachers and staff who were leaving or retiring.

Secretary April Juarez served 17 years as a Secretary/SAIS Coordinator.

Ryan Palmer who has served 14 years as the Panther Football/Basketball Coach and Social Studies Teacher will be leaving the district.

Retiring this year is Ms. Beth Crane, who has been teaching for 26 years. She has taught the last 5 years as the JFK Elementary 1st grade teacher.

Pre-School Teacher Mrs. Kathy Zavala is retiring after 20 years. She was the first ever JFK pre-school teacher and was instrumental in establishing the academic foundations for many of our Superior students.

SUSD is grateful for all their service. SUSD is also thankful to Rebuild Superior for providing subs to all staff on Monday. The Panther Staff also received gifts from

the Superior Chamber of Commerce, Superior VFW, and the Superior Optimist Club

The Superior Baseball Field was recently recognized as the 8th Best Field in the State. In recognition Save Money Market gave a Meat Box Gift Certificate to Maintenance Supervisor Anthony Denogean.



Principal Duarte presents a plaque to outgoing teacher and coach Ryan Palmer.



Secretary April Juarez is pictured with

Principal Billy Duarte.

Superintendent Steve Estatico honors retiree Ms. Beth Crane for her many years of service.



Superintendent Steve Estatico presents a unique plaque to Pre-School Teacher Mrs. Kathy Zavala.



## Superior Optimist Club hosts Drive Through Honor Roll Ceremony

Pandemic restrictions at the Superior Junior Senior High have limited the traditional end of the vear activities for a second straight year. That has not deterred the Superior

Optimist Club from recognizing the honor roll students at the Superior Junior-Senior High School. This year instead of an evening banquet with guest speakers the awards were

given out through a drive through awards parade.

DJ Supie Town played festive music while students and their families cruised through the school parking lot to receive their awards.

"We look forward to returning to our normal traditions in the future," said Optimist Club President Jessica Castillo. "We did not

want our students to not be recognized for their academic success."

The Superior Optimist Club continued the Honor Roll Awards Banquet from the Beta Sigma Phi

organization in 2004. Traditionally the students from the Superior Junior and Senior High Schools began their honor roll award qualifications in eighth grade and prior to 2008 the students would receive a trophy as a grand prize for five consecutive vears of honor roll awards. In 2008 the Superior Optimist Club committed to providing the traditional certificates and medals but for the final award, they began giving laptop computers.

"We are grateful for all of our sponsors and everyone who supports our organization so we can give our students a tool they can use for their higher education," said club treasurer JoAnn Besich Earning awards this year

Certificates (First year - 3 time honor roll) Alyna Cruz, Liliana Frtiz, Athena Passaglia, Kadynce Toner, Anessa Allison, Katelynn Commissaris, Felix Garcia,

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Pictured above are those students awarded with laptops by the Superior Optimist Club and Red Bear Outfitters.

## Celebrating Cinco de Mayo in Superior





Last Wednesday, folks from Superior turned out to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Porter's Bar and Grill and to experience the colorful traditions of the Folklorico dancers, under the direction of Billie Jo Villaverde. Dancers were chosen from the audience to perform La Raspa and those young ladies chosen from the audience were given white skirts by the director. Debbie Torres I Sun

### HONORS

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Nicholas Montano, Jacob Otero, Yeritzel Romero, Christopher Granillo, Monica Lopez, Aliyah Soto, Alyssa Bailey, Hannah Cervantez, Aubrianna Duarte, Nathan Duarte, Christi Espinoza, Alisha Garcia, Andrew Pina. Bronze Medals (Second Year - 3 time honor roll) James Davis, David Drennan, Sussan Mancinas, Jalyn Perez, Victorya Baechlar, Richard Drennan. Nicholas Mendoza, David Otero, Natalie Price, Jaidyn Romero, Elianna Villalobos, Juliana Navarro, Angelica Orozco, Elias Gerola.

Silver Medals (Third Year - 3 time honor roll) Mira Estatico, Jasmin Ortega, Nathan Taylor

Gold Medals (Fourth Year - 3 time honor roll) Danika Bryant, Myika Cruz, Aubryana Preciado, Jordan Lopez, Monique Sanchez. Laptop Computers (5th year - 3 time honor roll) Matthew Diaz-Gonzalez, McKenna Duarte, Ally Hing, Jasmine Lopez,

Adam Navarrette,

Matthew Perez.

Aubreanna Nunez and

Red Bear Outfitter Laptop Award Winners: Jordan Lopez and Monique Sanchez. The Superior Red Bear awarded laptops to the students who only missed the qualifications for a laptop award by one semester/trimester.

The Superior Optimist Club raises money throughout the year to fund the Honor Roll Banquet along with other important community and youth events each year. You can learn more about the Superior Optimist Club by contacting JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592 or Jessica Castillo at 520-827-0098.

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The Copper Basin News has a newspaper route (in Hayden for the San Pedro & surrounding area) open immediately. Call or text James at

480-620-5401.

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375 E. American Ave., Unit 1 Oracle, AZ

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# Shop at Home: Superior Farmers Market

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

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

Many small businesses and non-profits in Arizona didn't survive the lockdown. The businesses that did survive are hanging on as best they can. Copper Area News wanted to give something back to the local business community. 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. To date, Copper Area News has featured 60 businesses in the Copper Corridor.

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.

Superior Farmers Market is the local stop in Superior for quick and fast foods, deli foods, pizza, snacks and beverages. Located at 791 US-60 in Superior the store is open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They specialize in take out and they do have a small dining

area for you to enjoy your deli foods, you can call in you orders at 520-689-5845.

In addition to order in and take out foods, Superior Farmers Market can also cater events with family style portions of Chesters Fried Chicken and a variety of side dishes to make every meal complete. They also sell soft drinks and adult



beverages. Their early morning hours make it ideal to pick up a hearty breakfast burro before heading to work.

In addition to the deli items, beverages and snack food. Superior's Farmers Market has a variety of smoking devices and other novelties and is a licensed dealer of Arizona Lottery tickets.





### Nichole Aranda graduates with mortuary degree

Superior Farmers Market is Superior's go-to place for yummy Chester's Fried

Superior resident Nichole Aranda, daughter of Candice and Everett Skillings and wife of Simon Aranda, graduates with a degree of Associate of Applied Science in Mortuary Science from Chandler-Gilbert Community College in a commencement ceremony on Friday, May 14, 2021.

Nichole graduates with honors and will intern at Griffith Mortuary and Superior Funeral Home as a mortician/funeral director.

Nichole is a 2002 graduate of Ray High School.

Congratulations, Nichole, on your accomplishments.



Mila Besich I Sun

**Nichole Aranda** 

## Superior's Second Fridays Return! Friday, May 14!

The merchants in Downtown Superior in conjunction with the Town of Superior and the Superior Optimist Club have announced that the Music in the Park and the Second Friday events will return this week, Friday, May 14, 2021.

Music in the Park will be played by local musicians from 6-9 p.m. at the Besich Park stage. Many of the local merchants will be staying open until 8 p.m. This month there will be a burro or two visiting the event to prompt the upcoming Superior Chamber of Commerce Apache Leap Mining Festival and Burro Run in October. In June the Boyce Thompson Arboretum

will begin Arb After Dark from 5-7 p.m. The ticketed event will include light appetizers and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to stay later then visit Downtown Superior for additional shopping, dining and entertainment.

At this time, local non-profits may set up informational table or raffle tables and local businesses may set up promotional informational tables, but no additional sales may be conducted. Contact Arlene Diaz-Gonzalez at Town Hall 520-689-5752 to reserve your spot. The Community Kitchen at the Superior Senior Center may also be reserved by contacting Arlene.