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"There are numerous countries in the world where the politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians"

—David Brinkley

OBITUARIES

Ysabel Don Lucas Garcia

Ysabel "Cheli" Don Lucas Garcia, 92, passed away on Jan. 1, 2022, at the Honor Health Hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Cheli was born in Hayden, Arizona, on July 1, 1929, to Rufugio and Maria del Rufugio Don Lucas. She is survived by her daughters, Sylvia, Dorothy and Carol (Steve); sons, Ramon Jr. (Eva) and Eloy (Leticia); grandchildren, Patrick, Rosalia, Gabriel, Alejandro, Shadow, Steven, Stephanie, Melanie and Elianna; great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Analyse, Esteban and Casey; and brother, Hector (Toribia). She is preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Ramon Juan {Mundo} Garcia Sr., and grandson, Ramon J. Garcia Jr. III; parents, Rufugio and Maria Don Lucas; sisters, Antonia and Hortencia; and brother, Pedro.

Cheli received all her formal education in the Hayden School system, graduating from Hayden High School in 1947. Cheli was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also considered a grandmother to many nieces and nephews who frequented her home.

Cheli was involved with the church choir and spent a lot of her time singing, whether it was at church or singing at home. Her other passion was hitting the Bingo Halls in the surrounding communities. She was an avid sports fan attending many sporting events that her children participated in. She was also a huge Arizona Diamondbacks fan.

Although Cheli didn't work formally, she was considered the General Manager to businesses that her husband established during their lifetime together.

After reaching her golden years, Cheli enjoyed watching and taking care of her grandchildren.

Cheli was known for always willing to lend a helping hand in the community and took many kids under her guidance.

She will be missed by all.



Thomas Gilman Jr.

Thomas (Tom) Gilman Jr., 45, passed away unexpectedly in San Tan Valley on Jan. 4, 2022. He was born to Thomas Sr. and Charlene Gilman.

Tom is preceded in death by his father Thomas Gilman Sr. and his mother Charlene Gilman.

He is survived by his sister, Rebecca Holmes; daughter, Sierra (Grant) Micheau; sons, Sean and Ryan Gilman; grandson, Silas Micheau; aunt, Ellen (Mike) Nugent; and cousins, Rose Bunch, Ann (Paul) Long and Michael (Jackie) Nugent.

Tom spent his life doing various mechanical work, mining, and construction. He loved vehicles, heavy equipment, and every mechanical aspect in between. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time on the water in his boat. When he wasn't working or enjoying one of his many hobbies, Tom was enjoying time with his family or

his many friends.

He was a very proud and devoted father, his children always being his #1 priority, along with his first and only grandson. Tom was also a dedicated brother to his younger sister, Rebecca.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort knowing he has been reunited with his mother Charlene and father Thomas Sr.

Services were held in Gilbert on Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. Place of burial is to be decided. In lieu of flowers, please just say a prayer for Tom's family in their time of immense grief.



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 Jan. 2 – Jan. 8

Jan. 3
Vernon Eugene Karau, 73, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He was cited and released.

Jan. 7

Hit and run accident was reported in the 200 block of Ivanhoe Rd.

Calls not listed include: suspicious activity (1), 911 open line (2), citizen assist (3), animal complaint (2), traffic (5), harassment (1), ambulance (8), unkempt premises (1), welfare check (2), fireworks (1), illegal burning (1), agency assist (1), alarm (3), civil standby (1) and suspicious person (1).

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Ray Elementary School names Heroes of the Month



Heroes of the Month for August are Avery Pace, Gabriella Huerta, Bella Martinez, Lainey Sosa, Preslee Gauthier, Emilio Rivera, Dominique Karls, Asher Warren.



Heroes of the Month for September are Matthew Granillo, LJ Smith, Elyzae Jaramillo, Dariani De Los Reyes, Mattisyn Granillo, Sadie Fuller, Madison Acevedo, Jillian Figueroa.



Heroes of the Month for October are Kyla McLaughlin, Caleb Maes, Rachel Fuerstenberg, Kathryn Thomas, Gabriel Martinez, Derek Moore, Easton Day, Chase Chester.



Heroes of the Month for November are Cassidy Bravo, Raelyn Franklin, Hazel Hatch, Alexa Granillo, Brooke Gilliam, John Garcia, Rylee Lusk, Lillianna Solis, Krishel Sims.

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Elks Students of the Month named for Ray High School



Ray High School and the Kearny Elks have announced the Students of the Month for: September, Mikenna Seller; October, Tracon Naranjo; November, Ashiya Varley; December, Jack Warren; and January, Kaia Warren. Students are nominated monthly by the Ray High staff based on academics, leadership, extracurricular/community service, and citizenship. These nominations are forwarded to the Elks who make the final selection each month. Congratulations to these students.

James Carnes | CBN

Bearcats beat Dishchii'bikoh 68-45, Superior 68-38

By Nathaniel A. Lopez
The Copper Basin

Hard work and determination is paying off for the Bearcats, who won two games this week with scores in the high 60s.

The Ray basketball teams had a busy week. Their first game of the week was on Jan. 11, hosting Dishchii'bikoh. The Lady 'Cats suffered a 15-29 loss, while the Bearcats were able to walk away with a win. The final score of the boys' game was 68-45.

On Jan. 13, the teams traveled to Superior. The girls' team was once again unable to win, losing 16-34. The boy's team once again came out victorious, beating the Panthers 68-38.

The following day, the Ray basketball teams traveled to face off against Lincoln Prep. The girls lost in a 14-30 point game, while the boys team also took a tough loss in a 31-63 point game.

Up next for the Bearcats: On Friday, Jan. 21, the 'Cats head to Tempe Prep to take on the Knights. Tipoff times are 4 p.m. for JV boys; 5:30 p.m. for varsity girls; and 7 p.m. for varsity boys. On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Bearcats will host St. John Paul II. Only the varsity teams will play, girls at 3 p.m. and boys at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, Jan. 24, the 'Cats will host the Superior Panthers. Tipoff times are 4 p.m. for JV boys; 5:30 p.m. for varsity girls; and 7 p.m. for varsity boys.

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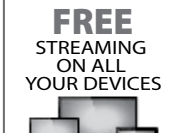
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Movie Night Last Friday of the Month – 6 p.m.

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1st & Nichols, San Manuel

Pastor Kevin Duncan
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Saturday Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 11 a.m.
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100 Magma Ave., Superior

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Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

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Eagle One Veteran Outreach

Visit Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center online at hohp4heroes.org. Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

Ray Bearcats PTO

Ray Bearcat Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its monthly general meetings on the first Thursday of the month. All meetings will be held at the Ray PTO room at Ray USD, room #604. We are currently seeking new board members for our 2022-2023 fiscal year. Please email us if you would like to become a member, join the board, or have any questions! raybearcatspto@gmail.com. Follow us on facebook for more up to date details!

Hayden Library: At the Movies

Join us at the Hayden Library every Friday at 11 a.m. for a new family movie each week.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Offered at Cobre Valley RMC

Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center is still offering COVID-19 first series and booster vaccinations. Vaccinations will be given on Tuesday and Thursday and you must call 928-402-2888 to make an appointment. The number of unvaccinated COVID-19 patients in the hospital has been on the rise and we encourage everyone, "Choose to be vaccinated." Our Mission is Your Health.

Kearny Magistrate Court Phone Number Change

The Kearny Magistrate Court is upgrading its phone system and the (520) 363-7752 number will be disconnected. The new phone number will be (520) 866-7821 and should be operable by Monday, Dec. 20.

Kearny Added as Pinal County COVID-19 Testing Site

Pinal County has added a COVID-19 Testing Site in Kearny at Constitution Hall Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walkins are welcome but you can register/make an appointment online at <https://bit.ly/3qBw1SF>. For a list of all test sites in Pinal County, go online to <https://bit.ly/3rl1Az2>.



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.

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.

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.

JANUARY

19 Fun Van to Visit SM Community Center

Every Wednesday, the Fun Van sponsored by First Things First will be at the San Manuel Community Center 10-11:30 a.m. for parents and children ages 1-5.

21 Superior Little League Registration

Superior Little League registration for T-Ball, Minors, Majors, Softball and Senior Leagues registrations are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Senior Center from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration fees are \$55 for the first child, \$45 for second child and \$15 for each additional child in the same household. Make sure to bring birth certificates, medical cards and proof of residency. Visit online at www.facebook.com/Superior-Little-League-AZ-589236317800825/ for more information on registration requirements. Also, coaches and volunteers are needed throughout the season for T-ball, Softball and Baseball. Text Salina at 602-647-0915 for more information.

21 Movie Night in San Manuel: Clifford

Every other Friday is movie night at the San Manuel Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. A \$2 donation is requested to enter. There will be snacks and drinks available for purchase. The next few movies will be Clifford (PG) on Jan 21, Infinite (PG-13) on Feb. 4 and Sonic the Hedgehog (PG) on Feb. 18.

28 Town of Superior Celebration

Please join us for a celebration to commemorate the Town of Superior's purchase of the original Superior High School and recognition of Mr. Elijah Cardon and our community partners on Friday, Jan. 28 at 98 High School Ave. in Superior, beginning at 10 a.m. Please RSVP by sending an email to: csr@superioraz.gov.

29 Fencing Donation Drive for SM Pet Owners

A donation drive for fencing material to help those in need keep their animals fenced in and safe will be hosted by the San Manuel Revitalization Coalition and Pinal County Animal Control on Saturday, Jan. 29, from noon - 5 p.m. Any fencing or building materials will be appreciated.

29 Community Based Drug Take-Back

The Copper Corridor Community Substance Abuse Coalition in partnership with Superior, Hayden and Mammoth Police Departments and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, will host a community drug take-back on Saturday, Jan. 29. No needles, inhalers or liquids will be accepted. Times and locations are: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Save Money Market, Superior; Hayden Senior Center; Mammoth Dollar General; and San Manuel Dollar General, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Oracle Community Center, 8-11 a.m.

31 Medical Eye Examinations

On Jan. 31, from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Constitution Hall in Kearny, the Arizona Medical Eye Unit from the Arizona Lions Vision Center, Inc. will be available for medical eye examinations by an ophthalmologist (medical eye doctor). Each patient will be examined for eye diseases including glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy. Prescriptions for glasses can be given. No prescriptions for contacts will be given. Cost is \$40, cash only, to cover operational expenses of the mobile unit.

FEBRUARY

5 Ray PTO Presents the First Family Feud

Ray PTO presents the first Family Game Event: Family Feud. Survey says: Families will face off on Saturday, Feb. 5, at noon in the Ray Elementary Cafeteria. Minimum group size is 5. Cost is \$30 per group of 5. Prizes will be offered for first, second and third place. Concessions will be available. For more information, email the Ray Bearcats PTO at raybearcatspto@gmail.com.

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Public Notice

Notice of 2022 PHA Annual Plan Public Hearing

Pinal County Housing Authority will hold a public hearing on Monday February 28, 2022 at 1 to 2 pm, regarding the 2022 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan. The public hearing will be held at Pinal County Housing Authority main office located at 970 N. Eleven Mile Comer Rd., Casa Grande AZ 85194. The hearing will act as a forum for public comments relevant to PCHA's 2022 plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Copies of the proposed plan are available during a forty-five day public review and comment period from January 12, 2022 to February 25, 2022. The 2022 PHA Annual Plan will be available for public review at the above address and on PCHD's website (www.pinalcountyaz.gov/departments/housing/pages/home.aspx).

Public review and comment are encouraged and will receive due consideration in the preparation of the 2022 PHA Annual Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing and have suggestions or concerns, please submit your comments in writing no later than February 28, 2022 at 9:00 am. Mail should be addressed to the Pinal County Housing Authority 970 N. Eleven Mile Comer Rd., Casa Grande AZ 85194 attention: Rolanda Cephas. If any further information is needed, contact the Pinal County Housing Authority at (520)866-7203.

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Public Notice

FILED DATE AND TIME 12/29/2021 2:45 PM ANITA ESCOBEDO CLERK BY: M. BRANSON Deputy Jared R. Owens, Esq. (J27874) THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC 200 W. Frontier St., Ste L Payson, AZ 85541 Phone: (928) 472-4303 Fax: (928) 472-1309 info@owenslawfirm.com Attorney for Personal Representative Julie A. Barribal SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD RAY ZARDENETA, An Adult, Deceased. Case No.: PB2021-00160 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: 1. Julie A. Barribal was appointed Personal Representative of this Estate on December 28, 2021, and the notice to the heirs of informal appointment of personal representative was given as required by law. 2. All persons having claims against the Estate who are unknown or known are required to present their claims within (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or after receipt of this Notice by mail or their claims will be forever barred. 3. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to Julie A. Barribal, Personal Representative, % The Owens Law Firm, 200 W. Frontier St., Ste. L, Payson, Arizona 85541. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29th day of December, 2021. THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC By /s/ Jared R. Owens Jared R. Owens, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative CBN Legal 1/5/22, 1/12/22, 1/19/22

Public Notice

DESTANY RAVAE SALAS 407 W. Euclid Ave. Globe, AZ 85501 (928) 723-7890 Pro per Christina Webster, AZCLDP #81598 Arizona Legal EASE, Inc.; AZCLDP #80340 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA PABLO JESUS SALAS, Deceased. Case No.: PB2021-00158 NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN PROBATE NOTICE IS GIVEN: 1. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: DESTANY RAVAE SALAS has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. 2. DEADLINE TO MAKE CLAIMS: All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. A.R.S. §§14-3801 through 14-3816. 3. NOTICE OF CLAIMS: To present the claim, claimant must either: a) Deliver or mail a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative at the following address: DESTANY RAVAE SALAS 407 W. Euclid Ave. Globe, AZ 85501 b) Commence a proceeding against the Personal Representative in the following courts: Superior Court, GILA County, State of Arizona 400 E. Ash Street, Globe, AZ 85501 Dated: 12/29/21 Destany Ravae Salas /s/ DESTANY RAVAE SALAS CBN Legal 1/5/22, 1/12/22, 1/19/22

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Jared R. Owens, Esq. (J27874) THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC 200 W. Frontier St., Ste L Payson, AZ 85541 Phone: (928) 472-4303 Fax: (928) 472-1309 info@owenslawfirm.com Attorney for Personal Representative, LAURA LEE ESPINOZA SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN DARLENE SHAW, An Adult, Deceased. Case No.: PB2021-00152 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: 1. LAURA LEE ESPINOZA was appointed Personal Representative of this Estate on December 17, 2021, and the notice to the heirs of informal appointment of personal representative was given as required by law. 2. All persons having claims against the Estate who are unknown or known are required to present their claims within (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or after receipt of this Notice by mail or their claims will be forever barred. 3. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to LAURA LEE ESPINOZA, Personal Representative, % The Owens Law Firm, 200 W. Frontier St., Ste. L, Payson, Arizona 85541. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of December, 2021. THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC By /s/ Jared R. Owens Jared R. Owens, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative CBN Legal 1/19/22, 1/26/22, 2/2/22

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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 134 businesses and groups in the Copper Corridor.

The Kearny Golf Club is the oldest non-profit in the Town of Kearny. Established in 1961, it is 60 years young.

Because it is an outdoor sport where social distancing is feasible, not even the pandemic shut it down. It has remained open for 60 years apart from 1983 and 1993 when the floods hit. During the floods, several fairways were under water. It only took two to three weeks for the course to reopen.

"We had to play with only seven holes because of the mud and water on three holes," said Tommy Bryce, one of the club members.

The course is looking really nice, thanks to the many volunteers who spend many hours per week doing odd jobs – mowing, watering, trimming trees, maintaining equipment and maintaining irrigation. There are no full-time employees and the course hasn't had one in more than two years.

"The course is run and operated by a club president and eight board members," Bryce explained. He offered a "great big thank you" to all the board members and the many volunteers who keep "this great place" running.

A fair number of the members are winter visitors who come to Kearny specifically for the golf course. Several of them spend a lot of time helping with care of the course

and playing plenty of golf.

If anyone is interested in joining the Kearny Golf Course Family, membership

is \$50 per month and includes all the golf you and your immediate family desires to play (you, your spouse and any child under

the age of 18). Please contact Rod Chase at 480-518-3537 or Bryce at 928-651-0684 to join.



Local golfers who have kept the Kearny Golf Club going are J.R. Breneman, Daniel Breneman, Frank Adams, Tommy Bryce and Rod Chase.

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George Armenta, the oldest club member, still plays regularly.

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