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OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Heath

Helen Marie Heath, 86, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 in Apache Junction, AZ.

Helen was born on Oct. 20, 1934 in Pagosa Springs, CO to parents Robert and Grace Crouse. Helen graduated high school in Pagosa Springs. She married James Floyd Heath. Together they had two children, Janet (Val) Danilow of Kearny, AZ and James P. (Deb) Heath of Sedona, AZ.

Helen was a happy homemaker, but she also had a range of interests and hobbies. Helen was a seamstress who made her family clothing, including James' western shirts. She was an accomplished writer and was published in local papers in Aztec, New Mexico. She also studied under Tony Hillerman a famous writer who taught in Famington, New Mexico.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Grace Crouse; her husband, James Floyd Heath; and sister, Kathy Blount. She is survived by her daughter, Janet (Val) Danilow; son, James P. (Deb) Heath; grandson, Bill (Christy) Danilow; great-grandchild, Alyssa (Gabe) Rascon; and great-great-grandchildren, Aiden and Dimitri Rascon.

Only private services for the family are planned at this time.



Delbert O. Burke

Delbert O. Burke was born Aug. 25, 1940, in Oklahoma, and passed away Feb. 6, 2021, at home in Winkelman. He served in the U.S. Army, moved to Winkelman in

1968 when he started to work at Kennecott soon after opened Burke's Feed Store. He served on the Town Council for years. Delbert enjoyed fishing, hunting, roping with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Edward and Doris Burke; and his youngest sister, Anita Turnage. Delbert is survived by his wife, Shelene; sister, Eva Lois May; son and daughter-in-law, Luke and Jenn; and daughter, Cyrena. Delbert has three grandchildren, Joe, MaKayla and Cole; and two great-grandsons, Blake and Keon.

His wish was to donate his body to science research and due to the pandemic, his celebration of life will be announced at a later date.



The family of Arnold P. Santos would like to give our most sincere thank you to everyone during the recent loss of our loved one. Your calls, cards, visits, gifts, prayers and thoughts are a blessing and have brought out family comfort.



To Margaret Hewitt, you have been with us from the beginning, thank you. To the staff of Thema Health Care for their selfless love and care. Also, to Conrad and Cecelia Martinez, you have seen us through hard times. To Father George for your support and Griffith Mortuary and staff for your excellent service.

With grateful hearts, we keep each of you in our thoughts.

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Early morning delays possible on State Route 77 in Winkelman Feb. 17 and 19

Motorists who cross the Gila River Bridge on State Route 77 in Winkelman may encounter early morning delays on Wednesday, Feb. 17, and Friday, Feb. 19, while crews pour concrete to form the remaining bridge deck.

Work is scheduled to begin at midnight and be complete by 9 a.m.

SR 77 is expected to remain open; however, occasional delays are possible. A temporary signal will continue to be used during the work.

Drivers should proceed through the work zone with caution, slow down and watch for construction personnel and equipment.

For more information, please visit the project website (<https://azdot.gov/projects/southeast-district-projects/state-route-77-gila-river-bridge-replacement-project>).

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to azdot.gov/contact and select Projects from the drop-down menu. For real-time highway conditions statewide, visit ADOT's Traveler Information Site at www.az511.gov, follow ADOT on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or call 511, except while driving.

Update offered on Pinto Creek Bridge project

Traffic restrictions on US 60 for the Pinto Creek Bridge project have been minimal for several months; however, the Arizona Department of Transportation says it is now approaching phases of the project where you will start to see some restrictions again.

While dates are subject to change, here is the current best estimate for how ADOT anticipates the next several months playing out:

- Late February into May - Girders for the new bridge will arrive on site and be placed starting as soon as Feb. 22. Because of their size, ADOT anticipates intermittent lane restrictions with flaggers to help

drivers maneuver the girders through the work zone. Drivers should expect delays if you drive through as girders arrive or as they are being placed.

- Mid-July - Bridge deck pour. Two bridge deck pours are scheduled. At least one of the two will require a full overnight closure of US 60.

- Late August - Realign traffic from the old bridge to the new bridge. This will require a full closure of 5 days.

All of these dates are tentative, and ADOT will provide advance notice before all of these milestones/phases along with additional details. Visit the project page online: <https://azdot.gov/node/14670>.

Area Agency on Aging warns of potential COVID-19 scams

The Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging for Pinal and Gila County warning older populations that they may be targets for COVID-19 related scams.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) recommends the following for Medicare beneficiaries:

- Contact your own doctor if you are experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19.
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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No Evening Service
Wednesday 6 p.m.
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501 Victoria Circle, Kearny

Rev. Fr. George Kunnel (Pastor)
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Richard Ferris
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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CVRMC acquires Kearny Ambulance Service

On March 1, 2021, Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) will enter into the ambulance business with the acquisition of the Kearny Ambulance service and assets from the Town of Kearny.

“We want to ensure that the citizens of Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, and Dudleyville continue to have access to a high-level of emergency care,” stated Neal Jensen, CVRMC Chief Executive Officer. “I want to acknowledge and commend the current EMS providers and the Town of Kearny for their dedication and hard work to keep the EMS services going for the citizens of Kearny and surrounding communities.”

The Town of Kearny has been strained financially to keep the service in operation and has subsidized the ambulance operations for many years. Kearny has reached a point where they can no longer finance the service. Based on volume of calls, small rural communities struggle to keep ambulance services in operation because costs are higher than the revenue generated by the low number of calls.

“Because of CVRMC’s Critical Access (CAH) status, we are going to seek ‘cost based reimbursement’ to help mitigate costs,” Jensen states. Because of the remote location of the Kearny Ambulance service, CVRMC is in a position to be eligible for financial assistance under Medicare ambulance reimbursement. Jensen continues, “If CVRMC is not able to secure ‘cost based reimbursement,’ we will have to seek support from key stakeholders.”

In preparation for the acquisition, CVRMC has renovated part of the Kearny Clinic to provide crew quarters for the newly hired staff. Current Town of Kearny EMS staff will have to apply and interview with CVRMC. CVRMC’s expectation is to have full-time EMTs, paramedics, and support staff live in Kearny and to be part of the community with the philosophy,

when people live in a community they serve, they respond more effectively to the needs of their friends and neighbors.

Through an application to the State of Arizona, CVRMC is required to have a “Certificate of Necessity” (CON) which gives the authorization to treat patients in a specific geographic area. CON is a legal document that is required to conduct medical business, in this case an ambulance service. In order to acquire the CON, CVRMC has to meet all the state requirements for EMS which includes specific guidelines for response times, ambulance requirements, maintenance records, daily checklists, etc., to ensure preparedness to respond to medical emergencies.

Beginning March 1, CVRMC will become the EMS base station and along with the triage protocols, EMTs and paramedics will have access to ER physicians to determine if a patient needs to be transferred, where the patient should be transferred to, and how the patient should be transferred. “On evaluation between EMTs, paramedics, and ER physicians, patients will be transported to the most appropriate facility for their continuing medical needs,” states Rhonda Mason, CVRMC Chief Nursing Officer.

“When CVRMC was approached, we started doing our due diligence and meeting with the Town of Kearny,” stated Ms. Mason. “We did not want there to be a gap of care for emergency response. The citizens of Kearny and surrounding communities really need this service.”

“We were not actively seeking to be in the ambulance business, but we are confident that we can continue to provide safe, high-level emergency response care to the communities of the Kearny area,” states Jensen. “For us, although it was a tough decision, it was very clear if the community did not have an emergency provider they would have extended delays to receive healthcare and that is just not acceptable.”



Manning the Kearny Ambulance are Megan Sewell, E.M.T. (left), and David Clinkenbeard, Paramedic. James Carnes | CBN

Letters of Interest with Resumes being accepted to fill vacancy created by resignation of Justice of the Peace, Nancy Discher.

Pinal County Board of Supervisors to appoint a Justice of the Peace to serve remainder of the term through December 31, 2022.

FLORENCE – Nancy Discher who has served as Justice of the Peace over Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court, representing Oracle, Eaglecrest Ranch, SaddleBrooke Ranch and SaddleBrooke, since January 2015 has announced her resignation effective January 20, 2021.

The law that covers vacancies in county offices makes a distinction between whether the vacancy occurs within the first two years of an official’s term or afterwards. In the case of a mid-term vacancy that occurs after the completion of the first two years of service, Arizona Revised Statute 16-230.A.2 is invoked. This states:

If a county office becomes vacant, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a person of the same political party as the person vacating the office to fill the portion of the term until the next regular general election. If the person vacating the office changed political party affiliations after taking office, the person who is appointed to fill the vacancy shall be of the same political party that the vacating officeholder was when the vacating officeholder was elected or appointed to that office.

Judge Discher was elected as a Republican so the Pinal County Board of Supervisors is only accepting applications from registered Republicans for the Justice of the Peace position, Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court. To be eligible for appointment as Justice of the Peace, Arizona law specifies that the following criteria be met by each potential candidate:

- Must be a legal Arizona resident living within the Precinct 5, Copper Corridor Justice Court
- Must be registered to vote,
- Must be able to read and write the English language and,
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Interested individuals should take note of the application criteria and deadlines below:

• Letters of Interest and Résumés by 5:00 PM Friday, February 26, 2021.

There is no formal application to submit and any combination of a letter of interest with résumé and other documents outlining the applicant’s qualifications for office shall be emailed, mailed, or submitted in person:

ClerkoftheBoard@pinal.gov

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board
Pinal County Board of Supervisors
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Mailing Address: PO Box 827
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- Candidates shall indicate their address, party affiliation and contact information in their letter of interest.

[Title 22 of the Arizona Revised Statutes](#) provides more detail on the duties of a Justice of the Peace.

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Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District to continue online schooling through March 22

Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District governing board voted unanimously to delay the reopening of in-person school until March 22nd.

“Currently, the COVID-19 cases are too high in the area and

continuing online is safest for our students, families, and staff. With the vaccination and the lowering of COVID-19 cases in the area over the past weeks, I am hopeful that children can return to in-person school soon,” said Superintendent Jeff Gregorich

“We may need to start off with a hybrid model before bring everyone back together at once. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 rates in the area and make a responsible decision based on science,” added Gregorich.

Healthy Teeth resources offer easy ways to prevent children's tooth decay

Good oral health in young children plays a critical role in a child's overall wellbeing and education. Yet, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease faced by young children and is also 100% preventable.

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency and partners, recently launched Healthy Teeth resources (FirstThingsFirst.org/resources/healthy-teeth/) in time for February's National Children's Dental Health Month to help more families understand the importance of early oral health and what they can do to help prevent tooth decay in their babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

According to a 2016 First Things First study, conducted in partnership with the Arizona Department of

Health Services, 52% of Arizona's kindergartners have experienced tooth decay compared with 36% of 5-year-old children nationally.

Left untreated, tooth decay in young children's primary teeth puts them at risk for future problems like damaged permanent teeth; increased vulnerability to infections in other parts of the body, such as the ears, sinuses and the brain; impaired speech development, and reduced self-esteem.

“We know that if a child is seen for their first dental visit by age one, they are 20 times less likely to have cavities at five years old than a child who has their first dental visit at age five,” said Greta Mills, First Smiles Oral Health Professional with University of Arizona

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Visit First Things First Healthy Teeth resource at <https://www.FirstThingsFirst.org/resources/healthy-teeth/> for tips on how to take care of your young child's teeth and why it's important for their healthy development.

TOWN OF WINKELMAN PUBLIC NOTICE



The Winkelman Town Council is accepting “Letters of Intent” to fill one vacant council seat. This council seat expires November 2022. If you are a Winkelman resident and a Registered Voter, you are eligible to serve and help your community.

Letters of Intent will be accepted until the seat is filled.

Please submit your “Letter of Intent” at the Winkelman Town Hall Office, 206 Giffin Avenue or mail to P.O. Box 386, Winkelman, A 85192. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Town Hall Office at 530-356-7854.

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SPORTS

Ray cagers close out weekly play with pair of wins and a loss

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Basin News

The Ray Bearcats basketball teams continue the season, closing out last week's three games with a win, a loss, and another win. The Bearcats hosted Lincoln Prep on Feb. 10, the girls team opening the evening with an intense first quarter.

"[We] played our quick style of basketball and were able to gain the lead and keep it throughout the game," said girls coach Vanessa Camacho.

Emma Stuart lead the team with 17 points, followed by Marissa Barragan

with 11 and Indigo Patterson with 8. The Lady Bearcats come out the win, and the final score was 44-25.

Boys' coach Jonathan Archuleta said, "We started off slow, but got things going in the second quarter to pull away."

He noted player Derek Figueroa as game point leader with 20 points. The boys game ended with a massive 71-46 win.

On Feb. 12, the teams traveled to Mogollon. Both teams went down in defeat.

"We came out flat and never recovered," said Archuleta, "[It was] a good learning experience for us."

Final score in the boys game was 72-83. Johnny Chester was the lead scorer for the Bearcats with 25 points.

"We started off super slow," Coach Camacho commented on the girls' game. "[We] struggled to make shots in the first quarter, but we were able to pick up the pace and came back to compete."

Unfortunately, even with the continuation of the pace, it was found too late in the game, and the girls were not able to come out victorious. Chelsea Flores and Emma Stuart led the game with 12 points each. The final score was 32-62.

"After coming off a long trip on Friday, and an emotional loss, we were able to pick it up for Duncan," Coach Camacho commented on the Feb. 13 home game. The team was energized and ready to play. "Duncan railed all four quarters, but the 'Cats were able to keep up the

momentum."

The girls ended their game as the victors; the final score 47-24. Emma Stuart lead the team with 19 points.

The boys were also able to close out the night with the win, but their game was much closer.

"We came out a little sluggish against a much bigger Duncan team," commented Coach Archuleta. "The boys fought hard and came out with a big win."

Alex Bravo lead the team with 23 points, followed by Derek Figueroa with 21. Coach Archuleta also noted Johnnavon Pace as helping keep Duncan's "big man" in check for most of the game. The final score was 63-54.

The Bearcats traveled to Fort Thomas yesterday, and will be on the road again Friday at St. Michael. On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Bearcats will host Patagonia at home.

Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District will allow the start of spring sports

Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District voted unanimously to allow the start of spring sports. This included both high school and middle school baseball and softball. The governing board decision was made because the sport is played outside and allows for social distancing.

Athletic Director Lydia Martinez explained the safety precautions the players and teams will take to help mitigate the risks of COVID-19 transmission to the governing board. The

board listened to the presentations and felt that with the COVID-19 mitigation strategies presented, both baseball and softball can be played safely.

"There is always going to be ongoing risks with COVID-19 in our communities, but I feel that our student athletes deserve the opportunity to begin the season, with the understanding that they must follow the COVID-19 mitigation protocols to keep playing," said Superintendent Jeff Gregorich.

Scam alert: text message claiming to be ADOT isn't real; never click on suspicious links in texts and emails

Many Arizonans have reported receiving a scam text about their driver license needing to be updated.

This text did not come from the Arizona Department of Transportation

and is a phony attempt to get people to hand over their personal identifying information. Do not open this text or any web address associated with it. This

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SUPPORT FOR COPPER CORRIDOR LOW INCOME SENIOR OWNED HOMES

The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) reminds low-income seniors that it is supporting two programs that seek to make sure their homes are safe and healthy. The CCEDC helps evaluate eligibility and filling out the applications for the US Dept. of Agriculture 504 program and Habitat for Humanity's Aging in Place programs.

Contact via email: ccedc@maggadorada.com, or by phone at 520-788-3672.



COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please note: many events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please check with organizations when planning to attend events listed.



Support Offered for Copper Corridor Low Income Senior-Owned Homes

The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) is supporting the USDA 504 and Habitat for Humanity's Aging in Place programs to help low-income seniors to make sure their homes are safe and healthy. For help in evaluating your eligibility and in applying contact via email at ccedc@maggadorada.com or by phone at 520-788-3672.

WIC Program

Have you been laid off or had your work hours cut back due to the pandemic? Pinal County Public Health's WIC program may be able to help! WIC serves pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding moms, as well as children under the age of 5. We provide nutrition and breastfeeding education, referrals to community programs, and healthy food for you and your family. Call 1-866-960-0633 today to find out more and to schedule your first appointment!



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.

BYOM: Bring Your Own Masks

Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center is asking everyone to bring their own mask when you come to the hospital. Thank you.

Wednesday Night BINGO

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

Tri-Community Food Bank Open

The Tri-Community Food Bank located at 108 Redwood Drive in Mammoth continues to be in business. We are observing social distancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To be eligible you must show proof of address that you live near or in Mammoth, San Manuel and Oracle and have an income within the federal poverty guidelines. The thrift shop is closed and is not accepting donations. Call 520-487-2010 for more information.

Superior Community Garden

The Community Garden beds are ready to go! Many thanks to Mike Montiel, Pete and Chris Casillas, Shaun and Rick Cartier for their tireless help with building steps, making the area accessible, picking up soil and delivering it. Anyone interested in helping out with planting and maintaining the garden should text Leanne Taylor at 520-342-7307. This is a situation that you will literally "reap the benefits" if you pitch in on the working end!

Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will begin hosting Wednesday Night Tacos on Oct. 7, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Elks Lodge is now open to the public for dine-in with limited seating for social distancing. Please be advised there will be no Tacos on Nov. 25, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 so our Kitchen staff can enjoy time with their families.



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, Susan Ashe, at susan.ashe@gmail.com or 480-274-6896 if you have questions or want to sign up to be a volunteer.

2021 Waste Voucher Program

The 2021 Pinal County Waste Disposal Voucher Program has begun. Please remember that in order to obtain vouchers those interested must present a current utility bill dated within the last 60 days with their name and physical address imprinted on it. No vouchers will be issued without proper documentation. Six vouchers will be given and they will be good until Dec. 31, 2021. If those participating own more than one residence they can only obtain vouchers for the primary residence. Vouchers can be used at the Oracle Transfer Station or the Dudleyville Transfer Station and are good for a truck load of up to 750 lbs. Vouchers will be issued according to the name that appears on the utility bill and that person must be present when redeeming the vouchers at the Oracle Transfer Station or Dudleyville Landfill. Questions or concerns can be addressed by contacting the office at 1-800-208-6897 ext. 7830-7833 or 520-487-2941.

FEBRUARY COVID-19 Vaccines – Superior & Kearny

Scheduling for COVID-19 Vaccines is continuing at the Kearny Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at the Superior Clinic on Wednesdays and Fridays. You must be a resident of Pinal County and have an appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call 928-425-3247 for Kearny and 928-425-3246 for Superior, and let the receptionist know you are calling about the vaccination in Kearny or Superior. Please leave only one message if you get the machine. You must meet the criteria of being a healthcare professional, long term care resident, essential worker or part of the infrastructure: law enforcement, corrections officers, education sector, food and agriculture, utilities and transportation and/or persons age 65 or older.



19 Fish Fry at San Pedro Valley Lions Club

On Friday, February 19, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., the San Pedro Valley Lions Club, located at 115 S Main St in Mammoth, will be having its annual fish fry dinner. You may dine in or take out. For takeout, call 520-487-2000. Please wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

ON THE AGENDA

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RAY PTO: The Ray Bearcats Parent-Teacher Organization will hold monthly meetings on the last Monday of every month. If you would like to get involved with all of the great things the PTO has been doing for the school, please join us at a meeting. The meetings will be held virtually at 7 p.m. Please email raybearcatspto@gmail.com if you have any questions.

UNITED FOOD BANK: United Food Bank will be in the parking lot of the Church of the Good Shepherd (bottom of the school hill in Kearny), on the first Friday of each month.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kearny Police: Against Town Code to Block Street, Etc.

The Kearny Police Department would like to remind the community that it is a violation of Town Code 10-1-13.A to any person to obstruct any public street or alley, sidewalk or park or other public grounds within the town by committing any act of, or doing anything with is injurious to the health, or indecent or offensive to the senses, or to do in or upon any such streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks or other public grounds, any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone, in or upon, or facing or fronting on any such streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks or other public grounds in the town. The Town Code covers any object that would block the sidewalks within the town such as portable basketball hoops. Please be mindful of this Town Code and remove any objects that are currently blocking any portion of the sidewalks. Kearny Police Department would like to thank you for your assistance.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Cooperative Extension. "Early preventive dental visits reduce suffering and save dollars. Our screenings look for any sign of early dental disease. We then visit with the family about our findings and help direct them to their dental home."

The Healthy Teeth resources offer basic, but often unknown, tips to prevent tooth decay, including in babies. For example, families often don't know that a child's first dental visit should happen once the first tooth appears or by their first birthday. Or, that germs that can cause decay can be passed from parents to babies when they lick their pacifier.

Here are four easy tips:

1. Don't share germs. Your baby is born with no germs in their mouth, but germs are easily passed from yours to theirs — when you share spoons, food or lick their pacifier. Do your best to not put things from your mouth into your baby's mouth.
2. Limit sugar. Sugar is in many foods, especially sweets (candy, cookies, flavored yogurt and pudding), snacks (chips and french fries) and sweet drinks (soda, juice, teas and sports drinks). Try to serve healthier foods and snacks and give your child more water to drink.
3. Take care of their teeth at home. Starting at birth, clean your baby's gums with a clean, soft washcloth after each feeding. Once their first teeth appear (usually at about 6 months), gently brush with a soft infant toothbrush and small amount of fluoride toothpaste, about the size of a grain of rice. From ages 1 to 3, try to brush twice a day for two minutes using a smear of fluoride toothpaste. The best times to brush are after breakfast and before bed. Starting at age 3, brush with a pea-sized amount of toothpaste.
4. Take care your child to regular dental check-ups.

Schedule your child's first dental visit when you see their first tooth or by their first birthday. Just like they need regular check-ups with their doctor, your child needs a dental check-up starting at age 1 and every year after that to prevent tooth decay and the need for much more costly dental care later.

About First Things First

As Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

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COVID-19 Positive Case Weekly Report

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Hayden	52	52	52	52	52	52	NA
Kearny	145	145	145	147	147	149	NA
Mammoth	173	173	173	174	174	174	NA
Miami	356	356	357	359	359	361	NA
Oracle	368	369	369	371	371	371	NA
San Manuel	296	297	297	297	298	300	NA
Superior	278	281	281	282	282	287	NA
Winkelman	149	149	149	149	149	149	NA
Statewide New Cases	1,977	1,861	2,426	1,791	1,947	1,338	1,132

Copper Area News is committed to providing our readers with as much information as possible. This graph shows the positive cases as of press time on Feb. 16, 2021. We have also included a graph showing the daily counts for the past week. The state has reported that as of this past week, there has been a decrease in cases statewide. This downward trajectory has not been seen since early September, 2020.

There are a few points we would like our readers to consider when following this data.

1. This will continue to be a rolling total of positive cases. It does not reflect recoveries or deaths. The Arizona Department of Health Services does not break out this data.
2. If you see a reduction in numbers from day to day it is most likely due to a data entry error or mis-coding of a zip code (at the state level).
3. This is all zip code based data; most of our zip codes include unincorporated areas. There is no way to track exactly which areas each of the positive cases are. Example, Kearny and Winkelman each have small communities in their zip code that are not in the Town's incorporated boundaries.
4. If you live in Gila County, please follow the Gila County Health and Emergency Management, Facebook. They have maintained their data on recoveries and current positive cases.
5. You can follow other data such as ICU bed use, Ventilator use and hospital capacity online: <https://bit.ly/3inh280>

Working together, we can slow the spread of the virus across the Copper Corridor. Wear a mask in public, remain physically distant (6ft apart or more) and practice good hygiene (wash your hands frequently, sanitize high touch areas), stay home if you are not feeling well.

COVID-19 SCAM

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at health fairs and other public venues. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes as well.

- Be suspicious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free coronavirus or COVID-19 testing, supplies, treatments or vaccines.
- Be aware of providers offering other products, treatments or medicines to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19 related treatment.
- Carefully review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB), looking for

errors or claims for products or services that weren't received.

- Follow the instructions of state or local government for other actions you should be taking in response to COVID-19.

Contact the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens SMP for help. SMP staff empowers and assists Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to prevent detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.

Contact: Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens: 520-836-2758 or Arizona's SHIP and SMP Helpline – 800-432-4040.

ADOT TEXT MESSAGE SCAM

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Shop at Home: Cactus Mini Mart

In April, 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. Over the next several weeks, our newspapers (Copper Basin News, Superior Sun and San Manuel Miner) will be featuring local businesses and non-profits, encouraging our readers to Shop at Home, stay local and support

our local businesses.

It is hard enough making it as a small business in a small town during normal times. But to balance those difficulties during a pandemic adds an entirely different twist to things.

Cactus Mini Mart has been in business for the past 14 years. They have a wide variety of drinks and snacks including hot breakfast sandwiches and burritos. They also boast the coldest beer in town! They sell Arizona Lottery tickets and offer both cold brew and hot coffee.

Cactus Mini Mart is owned by James and Kristina Ruiz. Ashley Rice is the store manager. The store is open from 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. It's located at 352 Alden Road in Kearny. Phone number is 520-363-5111.

So when you get that late night craving or just don't have time to make breakfast, stop by Cactus Mini Mart and see what they have to offer.



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