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The family of Walter C. Romero wishes to thank everyone for showing tremendous support, condolences, sharing, beautiful memories, and keeping us in your prayers during this difficult time. A huge thank you to family and friends for your generosity with monetary gifts, food and beautiful cards. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives. A special thank you to Pastor Hakes and Deacon Al Tomlinson for the beautiful service, Mrs. Daina Hakes and Mr. Frost for the beautiful music, the Globe VFW Color Guard for the Military Honors, and Bulman Funeral Home.

May God Bless You

Wally, Laura Romero and Family Mary Helen, Tommy Sims and Family Abe, Barbie Romero and Family Esther, Cecelia Romero and Family Teresita R. Gardner and Family

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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

# OBITUARIES Virginia 'Jeanie' Lopez

Virginia (Jeanie) Lopez passed away quietly after a short illness on May 7, 2023. She was born in Clifton, Arizona on Feb. 10, 1945. She was the only daughter with four brothers who all passed before her. She was an avid lover of music and sang in many bands throughout her life. Later in life, she managed the Kearny Circle K Store and became a beloved member of the community. Her family was the most important thing in her world, and she dedicated her life to raising her children and grandchildren alike. She was a dedicated wife and a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her kind heart, sharp wit, and warm smile.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Joseph (Joe) Lopez; her son, Joseph Jr.; her daughter, Jennifer; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Loved beyond words, missed beyond measure.

## Jesse Saenz Garcia



A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, LTC (Ret.) Jesse Saenz Garcia, 74, of Superior, AZ, unexpectedly passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023, in Mesa, AZ. Jesse was born in La Union, NM on Nov. 10, 1948, to parents Ramon and Maria Louisa (Saenz) Garcia. Jesse graduated from Superior High School and attended college at Arizona State University where he joined ROTC.

After college, Jesse enlisted into the United States Army as an officer and served his country for over 36 years, receiving many awards, medals and recognitions. Jesse was a Jumpmaster with the 82nd Airborne Division and then worked in Counterintelligence with the Department of Defense, where he retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Jesse also worked and retired from the United States Postal Service.

After retirement, Jesse dedicated himself to the Town of Superior. He was the treasurer of his church, volunteered for the Superior Chamber of Commerce, the Churches annual fiestas,

## 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 April 30 through May 13. May 9

Animal bite was reported in the 300 block of Hartford Rd.

**April 30** – **May 6** calls not listed include: citizen assist (5), traffic (4), 911 open line (2), noise disturbance (4), found property (1), welfare check (2), ambulance (7), parking violation (1) and agency assist (1).

May 7 – May 13 calls not listed include: ambulance (7), agency assist (5), suspicious activity (4), traffic (6), disturbance (1), noise disturbance (1), citizen assist (4), alarm (2), 911 hang-up (1) and found property (1). and the Bob Jones Museum.

Jesse was also the treasurer for the Superiorities, and he enjoyed meeting bi-monthly with his classmates at Buffalo Wild Wings. He was inducted and a recipient of the Arizona Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame.

Jesse was a family man. His (late) wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his greatest accomplishment.

Jesse was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella Garcia; father, Ramon Garcia; brothers, Johnny Garcia, Ray (Virginia) Garcia, and Raul (Gloria) Garcia.

Jesse is survived by his brothers, Pete (Barbara) Garcia and Benny (Anthonette) Garcia; sons, Jesse (Celena) Garcia and John (Brooke) Garcia; and his daughter, Nina (Jesse) Barrera. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, Brianna (Paul) Garcia Colin-Lopez, Jesse (Jamie) Barrera Jr., Zavier Garcia, Oliva L. Barrera, Jacob Garcia, Michael (Kirstin) Garcia, Gage Garcia, Adam Garcia, Esai Barrera and Adrian Garcia; and greatgrandchildren, Santana and Leila Barrera and Hazel Garcia.

"Airborne All the Way"- LTC. (Ret.) Jesse S. Garcia Services for Jesse will be held Saturday, May 20, 2023, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Superior, AZ. Visitation is set to begin at 9 a.m. followed by Rosary at 9:30 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m. Jesse will then be laid to rest with Full Military Honors at Fairview Cemetery.

The family was assisted with exceptional service by Superior Funeral Home, Superior, AZ.



## Lloyd Thomas Andrews

Lloyd Thomas Andrews, 79, of Newport, WA, passed away April 22, 2023. Lloyd was born Feb. 17, 1944, in Macob, IL and lived in the Ray/Kearny Area. Services for Lloyd will be announced at a later date.

# **COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### San Manuel Historical Museum

We have new items and new displays at the San Manuel Historical Museum. We are open every Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are more than welcome to stop in for visit. Please remember that your memberships and donations allow us to pay our rent and utilities. We appreciate your continued support in helping us keep your museum open. Please call 520-385-4586 to visit any other time.

#### **Tri-Community Food Bank Open**

The Tri-Community Food Bank located at 108 Redwood Drive in Mammoth continues to be in business. We are observing social distancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To be eligible you must show proof of address that you live near or in Mammoth, San Manuel, Oracle or Dudleyville and have an income within the federal poverty guidelines. The thrift shop is closed and is not accepting donations. Call 520-487-2010 for more information.

#### Dudleyville Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District which includes the area of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. Burn permits for both residential and agricultural purposes are not valid during this time.



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

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

#### **Superior Library Hours**

Superior Public Library hours of operation are: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. There is a one hour time limit on public PCs if others are waiting. Masks are strongly recommended and available upon request. Be sure to like us on Facebook @SuperiorPublicLibrary. Give us a call at (520) 689-2327 if you have any questions.

#### **Superior Farmer's Market**

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

#### Kearny Senior Citizens Meetings

Kearny Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Constitution Hall in Kearny. All seniors are invited to attend.

#### **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.

#### Notice from the Dudleyville Fire District

As we enter into fire season, the Dudleyville Fire District is encouraging its residents to keep their yards and properties clean from safety, health and fire hazards. Maintaining a 30 foot defensible space around structures means flammable fuels like weeds, brush and flammable items are removed or stored in more appropriate places. This defensible space provides a fuel buffer for the structure and a place for firefighters to do structure protection in the event of a fire. Please do your part prevent a recurrence of the Margo and Roach Fires. In addition, the department is always accepting applications for volunteers; please contact our Dispatchers at 520-357-6622 for more information.

#### **Calling All Padillas**

The Padilla family reunion will be held Oct. 7, 2023, starting at 1 p.m. at the American Legion, 441 N. Main St., Florence. For more information, email joeplugasu@ msn.com or view their Facebook Group Page at: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1806105209704649.

#### Winkelman Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Town of Winkelman. Home and business owners are encouraged to clean your yards and property of weeds and debris.

### MAY

#### **May Superior Food Bank Volunteer Schedule**

Help the Superior Food Bank, located at 99 N. Lobb Ave in Superior to provide nutritious food to families in need! Volunteer shifts are available morning at 8:30 a.m.- noon on Wednesday May 3, Thursday May 18 and Thursday May 25 as well as 9 am- noon on May 22. Afternoon shifts are Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26 from 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m. For questions or to volunteer, call or text 520-479-4633 or 520-479-3405.

#### Superior Summer Reading Program

Register for the Superior Public Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program, "All Together Now: Kindness/Friendship/Unity", from Monday, April 14 through Monday, May 15. The program will begin on Wednesday, May 31 and run through the month of June. For more information, contact the library at 520-689-2327. Hours of Operation are Monday -Friday, 10 am - 6 pm.

#### Sea Lions to Begin Swim Practice

The Sea Lions Swim Team is starting practice at the Mammoth Pool on Monday, May 8, 2023. Practices will be held Monday through Friday from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Swim Meets will be held on Saturdays, starting in June. For more information, please call Alex and Wendy Gort at 520-896-2190 or visit sealionsswimteam.com.

#### Winkelman NRCD Meeting

Join us for the Winkelman NRCD Quarterly meeting: Dudleyville MultiGenerational Complex, 4004 N Dudleyville Road, Dudleyville AZ. The meeting is open to the public. A potluck lunch will be held.

## San Manuel Agrihood Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers needed! Join SMRC's Agrihood today! Meetings are currently held at the San Manuel Community Center on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be May 18.

#### Mammoth Swimming **Z** Pool to Open

The Mammoth Pool will be open to the public starting Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. Admission is \$3. Regular hours: Family Swim Sunday 4-7 p.m., Adult Lap Swim Monday through Friday 7-9 a.m., and Night Swim Tuesday through Thursday 6-9 p.m. For more information, please see the Mammoth Pool Facebook Page.

### Meet the Authors at **Z** Kearny Restaurant

G & J Restaurant & Bar, located at 22157 North Hwy 117 in Kearny, will be having a lunch special on May 22, plus offering a chance for you to meet Nick Wilkinson, author of 'Magic, Mischief and Mayhem' and Aaron Harp, author of 'When the Lights Went Out', as well as other authors. There will be live readings, book signings, plus meet and greet from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.

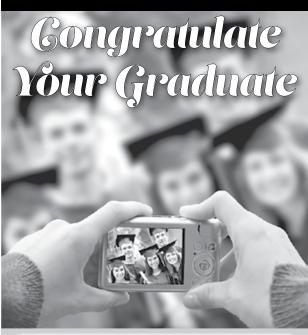
#### San Manuel Community Meeting

The San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting for May will be held Saturday, May 27, at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your friends and neighbors!

# JUNE Free Swimming Lessons at the Mammoth Pool

The Sea Lions Swim Team, the Town of Mammoth, and Saddlebrooke Community Outreach will be holding FREE Swim Lessons at the Mammoth Pool starting Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Register at the Mammoth Pool Monday-Friday from 4-5 p.m.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com, online at copperarea.com/pages/forms or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free. Copper Area News reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.



## May 17 • Bearcats May 24 • Lobos

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# Rose Marie (O'Neil) McKee

OBITUARY

Rose Marie (O'Neil) McKee died on April 25, 2023, in Casa Grande. She was born July 10, 1940, in the Kennecott Copper Company Hospital in Ray, AZ. Her parents were Raymond John and Balvina Cobo O'Neil. She passed away from complications of liver disease.

Rose Marie grew up in the mining town of Hayden, Arizona where her father worked for Kennecott Copper after World War II. Her mother worked in the US Post Office, retiring as Postmaster.

They moved to San Diego in 1941 where her father worked for the US Government painting camouflage on government buildings and factories. Her sisters JoAnn and Beverly were born at the US Navy Hospital. When her father was drafted to fight in the Pacific, her mother returned to Hayden with her sisters. Rose Marie was already living there with her grandparents, Frank and Aurora Cobo. She lived with them for five years.

She loved working outdoors with her grandfather helping him raise his bees and building the hives, tending his flowerbeds and especially eating fruit from his trees. They raised apricots, figs and grapes!

She attended the Hayden schools. Her special moments include being chosen as fairy princess by her classmates in 4th Grade and making butter in class and taking samples to the teachers and principal. She graduated from the 8th grade and played several piano pieces for the ceremony. In 1958, she graduated from Hayden High School as Senior Class President and was editor of the school newspaper, the "Wolf Call."

During her high school years, she worked at the Rex Theater, was a typist for the Justice of the Peace and was selected to assist in starting the town's first library. She attended ASU, living in the first air-conditioned dorm, Wilson Hall, working as Assistant Head Resident all 3 <sup>1/2</sup> years. In the summers, she attended summer school, employed by ASU, and also the National Science Foundation. At that time, the Russians were ahead of the US in the space race. The government sent science teachers to college to learn about space. ASU was one selected, they lived in Palo Verde Hall with their families.

She graduated in 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in January 1962. It was difficult to find a job mid-year but was hired by the San



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928-425-8212 Licensed • Bonded • Insured Simon School District teaching 2nd Grade. She met her future husband there, John McKee, who was the science, agricultural teacher and FFA advisor.

At the end of 1962, John had already been selected by the Arizona Governor as a volunteer for the Peace Corps. He was sent to Iran for two years. She went to her hometown of Hayden to teach



2nd Grade for 3 years. Upon John's return, he enrolled at his alma mater, U of A to get his master's degree. In June, 1965, they were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hayden. Traveling to San Francisco for their honeymoon. Upon their return, they settled in Eloy where John was hired as an agricultural and science teacher at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School, also as the FFA advisor.

When Mr. Horace Chesley, the elementary school superintendent, heard that Rose Marie was a teacher, he called her and said he needed a 3rd grade teacher, was she interested. Of course she said yes. He then asked if she was related to a Percy O'Neil. Rose Marie said he was her great uncle. Mr. Chelsey said that he and Uncle Percy had been friends years ago. He hired her over the phone. Rose Marie always said that she never had to do an interview or give a resume in all her jobs. She retired in 2001 after 29 years of teaching 2nd, 3rd and mostly 1st Grades which she loved.

Their son, Jeffrey John was born in 1969 and daughter, Jennifer Marie in 1972. They made many friends in Eloy, moving to Casa Grande in 2013. They moved to be closer to her mother.

Rose Marie loved her students and was equally adored. She always met up with them as adults, grateful to see the ones who became teachers themselves.

Rose Marie and John traveled for many years crossing the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific twice. Her favorite countries were France, Belgium, Scotland, and Eastern Canada. They also loved Alaska and Hawaii. She did not like Russia. She also wanted to see Australia before she couldn't travel anymore. She always read about the countries before they went. They always drank the different coffees and ate the country's delicacies and spoke to the locals.

Rose Marie was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi and treasured the friendships of their sorority sisters.

She loved her family deeply. She was preceded in death by her parents, maternal grandparents, Frank and Aurora Cobo and Raymond John and Balvina O'Neil, mother-inlaw, Mary Ellen McKee, sister, JoAnn and brother-in-law Bob Brady.

Survivors are her husband, John McKee of Casa Grande; children, Jeffrey and wife Sheila McKee of Peoria, Arizona, Jennifer and husband, Jeremy Bold of San Diego, California; sister, Beverly and husband Ron Sharp of Casa Grande; her grandkids, Lance, Kyle, Madison, Brandon, Sam and Kaitlin; and niece, Stephanie Dawson of Sherman, Texas.

A celebration of life was held at Almari Mexican Grill in Casa Grande, AZ. In lieu of flowers, book donations made be brought to the celebration of life to be donated to the Curiel Elementary School library.

## Arizona Bui, Isabella Wernett are Ray's top scholars for 2023

Ray High School has announced their 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Earning the top honors for the graduating class are Valedictorian Arizona Bui and Salutatorian Isabella Wernett. Arizona Bui is the daughter of Binh Bui and Diana Bui. She has five siblings Diana Paloma Bui, Vanessa Bui, Binh.Jr. Bui, Melody Bui and Alexa Bui. During her school career she was actively involved in Marching Band and the Junior Chamber. After high school she will attend Arizona State University and plans to major in Business Law. She is looking forward to

taking advantage of all the educational opportunities she may receive. She will miss the connections she has made with the staff and teachers at Ray Unified School district, but she will not



It's not all serious learning for Ray High School's top two scholars. Salutatorian Isabella Wernett and Valedictorian Arizona Bui mug for the camera. James Carnes | CBN

miss the early mornings, or Ho rushing to not be late. Co

"I am looking forward to growing into the person that I will be. Whether that be academically or socially, I hope to improve who I am," she explained. In 10 years she envisions herself in a fulfilling career that will please her emotionally and financially.

She would like to return to Kearny with ambitions to help create new opportunities for growth in the community. She would love to see new things for the public.

"I want to thank my parents for always supporting me and my siblings for always holding me to a higher standard. I love them very much, without them and my Garu. jr I wouldn't have gotten this far," she explained.

Isabella Wernett is the Salutatorian for the 2023 graduating class. She is the daughter of Angela and Jason Wernett. She has two siblings, Jonathan and Jacob Wernett, and a sister-in-law, Chelsea Wernett.

During her high school career, Isabella was an active athlete, participating in softball for four years, cheer for three years and volleyball for two years. She also participated in Science Club, National Honor Society and Student Council. She also served as

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Congratulations, Isabella Amelia Wernett! We are very proud of you, and excited for your future endeavors! May God continue to Bless you while at ASV! We love you! Love, Mom & Dad





# **Ray District High School Class of 2023**



Arizona Bui Valedictorian



May 17, 2023

Isabella A. Wernett Salutatoria



# **Ray District High School Class of 2023**





Marissa E. Baez





Armani J. Bennett

Dominic E. Bidegain

\*Graduates pending completion of all requirements

I need hardly remind you ... that graduation is not the end of your study. It is, as you know, only the beginning of it. You have learned how to study, now it is most important that you continue in this most valuable work...

~John Fulton, 1910



#### May 17, 2023

# **Ray District High School Class of 2023**



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Town of

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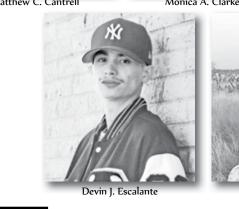
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~Muriel Strode (1875–1964)

"Wind-Wafted Wild Flowers," in The Open Court, August 1903

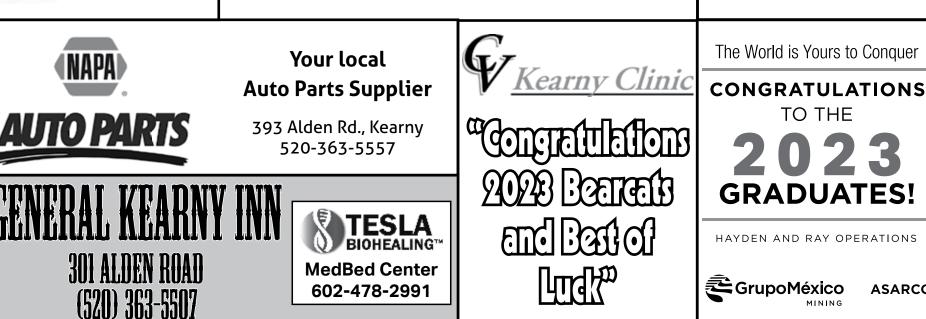
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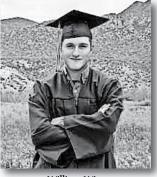
Marcos G. Torres



Serenity L. Verdugo



Joshua W. Walters



William Witt



## **CASA of Gila County celebrates local volunteers**

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and to celebrate, on Friday, April 21, 2023, CASA of Gila County showed their appreciation for the volunteers who are donating their time to be **Court Appointed Special** Advocates for local children in foster care.

"Thank you is never

enough for what our volunteers do each day to help children who have been displaced from their families, friends, and community," said Mariah Lantz, coordinator for CASA of Gila County. "These children are living in placements outside of their own homes due to abuse or neglect, at

absolutely no fault of their own and these selfless individuals are working to make a difference for the children while they are in care."

Attendees enjoyed lunch and desserts as they heard from Presiding Judge Timothy Wright who shared his appreciation for the hard work they do.

Then active volunteers stood for a CASA oath renewal ceremony with Judge David Wolak, in which they renewed their commitment to serving as best interest advocates for the children they are assigned to. To complete the afternoon, the group heard from retiring CASA, Bob who shared final words



Pictured from left are Bob, Elizabeth, Pat, Cris, Mark, Sherry, Linda, Catherine, Janice, Bonita, Darla, and the Honorable Judge David Wolak.

> **SCHOLARS** Continued from page 5

Junior Class President and Student Body President. She will be attending Arizona State University this fall and will major in Business Marketing. She plans on starting her own interior decorating business.

"I am going to miss playing sports and having my team. The relationships playing sports gave me, will be cherished forever," she explained. She will not miss getting up early every day but is very much looking forward to staring her own new chapter of life.

She visions herself to be a successful business owner in 10 years. As for the community, she hopes that more people move to Kearny and that more people care about the well being of the community.

"I want to thank my friends and family for always believing in me and pushing me to be my best. I am so grateful for them," she said.

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## **Public Notice**

Notice of 2023 Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan Public Hearing Pinal County Housing Authority (PCHA) will hold a public hearing on June 27, 2023 from 1 pm to 2 pm, regarding revisions to its Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan. The public hearing will be held at Pinal County Housing Authority main office located at 970 N. Eleven Nile Comer Read Casa Grande Arizona Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande Arizona 85194. The hearing will act as a forum for public comments relevant to PCHA'S plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Copies of the proposed changes to the 2023 Capital Fund Five Year Action Plans are available during the forty-five (45) day public review and comment period from May 10, 2023 to June 27, 2023. The Administrative Plan will be available for review at the PCHA'S main office and on the PCHA'S website. https://www. pinalcounty.gov/housing/Pages/Home. aspx Public review and comments are encouraged and will receive due

aspx Public review and comments are encouraged and will receive due consideration in the preparation of the 2023 Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing and have some suggestions or concerns, please submit your comments in writing no later than June 27, 2023 at 9:00am.

Mail should be addressed to Pinal County Housing Authority, 970 N. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande Arizona 85194 attention Marshell Williams. Any person with a disability who require special accommodation so that they can fully utilize housing programs and other accommodation from the Housing Authority in order to make housing programs and or services accessible to the needs of the disabled person(s). Aviso de la Audiencia Pública del Plan

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La Autoridad de Vivienda del Condado de Pinal (PCHA) realizará una audiencia pública el 27 de junio de 2023 de 1:00 pendia de 200 p.m., para tratar las revisiones de su Plan de Acción Quinquenal del Fondo de Capital. Esta audiencia pública Fondo de Capital. Esta audiencia publica se celebrará en la oficina principal de la Autoridad de Vivienda del Condado de Pinal ubicada en 970 N. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande Arizona 85194. La audiencia servirá como un foro para comentarios públicos relevantes para el plan de PCHA exigido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD).

Podrá encontrar copias de los cambios propuestos al Plan de Acción Quinquenal del Fondo de Capital 2023 durante el período de revisión pública y comentarios de cuarenta y cinco (45) días desde el 10 de mayo de 2023 hasta el 27 de junio de 2023. El Plan Administrativo estará

de 2023. El Plan Administrativo estará disponible para su revisión en la oficina principal de la PCHA y en el sitio web de la PCHA: https://www.pinalcounty.gov/ housing/Pages/Home.aspx Se anima la revisión pública y los comentarios y se recibirán para la debida consideración en la preparación del Plan de Acción Quinquenal del Fondo de Capital 2023. Si usted no puede asistir a la audiencia pública y tiene algunas sugerencias o inquietudes, por favor envíe sus comentarios por escrito a más tardar el 27 de junio de 2023 a arvis tardar el 27 de junio de 2023 a las 9:00 a.m. Debe dirigir el correo a la Pinal County Housing Authority, 970 N. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande Arizona 85194, a la atención de Marshell Williams.

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### **Ray Unified School District #3 Position Announcement**

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Position Type: Elementary Teacher (4th Grade 2023-2024) Date Posted: 05/11/23 Location: Kearny, Arizona Closing Date: Until Filled

**Position Goals:** While under the direct supervision of the Principal, the Teacher will provide sound and consistent instruction to students, modifying curriculum as needed, to support academic growth that enables each student to reach their full potential.

#### Description:

- Contract: 10-Month Position/150 days/4-day work week
- Start Date 08/1/2023

#### **Qualification:**

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college/university
- Valid Arizona Teaching Certification in Appropriate Area
- AZ IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (required)

Teachers Salary Schedule Salary:

#### **Benefits:**

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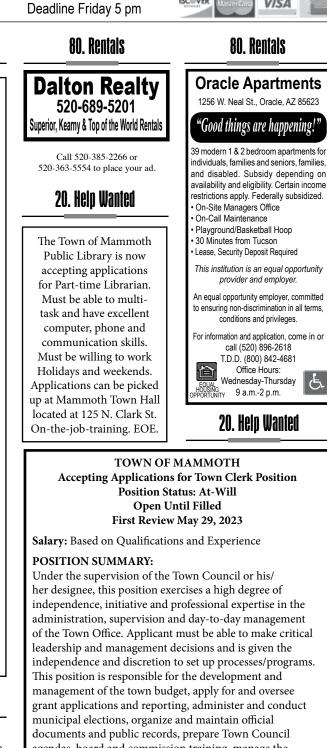
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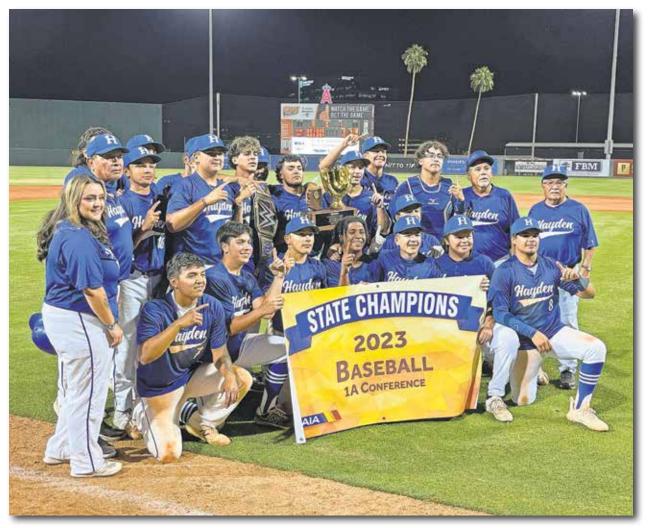
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## Hayden Lobos are the 1A Baseball State Champs!!

By Nathaniel A. Lopez Copper Basin News

Hard work pays off. Just ask the 1A Baseball State Champions. The Hayden baseball team continued its legacy of hard work and greatness this past week, as they continued competing in the 1A baseball state championship tournament.

On Friday, May 12, the Lobos traveled to Tempe Diablo Stadium to face off against St. David in the semifinals. The game kicked off with a 0-0 first inning, followed by the boys scoring 1 run in the second inning, putting them at 1-0. The third and fourth inning proved to be a



The Hayden Lobos proudly hold up the state championship banner after claiming the 1A title with a 13-3 winover Bagdad on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in Tempe.Brian M. Bergner Jr. | AzPreps365

### VOLUNTEERS Continued from page 11

provided by others including child welfare workers.

The program welcomes any volunteer who meets the eligibility requirements regardless of their employment status. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen, and pass a thorough screening process. There is no specific degree or experience needed to become a CASA volunteer. All training for the position is provided at no

cost to the volunteer.

More volunteers are needed for this important position. CASA volunteers provide a valuable service to judges and also become the one consistent person in the life of a child who is in foster care. If you are interested in more information, please visit CASAofGilaCounty.org or call 928-402-4427. stalemate, with the score remaining unchanged. The fifth inning is where the Lobos stepped up to the plate, and scored 4 more runs. Despite being able to keep St. David from scoring, the Tigers were able to sneak 2 runs past the Lobos in the sixth inning. The game ended in the Lobos' favor, with a final score of 5-2, advancing them to the championship game against Bagdad.

The following day, the Lobos geared up to take on the Bagdad Sultans in what would be their last game of the 2023 season. This would be the second time during the season that the boys would play against Bagdad, previously beating them 9-2. This game was the culmination of a tough played ball season, and the Lobos were ready to step on the field.

Wasting no time to take control, the boys kept Bagdad from scoring any runs in the first inning. As for the Lobos, the first inning saw them score 3 runs. During the second inning, the boys posted 2 more runs. In the third inning, the Sultans were able to sneak 1 run past the Lobos, while they scored 2 runs. Another 2 runs were scored by the Lobos during the fourth inning. The fifth inning was the only inning that the boys did not score in, while the Sultans were able to score 2 more runs. The sixth inning is where the Lobos cranked out the most runs, scoring 4. The Lobos claimed their final victory of the season, with

a final score of 13-3, giving the boys the title of 2023 1A Arizona State Baseball Champions.

"I tell the kids, in practice we get better, and we get better every game, and you know what; they got better every practice, they got better every game. These past two games, I thought I'd seen no errors in both games, and that's pretty good," began head coach Robert Lorona. "It was a fun group. We have five seniors, with two seniors that are going to be hard to replace. The other seniors have some backup that are doing pretty good. The two seniors, Damian Smith and Moraes Cruz, it's going to be tough [to replace them], they're such good ball players. I've had them for four years. To get a state championship, you need to have good senior leadership.You don't have that, you don't have anything."

Coach Robert Lorona comes from a family of dedicated coaches. His father had coached championship teams, and his brother Rick Lorona had coached the Lobos to championships. Coach Lorona said, "I'm an avid golfer, and my buddies are always concerned because I don't play golf with them anymore. I'd rather be out on the ball field. Like I told the guys, if it's baseball or golf, it's gonna be baseball. I want to be out on the field, teaching these young kids to be gentlemen, that's number one. I teach them lots of life skills that their going to deal with after high school."

Coach Lorona would like to thank his incredible and dedicated coaching staff for helping with a great 26 wins, 4 losses season. He would also like to thank the Hayden-Winkleman Unified School District for allowing him to continue to coach the Lobos, and the community for it's continued support of the athletic program.

Congratulations to the Hayden Lobos baseball team on their state championship victory! They have now joined the legacy of all the Lobo state champion teams before them. GO LOBOS!