

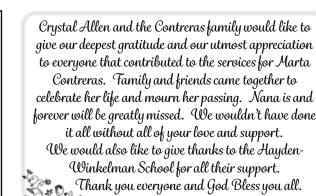
### **OBITUARIES**

## Kenneth Allen Smitch

Kenneth Allen Smitch passed away Feb. 10, 2018. He was born March 9, 1942, in Clifton, AZ, the son of David Jordon

and Rena Laura Smitch. He was raised in Globe, AZ.

Kenneth joined the Army in 1960 and





#### Andy

I thurt so much to lose you. We miss your smiling face. The way we'd break in laughter for all your joking ways.

We thought you'd live forever, but Jesus called you home. Although we know you're happy, there's days we feel alone.

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To our family you were special for the the love you always showed. So today we all pay tribute to you for in life you were our world.

Never judộing, always happy, always there for everyone. As a husband, as a father, as a brother you were loved.

Your grandchildren have their
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with God.

On February 10th, will be a year ago that we lost you on that day, for your golden heart stopped beating and today we'd like to say.

We knew how much you loved us. We know how much you cared. We thank God for the time we had and the memories that we shared.

May heaven be as beautiful
as you felt that it would be.
Guide our family here on earth
until we meet in eternity.

From: Your loving wife, Teresa "Dolly" Rabago Sons, Daughters, Grandchildren, Sisters and Brother. Written by Your Sister Mary

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while in the service, he met his wife, Helen Delores Crowson Smitch. They wed June 1, 1963 and were married for 54 and a half years.

Kenneth loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed competition shooting and won many awards. His family was very important to him. He shared his knowledge of shooting and hunting with both his sons and taught them how to work on their vehicles. His daughters didn't escape this tutelage – they also learned how to work on their cars.

He inspired all his kids to finish high school. School was very important to him and he saw that all his children got the education they needed.

He leaves behind in loving memory his wife, Helen Smitch; daughters, Tamara Warren and Sondra (Curtis) Lane; sons, Adam Smitch and Colin Smitch; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Jay (Nancy) Smitch; and sisters,

Maraget Towse and Luetta (Fred) Danforth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David Jordon and Rena Laura Smitch; brothers, Colin Smitch and David Smitch; and sisters,



Opal Cunningham, Charlet Miller, Juttie Menges and June Knowlton.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Kearny Church, 305 Croydon Rd. Kenneth will be laid to rest at a later date.

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# Magdalena 'Nena' Becerra

Magdalena "Nena" Becerra, "Mrs. B" died peacefully at her home Jan. 31, 2018 surrounded by her family.

She was born January 2, 1933 to Luis and Rita Gomez in Santa Rita, New Mexico.

Nena married Jesus Becerra on Oct. 10, 1953. They moved to Mammoth where they made their home and raised their family.

Mrs. B. was very proud of her family. She always made her children, grandchildren, great grand children and great, great grandchildren

feel special and loved. Anyone who came by to visit, she welcomed with open arms.

In Mrs. B's younger years she was active in the Tri-Community. She was president of the P.T.A., active with the Blessed Sacrament Church, a member of the Altar Society, helped with bingo nights, church fiestas, and singing in the choir.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Luis and Rita Gomez; brothers and sisters. Manuel, Socorro, Olivia, Consuelo, Angela, Luis, Gilbert and Olin; great

grandchildren, Nicky and Luke Burnham; and great-greatgrandson, Alessandro Burnham.

Nena is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jesus Becerra; children, Elizabeth (Freddy Sr.) Burnham, Grace Sargent, Richard (Yolanda),

Margaret (Richard) Woodward, John (Melissa), Sonia (Paul) Cubbage and Anna Gleason; 20 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Mammoth on Saturday, Feb. 24, with Rosary beginning at 10 a.m. and the Mass at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the church hall.

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# Hayden-Winkelman school children and the 'chief' importance of setting goals

Last month, Hayden Police Chief Tamatha Villar visited Hayden-WInkelman Schools and spent the day meeting each and every student, talking to them about the importance of setting goals and encouraging them to reach for their dreams. She encouraged the students to write down their goals and to share them with her.

Now, a wall in the lobby of the Hayden Police Department is colorfully decorated with the goals and dreams of the students of our communities. Chief Villar explained the purpose of the wall is twofold. One is to serve as a reminder to the students to keep focused on their goals. The other is to remind her officers of the importance of the work they do every day and that the children of this community are depending on them to help reach these goals.

The wall highlights the talent of all of our students. "My hope is through meaningful interaction with our

"My hope is through meaningful interaction with our youth, we are able to learn more about the kids in our community, what they are struggling with, their goals and their dreams. If we take the time to invest in them, maybe we can have a positive impact in their lives and help keep them on the right track," said Chief Villar.

Chief Villar encourages the community to come in and read the goals and dreams of our future! She ensures us the future is bright!

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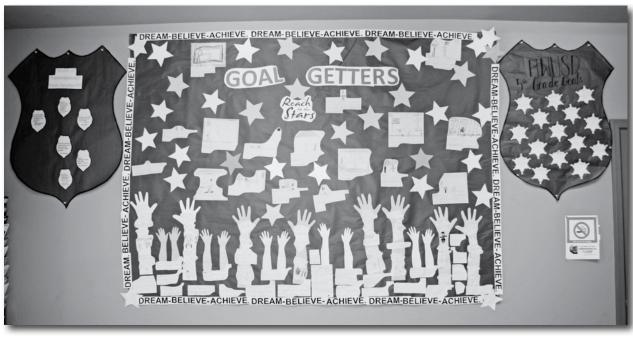
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The Hayden Police Department has partnered with Gila County Health Department to provide a Prescription Drug Drop Off location at the Hayden Police Department. Since Feb. 1, anyone wanting to drop off prescription medications can do so in the green drop off box located in the lobby of the Hayden Police Department, Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3;30 p.m., or by

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# n-Val-izona Day?

hat a choice we have this week! Wednesday, Feb. 14, is not only Valentine's Day but also Ash Wednesday and Arizona Statehood Day. Ash Wednesday is by far the oldest observance, with Valentine's Day coming second, but as an Arizona native this is the day I claim as my own and fly the Arizona state flag.

Last week, at a special Kearny Town Council meeting, it was decided to pursue a grant from Resolution Copper's Community Fund to purchase the Arizona DES building between the General Kearny Inn and Norman's IGA, The State of Arizona is making the building available at a very low price and the Mayor and Council are considering buying it to serve as a larger quarters for the Police Department. It's not a done deal, for sure. The grant process for monies from Resolution is competitive. On top of that, the land is owned by an entity represented by Osselear, the holding company which owns much of the property along Alden Road.

Accordingly, Town Manager Anna Flores was directed to explore the terms of a lease with Osselear. Once the terms are known and if the grant from Resolution Copper comes through, the Town Council will know the feasibility of the project and can make some decisions about it.

The Copper Basin Women's EXPO is

just around the corner, on Saturday, Feb. 24 beginning at 11 a.m. The admission is only \$3.00. There will be drawing, samples, speaker and demonstrators of all kinds of merchandise. It will be held at the Hayden/Winkelman School's district building. This may be the best EXPO yet.

There's lots of chatter on the computer social pages about Pioneer Days, which will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 15-18. Many people are reminiscing about how Pioneer Days "used to be." Well. the Chamber of Commerce is working to make these Pioneer Days more like the old ones, but with a twist of the new as well. And have you or your organization taken steps to enter a float or other entry for the grand parade on Saturday, March 17? Support the candidates for Junior and Senior Pioneer Days Queen by buying raffle tickets, too. Tee shirts will be on sale soon. We all can do our part.

The NOMADS are back in town! Starting this weekend, nine volunteers from United Methodist Churches around the U.S. will be living in trailers parked behind The Church of the Good Shepherd, and will be doing volunteer work at the church and in the Copper Basin. They receive no remuneration, and often match the contributions which Good Shepherd has raised to carry on their work. You will be them around. The jest is that NOMADS means "nice old Methodists avoiding deep

snow." It is true that most of them come from northern states.

Next week I will mention the upcoming golf tournament sponsored by Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church in April. This will be a big event. I'm on the look for more events to promote. Let me know!



By Sam Hosler Special to Copper Area News



South Lana Way named last fall by the **Kearny Town Council in honor of Lana** Dalton. Council Member (deceased). Pinal County is standardizing all street names, so 'north and south and east and west' will be part of future street signs ... and Lana's is the first! It takes a while to get signs manufactured, so the honor is long delayed.

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# Five young ladies vie for Queen, Jr. Queen titles

By Jennifer R. Carnes Copper Basin News

The 2018 Pioneer Days Queen contestants have been hard at work, earning points to see who will wear the crowns come March.

Two are competing for Pioneer Days Queen: Tahni Kame and Indigo Patterson. Three will be hoping for the title of Jr. Queen: Mia Barragan, Ariza Jadyn Castillo and Kaylin Pacheco.

Tahni, 17, is a senior at Hayden High School and is the daughter of Peter

Kame of Kearny and Charlene Kame/Lopez.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and yearbook committee; she serves as manager for football and wrestling; and has been on the honor roll



for the past three years in school. She also placed second in the Gila County Science Fair.

Tahni is very community-minded, aiding in an Adopt-a-Highway event and volunteering with the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce.

Her hobbies include hunting, singing, tubing, fishing, sleeping and spending quality time with her family.

"After high school, I'd like to learn more from welding to maybe becoming an entrepreneur," Tahni told the Copper Basin News. "I've also thought about becoming an art therapist to help people express how they feel if they can't talk about it."

Her main goal is to help people in any way possible.

"Also, I plan to be the best me I can and change the world in many ways," she added.

Tahni decided to run for Pioneer Days Queen "because of the chance to be a role model for others and make an impact in this community."

Indigo is a freshman at Ray High School and is 15 years old. She is the daughter of Julie and Dustin Patterson of Kearny.

She is a member of the Science Club, serving as secretary, Copper Basin Jr. Chamber of Commerce and Drama





These beautiful young ladies are vying for 2018 Pioneer Days Queen and Jr. Queen. Pictured clockwise from lower left are: Kaylin Pacheco, Indigo Patterson, Mia Barragan, Tahni Kame and Ariza Castillo. The 1950 Ford flatbed truck is owned by Wayne and Doris McComb of Kearny. James Carnes | CBN

Club. She plays volleyball and basketball and runs track. She is also on the honor roll.

Indigo volunteers at events sponsored by the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce and

has volunteered at the Hayden Golf Course and Hayden Senior Center.

Her hobbies include watching makeup and hair tutorials, baking and cooking, fishing and going on road trips with her family.

"My hopes for the future," she said, "consist of going far in life, going to college and being successful in my career choice. I would like to be in a place where I love and be happy with

Indigo decided to run for Pioneer Days Queen for the experience and meeting new people.

"Running for Pioneer Days Queen is building my confidence and is also improving my public speaking," Indigo added.

Running for Jr. Queen is 13-year-old

Mia Barragan, an eighth grader at Ray Jr. High School. She is the daughter of Mario Barragan of Havden.

Mia has participated in the Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot, has been named to the honor roll and is vice president of

Student Council. She plays basketball,

volleyball and softball. She has volunteered at Mrs. Newman's house, at the senior center and during a golf tournament. She is an altar server.

Her hobbies include hunting, fishing, basketball, volleyball and softball. Her future includes attending and graduating from college and then on to become an actress.

"I'd want to become a role model for upcoming girls who would like to run for Pioneer Days Jr. Queen or Queen," Mia said. "Not only that, but because my older sister Marissa Barragan was last year's 2017 Jr. Queen, and it'll be nice to feel like a princess for a day."

Ariza is also 13 and an eighth grader, although she attends school at the San Manuel Jr. High School. She is the daughter of Luisana and AJ Castillo of Mammoth.

She is a member of Student Council and plays basketball and volleyball. She

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also runs track and is a cheerleader. She attends Confirmation classes at her church.

When asked about her hobbies, Ariza said, "I like to draw, play sports, go shopping, participate in after school activities and hanging out with my family.

Ariza plans to attend college

and build her own home decor fashion company.

"I'm running for Jr. Queen because I knew it would be a fun experience!" Ariza said. "I enjoy trying new things and meeting new people."

Kaylin is 14 and an eighth grader at Ray Jr. High School. Her parents are Kelli and David Pacheco of Kearny.

Kaylin enjoys drawing, reading and creating stories and plans to become a game designer.

"I decided to run (for Jr. Queen) because it's a way to meet new people and also a way to help out my community," she

said. These girls are asking the support of the community, so if you see them out and about please purchase a ticket or two. Tickets are \$1 and there are three cash pay outs, \$150, \$250 and \$500. The Queen

Crowning and cash drawings will be held during the Pioneer Day activities. We wish all these beautiful young ladies the best of luck.





Doris and Wayne McComb with their 1950 Ford flatbed truck. James Carnes | CBN

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# THIS 'N THAT

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**



#### **Pioneer Day Queens**

Looking for girls between the ages of 13- 18, unmarried and attending school in the Copper Basin area, for the Pioneer Days Queen Contest, on March 15 - 18. This year we have a number of fun and valuable activities to take place for our contestants, including luncheons, guest speakers, a fashion show, parade activities, prizes, photo shoots, and much, much more! Please contact the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce at 520-363-7607 or email veronica@ copperbasinaz.com for an application. Thank you!



#### New 4-Way Stops in Kearny

The Town of Kearny Public Works
Department is placing stop signs at
the intersection of Fairhaven Road and
Victoria Circle and at the intersection of
Hartford Road and Victoria Circle. These
two intersections will now be four-way
stops.

#### Superior-Kearny Justice Court

The Superior Justice Court will be closed and temporarily moved to Kearny while the Superior office is being remodeled. The Superior office will reopen later and become the hub office for the JP district.

#### **FEBRUARY**



# 15 Town of Hayden Dog & Cat Clinic

Attend the Town of Hayden Dog & Cat Vaccination & License Clinic on Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m. at the Hayden Fire Station, 187 E. Fourth Ave. in Hayden. Costs are: rabies vaccinations \$12; license, unaltered - \$7.50; license, altered - \$5. All dogs and cats must have current vaccinations and must be registered with the Town of Hayden by Thursday, March 15. Otherwise, citations will be issued for violation of Town Ordinance 6.008.020 and 6.08.030.

#### 21 Kearny Library Ladies Tea Party

Even though our Kearny Library Ladies Tea Party falls on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m., which is after Valentine's Day, since it is the month of love, we are going to celebrate with our favorite foods. We will have a dessert contest with people voting on their favorites and prizes going to the top three winners. Of course we have another fun game planned and a craft, as well as visiting with other ladies. Come and join us. And, of course, it's all free. Questions? Call 363-5861.

#### 24 Copper Basin Women's Expo

Women's Expo will be on Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hayden -Winkelman School District Lobby. Entrance free is \$3. There will be free goody bags for the first 25 paid entrants, vendors and food for sale. All are welcome!

#### **MARCH**

# Eagle One Veteran Outreach to Visit

The Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center will be at the Superior VFW on Thursday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit them online at hohp4heroes. org. Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

# 15-18 Pioneer Days

Mariachis, Live Bands, DJs, Food Galore!!! Join us at this years biggest event, our 58th Annual Pioneer Days, from Thursday, March 15 – Sunday, March 18. Pre-sale admission tickets will be available soon! Make your reservations/plans to join us for a funfilled, exciting event you won't want to miss!!

#### **APRIL**

# **14** RHS Reunion Alumni Bash

Attention Ray High School Classes of the 70s: join your fellow classmates at the second annual Reunion Alumni Bash on Saturday, April 14, at the San Tan Brewery in Chandler. Cost is \$35 per person which includes dinner, one drink, 70s music and the rekindling of friendships long forgotten. For more information, check out the Facebook page: Ray High School Classes of the '70s, or email Selma Hatfield selma\_hatfield@yahoo.com or Tinker Noriega teenk08@gmail.com.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com or call 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

**CCEDC:** Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition meets the third Friday of the month at the CAC Aravaipa Campus in the Community Room at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please email info@coppercorridor.org.

**KEARNY ELKS LODGE # 2478:** Kearny Elks Lodge # 2478 meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. The lounge's schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 – 8 p.m. and Sunday 3-9 p.m.

**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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER HOURS: The Pregnancy Care Center in Winkelman, located at Fourth and Thorne Avenues in Winkelman, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's workshop is held on Thursday from 5-6 p.m. You can call (520) 664-5795 for a confidential appointment.

**LOBO BOOSTERS:** For Lobo Booster Club membership and information, please call Michelle Gonzales at 480-888-6598.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 12-STEP: NA meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Sun Life in San Manuel. Rear entrance, south facing door. Open meeting. For more information, call Horizon Health and Wellness at 520-896-9240.

KEARNY SENIOR CITIZENS: The Kearny Senior Citizens group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Constitution Hall. The group talks about trips to different places in Arizona as well as other subjects. A potluck dinner is held after the social hour on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are needed. Come down and join the group. From May through August, the group meets only on the last Wednesday of the month.

KEARNY LIBRARY HAPPENINGS: From 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Seniors (50 and up) meet for coffee and conversation. 10 a.m. Monday mornings are set aside for preschool kids with story hour at 10 a.m. A crochet class is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for beginners or advanced to get training and new patterns. On the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., the Ladies Tea Party meets to enjoy fellowship with other ladies. Bring a dish to share for potluck. For more information call 363-5861.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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.

# Copper Corridor communities pledge support for Expect More Arizona

**By Mila Besich-Lira** Copper Area News

The Town Councils of Kearny, Hayden and Superior have all passed resolutions in support of Expect More Arizona. The overall goal of Expect More Arizona and the Center for the Future of Arizona is to improve educational attainment by 2030 throughout the State of Arizona. Expect More Arizona has taken a great amount of care to ensure that every community in the state is aware of their progress meter and the need for non-partisan collaboration to attain educational goals for Arizona.

"For the first time, Arizona has a vision for education and a consensus among our education community. The Education Progress Meter enables diverse groups from across the state to work together to address critical issues within our education system while making problem-solving relevant to

local communities," said Lattie Coor, chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona. "The Progress Meter is an asset to Arizona and will be instrumental in informing education policy, strategic decision-making and investments to help Arizona prepare our talented young people for success while driving the prosperity and opportunity for all who live here."

The communities of the Copper Corridor often struggle with youth retention: young people leave due to lack or jobs and educational resources. One tradition the Town of Superior utilizes to celebrate academic achievement is the annual invitation of the Senior Class to the May Council meeting. The Council congratulates each graduate and presents them with a custom key chain and blank key with a letter. The letter congratulates them and encourages them to follow their dreams but to consider coming home when they have

reached their education al goals. The towns of Kearny and Hayden are working on ideas that encourage this collaboration as well. The Town of Mammoth is planning on having Expect More Arizona to a future council meeting as well.

Today the statistics around educational attainment are grim, low teacher pay, low math and reading scores. The goals by 2030 are to have education attainment at 60% from todays 40%. To increase post high school education

enrollment from 53% to 70% to increase high school graduation from 78% to 90%, improve the percentages of skill students passing the 8th grade math and third grade reading scores and to improve quality early learning.

In the adoption of the resolutions the Town Councils agreed that education must be a top priority to ensure a strong economic future and higher quality of life. In the communities of the Copper Corridor, there is usually positive collaboration amongst the

schools and the municipalities; however the disconnect often happens at the state level, where funding is based on enrollment, making it harder for small schools to compete for teachers and are often left stretching resources.

The jobs of tomorrow will require all young people to attain higher education and skills. Expect More Arizona has online resources and ideas to help everyone understand the importance of working on education attainment. You

can learn more about the Progress Meter online at www. ExpectMoreArizona.com.

#### **Public Notice**

NOTICE (for publication) ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION FOR I. Name: Red Mountain Aerial Photography, LLC L-2244669-2 II. The address of the known place of business is: 144 Mail Trail Rd #9 Young, AZ 85554 III. The name and street address of the Statutory Agent is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 17470 N. Pacesetter Way Scottsdale, AZ 85255 Management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members. The names and addresses of each person who is a member are: Frank Koester 11360 E. Keats Ave #54, Mesa, AZ 85209

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Chief Tamatha Villar stated, "The Hayden Police Department has made it a priority to work with our partners in Gila County to help increase public safety and the safety of our most vulnerable populations through the collections of these often dangerous medications."

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**By Andrew Luberda** Copper Basin News

Ray girls' basketball stars Shelby Yocum and Savannah Rodriguez each eclipsed 1,000 points scored earlier this season.

Rodriguez, a senior captain, reached the mark just before the holiday break in December and enters this weekend's state tournament with 1,138 career points.

Yocum, a sophomore captain, projects to reach 2,000 points scored before her Lady Cats' career is finished. She scored he 1,000th point in a 77 – 22 victory against Miami on Jan. 12.

Yocum, who participates in three sports, has averaged nearly 22 points per game during her two years at Ray and now has 1,173 points in less than two seasons.

"A big part of it was my teammates," answered Yocum, when asked to what she attributes her success. "They helped me get the ball, including steals, that led to fastbreaks."

Extra work during the offseason helped too.

"Going to camps and dedicating a lot of my time to improving and being the best player I can be," she added. Congratulations, ladies!

# Ray, Hayden basketball teams reach State Championship

**By Andrew Luberda** Copper Basin News

The Ray boys' and girls' basketball teams along with the Hayden girls' team will begin their quest for the 2018 1A State Championship this week in Prescott.

The AIA announced the 16-team field, seedings and first-round games during its selection show last Saturday.

The No. 3-seed Ray girls' team, with a record of 21-6-1, will face No. 14 Bowie/San Simon (14-9) in the first round on Friday, Feb. 16, at Prescott High School. The game is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

With a win, the Lady Cats would play the winner between No. 6 Mogollon and No. 11 Red Mesa in the quarterfinals on Saturday, Feb. 17. Game location and time will be announced later this week.

Ray enters the tournament with high expectations considering two of their six losses were against 4A Higley and 5A Willow Canyon. Two other losses were against Ft. Thomas, the top seed in the girls' bracket.

Defense wins championships, according to at least one Ray player.

"We need to stay focused on our defense and not let up any back door or easy shots," Lady Cats' sophomore leading scorer Shelby Yocum answered when asked what her team needs to do to have success this weekend.

No. 15-seed Hayden (12-8) takes on No. 2 Sat Michael (18-6) in the opening round on Friday at Bradshaw Mountain High School. Tipoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The winner between the Lady Lobos and the Cardinals will face either No. 10 Anthem Prep or No. 7 St. David on Saturday.

The No. 13-seed Ray boys' team will open the state tournament against No. 4-seed and defending 1A State Champion NFL Yet Academy on Friday at Prescott High School. The game is scheduled for 9 a.m.

Friday's game between the teams will be the third this season with the Eagles cruising to lopsided wins in the previous two meetings.

The winner will face either No. 5 Williams or No. 12 Baboquivari in Saturday's quarterfinal game.

The complete brackets can be viewed at: http://bit.ly/2BrvDwO

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