

Winkelman Mayor Louis C. Bracamonte, right, and Vice-Mayor Anita Hinojos received plaques at the League of Cities & Towns conference. They each have served 24 years on the Winkelman Town Council.



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—David Brinkley

OBITUARIES

Beverly Jean Henderson



Beverly Jean Henderson, 78, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 15, 2021, in Riverside.

Jean was born Aug. 21, 1943, in Parsons, Kansas to her parents, Emily and Leaford Williams. She married her husband Bob on Aug. 19, 1959.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; brother, Sonny; daughters, Debbe Boatman, Bobbie (Kenny) Hatfield and Valerie (Mark)

Hay; grandchildren, Jeremy (Brandon) Boatman, Justin Boatman, Lisa (Roger) Hildebrandt, Riley (Beverly) Hatfield, Bo (Tracie) Hatfield and Morgan (Samantha) Hay; great-grandchildren, Jade and Persephone Josephine (PJ), Mikayla, Lana, and Kent Boatman, Elizabeth and Mason Hildebrandt, Claudia Hatfield, Barrett and Russo Hay; several nieces, nephews and more loved family and friends.

Final wishes are being handled by Griffith Mortuary in Kearny.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Dec. 18, 2021, at noon. Please join friends and family for a BBQ lunch in honor of Jean on Dec. 18 at noon at 25280 N. Burns Lane, Riverside.

Alfonzo 'Chito' Benitez



Alfonzo (Chito) Benitez, 63, a son, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on Nov. 6, 2021, due to heart complications.

Alfonzo was born March 6, 1958, in Ray, Arizona. He was the son of Al (Poncho) Benitez, Nelly (Munoz) Benitez and Mary (Chacon) Benitez. He was a veteran of the Naval Services. He loved to spend his time fishing and hunting and was an avid

rock collector with his four-legged friend Benny.

Alfonso is preceded in death by parents, Al (Poncho) Benitez, Nelly (Munoz) Benitez, and Mary (Chacon) Benitez; siblings, Jessica Varelas, Alfred Benitez, and Henry Benitez.

Alfonso is survived by his wife, Nancy (Gonzales) Benitez; children Felicia (Fernando) Noriega, Ruben (Cindy) Benitez, and bonus Malena (Johnny) Pizano, Amanda (Ronnie) Huffman, Michael (Ruby) Dorame; sisters, Debbie, Linda, and Terry Benitez; and Melissa, Marty and Brian Richey. He has 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Chito will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Griffith Mortuary in Kearny, AZ.

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 Nov. 7 – Nov. 13.

Nov. 9

Criminal damage was reported in the area of Kearny Lake.

Nov. 10

Ryan P. Olsen, 25, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was cited and released.

Nov. 11

Aaron K. Goodridge, 40, was arrested for disorderly

conduct/domestic violence. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Nov. 12

An unattended death was reported.

Nov. 13

A juvenile was arrested for criminal damage. Subject was cited and released.

Calls not listed include: traffic stop (9), animal complaint (7), ambulance (8), welfare check (1), citizen assist (3), unkempt premises (1), 911 hang-up (3), noise complaint (2), business assist (1), suspicious activity (1) and alarm drop (2).

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Ray High School hosts annual Senior Interview Day



The interviewers are pictured here with the overall job applicant winner: Richard Verdugo, Jay Wernett, Angela Wernett, Jack Warren and Tiffany Boyd-Flores.

Ray High School's annual Senior Interview Day was held on Monday, Nov. 15.

All seniors participated in a mock interview with former Ray High School graduates who have gone on to be successful in their chosen field. Seniors must present themselves as if it were a real interview and are asked to dress professionally and complete an application, cover letter, and resume – which are completed in their senior Government and English classes in the weeks prior to the event. Instruction on job interviewing skills and how to conduct themselves in an interview is also provided.

Each student had a short interview with their assigned interviewer. They are then evaluated on their application materials

and interview and feedback is provided to them on their evaluation form. The experience helps better prepare seniors for real life interviews as they participate in their job searches in the future.

Each interviewer was assigned six seniors to interview and from their pool of applicants they award a "Top Job Applicant Award" to the senior in their group to whom they would have offered the job.

This year's Top Job Applicants were Ariana Munoz, Tracon Naranjo, Mikenna Seller, Jack Warren, and Kaia Warren. The Top Job Applicants then had a group interview with the five interviewers and the overall winner was Jack Warren who received a \$100 Visa gift card.

LOST plans Luminaria Hike Dec. 4

The Legends of Superior Trails Inc will host a luminaria hike to the old US 60 bridge on the Queen Creek Canyon segment of the LOST on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. The event will run from 5-8 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to park downtown and return to the food court for hot chocolate and cookies.

A brief ceremony at the US 60 bridge on the trail is also planned.



This year's interviewers are from left (back) Richard Verdugo, Jay Wernett, Tiffany Boyd-Flores and Angela Wernett (not pictured Karrie Sheffield); this year's top applicants are from left (front) Jack Warren, Kaia Warren, Mikenna Seller, Ariana Munoz and Tracon Naranjo.

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Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will begin hosting Wednesday Night Tacos on Oct. 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Orders to-go may be called in after 5:30 pm at 520-385-4041. Desserts by Sissie will also be available for sale. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Wednesday Night BINGO

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for Wednesday night bingo and play starts at 7 p.m., at San Pedro Valley Lions Club, 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth. Come down and enjoy! Remember to wear a face mask. For information call 520-487-2000.

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.

New Superior Food Bank Hours

Clients can now receive food from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. on the last Thursday and Friday of each month at 99 N. Lobb Ave. in Superior. Drive up or walk up with an adequate cart and receive food without human contact. Every means possible is used to make the experience safe. Volunteers have their temperature taken and sign a consent form stating they are free from fever. Volunteers are always needed. Even an hour will be appreciated! Please contact, Sandy Van Gorp, at superioraz.foodbank@gmail.com or 520-689-2202. if you have questions or want to sign up to be a volunteer.

Copper Basin Food & Toy Drive

There are holiday toy and food drive donation boxes located at Norm's Hometown Grocery Store until Saturday, Dec. 18. Please remember those in need and share what you can.

Donations Sought to Help Local Family

Friends and family of Danny Fessenden and Veronica Karr have set up a special account at Ray Federal Credit Union and a GoFundMe account to raise money to help pay for Veronica's funeral expenses. Veronica passed away recently after contracting COVID-19. She and Danny have four children at home, some with special needs. Donations can be taken to Ray Federal Credit Union and should be deposited into the "Veronica Karr Donation Account" or you can go online to <https://gofund.me/905b70df> and make a donation. Friends have raised nearly \$1,200 to help the family, but more is needed.

Church Seeking Volunteers

Give a church a gift for the holidays. Volunteer a few hours on a beautiful day. You can cut the grass or Cool Coat two cooler pans in the roof to protect the church ceiling. The church to God, where all are welcome, is located at 4543 E. Dripping Springs Rd., off Hwy 77. Your kindness will be such a blessing. Please email AUniversalPhilosophy@gmail.com or telephone 520-742-0911 to volunteer a time or to learn more.

NOVEMBER

25 Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW in Superior

The VFW in Superior will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 25, from 2-6 p.m. It is open and free to everyone. They will be serving turkey, ham, sides, and dessert. Donations are welcome and appreciated. VFW is located at 405 W. Main St. in Superior.

27 San Manuel Community Meeting

Join us on the last Saturday of every month for the San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. Bring your friends and neighbors! This month the meeting will be on Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. - noon.

DECEMBER

4 Christmas Market in Mammoth

There will be a Christmas Market on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Mammoth. Come and do some Christmas shopping and avoid the traffic and crowds at the stores. There will be a variety of homemade goods such as, Christmas decorations, personalized items, wreaths, lots of crochet items, blankets, door hangers and so much more. There will also be food for sale. Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit and support local vendors.

4 Winter Festival Light Parade

The Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Winter Festival 2021 Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4 All participants must register and forms returned to the Chamber office by Thursday, Dec. 2.

5 Oracle Historical Society Meeting

The Oracle Historical Society will hold its 45th Annual Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Acadia Ranch Museum. The public is welcome to attend, however due to ongoing concerns about the pandemic, no business will be conducted except for election of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. OHS is planning more events for 2022, including but not limited to: An inaugural Speaker Event with historian John Medley, date to be decided, and the 34th Annual Spring Run/Car Show on April 16. You will be notified of details for those events and others as they are determined. Thank you for your support of OHS!

9 Gingerbread House Contest at Norm's

Norm's IGA will host a Gingerbread House contest. All entries must be delivered to Norm's by Dec. 9. Public judging will take place between Dec. 10 and 17. Winner will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. outside the Chamber office.

10 San Manuel Community Movie Night

San Manuel Revitalization Coalition will host a movie night on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the San Manuel Community Center.

10,18 Superior Christmas Cruise

The Second Annual Superior Christmas Cruise will be held Friday, Dec. 10, with the first ride during the Miracle on Main St. parade. Line up at 6 p.m. at Magma and Lime St. Parade starts at 7 p.m. The second ride SXS and ATV Parade through town will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, Line up is at 5:30 p.m. at the Kennedy School parking lot. Parade leaves at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Byrd at 520-827-5590.

11 San Manuel Community Meeting

The San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting for December will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors!

11 Candy Land Christmas in Winkelman

The Town of Winkelman will host the Candy Land Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 11, 3-7 p.m. at 206 Giffin Ave., Winkelman. Bring your lawn chairs. Do some last minute Christmas shopping. Stay warm with menudo, posole and hot cocoa being sold by vendors. There will be a special performance by Kearny's Pink Lady Flag Football Cheerleaders. The Town of Winkelman will be selling ornaments for \$5 each to be hung on the memorial tree in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. The Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony will start at 6 p.m. There will also be a jumping castle, craft tables, vendors, SNOW, Santa's Helpers, professional photographers and DJ David Romero.

19 Copper Basin Love Lights/Luminarias

Love Lights/Luminarias are being sold by the Copper Basin Junior Chamber members and are \$2. All entry forms available at the Chamber Office, located at 355 Alden Rd. The Love Lights/Luminarias will be lit in front of the Chamber office on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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On Thursday, Nov. 18, Hayden High School students attended Climate Change Theater at Arizona State University. Students were exposed to a series of reading and short performances done around the world to encourage climate change awareness and inspire action towards a healthier future. Students who earned 1st quarter honor roll were able to attend: Octavio Aragon, Miranda Gomez, Amariz Ochoa, Aaron Peed, Isaiah Aguirre, Felicity Boltarez, Sativa Carrasco, Kiana Castaneda, Moraes Cruz, Jasmine DeLosReyes, Staci Dodson, Dionna Galindo-Benavidez, Brandon Garner, Javier Gonzalez, Alejandro Lorona, Yliana Montijo, Lorena Olmedo, Rilley Sosa, Marisol Zamorano, Christopher Casillas, Ismael Gallego, Raelynn Loving, Rene Ochoa, Keiston Pool, Matthew Armenta, Joshua Manriquez, Dallas Mariscal, Oscar Rodriguez and Raquela Westrope.

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Support Local: Town of Winkelman

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

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

Many small businesses and non-profits in Arizona didn't survive the lockdown. The businesses that did survive are hanging on as best they can. *Copper Area News* wanted to give something back to the local business community as a thank you for supporting us through these troubled times. Our newspapers (*Copper Basin News*, *Superior Sun* and *San Manuel Miner*) have been featuring local businesses and non-profits since the beginning of 2021, encouraging our readers to Shop at Home, stay local and support our local businesses. To date, *Copper Area News* has featured 125 businesses and groups in the Copper Corridor.

As the COVID-19 Pandemic took its toll, businesses, families and even local non-profits had to adjust their strategies to keep their missions moving forward while working through the pandemic. Meetings were moved to Zoom and fundraisers had to become creative as in-person events were not allowed.

Town governments didn't have the luxury of locking down. Day-to-day business still needed to be conducted. Residents depend on the government for services – police, fire, garbage collection, water.

The physical town of Winkelman, which is located at the southern end of Gila County and has the Gila River running through the heart of it, has an elevation of 1,947 feet. Its history dates to the late 1800s and encompasses farmers, the expansion of the great American railroad, and the establishment of the first local Post Office in 1903 near the ranch of Peter Winkelman.

If you look at the site winkelmanaz.com it will tell you the above facts plus more, including information on landmarks, diverse wildlife and the rustic beauty of surrounding landscape.

The site says, "Winkelman was incorporated in 1914. However, a few years later the Town dis-incorporated and later reincorporated on June 6, 1949."

There is a difference between the town of Winkelman and the Town of Winkelman. The former is primarily the physical and the attitudes of the people dwelling in and nearby the town. The latter is primarily about paperwork, policing, laying down rules, establishing codes and otherwise keeping order. However, they work symbiotically.

The way the Town makes and holds to its codes is both informed by the citizens and affects how the citizens live: how the citizens want to live, how they shop, how they feel about the codes all affects, where compromise is an option, how the Town creates and enforces its rules. So, there is town and Town and they must work together to be lived with and within. This is why, when thinking about supporting local businesses, the business of government should never be forgotten.

The Town of Winkelman gives its address as 206 Giffin Ave. in Winkelman, 85192, and its phone number as 520-356-7856. There are no owners listed for this business, but there are several workers.

First of all, there is Mayor Louis C. Bracamonte and the Vice Mayor Anita Hinojos. Then, there are the Council members: Joe Marin, Emilia Rutledge, and Angela Skillings. Along with them is the Town office staff of Town Clerks Sylvia Kerlock and Gloria Ruiz.

Further Art "Bilo" Monterde is the Wastewater Operator along with Sam Polk but also Public Works along with Wally Romero. Rafael Flores is the local Animal Control Officer and Dennis Weber is Winkelman Fire Chief.

According to the Town of Winkelman, per the 2020 Census, Winkelman is still the smallest incorporated town in Arizona. Services are contracted out for a Judge, Bookkeeper, Town Attorney and for police protection.

Volunteers! Which means that everything you do to support your local Town government is going to personally impact every person in the tiny but hardy town of Winkelman.

There will be a Town Council Meeting on Dec. 13, which will start at 7 p.m. Consider what you want from your Town and what you can give to it and attend to support your local, primarily volunteer, government.



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