



Luis Chavez Mendoza

Luis Chavez Mendoza, age 91, passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 2018 at Provencio Hope Assisted Living Home in Tucson with his beloved wife of 68 years, Cecelia, at his

Luis was born on April 6, 1927, in Hayden, Arizona where he attended school and worked at his parents' grocery store, M & M Grocery. He met the love of his life, Cecelia Montano, at Hayden High School in 1944. As a minor at age 17 and anxious to join the WWII war effort, Luis enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1945 with the consent of his father, Luis G. Mendoza. The war ended the following year and Luis returned to Arizona to attend the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. He and Cecelia were married at St. Joseph's Church in Hayden, on Nov. 5, 1950 and following his graduation from U of A in 1951 as a Pharmacist they lived in Hayden, Ray and Globe where he worked serving the then booming mining towns.

In 1958 they bought the Hayden Drug Store where they worked side by side until it closed in 1996 after 38 years

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in business. Their drug store was an American icon,

having a popular soda fountain that served the community classic soda fountain fare: burgers, malts, cherry sodas and ice cream sundaes. Luis was a dedicated and caring Pharmacist for his community often being called after hours, late at night, and weekends for emergency prescriptions or refills. He also provided free delivery service to his customers, often times on his way home from the store at night.



After closing the Hayden Drug Store in 1996, Luis went to work as a Pharmacist at the Kearny hospital and drug store. He also worked at the San Manuel Drug Store.

Luis was an accomplished piano player and as a young man played in his father's dance band. He passed his love for latin jazz, boleros and boogie woogie onto his three children all of whom played musical instruments, with his youngest son, Ernie, a professional drummer. Among his hobbies, Luis was an avid golfer and bowler. He loved to camp and fish in the White Mountains with his family instilling in his children a love for the great outdoors. He had a green thumb attending to his vegetable garden, often times in the dark with a head lamp after work. He and his dad, Luis G. would can chiles together, with the help of a bottle of Old Crow at their side. Luis greatly admired his father and after store hours, you could find them sharing a cold beer while watching Sanford and Son on the little B & W TV by the pharmacy counter.

Luis had a zest for flying and in 1973 he got his private pilot's license and bought a Cesna 150. He loved to fly

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out of the Kearny airport and explore the surrounding

communities by air often flying low altitude over his buddies on the Hayden and Kearny golf courses. His interest in WWII history led him to become a Lifetime Member of the Confederate Air Force (now known as the Commemorative Air Force), Arizona Wing, where he and Cecelia would attend work weekends and social events. One of Luis' most



memorable events in his life was when he flew in the Wing's B-17, Sentimental Journey, below the rim of the Grand Canvon.

Luis is survived by his wife Cecelia of 68 years, his two sons Luis III of Portal, Ernest (Amy) of Tucson, and his daughter, Priscilla (Casey O'Brien) of Elgin; grandsons Ernest II (Misty), Luis IV, and Adam Dane (Devon); and 4 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Hayden on Dec. 15, 2018 at 10 a.m. preceded by a Rosary at 9:30 a.m. A reception will follow at the Hayden Community Center.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amazing parade, thanks

We would like to thank all of the participant in the light parade, what a wonderful and very appreciated parade; you put a lot of smiles on everyone watching. It was one if the best parades in many years.

For those of you that worked so hard to make it one of the best, thank you.

Merry Christmas from

/s/ Bugs and Loretta Lewis

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Give the gift of time this holiday season

(Globe, Ariz.—Dec. 3, 2018) Most holiday celebrations center around being with family and friends but for children in the foster care system it can be a harsh reminder of what is missing.

There are nearly 14,000 children in Arizona spending the holidays away from their parents and often their siblings too. While caretakers may try to make the day special, all the excitement of the holidays can leave children in foster care feeling very alone. With the help of the community more kids could find a permanent home for the holidays.

This holiday season consider giving the gift of advocacy to a child in foster care. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA advocates) visit the child(ren) regularly and develop a relationship with them. They gather information on the case and report back to the judge to ensure each child has the resources and help they need while in the system and is on track to get into a permanent, loving home as soon as possible.

CASA volunteers are everyday community members who donate their time to be the eyes and ears of the judge in

the community. Children with a CASA advocate spend less time in foster care and are half as likely to reenter care.

No specific background or training is needed to become a volunteer CASA advocate. Anyone 21 years of age or older, who can pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of free training, is welcome to apply.

For more information on the CASA Program visit www.CASAofGilaCounty.org. You can also find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GilaCounty-CASA

Kearny Police Report

According to state law, there are two methods by which police may arrest suspected offenders. 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

Ray High School releases honor rolls

Ray High School has released the Honor Rolls for the first quarter of the 2018-19 academic year.

First Quarter 3.5 - 4.0 honor students include: Seniors – Tino Barragan, Daniella Hinojos, Brittany Snitch; and with all A's: Edward Baca, Amee Kenyon, Janna Lengel, Anthony Lopez, Tara Lorona, Jaden Pace and Stone Patterson.

Juniors – Aiden Acuna, Ivan Hetrick, Crysta Walter, Luke Warren; and with all A's: Aaron Azevedo, Emma Cude, Madison Dollar, Analise Manuel; Savannah Ortiz and Shelby Yocum.

Sophomores – Saul Torres; and with all A's: Marissa Barragan, Chelsea Boyd-Flores, Dailin Coleman, Chasity Kelley, Kacy Molar, Indigo Patterson, Juan Rivera, Matthew Rutter, Tiffany Smitch, Emma Stuart and Michael Warren.

Freshmen – Mia Barragan, Ariana Munoz; and with all

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presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All damages are estimates.

Activity listed Nov. 18 through Dec. 1.

Nov. 20

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Fairhaven Rd.

Nov. 21

Daniel Arredondo, 26, was arrested in the 100 block of Tilbury Dr. and was charged with driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released.

Nov. 22

Theft was reported to Kearny Police.

Nov. 23

Criminal damage was reported in the 400 block of Danbury Rd.

Nov. 25

A juvenile was reported missing in the 300 block of

Essex Rd. The juvenile was later located.

Nov. 28

Theft was reported at the Kearny Lake.

Nov. 29

Julian Acevedo, 41, was arrested in the 400 block of Danbury Rd. on a warrant. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Nov. 30

Phillip M. Laborin, 55, was arrested in the 300 block of Alden Rd. and was charged with driving on a revoked license. He was cited and released.

Calls not listed include: ambulance request (8), traffic stop (51), citizen/motorist assist (1), agency assist (2), welfare check (3), suspicious activity (6), animal/cattle complaint (5), 911 open line (1), juvenile problem (3), illegal burning (1), security check (10), disturbance (2), found property (4), information (1) and civil matter (2).





ADOR reminds Arizonans not to give scammers a gift of tax info this holiday season

During this holiday season of family and giving, the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) is urging taxpayers and tax preparers to remain vigilant in protecting private information from scam artists.

The department says fraudsters use this time of year to target unsuspecting tax filers and tax professionals with taxrelated scams that are over the phone, text or email (including phishing schemes), unsecure Wi-Fi, a data breach or hacking email accounts to obtain login passwords and financial data.

Thieves also use card-skimming devices and will attempt to steal unattended personal mail.

To help prevent being the victim of identity theft, ADOR recommends the following:

- Do not carry identification with your social security number (SSN) on it.
- · If someone asks for a SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- · Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
- · Take extra precautions when discarding personal or confidential information.

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- Protect personal computers, smartphones and other devices by using anti-virus software.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords.
- Do not use the same password for multiple accounts/applications.
- Check your free credit report annually at www.annualcreditreport.com.
- Monitor wage earnings by examining your statement from the Social Security Administration.
- Never give personal information through email, social media or text messaging and, unless you initiated the call, never give personal information over the phone.

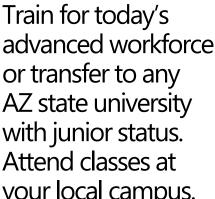
Arizona taxpayers can also contact the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at 602-716-6300, toll free: 1-800-352-4090, orhttps://azdor.gov/ individual-income-tax-information/ identity-theft.

The Arizona Department of Revenue has an advanced fraud prevention system in place and continues to adapt and introduce new counter measures to address ongoing consumer scams.

Pinal Rural promotes two to rank of captain

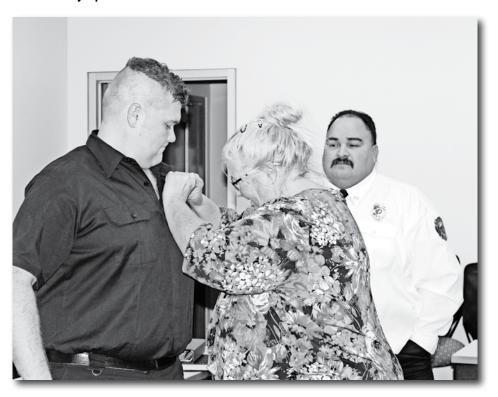


Pinal Rural Fire and Medical District promoted two to the rank of captain. The promotions were approved and celebrated at last week's meeting of the fire district board. Promoted were Jerry Lopez and Ian Whittaker. Both took the oath of office and received their badges. (Above) Captain Lopez's wife, Bella, pins his badge as son Noa watches. (Below) Captain Whittaker's mother pins his badge while Fire Chief Bobby Apodaca watches. Lauren Carnes | CBN



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Gold rank for students in Ray's CVIT Welding **Program at Welders Without Borders**

Ray High School welding students earned a gold ranking at the recent Welders Without Borders: Welding Thunder Team Fabrication competition held at Skyline High School in Mesa. The event was sponsored by the Skyline Engineering Club under the direction of Mike Drobitsky.

This two-day event was held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and is one of the biggest events in welding education in the southwest with over 200 students and teachers participating. Students built a Go-Kart on day one and then customized it with secret components and then tested their design on the track the second day.

This year's Ray High School team was comprised of students enrolled in the CVIT and other welding classes provided at Ray High School. The team of students comes from throughout the Copper Basin communities of Dudleyville, Winkelman, Hayden and Kearny; and they have a lot to be proud of.

American Welding Society and other industry leaders are on hand to judge the students for safety, proper welding techniques and overall quality of fabrication to industry standards. Students worked with their teacher after school during the weeks leading up to the event to improve their design, create a set of plans and work out the details for the mechanical drive and steering components. This event allows students and teachers the opportunity to show case real world skills that they are learning and test them with the added pressure of time limits to complete work on both days of the event.

This year's theme was "Just for the Fun of it" and there Continued on page 10



Team Members from left are: Mike Giorsetti, Tino Barragan, Dakota Willis, Morgan Bray, Antony Becerra, Skylar Hughes, Robert Marker-Creel, Matthew Rutter, Romeo Varley Spencer Bryce and Professor Samuel Colton Sr.

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Festival and parade draws large

The Copper Basin Chamber's Winter Festival and Electric Light Parade was a huge success this year and Chamber president Ginger Chester said there is a long list of thank you's for making the event possible.

Parade entries this year were: Kearny Glass and Mirror Town of Kearny Sun Devils Community Schools Flag Football Team Kearny Clinic Ray Marching Bearcats GKI Junior Chamber of Commerce Deuces Wild Race Team Town of Kearny Police Department

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Gingerbread house winners:
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Garica
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Business Ugly Sweater Contest Winner
was Jennifer O'Brien from Kearny Glass
and Mirror.

















crowd of holiday merrymakers







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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Kudos to Kearny Donors & Lighting Contest

The Kearny Public Library would like to thank all the people and businesses who sent in money during the recent donation drive. Thanks to your generous support they will sponsor the annual Christmas Decorating Contest (under the Kearny Library instead of the Friends of the Library). Judging will be Dec. 14. First, second and third places will be awarded and the winners will be announced in the Dec. 19 Copper Basin News.



Santa Suit for Rent

The Kearny Library has a complete Santa suit for rent in December. The suit can be rented for a 24-hour period. Cost is \$25 rent with a \$25 deposit, refunded when the suit and all accessories are returned in good condition. Accessories include: beard, hair, hairnet, glasses, gloves, shoe covers, bell and belt. Any damage or repairs should be reported to the Library.

Lights Out?

Kearny Residents: please inform the Town of Kearny at 520-363-5547 if you notice a street light out in Town. Please write down the number on the light pole and call it in to the Kearny Town Hall or you may call APS directly to: 1-800-253-9405. There are several street lights out throughout the Town. Thank you for your support.

DECEMBER

7 Ray School Board Vacancy

The Ray Unified School District Governing Board has a vacancy which will be filled by Pinal County Superintendent of Schools Jill Broussard. The successful candidate will be seated until Dec. 31, 2020. Any eligible resident within the Ray Unified School District who is interested in being appointed can apply online at www.pinalesa.org/ elections/board-member-vacancies. The application can be completed online, but it must be printed out, signed, notarized and the original must be mailed or hand delivered before the deadline. The deadline for applying is no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. You can also call Mark Krumrey to mail you an application form. His contact information is listed below. Please mail or deliver the completed application to: Tonva L. Taylor, Chief Deputy Pinal County School Office 75 N. Bailey St. P.O. Box 769 Florence, AZ 85132. If you have additional questions, please contact Mark Krumrey at mkrumrey@ pinalcso.org or 520.866.6565.



9 Kearny Elks to Host Memorial

On Sunday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m., the Kearny Elks is having our yearly Memorial Service for departed Elk members. It will be held at the lodge and the public is invited.

14 Study for Your GED at CAC

Central Arizona College is offering High School Equivalency classes in Room E107 at the Aravaipa Campus on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Jan. 14. Register now at CAC Aravaipa Campus, 80440 E. Aravaipa Rd. Winkelman, AZ 85192, Monday -Thursday, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. All students must present proof of legal presence in the USA in order to register for classes. There is a supplemental fee ranging from \$20 to \$50, depending on household income. For more information call (520) 494-5950 or (866) 869-6507 toll-free.

15 Golf Tournament in Hayden

Hayden Golf Club Fundraising Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15 is open to everyone. It will be played in 3-Man Scramble format at the Hayden Golf Club in Hayden with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$40 per player. Carts are limited so RSVP ASAP to reserve one. Special events are Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Skins, Longest Putt and Money Hole. Breakfast food and beverages will be sold during the tournament at the clubhouse. For more information, contact Bony Cruz at 928-961-0529; Chito Guzman at 520-444-4552 or 356-7156 Carlos Garcia at 928-812-0529 or Pee Wee Lorona at 520-331-9236.

24–1 Kearny Holiday Schedule

The Town of Kearny's Administrative Offices, Public Works Department and Library will be closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Please see your RAD flyer for Christmas and New Year's Holiday trash schedule.

Submitinformation to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.comorcall 520-363-5554. Listings are free. The Copper Basin News reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.

ON THE AGENDA

UNITED FOOD BANK: United Food Bank will be in front of the Court House, on the first Friday of each month.

KEARNY CLEAN UP: Kearny's free dump day is held on the second Saturday of every month at the old transfer station.

MASONS TO MEET: Ray-Winkelman Masons Lodge #24 will hold its regular meeting at 318 Fairhaven Road, Kearny, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Masons are invited. The Order of the Eastern Star meets the second Thursday of each month.

HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER: The Hayden Senior Center,520 Velasco Ave., is open every weekday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., to serve the needs of senior citizens and low-income families. A warm,nutritious lunch is served every day. Call 520-356-7035 for information or to check on the daily meal.

KEARNY LIBRARY HAPPENINGS: Story hour for preschool children is held on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation for seniors over 50 is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. (use the SW door in the back). Crochet class is held Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. for beginners to advanced (we'll teach you). Ladies Day Out once a month potluck and friendship is held the third Tuesday of the month (except for Thanksgiving it will be held on Nov. 13). Time is noon to 3 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. There will be activities, games and a craft. The KLAC (Kearny Library Activity Center) is open for kids 8-14 on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. For more information call 363-5861.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Kearny Clean Up Volunteers

The Town of Kearny has volunteers who are able to help people in town clean their yards at no charge. Please call the Town Hall at 520-363-5547 to schedule an appointment.



Top Job Applicant Finalists and Interviewers. Interviewers in the back row are, from left: Karrie Sheffield, Bettina Cruz, Angela Wernett, Kristi Martin, and Richard Verdugo. In front are the Top Job Applicants, from left: Hailey Rutter, Destiny Gonzales, Janna Lengel, Marina Vega, Theodore Alvarado, Brittany Smitch. Janna Lengel was the top applicant overall.

Janna Lengel named overall winner at Ray's Senior Interview Day

Ray High School's annual Senior Interview Day was held on Monday, Nov. 19.

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 have to present themselves as if it were a real interview and are asked to dress professionally and have with them their application, cover letter, and resume - which are completed in their senior English class 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 15-20 minute 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 search 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 who they would have offered the job to. This year's Top Job Applicants were Janna Lengel, Theodore Alvarado, Destiny Gonzales, Hailey Rutter, Brittany Smitch, and Marina Vega. The Top Job Applicants then had a group interview with all the interviewers and the overall winner was Janna Lengel who received a \$100 Visa gift card.

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was plenty of good sportsman like behavior as various teams helped others in the pits with tools and equipment sharing to help each team get to the track. Early in the track trials their motor seized up, but rather than give up, the students rallied behind their driver Skylar Hughes and pushed the Kart the back half of the track to cross the finish line. One of the students was heard to say "Bearcats

don't give up" and that has become the teams motto.

Please congratulate Ray High School CTE director and welding instructor Professor Samuel Colton Sr and his students. A team of 10 Ray Bearcats competed in "Welding Thunder" to allow the team to earn a "gold" ranking. While at this event, the students honed skills, met leaders from industry there in support of the event as the continue to study towards earning an "industry certification" in welding.

Copper Area Basketball Scoreboard

Girls

Nov. 27

San Manuel - 30, Immaculate Heart - 38

Morenci - 35, Ray - 64 Nov. 29

Hayden - 42, ASDB - 17

Jack Warren and Kaia Warren.

Baboquivari - 71 (OT), Ray - 67

Nov. 30

San Miguel - 22, San Manuel - 33

Dakota Willis.

and Lucinda Scheider.

Hayden - 34, Bowie/San Simon - 38

HONOR ROLL

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A's: Jocelyn Gennicks, Brina Morales, Tracon Naranjo,

Earning 3.0-3.49 honors for the first quarter were:

Juniors – Shaylyn Arbizo, Acacia Baldenegro, Daniela

Sophomores - Alex Bravo, Derek Figueroa, Elora Foster

Freshmen – Isaiah Azevedo, Jacob Barajas, Ziporah Brumley, Kim Newman, Johnavon Pace, Felicity Ramirez,

Mia Rivera, Mikienna Seller and Ashiya Varley.

Camarillo, Kayleigh Faucette, Alejandro Felix, Krista

Garcia, Angel Goodwin, Bianca Gutierrez and Julia

Seniors – Morgan Bray, Spencer Bryce, Myranda Figueroa, Tyler Goodwin, Romeo Williams-Varley and

Nov. 27

San Manuel - 80, Immaculate Heart - 42

Morenci - 63, Ray - 32

Nov. 29

ASDB - 47, Hayden - 38

Baboquivari - 48, Ray - 62

Globe - 59, Superior - 8

Nov. 30

Ray - 56, Immaculate Heart - 41

Dec. 3

Hayden - 71, Bowie/San Simon - 76

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