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—David Brinklev

Yolanda Navarro



Yolanda Navarro, 75, wife, mother, sister, sister-in-law, tia and lifelong resident of Superior, AZ went home to her Lord on July 30, 2023.

Yolanda was born on Feb. 5, 1948, in her hometown, Superior, AZ to the late Diego Corral and Claudia Sandoval. Her joy in life was being a devoted wife to the late Thomas "Tommy" Navarro, mother to her three children, grandmother to her 11

grandchildren, and great-grandmother to her eight great-grandchildren. She loved the Lord and loved sharing his word with everyone. She had an amazing heart full of fondness and admiration that she loved sharing. Yolanda was a protector of her family and

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would do anything for them, no matter what. She had a tremendous love for her cousins, nieces, and nephews. Her family was her everything!

Yolanda was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas "Tommy" Navarro, and daughter, Melissa Ann Perez. She is survived by her son, John (Melissa) Navarro; daughter, Vivian (Eric) Duarte; son-in-law Johnny Perez; sister, Bertha Navarro; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Till we meet again Mom, we love you! Rest In Paradise! Visitation is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Superior Harvest Church. Services for Yolanda will begin at 9 a.m. and inurnment will follow at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Superior.

Woman drowns in Gila River near Kearny

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office was called to the Gila River near N. Driftwood Way and E. Riverside Dr. on Monday evening shortly after 6:30 p.m. with a report of a possible drowning.

The person reporting the incident said that he and a female were tubing on the Gila River when she went under the water. According to Lauren Reimer, PCSO Public Information Officer, "The male stated he attempted to revive her but was unsuccessful, and the female was deceased."

Reimer said that Sheriff's deputies and local fire crews searched for the victim's body for several hours.

"Loss of daylight, swift water conditions, and thick brush along the riverbank made the search difficult," she said.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety helicopter was called in to assist from above.

Around 7 a.m. the following morning, Kearny and Winkelman Fire crews in coordination with PCSO Search and Rescue located the deceased victim on the riverbank. She was identified as 57-year-old Lisa Traut.

"This incident remains under investigation. The Pinal County Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death," Reimer said.

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Superior Panthers prepare for 2023 season

By Nathaniel A. Lopez Superior Sun

The Superior High School football team is preparing for the 2023 season, and this year they have a new head coach in control.

Elias Olmos is a Superior local who has been involved in the communities love for football since he was a kid, and played while attending Superior Jr/Sr High School. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach under Coach Palmer back in 2018, staying on his staff for three years. Seeking some head coaching experience, Olmos took the reigns as head coach for Superior's Jr. High football team in 2021. He also was the head coach of a team in the Valley in 2022. Olmos is happy to be back

home taking on the role of head coach for the high school team.

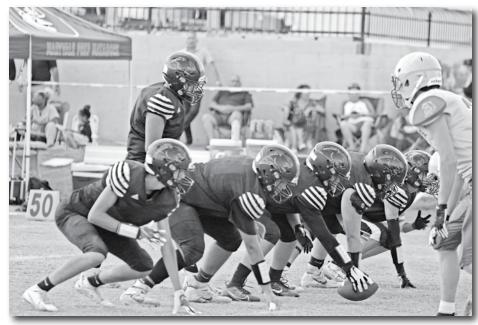
"I am extremely excited, blessed and honored to hold this position. This is something I have looked forward to since I was a little kid," began Coach Olmos. "From a ball boy for Superior as a little kid, to playing for Superior as a teenager, and now finally with my dream job, of being the Head Coach of Superior High School Football."

The Panthers have been hard at work over the summer, in the weight room, and on the field. Now it will be time to show their competitors the skills they have sharpened over the off-season.

"As the season comes to a near, their hard work is all coming to fruition. I expect us to have a successful season this fall. These young men have fully bought in to the new culture, and I am excited to see what this season brings them. They understand Superior is a football town, and everyday they are working to represent their community and bring great pride to our town residents." Coach Olmos said. "We had a four-team scrimmage against Maryvale Prep, North Phoenix Prep, and Tempe Prep this past week. I am proud of the way our team competed and executed, we had success on offense and defense and there is still so many areas to improve on, so that brings a lot of optimism for what the future holds for this team."

The Panthers will kick off their 2023 season with an away game at Hayden. The game will take place on Friday, Aug. 18, with a scheduled start time of 7 p.m.

Come out and support the Panthers as they begin a new era of Superior Football!









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AUGUST

23 Game Day at the Superior Senior Center

Game Day at the Superior Senior Center is Wednesday, Aug. 23, 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 Aug. 21 if you need a ride.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch and informative meeting at the chamber office, 165 W. Main St. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 520-689-0200. There is a fee for lunch.

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. All are welcome. Need a ride to the center or more information? Call 689-5182.

SUPERIOR SCHOOL BOARD: Regular meetings of the Superior School District Governing Board are held at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium, at Kennedy Elementary School, 1500 Sunset Drive in Superior, usually on the first Wednesday of each month.

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.

Gas lines to be installed; welding program to begin soon at Superior Enterprise Center

The Town of Superior continues to make progress on the renovations of the original Superior High School. Recently the main driveway into the campus was trenched to allow for new gas lines to be installed into the campus. The gas lines will be used to heat the building and operate the Senior Center Kitchen and Enterprise Center. The Senior Center Kitchen will also double as a community kitchen for food entrepreneurs.

Rebuild Superior also entered into a \$50,000 donation agreement with Resolution Copper to complete electrical work in the vocational technical building on the campus. Once the electrical panels and components are repaired, the Superior Enterprise Center will be offering the first welding classes in conjunction with Central Arizona College this fall.

Work is also expected to begin in the gymnasium to have proper air conditioning and heating installed.

Town Manager Todd Pryor recently reported that there are approximately 10 grants being utilized to complete the renovations to the campus. The Town is awaiting final plans on the elevator construction.



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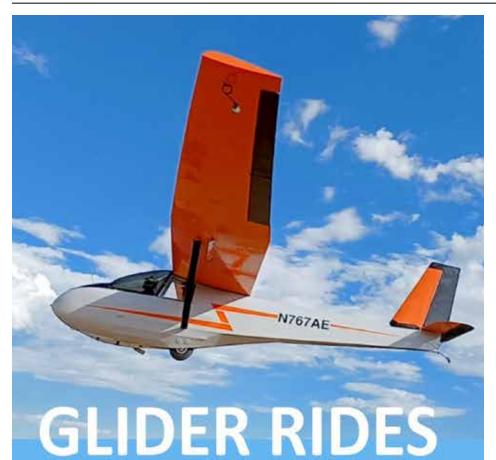
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