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—David Brinklev

### OBITUAR

### Ruben T. Castro

Ruben T. Castro, at 92 years of age, passed away on June 21, 2023, in his home surrounded by his wife and family in Superior, Arizona. Ruben was born in Miami, Arizona to Miguel and Maria Castro on Jan. 18, 1931. He was the second of five siblings raised at Hewitt Station (La Posta) before moving to Superior, Arizona.

Ruben attended Superior High School and graduated in 1950. He began his career with Magma Copper Railroad shortly following graduation. During his 32 years of employment, he took a leave of absence, serving two years in the US Army during the Korean War. He was awarded his Paratrooper Jump wings in the 82nd Airborne Division. Completing his tour with an honorable discharge, he returned to his former employer. He quickly worked up to the foreman position, working side by side with his crew. He was a state certified railroad track inspector.

Ruben married Estella P. Quiroz on Oct. 22, 1960, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Superior, Arizona. Together, they raised five children, devoting his life to his family and God. He was a very religious man and dedicated his life to serving the church as a Eucharistic Minister

Inspired by the Lord, Ruben often portrayed Jesus Christ in the passion play during Holy Week and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, fishing, hiking, and writing poems that he shared with family and friends.

Ruben is preceded in death by both parents Miguel and Maria Castro, his sisters Connie Vega and Jane Guzman, and his brothers Mike Castro and Camilo Castro.

Ruben is survived by his wife, Estella Q. Castro; his sons, Michael Ruben Q. Castro (Cheryl), John Q. Castro (Janna), and Steven Q. Castro (Sheryl); and his daughters, Anna M. Schcolnick (Raul) and Diana Cook (David). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael Xavier Castro, Raul Schcolnick III, Katie Castro, Cody Schcolnick,

### **Grief Support Group**

Starting June 28 on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Family Life Christian Center 56 Kellner Ave., Superior For more information, contact Sandy Van Gorp at 520-827-9224.

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Austin Castro, David Lee Cook Jr., Maribel Castro, Alayna Castro, Maria Cook, and Kai Castro; and great grandchild, Xzaylea Membrila.

Services for Ruben will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Visitation is set to begin at 8 a.m. followed by Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and Mass to be celebrated at 9 a.m. He will



be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery.

Governor Katie Hobbs celebrates nearly \$1 billion to support broadband connectivity in Arizona

Governor Katie Hobbs recently announced Arizona will receive \$993.1 million to build infrastructure and deploy technology that will expand high-speed internet access to millions of Arizonans. The announcement comes after Governor Hobbs secured \$23 million in this year's budget agreement for the creation of the Rural Broadband Accelerated Match fund in anticipation of these awards.

"Access to reliable internet is critical to creating equal opportunities for all Arizonans," said Governor Katie Hobbs. "For too long, millions of Arizonans have lacked this access, preventing them from attaining good paying jobs, quality education, and even basic healthcare services. With this funding, my Administration will work with local, Tribal, and industry partners to connect every

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## Fireworks return to Superior for

After a hiatus due to extreme fire conditions, the Town of Superior and Resolution Copper hosted a fireworks show to celebrate Independence Day.

The daylong celebration started at the public pool with free swimming, free food and Dirty Sno. DJ Supie Town entertained the families enjoying the event.

Supporting the event were Red Bear Outfitters, OMYA, VFW Truman Post and the Town of Superior Youth



Swimming pool fun.





Having a meal at the pool.



Swimming pool fun. Mila Besich | Sun



Superior Red Bear Outfitters pose for a picture.



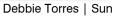
Members of the Superior Fire Department and Police Department at the July 4th event.



# the 4th of July Celebration



Southwest Fireworks Team take time to wave at the camera.





Resolution Copper Team.

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Swimming pool fun.

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### **COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **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. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for what's new. Contact us at 520-689-2327 if you have any questions.

### First Friday Social for the Superior

First Friday Social is on July 7 from 10 a.m.- noon. There will be lunch, games and a gift bag. A \$5 donation is appreciated. Contact Carol at 689-5182 if you need a ride. If you have any questions, please contact Connie at 602-703-8858.

### Game Day at the Superior Seniors Center

Join the Superior Senior Citizens for Game Day on Wednesday, July 12, from 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. There will be snacks and prizes. A \$5 donation is appreciated. Contact Carol at 689-5182 before Monday, July 10, if you need a ride. If you have any questions, please contact Connie 602-703-8858.

### ON THE AGENDA

**SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL:** The Superior Town Council meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the old Roosevelt School Auditorium.

**SUPERIOR OPTIMIST CLUB:** The Superior Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at Edwardo's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

**SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER:** The Superior Senior Center, 360 W. Main St., invites seniors to join the center and enjoy a nice meal and great company. Meals are \$2 for adults 60 and over. Under 55 is \$4. Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. A pastry bingo is held on the last Thursday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Need a ride to the center or more information? Call 689-5182.

**SUPERIOR ROTARY CLUB:** The Superior Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Superior that is still in service today. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian, please call the school district for the next meeting date, 689-3000.

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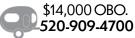
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# Crafting meet up every Wednesday

Superior and the greater Copper Corridor area is home to many local artists and crafters. Local painting classes at local businesses inspired many local crafters and friends to find a place to gather to work on their crafts and projects in a group setting.

Tina Gutierrez and Terry "Moby" Guzman worked with the Town of Superior to find a space to gather with other local crafters and artisans. Many often find that working with others in a group is a nice way to add to the creativity of projects and also share skills and techniques.

Every Wednesday the group meets to work on their own their individual crafts; there are no set projects but everyone is invited to come and work on their projects at the Superior Town Hall, (Roosevelt School), 199 Lobb Ave. The class is located in the kitchen room located in the older section of the building. Everyone begins gathering around 9 a.m. and crafting ensues until 1 p.m.

Adult crafters are welcome; the group does ask that children not attend.

### **BROADBAND**

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Arizonan, in every community, across the state and build an Arizona that works for everyone."

The money is received through the federal government's BEAD program. Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) managed by the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) under the US Department of Commerce. The BEAD Program provides critical funding that invests in long-needed infrastructure improvements to ensure broadband is affordable and accessible to hardworking families across the state. In March 2023, Governor Hobbs met with NTIA Assistant Secretary Alan Davidson to reiterate Arizona's commitment to utilizing BEAD dollars to close the digital divide and ensure all Arizonans have access to affordable and dependable high-speed internet. The program is a critical item in President Biden's Investing in America agenda.

The Arizona State Broadband Office, within the Arizona Commerce Authority, began planning and stakeholder engagement in December of last year for successful and equitable deployment of this historic broadband investment. Over this process, the Office submitted 60,000 successful challenges to the

Federal Communications Commission broadband maps to ensure all unserved and underserved Arizona households were accounted for in the BEAD formula funding. The Broadband office and Commerce Authority will now administer the deployment of the nearly \$1 billion in BEAD funds over the next five years to ensure all Arizonans are connected to affordable, high-quality internet.

"High-speed internet access is becoming a greater need throughout all tribal communities in the state of Arizona," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley of the 25th Navajo Nation Council. "The funding will be very beneficial for first responders, students, businesses, and many others on the Navajo Nation. We look forward to working with Governor Hobbs and the state agencies to ensure that tribal nations maximize the benefits of the NTIA funding,"

"This funding will be instrumental to keep all of Arizona's economy growing and thriving," said Mayor Mila Besich. "For small rural communities like Superior, having reliable internet not only helps connect our residents and grow our economy, it will be critical to public safety as well."

"Today's announcement is great news for Arizona, our 91 cities and towns, and residents across our great state. This money will provide opportunities for cities and towns to support broadband availability and adoption in their communities that will help close the digital divide and ensure rural, suburban, and urban communities have equal opportunity to access and afford highspeed internet" said René Guillen, Deputy Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns. "In conversations with mayors and city and town managers across the state, whether it's for economic development, educational purposes, or just personal access, the need for high-speed internet access has been a common refrain. We look forward to collaborating with our state and federal partners on putting this money to good use to benefit our residents."

"This nearly \$1 billion investment in Arizona's broadband infrastructure will be a game changer," said Mignonne Hollis, Executive Director of the Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation. "This is especially so in rural areas, where access to reliable high-speed is one of the biggest impediments to economic development, access to telehealth, and quality of life. We look forward to working with the Hobbs Administration on the placement of these grant funds into Arizona's rural



**Mayor Mila Besich** 

communities."

"Common Sense Media's research has shown that internet service is essential for families, whether for education, work, health care, or connecting with loved ones," said Ilana Lowery, the Arizona Director of Common Sense Media. "This historic federal investment will ensure that every Arizonan, no matter where they live or how much they make, has access to affordable, high-speed broadband."