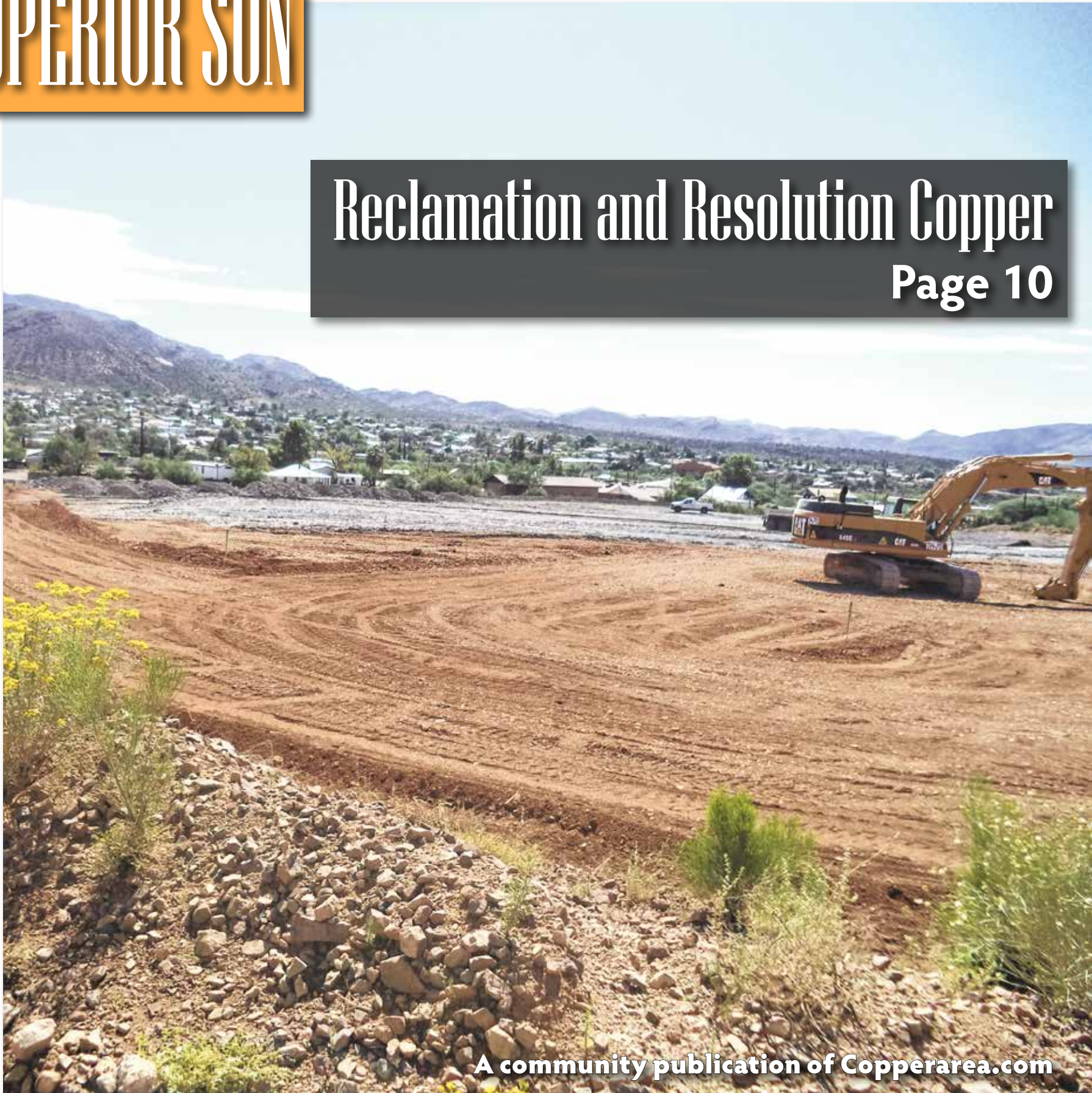
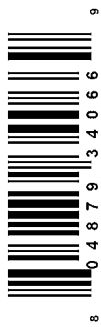


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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Respecting our San Carlos Apache Tribal Elders: Leading from Truth

Since it has been stated and made clear by myself and other tribal members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe that Oak Flat has no religious or cultural significance to our tribe, nor does it threaten our livelihood, it's now the time to continue on with what will ultimately happen with Resolution Copper. In the past couple of months, rather than listening to hearsay, I decided to seek out the answers to the questions many of us had. In taking initiative, I found that the answers were right at my fingertips – it was as simple as attending public

meetings, taking advantage of the tours being offered and communicating my concerns. Through this, it was made clear that there are strict laws and detailed regulations that the NEPA process requires and that special mining permits must be obtained. It was also made clear that as members of our community, we have a voice and an opportunity to engage with the company and the federal government who oversees the process of NEPA. We should also be aware that above all, the safety and well-being of all involved (workers and communities) is the most important. It is only after these things are considered that this mining project could begin.

I have to share with my community and neighbor friends that in my home it was brought up for discussion how block cave mining sounded scary and what the result of that environment might look like. I had to reassure my son and daughters that yes, with the most intelligent and sophisticated mining techniques that will be implemented it will be up to mother earth how the outcome will be. That's why it is very important that we all come together

and PRAY for a successful outcome. I remind my family and also encourage all that fear tactics that are used to prevent any project is a form of manipulating for one's own gain. As tribal members with a strong cultural traditional core of prayer, we must stay informed and involved with Resolution Copper. Coming to the table of discussion and concerns, all based on facts promotes a unity of strength. So that all involved in the mining work force and families at home are safe.

When I mention safe at home, which in itself is a handful as our communities are faced with many sensitive issues. I encourage all tribal members not to fear our Tribal Government Leaders, as they must remember that the oath they took was to serve their people, serve with facts, fairness and honesty. I continue to applaud the tribal council members who have weighed out the facts, and lead with fairness and honesty. Though a special interest group with several of our leaders and tribal members decided to travel to Washington D.C. to speak out against the project, I commend the leaders and tribal members who made the decision to stay home and continue to address the more important issues facing our community today.

I extend my apologies to the mother/daughter from Washington State - who walked to support what they believed was the truth. I only wish that they were introduced to our elders who have provided truth to us. Our healings continue and our concerns and issues are still in need of being addressed. There is so much we have to deal with as a tribal community that we need to come together to combat the social ills and come together to make decisions that benefit the greater good of our community. I humble my little mind so that I along with many who gracefully accept change do not allow fear to cripple us as a community but rather allow truth to lead and guide us.

Always in the spirit of Peace, Charity, Hope and Love, a San Carlos Tribal Member,

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Karen Kitcheyan Jones

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Maricopa, Az. 85138

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# CFFT, CAC Board recall and closure of Aravaipa campus

In the past few weeks, have you seen or heard of petitioners hanging around the copper corridor with a sign reading, "45% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR ALL OF PINAL COUNTY BY CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE," I am writing this editorial to inform you, from a student's perspective, what this means to me and why it happened.

On May 19, 2015, the Pinal County Community College District Governing Board voted to accept the CAC budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

This vote followed a truth in taxation hearing where board members voted to increase the current tax rate from \$1.91 to \$2.76 per \$100 of net assessed valuation. In response to concerns expressed by local citizens, the CAC Governing Board voted on June 9 to change the tax rate to \$2.30 per \$100 of net assessed valuation.

A response to this tax rate included a committee called Citizens for Fair Taxation and chairman Garland Shreves

to take action to recall and re-elect CAC's governing board to make cost saving measures. With great sadness, I am writing because the committee received enough petitions to recall two of the four targeted board members. Petition signatures are currently undergoing verification.

I feel that most of the signatures from our side of the county were acquired through misinforming the public. From Mammoth's La Casita to Kearny's Norm's Grocery, petitioners purposely advertised their sign in a way that was interpreted for all of Pinal County property taxes to increase by 45%, and that if you sign their petition, it won't happen. Note CAC's share of the property tax is only 14%, and CAC's board voted their rate to 20%. Yet, petitioners advertised otherwise.

The initial rate increase was made from a 2-year period of careful consideration to Pinal County residents and CAC's future. Before this, many cost containment measures were instituted. Please

understand that CAC's state funding was nearly lost this fiscal year. Also, since the year of 2006, state funding for CAC has decreased 80% and tuition has increased 64%.

What the people advertising for the recall in eastern Pinal county DID NOT tell you is that one of the so-called cost saving measures to keep from increasing taxes is to close the Aravaipa Campus.

To the recall supporters, the Aravaipa campus is seen as unnecessary and that its services could be given completely online.

As a student of the Aravaipa campus, I feel targeted. I am furious.

Aravaipa's location is rural, serves the copper corridor, and aids students like me who cannot afford to attend the Signal Peak campus, or initially transfer to university.

Know this, the Aravaipa campus has yielded the best foundation of my academic career, an ultimate collegiate experience. This is true for many others and myself

as students of the Copper Corridor. Advancement of my extremely rural area DEPENDS on Aravaipa as our ONLY access to higher education.

This facility offers vital services such as a learning center and library that teaches research methods, counseling services that assist students far beyond classrooms, financial aid, and many outreach programs. All of these services could never be substituted by online methods.

Closing the Aravaipa campus will terminate access to higher education, leaving my community of Pinal County behind to compete economically.

Why would anyone sign a petition to take away success from future Aravaipa attendees and myself? It's vindictive. What saddens me is that signers of the petition did not know this. For the supporters of the recall, the message I receive is that higher-ered seeking students in eastern Pinal County are not worth the investment.

/s/ **Edward Aguirre**

## Superior Police Report

**According to state law, police may arrest suspected offenders by two methods. The suspect may be physically taken into the department and booked into jail, or the arresting officer may write a citation and release the suspect to appear in court later. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All damage amounts are estimates.**

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

### Sept. 25

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Hwy. 60.

Emma M. Aboud, 54, Superior, was arrested in the 900 block of Church Ave. and was charged with aggravated assault/domestic violence (DV), assault/DV and disorderly conduct/DV. She was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of Terrace Dr.

### Sept. 28

Theft of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Main St.

Theft was reported in the zero block of Pisano

St.

### Sept. 29

Ygnaio R. Silvas, 31, Superior, was arrested in the area of Church Ave. and Gibbs St. and was charged with obstructing governmental operations. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail.

### Sept. 30

An accident with injuries was reported in the area of Hwy. 60 and Main St.

Calls not listed include traffic stop (10), suspicious activity (2), animal complaint (4), harassment (1), agency assist (6), civil matter (1), welfare check (3), disturbance (4), medical (2), 911 hang-up (1), attempt to locate (1), illegal dumping (1), information (6), citizen assist (2), utility problem (1) and fraud (1).

Citizens are reminded to call Silent Witness at 1-800-358-INFO, Crime Stop at 689-5611 or the Information Tip Line at 520-827-0065 if they have information that may help the police department in solving a crime.

The Superior Police and Fire Departments have contracted all dispatch services to the Pinal County Sheriff (POLICE) and Florence PD (FIRE). As a result of these changes, you need to know some new phone numbers.

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# Superior Optimist Club announces upcoming holiday activities

The Superior Optimist Club has announced the dates for their Halloween Witches & Goblins Brunch and the Miracle on Main St. Parade and holiday festival.

The third annual Witches and Goblins brunch will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, brunch will start at 10 a.m. and run through noon at the Gold Canyon golf resort. Tickets are \$25 and includes an all you can eat brunch, coffee, juice, gratuity, door prizes and costume contest. Guest are encouraged to wear Halloween attire.

The Miracle on Main St. Parade and holiday festival will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015. The event will begin about 3 p.m. in downtown Superior. The club is looking for parade entries, there is no cost to enter the parade and there will be cash prizes awarded to the first, second and third place entries. There are still may sponsorship opportunities available.

For more information on the parade and brunch, you can contact Mila Besich-Lira at 520-827-0676 or JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

## Trunk or Treat, Halloween Parade set for Oct. 30

The annual Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat on Main St. will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, 2015. This year the event is being hosted by the VFW and the Superior Optimist Club. Line up for the parade will begin at 4 p.m. at the corner of Main and Magma. The parade will continue to the VFW where the Costume contest and trunk or treating will be held.

This year there will be a pet costume contest and adult category for the costume contest. Bobby Cook will also be hosting a kids karaoke party in the VFW.

Those wishing to participate in Trunk or Treat can contact Michael Montiel at 480-272-3786 or Mila Besich-Lira at 520-827-0676.

\*\* Please note - traditional Trick or Treating in the community will continue on the actual holiday, Saturday,

Oct. 31, 2015. Should there be a state play off football game in Superior, there may be other Halloween activities at the school.



Dressing up for the Witchy Brunch.

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## Panthers extend winning streak

By Andrew Luberda  
Superior Sun

The Superior football team extended its winning streak to six games after defeating Chandler Prep last Friday at home, 60 – 6. The game marked the fifth time this season that the sixth-ranked Panthers scored at least 54 points while holding their opponents to only one touchdown.

The Panthers scored early and often, scoring 30 unanswered points before Chandler Prep put up its first and only points of the game. The Panthers led at halftime, 30 – 6.

Superior's domination continued in the second half as it outscored Chandler Prep 30 – 0 to notch its sixth-straight lopsided win this season.

Quarterback Nicolaus Cruz threw for three touchdowns and backup Steven Ybarra, a freshman, threw for another. The duo combined to go 19-of-24 for 274 yards and four touchdown passes.

Junior running back Edgar Galindo rushed for 72 yards on only seven carries and scored two touchdowns.

Elias Olmos (2), Marcos Bueno, and Austin Navarrette each had at least one touchdown reception in the victory. Olmos finished with seven receptions for 137 yards, both game highs.

Galindo led the Panthers' defensive attack with 11 tackles, a sack, a blocked punt, and an interception. Jalon Murray had a season-high three sacks against the Titans. And senior Michael Salazar picked off two passes. The

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# Jr. Panthers finish regular season undefeated

By **Andrew Luberd**  
Superior Sun

The Superior Jr. High football team finished its regular season without a loss, going a perfect 6 – 0 to lock up the No. 1-seed in the upcoming playoffs that begin on Oct. 13.

“We had some pretty good players who were seventh-graders last year that came up, so we had some decent talent there,” head coach Martin Navarrette told the Superior Sun. “(We) also had a younger group come up – seventh-graders – that had some experience from playing in the league in Apache Junction. The combination of the talent that was there and the new

players coming in; they blended pretty well.”

The Jr. Panthers are led on offense by quarterback Sammy Lopez, one of the team’s captains. Navarrette said he likes the way Lopez runs the offense and is the one who makes the Jr. Panthers go.

Navarrette also likes first-year running back Gabe Ortero, who plays running back and fullback. A couple of eighth graders lead a strong offensive line, including Benji Hernandez, who Navarrette said is one of several in the group who can really “move some bodies around.”

The saying goes, ‘Defense wins championships’ and the Jr. Panthers may have the league’s best. The defense is an aggressive, blitzing style which includes “a stunt on

every play,” according to Navarrette.

The Jr. Panthers’ head coach believes the experience and familiarity between he and players has helped the team achieve the level of success it has this year.

The Jr. Panthers will host the No. 4-seed on Oct. 13 and can advance to the championship game on Oct. 20 with a win.

What will it take for the Jr. Panthers to bring home the championship?

“As long as we can outlast our opponent, our players remain aggressive, and they play smart, I think we’ll be fine,” Navarrette responded.

In other words, keep doing what they’ve been doing. Good luck, Jr. Panthers!

## PANTHERS

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Panthers forced six turnovers in the game, including fumble recoveries by Cruz and Dominic Perea that were returned for touchdowns. Austin Navarrette also recorded a fumble recovery.

The Panthers face their biggest test of the season this Friday when they travel to fifth-ranked Gilbert Christian to battle the Knights’ on their homecoming.

The Knights are 5 – 1 on the season with their only loss coming against top-ranked and undefeated Pima, 22 – 19.

With a win against the Knights, the Panthers almost assuredly will lock up a first-round playoff bye and host a second-round playoff game on Oct. 31.

Kickoff for Friday’s game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## Superior High School Homecoming activities planned

The Superior High School Student Council has announced homecoming activities for 2016. This year’s theme is video games. Homecoming is set for Friday, Oct. 16.

Monday is pajama day and the student body will vote for the homecoming court. Tuesday is twin day, students are encouraged to dress like twins. Wednesday is video game attire day and the annual Powder Puff football game will be held at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Football Field. Thursday is class color day and Friday is school spirit day. The community is encouraged to wear black and orange to show support for the Panthers.

The annual homecoming parade will begin at 4 p.m. Those wishing to enter the parade should sign up in advance with the school. Line up will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Main and Magma. Following the parade there will be a tail gate party in the parking lot. Kick off is at 7 p.m. The Senior night ceremony will be conducted prior to kick off. The King and Queen will be announced at half time.

Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance may purchase their tickets at the Superior High School prior to the game. For more information on the Homecoming events please contact the Superior Junior Senior High school at 520-689-3100.



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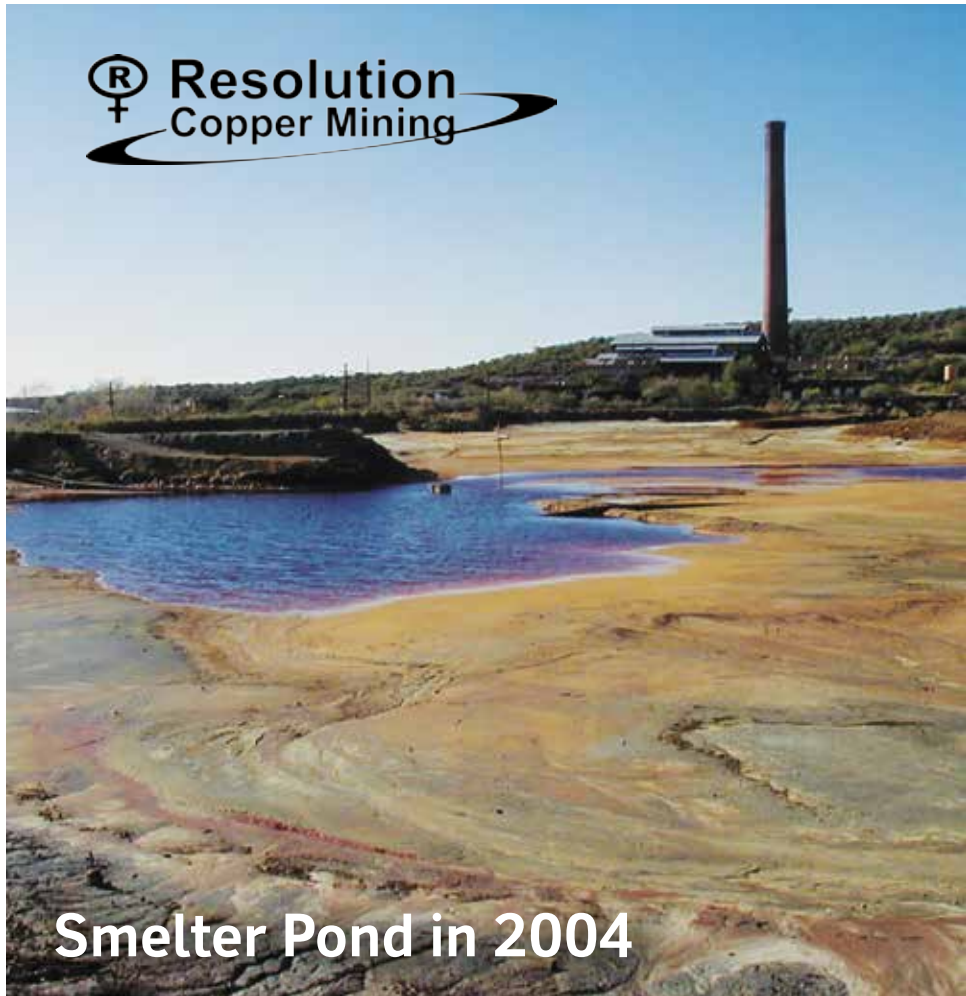
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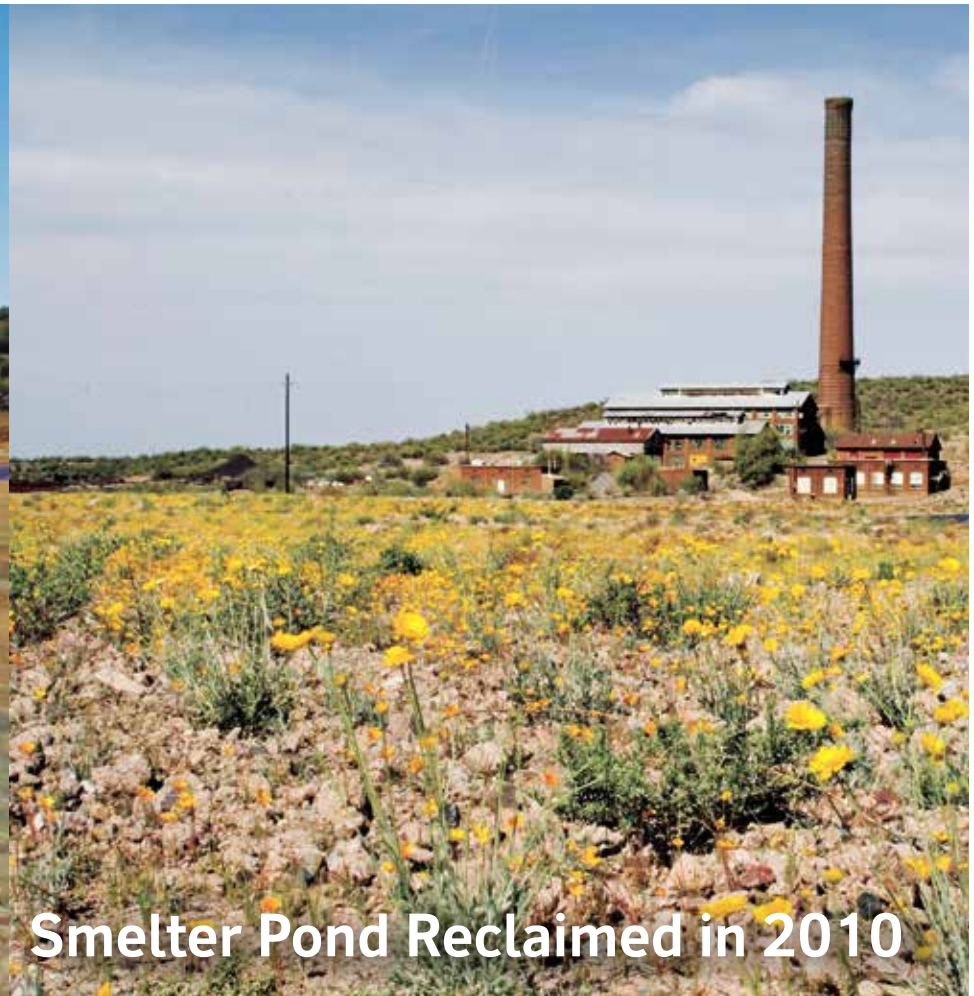
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Please RSVP for one of the tours, by Friday, Oct. 9, by calling **520.689.3409** or send an email to **info@resolutioncopper.com**. Space is limited.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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# Reclamation continues at Resolution Copper

By Mila Besich-Lira  
Superior Sun

Well over 100 years ago, miners and entrepreneurs settled in Superior and the surrounding area. It was a booming time, immigrants came from all over the world to conquer the wild west and make their riches, and set their legacy working in the mining camps. This piece of the earth was bearing riches for all who ventured to dig for them, those minerals transformed the world, Copper aided in the advancement of electricity and many other common uses we enjoy today.

In those early days of mining, there were no governmental permits to apply for. First come, first serve and if you claimed it, the riches could be yours. Engineering was checked but the level of knowledge was minimal in those early days as Arizona was being settled. Tailings spots were not planned; they were put where it was convenient. The same was true with the rest of the mining operations: water and air quality were not considered when building the mine – the most important thing was mining the ore and getting it into the marketplace. The town grew up around the mine and most accepted the surroundings, including the mountains of tailings and slag as home. Some will even recall playing in the tall steep slopes of the tailings. There were very few precautions in place for the aging mine; they were not required until most recently.

Fortunately, the terrain around Superior was conducive and forgiving to allow tailing piles in the area. The ground where the historic tailing sites are placed are in areas that naturally keep the toxic materials from seeping into the earth based on the geography of the area. The arid climate keeps the tailings from forming acid rock drainage. Acid rock drainage occurs when the water and air meet the tailings. There was a tailings spill in the 1990s but that was a rare occurrence and was caused due to an above normal rainy winter.

In the early 2000s, Resolution Copper began working on a plan to reopen the historic Magma mine. The new mine would be required to clean up old mining waste and build the new mine to ensure that all environmental regulations were met and this is where the story of reclaiming the old tailings begins.

Casey McKeon, Environmental Manager with Resolution Copper explained how the new mine would be required to start with a clean canvas in its development. In order to do that the company would need to clean up the old mining operations to make sure that the existing tailings would not contaminate the new operations since they were working in the same footprint. The company could have waited to clean up the old tailings site but in order to meet Rio Tinto's standards for environmental quality, the company enlisted the help of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). This program helped them to establish a timeline to clean up the old tailings site and begin the processes. There are at least 15 permits that must be received by the ADEQ just to ensure that aquifer is protected. Those permits are called the Aquifer Protection Permits (APP).

“We could have easily completed the clean up much sooner,” McKeon explained. “We could have hired a huge firm to clean up the tailings and manage all the engineering. Instead we opted to hire local companies to complete the cleanup.” she said. The reasoning behind hiring local companies was to start infusing some cash into local businesses for services and also hire a local work force who would see and understand firsthand the reclamation project along with the overall mine project.

The new engineering and clean up of the existing tailings site will ensure that all storm water remains on site and does not get into local aquifers of the town. The water that does build up onsite is then processed through the wastewater treatment plant onsite and is processed until it is clean enough to send to the farmers in the New Magma Irrigation district near the Florence - San Tan Valley area. The water sent to the irrigation district is monitored several times to ensure that the nothing in the water will damage the fields or the crops that the water is used on.

Currently Resolution Copper is working on the Lower Smelter Pond (LSP) reclamation. This is the area closer to Main St. and passersby can see the work being done. The contracts for that work have been awarded to Superior Environmental, Oddonetto Construction and Albo Guzman Trucking. The workers are all from Superior and

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Casey McKeon, Environmental Manager with Resolution Copper.



Crews work to repair and reclaim areas damaged by over a century of mining. Submitted | Resolution Copper

# Resolution Copper hosts open house, apologizes for layoffs

By Mila Besich-Lira  
Superior Sun

Resolution Copper hosted an open house at the Superior Junior-Senior High School last week. Project Director, Andrew Taplin gave a brief update on the project then opened the forum up to the public for questions.

Taplin reported that the project had to lay off 36 workers. For a decade, the company marketed that there would be 3,700 jobs following the completion of the land exchange. Taplin apologized for the miscommunication and he further explained that the company needs to conduct further studies on the drilling and engineering before they can complete sinking the number nine shaft to meet the depth of the number ten shaft. The number ten shaft was completed in December and many of those

workers have been laid off due to the work not progressing on completing the number nine shaft. A few have been hired by local firms that will be conducting drilling on the project.

Taplin explained that the Tonto National Forest has selected their third party consultants to conduct the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) permitting. The NEPA process will allow the public to comment on the project. It is expected that this public hearing process will begin in early 2016. The company expects the permitting to take up to five years to complete.

Safety continues to a main topic for the company. Taplin reported that the company works relentlessly to ensure a safe working environment. Resolution Copper has went 1,000 days injury free at their drilling projects.

Resolution Copper has received confirmation that Rio

Tinto will fund their 2016 budget in the amount of \$100 million to maintain current assets, understand the ore body better and continue the permitting process; \$50 million will be spent on reclamation, explained Taplin. They will also use the funding to refine the studies of number nine shaft with hopes that shaft sinking will resume in 2017.

The four main goals for the company in 2016 are safety, permitting, engaging the support from local communities and maintaining a solid business case to move the project forward.

Resolution Copper is hosting two public events. Oct. 10 is a tour of the reclamation areas. The tours are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. On Oct. 21, the core processing facility will be open for tours by the public. For more information, please contact Resolution Copper at 520-689-3409 or [info@resolutioncopper.com](mailto:info@resolutioncopper.com)

\*\*Author's note: If you missed the core processing facility tour last year, make sure you attend this year. It is a hands on tour and very interesting.

## CV Foundation Presents the Copper Reflections Artist of the Week: Dara Heward

Dara Heward, of Dara Heward Photography is a self-taught photographer based in Arizona whose work comprises of outdoor, nature, wildlife, travel, and landscape photography content. She also specializes in high-resolution motion time-lapses. She searches for wild, offbeat destinations and landscapes, and likes to tell stories through pictures of these natural environments. Her passion was shaped by a childhood where she was constantly playing outdoors and around animals.

"Photographs enable a sense of wonder within a person. I love taking pictures so I can share my child-like curiosity with the world. While I'm out shooting, I'm like a little kid again exploring and capturing new things and places for the first time. Every photo adventure is different and creates a new challenge that drives a constant evolution within my photos," said Dara.

With a background in Ecology, she inspires to share the natural world through her lens and collaborate with adventurers, scientists, and other photographers. In the future she is working on getting involved in safari and night sky workshops to teach people about wildlife, the stars, and everything photography.

Dara produces high quality prints of her beautiful work on canvas, metal, and wood. She also does panoramas and split designs. More of her work can be viewed on her website: [www.daraheward.com](http://www.daraheward.com), Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/darahewardphoto>, Instagram: <https://www.facebook.com/darahewardphoto>, or twitter: <https://twitter.com/daraheward>. You can also contact her directly at [darheward@gmail.com](mailto:darheward@gmail.com).

Be sure to come to the CV Foundation "Copper Reflections" Art and Wine Auction on Nov. 6 to have a chance at getting your own fine photography print on metal by Dara Heward! The event will be

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Photographer Dara Heward

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# Pinal County gives \$40,000 to Hayden Senior Center

Pete Rios, Pinal County Supervisor and vice-chairman, last week made a sizable presentation to the Hayden Senior

Center. He was greeted warmly by Annie Hinojos, Hayden Senior Center, Jeremy

Garcia, Hayden Town Council and Gloria Ruiz, Hayden Town Council. Rios presented the Town of Hayden a donation of \$40,000 to assist the town with services for the senior citizens.

"I wanted to thank Hayden Senior Center for helping our elderly," Rios said, "when I say our elderly I include Hayden, Winkelman. They also serve Pinal County elderly. When (the) Superior Senior

Center was in trouble, Hayden Senior Center bailed them out and they are still working on it. They service people in Kearny, Dudleyville, Mammoth, San Manuel, Oracle, Catalina and all the way to the SaddleBrooke line."

After the check was awarded, Rios met with some of the local seniors at the Hayden Senior Center and even had lunch with local residents.



Hayden Councilman Jeremy Garcia, Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios, Hayden Senior Center Director Annie Hinojos and Hayden Town Clerk Gloria Ruiz hold a \$40,000 donation from the Pinal County Supervisors for Hayden Senior Center.

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Pete Rios getting ready for lunch with Hayden Seniors. Nina Crowder | Copper Area

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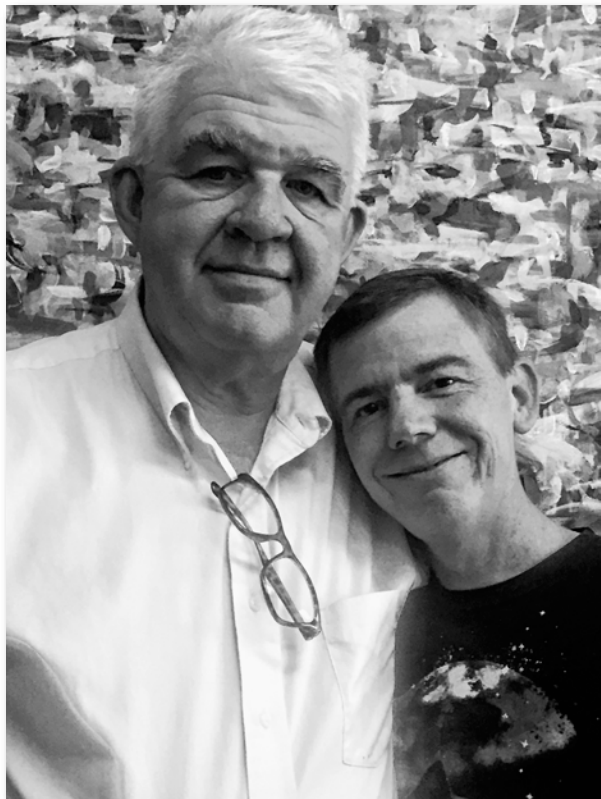
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Boonie Johnson and Dre LeBlanc

## Johnson, LeBlanc to wed Saturday

Boonie Johnson and Dre LeBlanc announce their upcoming nuptials.

The couple will wed on Oct. 10, 2015 in an open ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Superior Chamber of Commerce.

The two reside at a ranch near Kelvin-Riverside and own and operate the Wild Cow Art Gallery in Superior.

The couple invites the community to share in the celebration. A reception will follow the ceremony. The Superior Chamber of Commerce is located at 165 W. Main St.

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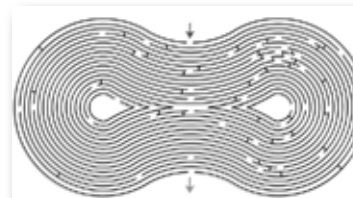
## OCTOBER

### 7 Community Working Group Special Meeting

There will be a special CWG meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Resolution has arranged to provide a 4-hour version of the Shipley Group's NEPA training that some attended in the past and thought was very helpful. It will be held at the Superior Chamber of Commerce, as usual. The regularly-scheduled meeting will be on Oct. 14.

### 10 BTA Hosts Trio Rio Concert

Pack a picnic and invite friends for a concert of high-energy 'acoustic Americana' by Trio Rio, the four-man trio on Saturday Oct. 10. They'll share a set in the Picnic Area of Boyce Thompson Arboretum from noon - 2 p.m. Music's included with daily admission of \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12.



### 10 Labyrinth Walk and Pot Luck

Have you ever wanted to visit the labyrinth at the home of Marilee Lasch? This weekend she is opening her yard up to those locals wishing to walk the Labyrinth and enjoy some fall fun. The event will feature some live music and a pot luck dinner. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at her home on the corner of Magma Ave. and Porphyry Ave.

### 15 Free Social Security Planning Seminar

Learn to maximize your social security benefits and know when to apply with help from the free Social Security planning seminar, sponsored by the Foresters Financial Services. The seminar will be held at the Superior Chamber of Commerce office, 165 W Main St., on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Call 602-841-2627 x 225 to RSVP; required by Friday, Oct. 9.



### 22 Pastry Bingo at the Senior Center

The Superior Senior Center will have a pastry bingo on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. All are invited to participate.

## ON THE AGENDA

**FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER BIBLE STUDY:** A Bible Study will be held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Family Life Christian Center. Call 689-2202 for more information.

**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 is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A hot nutritious lunch is provided at noon. Bingo is played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 10:30 a.m. Come in and join us for lunch or Bingo. You do not need to be a senior to join us, but must be over 21 to play Bingo. Need a ride to the center? Call 520-689-5182.

**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 you can join them at their weekly meeting on Tuesdays at noon at Los Hermanos Restaurant.

**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, ARIZONA COWBOY ROUND-UP ASSOC:** Anyone interested in joining the Superior, Arizona Cowboy Round-up Association should call Sandra Doyle at 509-936-0604.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free. The Superior Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.

# Superior Head Start Happenings

Superior - The Superior Head Start Program, which began its new year on Thursday, Sept. 1 is heading toward its two -week Fall Break, which began on Monday, Oct. 5.

Committed to its focus on health and safety education, Head Start

recently encouraged its students to participate in Rail Safety Education, with Jeremiah Reichelt and Gary Hernandez of Arizona Eastern Railroad visiting. As part of the program, the students viewed a Rail Safety DVD titled "Sly & Birdie," and all of the

children received a Rail Safety Goody Gift Bag.

After the presentation, the children recited the motto, "Look, Listen & Live," then shared with the presenters, asking and answering questions.

All of the children were in agreement that the "... train

is loud, it goes fast, it carries things people need and you don't cross or walk on the railroad tracks." One child asked, "How much does the train weigh?" Another child asked if the train had a radio. Other queries from students were, "Is it cold to ride in the train?" and "Have you run over something?"

The Head Start children receive a daily freshly cooked family style breakfast and lunch meal. This year the new food provider is Le'Fox Catering, which also provides a monthly international meal, flavored with educational information concerning the origins and use of the meal.

September's International meal was an "Oriental meal." The children ate rice, stir fry chicken with vegetables, and used chopsticks to eat their food. The children also cut, tasted, felt, and smelled

Dragon Fruit.

One child commented, "it has things on it like a strawberry, I think it's his cousin." Another child said, "It has pepper things on it." Another remarked, "I think it has little bugs on it." One child exclaimed, "It's pink just like my shirt!"

The children also participated in creating collages reflecting their new food experience and Rail Safety experiences.

All of the Head Start children have been actively participating in exploring the classroom environment and using various writing materials to create their own art and writing samples. The children have been focusing on strengthening their motor skills, role playing, planning, constructing and using cognitive and social interaction skills while exploring the developmentally appropriate materials.



## ARTIST

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held at the Gila County Fairgrounds and will begin at 6 p.m. In addition to the Live and Silent Auctions for art by wonderful artists such as Dara, there will also be History and Artifacts from our local mines and

museums, wine tasting, and Hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 if bought prior to the event and \$25 at the door. For more information or to donate please call (928) 402-1141 or (928) 402-1230.



Dara Heward's photograph 'Windmill'.

## RECLAMATION

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the surrounding areas.

The process of reclaiming this area has involved digging much deeper than most have expected. The contaminated dirt is moved to older tailing piles on the far northwest side of the property. The land reclaimed will be filled with clean dirt and native vegetation will be planted on the reclaimed area. The open tailing piles where the contaminated dirt will be taken will eventually be closed once all the old contaminated sites on the property are

reclaimed then those tailing ponds will be capped and the area will be reclaimed and that area will be revegetated with native plants.

The company expects to complete the reclamation process by 2020. For those wishing to see the reclamation process up close, Resolution Copper is hosting public tours of the area on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. You can RSVP for the tour at 520-689-3409 or email info@resolutioncopper.com.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Pcp
Sept 28	102	69	
Sept 29	104	67	
Sept 30	106	68	
Oct 1	106	69	
Oct 2	98	65	
Oct 3	94	60	
Oct 4	92	60	

Weather readings  
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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of October, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pinal County Administrative Complex, in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, to consider the following requests for major amendments to the 2009 Pinal County Comprehensive Plan.

**PZ-PA-001-15:** A request by the Community Development Department for a major amendment of the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan to amend the text of Chapter 8: Healthy Happy Residents; to add a subsection titled Healthy Places that will include new Goals, Objectives and Policies that will address the availability of healthy food, and community supported agriculture.

**PZ-PA-002-15:** A request by the Community Development Department for a major amendment of the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan to amend the text Chapter 3: Sense of Community to add Green Energy Production as a new land use designation under "Additional Land Use Designations"; and amend the text of Chapter 10: Implementation to allow requests to the "Green Energy Production" designation as non-major amendments up to 640 acres.

**PZ-PA-004-15:** A request by San Tan 320, LLC. to amend the 2009 Pinal County Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use designation from Very Low Density Residential (0-1 du/ac) to Low Density Residential (0-2 du/ac) on approximately 320.73± acres, situated in a portion of Sections 15 and 22, T03S, R07E located adjacent to the south side of Phillips Road approximately .5 miles west of Thompson Road.

At least 24 hours prior to the public hearing, documents pertaining to these requests are available for public inspection at the Pinal County Planning and Development Department, Pinal County Complex, Building F, 31 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on the internet at <http://pinalcountyz.gov/CommunityDevelopment/Planning/Pages/Home.aspx>

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED ABOVE AND STATE THEIR APPROVAL OR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OR PROTEST MAY BE FILED WITH THE PINAL COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 2973, FLORENCE, AZ 85132 NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 14th, 2015. YOUR STATEMENT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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## Resolution Copper Core Processing Facility Tour

Resolution Copper cordially invites you to a special tour providing a rare, inside view of the geological and geotechnical logging program at our Core Processing Facility. Geologists will be on hand to talk about the drilling program, answer questions and discuss how core samples support information gathering for engineering, planning and permitting.

The tour will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Core Processing Facility, 2 N. Mesquite Rd., Superior 85173.

**Please note, closed toed shoes are required for the tour.**

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions about the public meetings, we invite you to call our information line at 520.689.3409, visit our Community Information Office at 402 W, Main St. in Superior, or visit [ResolutionCopper.com](http://ResolutionCopper.com).

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