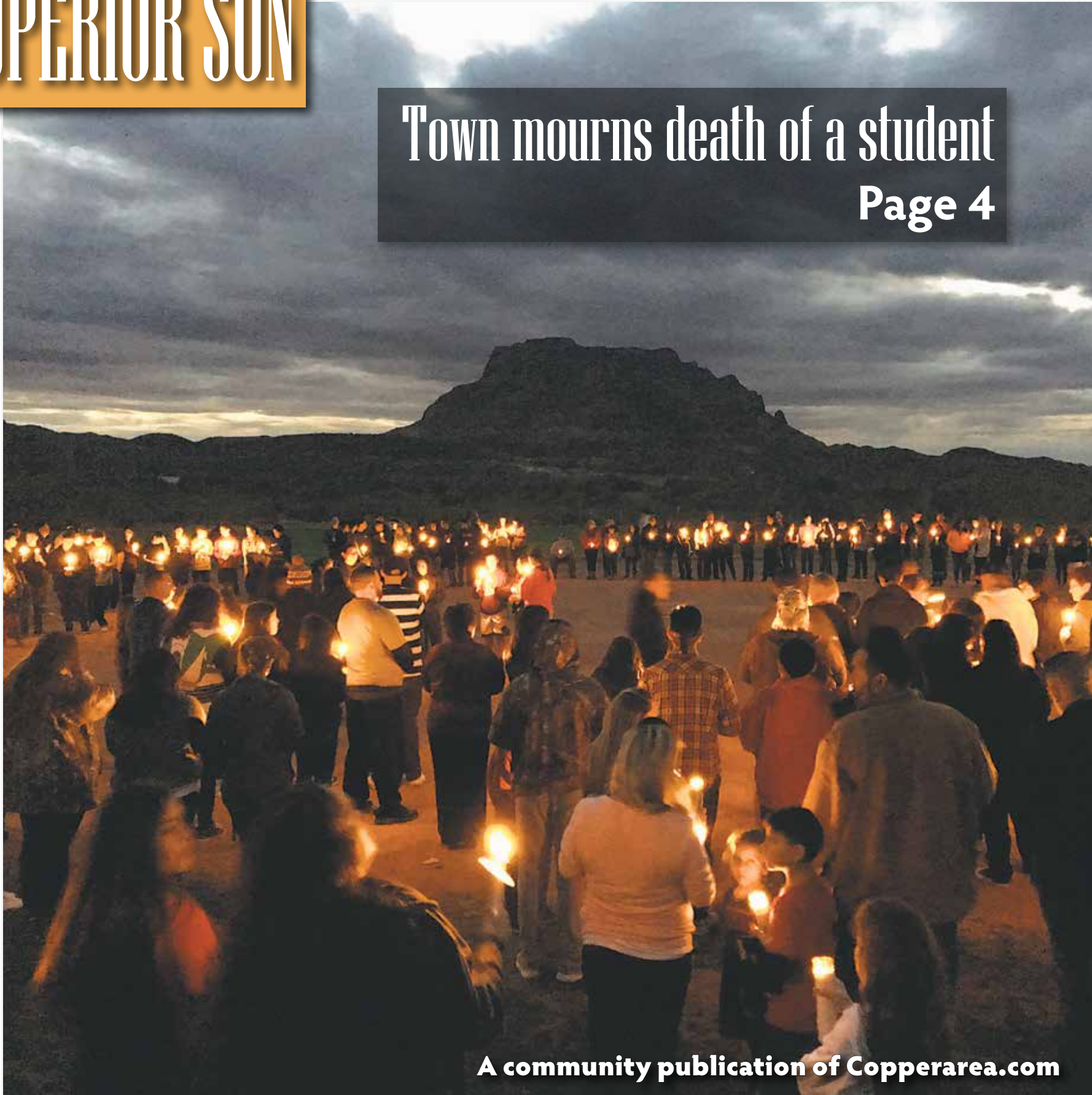


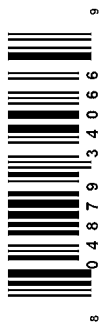
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OBITUARIES

Art Padilla

Art Padilla will be remembered by his family as their Christmas Angel because he went to Heaven at noon on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2016. Art was born April 6, 1940 in Winkelman to Enrique Padilla and Luz Miranda Padilla.

After the death of this father in a mining accident at Tiger, Art, his brother Bobby and mother lived with family members in Winkelman, Oracle, and Tucson before settling in Florence. Once in their own home they lived there till both brothers were out of high school. Art

was most proud of being one of the first inducted to the Florence High School Hall of Fame. He was a four sport letterman with baseball as the sport in which he excelled.

He was an expert fisherman who taught his children, grandchildren and those he called "his Boys" how to fish. He was not a hunter because the deer who roamed the mine at Ray became his friends.



After a few years of working for the Hayden-Winkelman School System, he started at the Kennecott Ray Mines as a truck driver and became a supervisor when ASARCO took over. Those under his supervision knew what was expected of them and especially not to mess up his office.

He was busy with community and Church activities that very few people knew about because he refused to be acknowledged for work done or have his picture taken.

He enjoyed woodworking especially making frames and designing his own special projects. His signature was the western design and wood burning. His yard, especially the back yard, was his pride and joy featuring his fountains, flowers and sculptures.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalind; children, Art (Priscilla), Kenny (Tiffany), Kim (James) Holmes, Carla (Mike) Ramirez and Danny (Stacey); grandchildren, Matt (Zenyazen), Alex, Anthony (Rosa), Bernie (John) Sadauskas, Jacob, Ben, Gina Solano, Veronica (David) Solano, Melinda (Kent) Solano, Angel (Antonio) Martinez, Liz (Earnest) Coleman, Vanessa (Manny) Vasquez, Josiah Ramirez, Daniel and Isabella Padilla; great-grandchildren, Thalia, Anthony Jr., Ysabell, and Andrea; Norah, Caleb and Hannah Saduakas; Erianah, Raelyn, Christopher, Amiah, Tony and Abel; brother, Henry (Carmen), and many nieces and nephews.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Enrique and Luz Padilla; sister, Helen (Chato) Noriega; and brothers, Charles Patiken and Bobby Padilla.

Memorial services will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Senator Chastain St. (at the bottom of the school Hill) Saturday, Jan. 7, 2016 at 11 a.m. A potluck luncheon will follow in the Ray Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gemini Hospice or Church of the Good Shepherd.

Griffith Mortuary is providing exceptional family service. 101 Johnston Dr., Kearny, AZ 85137. Ph. (520) 363-5353. GriffithMortuary.com.

Julissa Rose Garcia

Julissa Rose Garcia, age 14 of Superior, Arizona, was born on June 28, 2002 in Mesa, AZ to Adrian and Maria "Loly" Garcia of Superior, AZ. She walked into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Dec. 28, 2016.



Julissa was an exceptional student and teammate at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Superior Senior League and Superior Junior/Senior High School. As an avid lover of sports,

Julissa excelled playing softball, basketball and volleyball. Her infectious smile brightened up any room she walked

into and will be missed by her numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. A loving daughter, sister and granddaughter, Julissa is survived by her parents, Loly and Adrian Garcia; her brother, Lorenzo Garcia; maternal grandparents, Velma Sestiaga of Superior, AZ and Tudy and Roxie Alvarado of Hayden, AZ; and paternal grandparents, Cynthia Chavez of Mesa, AZ and Jose Garcia of Hayden, AZ.

Funeral services will be held on Jan. 7, 2016 with a Rosary and Mass of Resurrection at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Final interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Superior, AZ.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

County treasurer says farewell at her retirement

When I started working in the Pinal County Treasurer's office 25 years ago, I had no idea it would be the beginning of this amazing journey. It's hard to believe it is time for me to hand over the reins and open a new chapter in my life which will mostly focus on time with my husband, family, friends, church and community. I can't leave without expressing my appreciation to everyone who had confidence and supported me over the last 12 years while serving as your County Treasurer. I had the opportunity to meet so many people (too many to name) and had the privilege to work with amazing people who made a positive impact to Pinal County in one way or

another. I want to acknowledge a few of those who made a significant impact on my career.

First, I had the good fortune of working for the late, Jim Turnbull who hired me to be his Executive Secretary in 1991. Mr. Turnbull was an inspiring mentor and genuine friend who helped me understand the inner workings of the Treasurer's office and the financial responsibility entrusted to the office holder. I will be forever grateful for his patience, kindness and confidence in my ability to serve in this position with integrity. It is a duty I held in high regard while upholding the laws of our state and mindful to being respectful, fair and just to everyone.

Anybody in a management position knows that their success is a reflection of those who do the work behind the scenes day in and day out. I had the great fortune to work with 3 Chief Deputies during my term, Maureen O'Connell, Levi Gibson and Pat Beckwith. They are all professional, knowledgeable and creative individuals who were instrumental in moving the department with the technological advances and streamlining processes for our internal/external customers that resulted in significant cost savings. We have a small department of 13 employees that works as a team to cover the main office plus 2 satellite offices. My heart is heavy as I bid farewell to Janie, Lori, Andy, Julie, Pam, Debbie, Linette, Diane, Marissa, Michelle, Velarie and Cheryl.

Last but not least, I want to thank the voters of Pinal County for having confidence in me and carrying me through 3 election cycles. I appreciate your support and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens in Pinal County. May God's Blessings be with you during this Holiday Season and good fortune in the New Year.

/s/ **Dodie Doolittle**

Retired Pinal County Treasurer

Pinal County Sheriff's Report

The Pinal County Sheriff's Report is taken from the daily logs, based on the information provided by deputies. All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dec. 23

Assault was reported in the area of S. Hwy. 77 and S. Hwy. 79, Oracle Junction.

Theft was reported in the 60000 block of E. Eagle Heights Dr., SaddleBrooke.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of W. First Ave., San Manuel.

Dec. 24

A hit and run accident occurred in the 28000 block of S. Veterans Memorial Blvd., San Manuel.

Dec. 25

An accident with injuries was reported in the area of E. Webb Rd., San Manuel.

An accident without injuries was reported in the area of E. Avenue G and E. Webb Dr., San Manuel.

Dec. 26

Burglary was reported in the 4500 block of N. Dudleyville Rd., Dudleyville.

Theft was reported in the 38000 block of S. Running Roses Ln., SaddleBrooke.

Dec. 27

Jeffrey John Mabuice, 27, San Manuel, was arrested at milepost

98 on Hwy. 77, Oracle, and was charged with aggravated assault on a firefighter/EMT. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Criminal damage was reported in the 5900 block of N. Dudleyville Rd., Dudleyville.

An accident with injuries was reported in the 200 block of N. Viento Dr., Oracle.

Fire was reported in the area of N. Callas Dr., Oracle.

Theft was reported in the 39000 block of S. Old Arena Dr., SaddleBrooke.

Theft was reported in the 62000 block of E. Oakwood Dr., SaddleBrooke. A second theft report was received by Pinal County Sheriff's Office three hours later.

Dec. 28

Ruben Molano, 29, Tucson, was arrested in the 47000 block of E. Loxia Dr., Oracle Junction, and was charged with assault, aggravated assault and fighting/DV (domestic violence). He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail.

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Friends and family of Julissa Rose Garcia held a candlelight vigil in Superior.

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ATV accident claims the life of a Superior teen

A Superior girl's life was ended last Wednesday night after the ATV she and two friends were riding on rolled over, killing her and injuring the other two.

According to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, the dispatch received a 911 call on Dec. 28, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. stating that there had been a rollover accident involving an ATV in the desert area south of Superior town limits on Telegraph Canyon Rd. The young caller told dispatch that there were three girls (juveniles) in the accident and that one of her friends was "not breathing."

Deputies responding to the call reported that there were three occupants in a side-by-side type ATV. The driver, they said,

was wearing her safety belt, but the two passengers weren't. The extra passenger was sitting between the front seats.

"The driver attempted to make a jump on a berm and lost control of the vehicle," the Sheriff's Office posted on its Facebook page. "It flipped onto its top, ejecting the two unrestrained passengers. One 14-year-old female (later identified to the Superior Sun as Julissa Rose Garcia) was caught between the vehicle and the ground and sustained severe injuries." Attempts to revive her were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The other two passengers received non-life threatening injuries and were treated and

released.

The report said that speed was a factor in the accident.

The Sheriff's Office did not release the names of any of those involved.

The school, town and others from across the Copper Corridor gathered for a candlelight vigil on Friday, Dec. 30, to help Julissa's friends and family begin the healing process.

Julissa was an athlete and student at Superior Junior/Senior High School. She was a freshman and played volleyball, basketball and softball. Julissa was a member of the Senior League softball team who went to Montana this summer.

She leaves behind her parents and an older brother.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 490 Main St., Superior. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Los Hermanos Ballroom, 835 W. U.S. Hwy. 60, Superior.

The Superior School District announced that it will have crisis teams on site to help students deal with the death of their classmate.

Friends and family of Julissa Rose have set up a gofundme account to help the family with expenses. <https://www.gofundme.com/361vft4>

Superior Chamber welcomes new Chamber Volunteer Coordinator

By Cat Brown
Superior Sun

Tina Gutierrez started volunteering for the Superior Chamber of Commerce 10 years ago and now has taken over as volunteer coordinator.

Tina is originally from Superior, but she and her family moved away for many years. When she moved back to Superior around 1994, her husband Hank Gutierrez was then President of the chamber and at it was at his urging that she finally joined. Tina only resisted joining because she enjoyed the work she was doing at Sky Harbor as the Trainer and Coordinator for the Business Information Center. When she finally joined the chamber, Tina took all that experience from working at Sky Harbor and brought it to her chamber work. Tina has been a coordinator on the Business Expo and the Night of the Cowboy. She came up with the idea for the beer garden which is featured at the Apache Leap Festival, and she started up the first chamber office. Tina took a break from chamber work for two years, but this June she came back, and she is now the Coordinator of the Volunteers.

There are more than 100 members in the Superior Chamber of Commerce, and some of those members also volunteer their time to help man the main office and the Caboose Visitor Center. The office on Main Street houses a front area full of brochures and maps of the surrounding communities

and attractions. The office also offers tourist free papers and magazines from around the Copper Corridor. The second chamber location is the Caboose which is located in the US60 Park. The chamber took on the Caboose to help keep it operational.

Karen Afdahl has been a volunteer with the chamber for nine years, and she loves working at the Caboose because she gets to, "talk to people from all over the world." During the winter months, 20 to 30 tourists will stop in looking for a broad range of information such as info on the Grand Canyon, local attractions, and the state's mining history. Tourist even stops in to ask for driving directions to California.

Manning the visitor center and the main office is not all the volunteers do. They have a wide array of duties. Those duties including working on local events. The chamber puts on three big events a year: The Prickly Pear Festival, the Annual Superior Home Tour, and the Apache Leap Festival. Right now, the volunteers are getting ready for the Home Tour. The event runs January 28-29, but preparation for the event starts months ahead. There will be about 60 volunteers behind the scenes working to make sure the Home Tour runs smoothly. Each volunteer only works a few hours. The Chamber is mindful that the volunteers also need time to enjoy the events.

As Volunteer Coordinator, Tina is rounding up

volunteers for the big event. If she can't get enough volunteers from within town, Tina draws on some of the surrounding communities for help. Volunteers from Gold Canyon Resort have offered their assistance.

Tina says the volunteers are very important to our community. "People that are just driving by have no idea about our community." Tourists come into the caboose or the chamber office, and one of the volunteers will be there telling them all the wonderful things about Superior and the surrounding areas.

To become a member of the chamber you just have to fill out the paperwork

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Superior Caboose Visitor Center located on Highway 60 within the US 60 Park.

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Volunteer Karen Afdahl works at the Superior Caboose Visitor Center.

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Volunteer Coordinator Tina Gutierrez at the Superior Chamber office on Main Street.

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Blasting to resume in January on State Route 77 removing potentially hazardous rocks south of Globe

PHOENIX – Daytime blasting to remove potentially hazardous rocks will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3, in an effort to protect workers and motorists along State Route 77 south of Globe.

SR 77 will be closed in both directions between mileposts 154-161 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. There will be no restrictions on Monday, Jan. 2, because of the New Year's holiday.

In addition, lane closures are expected each work day from 7-10 a.m. and from 3-5 p.m. Drivers should expect delays of about 15 minutes during those times. The restrictions are expected to remain in place until March.

ADOT crews had been working at night to remove rocks that could have fallen along SR 77 near Dripping Springs. The work was switched to the safer daylight hours after a loosened 18-foot limestone boulder fell 150 feet and

landed on the roadway on Nov. 30.

The incident underscored the risk for construction crews and the potential hazard to motorists. In addition to the instability of the rock face that is being removed, blasting creates flying rock that could be dangerous to workers, especially in the dark between sunset and sunrise.

During the closures, drivers can travel SR 177 and US 60 between Globe and Winkelman. That route will add about 20 miles to the trip.

As with any work zone, drivers are asked to drive slowly and cautiously in the work area and watch for construction workers and equipment.

Panther basketball teams return to action this week

The end of the holiday break means the Superior boys' and girls' basketball teams return to action this week. Both Panthers' teams are at the midpoint of the 2016-17 season and looking to make a run to secure a

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The following are the season schedules for both teams with the results for games played so far:

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11/26/2016	Duncan, 59 - 44	W	11/26/2016	Duncan, 13 - 40	L
12/1/2016	@ Miami, 57 - 48	W	12/1/2016	@ Miami, 15 - 47	L
12/2/2016	Ft Thomas, 46 - 64	L	12/2/2016	Ft Thomas, 12 - 63	L
12/6/2016	@ Phx Day School for Deaf, 62 - 41	W	12/6/2016	@ Phx Day School for Deaf, 12 - 42	L
12/8/2016	Bowie/San Simon, 63 - 38	W	12/8/2016	Bowie/San Simon, 7 - 31	L
12/9/2016	North Phx Prep, 66 - 34	W	12/12/2016	Baboquivari, 15 - 47	L
12/12/2016	Baboquivari, 50 - 65	L	12/13/2016	@ NFL Yet HS & JH, 25 - 5	W
12/13/2016	@ NFL Yet HS & JH, 31 - 84	L	12/15/2016	Globe, 11 - 66	L
12/15/2016	Globe, 53 - 66	L	12/16/2016	@ Ray, 9 - 73	L
12/16/2016	@ Ray, 55 - 45	W	12/19/2016	Copper Cities vs Florence, 8 - 59	L
1/5/2017	Eddie Martinez Invitational vs Metro Tech	1:00 PM	12/19/2016	Copper Cities vs Combs, 7 - 45	L
1/5/2017	Eddie Martinez Invitational vs Florence	TBD	12/20/2016	Copper Cities vs San Tan Foothills, 17 - 34	L
1/6/2017	Eddie Martinez Invitational vs Miami	TBD	12/20/2016	Copper Cities vs Hayden, 10 - 40	L
1/6/2017	Eddie Martinez Invitational vs Empire	TBD	12/21/2016	Copper Cities vs ALA, 22 - 28	L
1/10/2017	Hayden	7:00 PM	1/10/2017	Hayden	5:30 PM
1/13/2017	@ Duncan	7:00 PM	1/12/2017	Arizona Charter	5:30 PM
1/17/2017	@ Ft Thomas	7:00 PM	1/13/2017	@ Duncan	5:30 PM
1/20/2017	Phx Day School for Deaf	7:00 PM	1/17/2017	@ Ft Thomas	5:30 PM
1/24/2017	@ North Phx Prep	5:00 PM	1/19/2017	@ Ray	5:30 PM
1/27/2017	NFL Yet HS & JH	7:00 PM	1/20/2017	Phx Day School for Deaf	5:30 PM
1/31/2017	Ray	7:00 PM	1/31/2017	Ray	5:30 PM
2/3/2017	@ Hayden	7:00 PM	2/3/2017	@ Hayden	5:30 PM

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and pay your dues. Once a member you can become a volunteer. Volunteers are asked to give 3 to 4 hours a week of their time. You can volunteer to help events even if you are not a chamber member. Chamber office hours

are Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Caboose is open three hours in the afternoon Monday – Friday. Superior Chamber of Commerce is located on 230 W Main St, Superior, Arizona, 85173 Telephone: {520} 689-0200

Superior Senior Center News

The Superior Senior Center, 360 W. Main St., invites seniors to join the center and enjoy a nice meal and great company. Meals are \$2 for adults 55 and over. Under 55 is \$4.

Gemini Hospice is offering a blood pressure clinic every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. This is conducted at the Superior Senior Center at 360 W. Main. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. A pastry bingo is held on the last Thursday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Superior Head Start Preschool

Superior Head Start Preschool, 150 N. Lobb Ave., is looking for three and four year olds for the new school year. Children must be three years old by Aug. 31 and up to date with immunizations. They will receive free healthy meals, work inside and outside in a safe setting with qualified staff. Children may also receive free medical and dental care if they qualify. Families must income qualify and provide proof of income and guardianship. Call 520-689-2812 for more information.

7-8 Picket Post Mansion Tours

After a five-year hiatus, Picket Post Mansion opens for two special weekends of public tours January 7 and 8. Non-members are required to pay Arboretum daily admission increases to \$12.50 as of January 1; daily admission is required to enter the Arboretum grounds and walk the half-mile main trail to reach the mansion gate; mansion tour tickets cost an additional \$20 each, and money raised during these special weekends of mansion tours helps support Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Mark your calendar and don't miss these rare opportunities to walk through Colonel William Boyce Thompson's venerable mansion perched on volcanic cliffs overlooking his namesake Arboretum. BTA members and AZ State Parks pass-holders just pay the \$20 mansion tour fee. The Arboretum opens at 8 a.m. during Fall and Winter months. Buy tour tickets in the Arboretum gift shop when you arrive - tickets are not sold in advance. Tours of the mansion haven't been offered since 2011.



13 Coffee with the Chief and Town Manager

Come enjoy a FREE cup of coffee or tea and conversation with Town Manager, Todd Pryor and Police Chief, David Neuss on Friday, Jan 13, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., at Casa Denogean, 635 US Hwy 60. This is a chance to ask questions and voice concerns. No agenda except to better our community!

JANUARY

6 Gemini Hospice First Friday Social

Happy New Year and consider this your invitation to Gemini Hospice's free First Friday Social on Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. - noon. Enjoy some laughs, coffee, appetizers, share stories and memories and your resolutions. Come to 14 N. Magma Ave. in Superior or call 520-689-0104 for more information.

ON THE AGENDA

SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL: The Superior Town Council meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the old Roosevelt School Auditorium.

SUPERIOR OPTIMIST CLUB: The Superior Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at Edwardo's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact JoAnn Besch 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 every Tuesday at the JFK Elementary School at noon.

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.

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A view of Resolution's proposed tailings site on Community Working Group's agenda Jan. 11

The next meeting of the Town of Superior Community Working

Group (CWG) will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Superior

Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Resolution Copper Company

Superior Clinic has new ScriptCenter



The Superior Clinic has a new option for picking up your prescriptions. The new ScriptCenter is an automated express prescriptions pickup that allows you to pick up your prescriptions anytime the clinic is open. To use the new machine, located in the clinic lobby next to the pharmacy, you will need to sign up. You can enroll in the clinic or online at scriptcenter.com to create your unique ID and PIN number. The ScriptCenter may be used by anyone who fills prescriptions at Cobre Valley Pharmacy. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out the CopperArea Facebook page to watch a video showing you how to use the new machine.

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representatives will present a video simulation showing development of the proposed tailings facility and simulated views from various locations.

The CWG includes residents and stakeholders from the Town of Superior, Queen Valley, Hewitt Station, Globe, the San Carlos Community and around the area. The group deals with the social and environmental issues, science and policy, and the pros and cons of the proposed Resolution Copper Project. Topics include environmental impacts, health, safety, natural resource issues, engineering, water quantity and quality, geology, economics, air quality,

community investments, recreational changes and other related subjects.

Meetings are held at the Superior Chamber of Commerce at 165 W. Main St. in Superior from 6-8 p.m., most often on the second Wednesday of each month. The public is welcome and time is reserved on the agenda for everyone's comments, questions, and discussion. More information about the CWG as well as agendas, meeting summaries, and past presentations are available for public review at the Superior Chamber of Commerce offices and at the Superior Public Library at 99 North Kellner Avenue, as well as online at <http://SuperiorAZCWG.org/>

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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A fatal ATV accident was reported on Arnett Dr. south of Superior Telegraph Canyon Rd., Superior. (See related story.)

Violation of a court order was reported in the 900 block of N. Sherman Dr., Oracle.

Theft was reported in the 2000 block of W. Paseo Redondo, Oracle.

An accident without injuries was reported in the area of S. Hwy. 77 and E. SaddleBrooke Blvd., SaddleBrooke.

Dec. 29

Theft was reported in the 500 block of S. Encina St., San Manuel.

Criminal damage was reported in the 51000 block of N. Forman Rd., Top of the World.

Public Notice

NOTICE (for publication) ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION FOR I. Name: Steel Raven Development LLC L-2141744-0 II. The address of the known place of business is: 926 N. Acacia Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85119 III. The name and street address of the Statutory Agent is: 926 N. Acacia Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85119 Management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members. The names and addresses of each person who is a member are: Luke Plzak [member] 926 N. Acacia Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85119; Julian Cheroskee [member] 11321 E. Shelley Ave., Mesa, AZ 85212.
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Date	High	Low	Pcp
Dec 26	60	32	
Dec 27	71	40	.32
Dec 28	69	42	
Dec 29	74	48	
Dec 30	69	51	.30
Dec 31	57	61	.13
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- **37 acres,** beautiful views, secluded area, touches state land, horse property. \$115,000.
- **3-lots to choose from.** Hill top views shared well, horse property, leveled off areas for home sites. Two lots \$50,000 each & one lot \$70,000 or all 3 for \$129,000

New firefighter helps protect Superior full time

By Cat Brown
Superior Sun

Christopher Villaverde is the newest full-time Firefighter at the Superior Fire Department. Christopher was born and raised



Christopher comes full circle, visiting the Superior Head Start and encouraging a new generation.

Superior Fire Department | Submitted

in Superior. He always knew he wanted to go into public safety, but growing up he thought he would one day become a cop. It wasn't until the ninth grade when he entered the Explorer program and got some on hands experience working with both the Police and Fire Department that he realized he wanted to become a Firefighter.

Christopher started out working as a Reserve for the Superior Fire Department. He worked as a reserve for two years before getting hired on full time this October. The thing that surprised him most about the job he says was, "Day one you are behind a steering wheel." In a bigger department, the Firefighters don't get a chance to drive the ambulance and fire trucks right away. At Superior, the new firefighters get hands-on driving experience with all the apparatus since there are only two full-time firefighters on each shift.

Christopher has been working the last two months helping test all the hydrants in town, this December he was in charge of the Santa Drive, and he has gone on many medical calls. But so far, he has only responded to one fire call. On that fire call, there was a lot of smoke, but no actual flames.

Yet being on that fire, Christopher got a chance to work with a Fire Investigator from

Coolidge. Watching the Fire Investigator work left quite an impression.

"It was something very interesting," Christopher told the Superior Sun. He says he can see himself heading to school to add Fire Investigator one day to his resume.

First Christopher plans to advance from an EMT to a Paramedic. But he also has higher aspirations.

"When I got hired one of the questions they asked was where do you see yourself in 15 years. I told them, I see myself behind a desk, interviewing others," he said. "I want to become a chief."

Christopher has a long history with the Superior Fire Department. On his cell phone, he has a picture of himself at five years old decked out in a fire helmet and mask. He was a kid at Head Start when the Firefighters came to visit. And now as a full-time firefighter, he has gotten the opportunity to visit the Head Start kids and inspire a whole new generation.

Working full-time at Superior is the first step in what Christopher hopes is a long career in the fire service.



Christopher at age 5 when the Superior Fire Department came to visit Head Start. Photo submitted by Christopher Villaverde



Christopher Villaverde is the newest full time firefighter at the Superior Fire Department.

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Nursing Care • Social Services • Bereavement Services • Personal Care Medications for Pain and Other Symptoms • 24 Hour Availability Respite Care • Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment General Inpatient Care • Homemaker Services • Spiritual Services Physician • Physical Therapy, OT and Speech • Volunteer Services

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