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OBITUARIES

Martin Perez Esquivel



Martin Perez Esquivel passed away Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, at the age of 97.

He was born to Ursulo and Damiana Esquivel on Nov. 12, 1923 in Ray, Arizona. He was the youngest of 6 children. He married the love of his life, Lucy Carrillo and was married for 54 years. Together they had 5 children:

Marion (Mario) Herrera, Sophie

Lopez, Martin "Tin" Esquivel, Larry (Betty) Esquivel, Chuck (Jeanne) Esquivel. They were blessed with 17

grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Martin worked for 32 years at Kennecott Copper Corp. and Asarco in Ray as an electrician. After he retired he worked for Copper Basin Railway for 2 years. He also served in the US Army for 2 years during World War II.

Martin loved to dance and sing, work on TVs, washers and dryers, and don't forget "his black tape." He was preceded in death by his wife Lucy, son Chuck, and grandson Michael.

Due to COVID-19, services at the Infant of Prague Catholic Church will be private. A Graveside service will be open to all on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. at Kearny Memorial Cemetery.

Ruth Ann Ayres



Ruth Ann Ayres, 71, of Humansville, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021.

Ruth Ann was born to parents Harry Gillapsy and Bernice (Cowan) Gillapsy, on Oct. 12, 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ruth Ann met Gary Ayres in Phoenix, Arizona. They were married Jan. 15, 1977 in Las Vegas, NV. Together they raised two children, Megan Calfee and Bethany Ayres.

Ruth Ann demonstrated a loving and practical approach to life. She was often heard expressing that

"when life deals lemons, then make lemonade." Witty with a contagious laugh, Ruth Ann was a feisty woman with a zest for life. She will be fondly remembered as a loving individual with a pet in her lap, a book in her hand, and a smile on her face.

Ruth Ann is survived by Gary Ayres, spouse, Mary Ellen (Roger) Avelar, sister, Megan (Jeremy) Calfee, daughter, Bethany Ayres, daughter. She was loved by her grandchildren whom she adored: Kendrick Calfee, Jessica Mires, Peyton Calfee, James Mires, Alexander Calfee, Natalie Calfee, Caitlyn Mooneyham, Ryan Adamson, Joshua Adamson, Alexander Adamson, Savannah Adamson. Ruth is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, brothers in law, daughters in law and her mother in law Geraldine Ayres.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Bernice (Cowan) Gillapsy. She was also preceded by granddaughter Rylie Adamson.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 29, 2021 at Rondo Baptist Church (Missouri), more information will become available closer to the scheduled date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, MO, 65613. To share condolences online, visit Ruth Ann's obituary on butlerfuneralhome.com.

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Tim Kanavel Remembered

On Feb. 9, 2021, Tim Kanavel lost his battle with complications due to COVID-19. Kanavel was Pinal County's first Economic Development Director, hired in 2009. He helped to improve the economic health of the entire county and was a friend to the Copper Corridor.

Over his tenure with the county, he helped to secure over \$8 billion dollars in investment, locating Lucid Motors and Nikola Motors to Pinal County. During his career he also helped to designate the Opportunity Zones which helped the communities of Superior, Kearny and San Manuel to receive this designation.

He was instrumental in helping the Arizona Zipline Adventures in Oracle to work through their development plans. He also found ways to help support the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition and Oracle Women's Network work on local and regional economic development projects.

"The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive. (Albert Einstein). To the Oracle Community, Tim gave his attention, advice, support and ever growing enthusiasm that our town would succeed economically and socially. We will miss his enthusiasm, but also his gift of conversation and the feeling of accomplishment he bestowed upon us. He was a valued friend. Local leaders in the Copper Corridor reacted to the loss of Mr. Kanavel" said Alicia Bristow, President of Oracle Women's Network.

"Tim Kanavel was one of our biggest supporters through every step of creating Arizona Zipline Adventures. He came out many times while we were in the process of permitting, building, and even more while we were operating. Over the past 5 years he became more than an advocate for us, though. He became a friend. Tim always walked in with a smile and genuinely wanted to hear how we were doing before telling us about his next big project that would enrich Pinal County. We feel so lucky to have known Tim so well, and are deeply saddened by his death. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Tim's family and loved ones," said Emily Goff from the Arizona Zipline Adventures.

Regional economic development professionals also expressed their deep loss for Tim. He was well known as a mentor and someone who waded there to help lift everyone up.

"Tim was one of the best mentors, supporters, and personalities I have come across in my career. Tim was always there



Tim Kanavel

when I had questions in the economic development world and was always a big supporter of the Resolution Copper Project. His work and contributions in Pinal County are immeasurable and his positivity will be greatly missed!" said Bryan Seppala, AZED Pro, Advisor – Economic & Workforce Development for Resolution Copper.

"Tim quickly became a mentor, a friend and he was someone you could count on. He embodied the can-do spirit and was tireless in his efforts to improve the economic health of the entire county if it were not for his efforts, the CCEDC may not still be in existence today. I will miss working with him and as our organization continues to grow and development, his legacy will continue to help our region thrive," said Mila Besich, Executive Director of the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition and Mayor of Superior.

Michael Carnes, general manager of *Copper Area News Publishers* and former president of the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition, said, "Tim was a true asset to Pinal County. We may not see his like again."

There is no doubt that Tim will be missed. His tireless work and enthusiasm will be producing long term economic uplifting for Pinal County for decades to come.

Copper Area News offers our deepest and most sincere condolences to Tim's family, friends and colleagues. We will also miss him.

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Oracle

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My Turn: Resolution Copper Needs to Move Forward - With Permits in Place

By Mila Besich

Special to Copper Area News

Superior is my hometown where my family has lived for generations. As its name implies, it is one of the most superior and scenic places in Arizona. From the surrounding mountains and canyons to trails and rock climbing to waterfalls, the magic of Superior's way of life can be felt. Superior is also a historic mining town where many critical mining engineering feats took place and where some of the world's largest copper deposits have been found. Revolutionary designs in mining and like the first air conditioned mine and

the longest and deepest single-lift mining shaft were constructed here. We are proud of our mining heritage, and as a community, we have a healthy respect and clear understanding for the challenges that the boom and bust cycles of mining have created for our community and our region.

Arizona's Copper Corridor is the equivalent of Yukon gold. Some of the richest and most accessible copper ore deposits are found here in eastern Pinal and southern Gila counties. Two of the three copper smelters left in the United States operate in our region. Mining belongs in this part of Arizona and it can be done responsibly while protecting the

environment and the beautiful landscape that we love and cherish.

When the Resolution Copper project was introduced to Superior, it brought a glimmer of hope and opportunity to our small, close-knit community. Its predecessor, the Magma Mine, was shuttered in 1996 and opportunities were scarce for Superior to provide employment and business prospects for our diminishing population.

If the Resolution Copper project comes to fruition, it will employ some of the most technologically-advanced and modern mining techniques ever. It will have passed the most thorough and exhaustive

environmental permitting ever and it will boast new jobs focused on robotics and other innovations that will make this the most sophisticated, advanced and environmentally-sensitive mine in the United States.

This opportunity was critically important to the Town but not at the cost of the long-term sustainability of our community and protection of our precious environmental resources that makes us Superior. Our community goal has always been to be a town with a mine – not a mining town. This project helps us achieve this.

From the day this project was proposed,

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Public Notice

Town of Hayden

Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds

The Town is expected to receive approximately \$223,627 in FY2021 federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA). CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight, or address urgent need. Based on citizen input as well as local and state planning objectives several potential projects have been selected to be forwarded to the State of Arizona with a request for funding. Hayden is shown by the American Community Survey to be 50% low/mod income households equaling 300 low/mod recipients benefiting from the CDBG funds. A public hearing will be held at the regular Town Council meeting held at 5:30 PM on March 15 at 520 N. Velasco Avenue, Hayden, Arizona to discuss the potential projects. It is expected that the Town Council will select the final project at this hearing and adopt applicable resolutions. The potential CDBG projects are named and described as follows:

1. Housing Abatement and Demolition to remove hazardous materials and remaining unstable structures
2. Water system improvements to address less sub-standard mains, supply lines, valves, hydrants, etc.
3. Street curbing improvements project to address water issues in town.
4. Sidewalk Improvements project
5. Sewer System upgrades to include but not be limited to manholes, pumps, lift stations, etc.
6. Bobby Bracamonte Field & Hastings Park Complex Improvements

To review project proposals, file grievances or learn more about the CDBG program contact the following:

Alan Urban, Community Development Manager
Central Arizona Governments
2540 W. Apache Trail, #108
Apache Junction, Arizona 85120
Telephone: 480.474.9300
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Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact Alan Urban at the above location at least 48 hours before the hearing.

CBN Legal 2/24/21



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:

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Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board
Pinal County Board of Supervisors
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Mailing Address: PO Box 827
Florence, AZ 85132
520-866-6219

- 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.

Kearny Ambulance transitions to CVRMC

Declining population, the strike at ASARCO, aging infrastructure, increase in construction costs, minimum wage increase and, of course, the pandemic have wreaked havoc on the Copper Corridor communities of Kearny, Hayden and Winkelman. With every new challenge comes more costs; and revenues

have not increased enough to support the increased costs with each challenge. Local leaders have had to make tough decisions from closing swimming pools and libraries and reducing recreational services. But public safety and the health and safety of residents is not something local leaders can truly cut back on.

In 2020, after great analysis of the budget, the Town of Kearny announced that it may not be able to continue to fund the ambulance department. With other costs increasing and lack of corporate sponsorships and grant funding available, there were not many more solutions and continuing the service may mean the town would need to eventually un-incorporate. The continued operation of the ambulance service was pushing the Town of Kearny into insolvency.

The Kearny Ambulance service provides emergency medical services from the top of the divide on Highway 177, through Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, Dripping Springs and all the way to almost Aravaipa. This is a very large area to cover and transports are often



very long depending on which hospital a patient is transferred to. The Apache Sky Casino, operated through the San Carlos Apache Tribe, provided some grant funding to offer some support for the ongoing operations. Resolution

Copper and Asarco also offered some support but these funding mechanisms would create enough economic sustainability for the long term operations. There was a need for solution and fast.

Winkelman Mayor Louis Bracamonte reached out to Gila County Supervisor

Woody Cline, expressing his concerns for the dire situations their communities were facing. Even though Kearny is in Pinal County, this situation called for a solution across multiple communities and both counties would need to work together on a

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Kearny is seeking letters of interest for appointment to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Town Council. The candidate appointed to fill the vacant seat will serve as a Town Council Member until the certification of election results and installation of new officials at the next General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022.



Interested applicants may submit a letter of interest of the Town Clerk located at 912 C Tilbury Dr, Kearny, AZ 85137 or email mburnam@townofkearny.com. To be considered, completed letter of interest should be returned to the Office of the Town Clerk up to and until 5:00 PM on Tuesday March 9, 2021. Letters of interest submitted or otherwise received after 5:00 PM will not be accepted.

Letters of interest must meet the following baseline requirements in order to be eligible for consideration: (a) must be 18 years of age or older, (b) a resident of the Town of Kearny and (c) a registered voter of the Town of Kearny. Eligible applicants must submit and sign the above-reference letter of interest certifying that he/she meets the baseline eligibility requirements referenced above and that he/she is willing to serve in the office for the remainder of the term.

The applicant selection will be voted on and appointed at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Kearny on March 15, 2021.

For further information on how to obtain an application, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (520) 363-5547 during the Town's regular business hours.

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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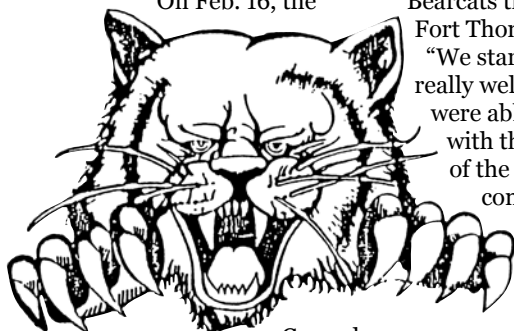
SPORTS

Wins and losses for Bearcats in weekly basketball action

By Nathaniel A. Lopez
Copper Basin News

The Bearcats basketball teams had a relatively short week. Compared to their previous weeks of three to four games, last week they only competed twice.

On Feb. 16, the Bearcats traveled to Fort Thomas.



Camacho.

By the start of the second half the

Bearcats traveled to Fort Thomas.

“We started off really well and were able to stay with them most of the first half,” commented

girls’ coach Vanessa

score was Ray 22 and Fort Thomas 35.

“Our girls played well, played together, and didn’t give up. That’s all we can ask for against a team like the Apaches,” said Camacho. The final score of the girls game was 35-64, sending the girls home without the win.

“The boys came ready to play,” Coach Archuleta commented. “We jumped on them early and never looked back.”

By the end of the first half the Bearcats had 42 points – 22 points ahead of Fort Thomas. By the end of the game the final score was a massive 83-51. Alex Bravo led the team with 24, followed by Derek Figueroa with 19.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Bearcats hosted Patagonia High.

“We came out a little slow,” Coach Archuleta began. “We lost starter Johnny Chester two minutes into the game, so some of the boys had to play extra minutes, and [they] really stepped up.”

The Bearcats had a five-point lead by the end of the first quarter.

“The game was back and forth. Patagonia took a 10-point lead midway through the third [quarter], but the boys fought back to take the lead and get the win,” said Coach Archuleta.

By the start of the fourth quarter the Bearcats were only down by one point. The boys secured the win, with a final score of 85-76.

“The game started off slow, but we played hard all four quarters,” stated Coach Camacho of the girls’ game. “The awesome part was that all six of our players were able to score!”

Malena “The Freshie” Goad led the Lady Bearcats with 17 points. The final score was 61-30.

“This game was a good win for us!” commented Coach Camacho.

The Bearcats will have another busy week. Feb. 22, they’ll travel to face Lincoln Prep, followed by Immaculate Heart at home on Feb. 24. Friday, Feb. 26, Joseph City will come to compete against the Bearcats. The next day they will host Valley Union.

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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@magmadorada.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.

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.



Superior Farmer's Market

Superior Farm to Fantastic Farmers Market is open every Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Food Court on Main Street. Fresh produce baked goods and much more. Follow us on Facebook.

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.



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.

ON THE AGENDA

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.

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.

Superior chose to actively participate in the Resolution Copper Environmental Impact Statement. We chose to work with our Congressional delegation to bring to light areas that needed mitigation. We proactively engaged with officials at the Tonto National Forest and Environmental Protection Agency. We chose to stay at the table and negotiate with Resolution Copper to ensure that we had mitigation agreements in place to protect Superior's environment and socio-economic impact now and for generations to come.

Most importantly, the leadership of Superior understands that this ore body is not going to magically disappear; it will be mined and it should only be mined with the full permitting requirements of the environmental impact statements. Our active participation in the process affords me the confidence to unequivocally state that this mine must move forward for the betterment of Superior and our surrounding communities and to protect the precious environment that we revere.

Recent political maneuvers, fostered by opposition groups to reject the EIS, have created yet another roadblock to the progress of this mine and, ultimately, the future of Superior. If these opposition groups are successful, they will have opened up "Pandora's box", as the lands at Oak Flats will still be officially exchanged in March and the ore body will still be there.

With Resolution Copper in full ownership of the lands currently held by

the federal government, they could still mine the property. However, their ownership of these lands will mean that they won't be required to do the extensive environmental permitting they were required to do under the parameters of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act.

For years, the Town of Superior, and the people who reside here, have actively participated in this transparent process as supporters and, in some cases, in opposition to this project. Oak Flats is important to our community: it has been a place of recreation, family reunions, union picnics and cultural celebrations, but it is also the place that many have gone to work. They have toiled and labored to provide for their families. The work is sacred to them and their families. It is part of our community

fabric.

Mining will always be part of our economic DNA and will forever be critical to Arizona's economy and to our national defense. Copper powers everything from our televisions to our smart phones to our laptops and smart cars. Demand for copper will only increase as we become more technologically advanced.

The mine has been approved by the federal government. It is time for us to move forward with the permitting process. Further delay will be counterproductive to the goals of those who oppose this mine. When the land exchange takes effect next month, it could potentially create more opportunity for this mine to open without the proper permitting, environmental and socio-economic mitigations that are needed to ensure that the project is a net positive for Superior and the State

of Arizona. This would be a travesty.

A wise person once told me: if you are not at the table, then they will eat your lunch. It is time for the opposition groups to come to the table and help develop solutions. This ore body will be mined, and it must be mined with the proper protections in place. We have been fighting for these protections since this legislation became law in 2014. Let's not let them eat our lunch.

Mila Besich is the Mayor of Superior, Arizona and serves as the Executive Director for the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given by Steve Abraham, Planning Manager, Pinal County Community Development, of the location of public hearing notices and related materials for the Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Pinal County Board of Adjustment. The meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment will be held at 31 N. Pinal St. Florence Arizona, Bldg. F., Emergency Operations Center. Notice of public hearings for specific action items will be advertised as required by law (A.R.S.) in the Florence Blade Tribune, Casa Grande Dispatch, Eloy Enterprise, Tri-valley Dispatch, Superior Sun, Copper Basin News, San Manuel Miner and the Arizona Republic. Physical locations of Agendas are: Bldg. F and Bldg. A, Pinal County Administrative Complex, 31. N Pinal St. Florence Arizona 85132. Physical Copies of Agendas, Agenda Action Items and Public Hearing Notices and Supporting documents are available at the Pinal County Community Development Office for public inspection at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the Pinal County Community Development Department, Pinal County Complex, Building F, 31 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on the internet at: <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/Pages/PZCommission.aspx>. (as required by law) and will be made available at least 24 hrs. prior to a meeting date. The Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission meets the Third Thursday of every month. The Pinal County Board of Adjustment meets every fourth Thursday of every month except in the month of November, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Meetings may be canceled due to lack of agenda items or anticipated lack of quorum with at least 24 hrs. notice by physical posting only. Meetings dates may be rescheduled as required by law (A.R.S.) and with a minimum of 15 days notice by advertisement, notice of hearing, physical posting and website notification. /s/ Steve Abraham, Planning Manager Dated February 11th, 2021

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KEARNY AMBULANCE

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solution. Cline took the initiative to convene a regional meeting to develop a solution and even called the Governor's office to alert them to this dire situation.

"In July of 2020, I was approached by Winkelman Mayor Bracamonte regarding the Kearny Ambulance Service and the fiscal issues they were experiencing," Cline said. "I facilitated a meeting with the local mayors and former Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios to learn more about the problem and to determine how we could all pull together to resolve the issue. Our first meeting was held in August and we received an overview from Kearny regarding their financial situation. After another couple of meetings and phone calls I scheduled a meeting in November with Neal Jensen, CEO of Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) to determine if the hospital was interested in taking over the ambulance services. CVRMC had done a little preliminary work regarding the ambulance service

and once they learned that Kearny was having serious financial issues Mr. Jensen and his staff immediately began the process to acquire the Kearny Ambulance Service. I can't express strongly enough our appreciation to CVRMC and Neal Jensen for moving so quickly to help out the citizens of Kearny and the surrounding areas to continue to receive emergency services."

"The Town of Kearny is excited for the continuance of Ambulance Service for the Town and surrounding areas, that Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center will be taking on. The Town was given an ultimatum by their financial consultant to cease the Ambulance service by December or become un-incorporated," explained Town Clerk/Interim Town Manager, Martina Burnam.

Burnam credits the success of this agreement to the strong advocacy of former Town Manager Anna Flores, and former Mayor Debra Sommers and the Town Council.

"The Town's budget will become solvent again and hopefully the threat of un-incorporating will be a solution the Town doesn't ever hear again," she said.

The process to switch over the ambulance service to a new provider required a change of licensee and inspection to ensure the services would meet operating standards and ensure there would not be competing services. This application is required by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Local leaders advocated for a speedy approval on the application process to ensure residents of the Copper Basin did not lose their ambulance service and the Town of Kearny budget would become balanced once again.

Cobre Valley Regional Medical center will official take over the ambulance service on March 1, 2021.

"The Town of Kearny truly appreciates the relationship we have with CVRMC and all they do for the Town," Burnam said.

Public Notice

Community Development Block Grant Program Pinal County Public Hearing Notice FY2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan Amendment #3

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Pinal County to publish an annual action plan outlining the use of HUD funds for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). This public hearing is to adopt a substantial amendment to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan and identify the use of CDBG-CV funds. CDBG-CV funds are funds allocated under the Cares Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

Pinal County has received a total allocation of \$1,497,324 and would like to invite the public to a public hearing on March 24, 2021 to provide comments on the proposed projects. Pinal County has identified the following projects for the use of CDBG-CV funds:

1. \$1,067,324 – Renovation of an existing building to serve as Public Health and Emergency Management storage of emergency supplies, food, personal protective equipment, and refrigeration for vaccinations.
2. \$55,000 – City of Eloy installation of air purifying equipment in community buildings.
3. \$65,000 – Town of Mammoth economic development project.
4. \$32,500 – Town of Mammoth installation of air purifying and water equipment to community buildings.
5. \$7,000 – Town of Mammoth transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
6. \$20,500 – Town of Mammoth improvements to the public swimming pool.
7. \$250,000 – Pinal County Administration for CDBG-CV funding.

For a more detailed list of the proposed projects, ask questions, or provide comments please contact Savannah Anderson, CDBG Specialist at (520) 866-6266 or savanah.anderson@pinal.gov. Comments will be accepted from February 22, 2021 to March 23, 2021. The full amendment may be viewed on www.pinal.gov/grants.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	Board of Supervisors Hearing Room Administrative Complex, 135 North Pinal Street Florence, AZ 85132	9:30 am (MST)

All Pinal County citizens are invited to voice their comments regarding housing and community development needs, strategies to meet identified needs, and identifying barriers to those needs. Public input is an essential component of this planning effort.

It is the policy of Pinal County to ensure services are meaningful and accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon request, auxiliary aids and accommodations are available to individuals with disabilities. Persons seeking accommodation should contact Pinal County at (520) 866-6068, at least (3) three business days prior to the meeting (not including weekends or holidays) so that your request may be accommodated.

Public Notice

Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) Pinal County Aviso de Audiencia Pública Año Fiscal 2019 CDBG Enmienda #3 del Plan de Acción Anual

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE. UU. (HUD) requiere que el Condado de Pinal publique un plan de acción anual que describa el uso de los fondos de HUD para el Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG). Esta audiencia pública tiene como objetivo adoptar una enmienda sustancial al Plan de acción anual del año fiscal 2019 e identificar el uso de los fondos CDBG-CV. Los fondos CDBG-CV son fondos asignados en virtud de la Ley de Cuidados (Cares Act) para prevenir, prepararse y responder al coronavirus.

El condado de Pinal ha recibido una asignación total de \$ 1,497,324 y le gustaría invitar al público a una audiencia pública el 24 de marzo de 2021 para brindar comentarios sobre los proyectos propuestos. El condado de Pinal ha identificado los siguientes proyectos para el uso de fondos CDBG-CV:

1. \$1,067,324 - Renovación de un edificio existente del Departamento de Salud Pública y Manejo de Emergencias para almacenamiento de suministros de emergencia, alimentos, equipo de protección personal y refrigeración para vacunas.
2. \$ 55,000 - Instalación de equipo purificador de aire en edificios comunitarios en la ciudad de Eloy.
3. \$65,000 - Proyecto de desarrollo económico de la ciudad de Mammoth.
4. \$32,500 - Instalación de equipos de purificación de aire y agua en edificios comunitarios en la ciudad de Mammoth.
5. \$7,000 - Servicios de transporte para personas mayores y personas con discapacidades en la ciudad de Mammoth.
6. \$20,500 - Mejoras en la piscina pública de la ciudad de Mammoth.
7. \$250,000 - Administración de los fondos CDBG-CV del Condado de Pinal.

Para obtener una lista más detallada de los proyectos propuestos, hacer preguntas o proporcionar comentarios, comuníquese con Savannah Anderson, especialista en CDBG al (520) 866-6266 o savanah.anderson@pinal.gov. Los comentarios se aceptarán del 22 de Febrero al 23 de Marzo del 2021. La enmienda completa se puede ver en la pagina www.pinal.gov/grants.

FECHA	LUGAR	HORA
Miércoles, 24 de Marzo del 2021	Sala de audiencias de la Junta de Supervisores, Complejo Administrativo en 135 North Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132	9:30 am (MST)

Se invita a todos los ciudadanos del condado de Pinal a expresar sus comentarios sobre las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, las estrategias para satisfacer las necesidades identificadas y la identificación de las barreras a esas necesidades. La opinión pública es un componente esencial para este esfuerzo de planificación.

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- **111 5th Pl.** 2 bdrm 1 ba. with added laundry room. Remodeled kitchen and bath, new wood and tile flooring, new windows, she-shed, workshop. Fenced front and back yards. \$112,000 **SALE PENDING**
- **106 N. Park Pl.** 3 bdrm 1 ba home. Upgraded kitchen, ceramic tile and carpeting, patios front and back. Great mountain views. Must see! \$97,500 **SALE PENDING**
- **143 6th Ave.** 3 Bdrm 1 Bath home. Open floor plan, remodeled kitchen and bath, freshly painted inside and out, metal roof and more. \$110,000
- **625 Webb Dr.** Large 2 bed **SALE PENDING** completely remodeled home. Extended bedrooms and kitchen area with inside laundry. Fenced yard with storage shed. Must see! \$115,000
- **125 W. 5th Pl.** 3 Bdrm 1 Ba home. Very clean home. Includes stove and refrigerator. A/C and evap cooler, chain link fenced back yard, and exceptional views. Must see! \$90,000 **SOLD**

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- **REDUCED PRICE - 107 Kino St.** Must see this 2 bdrm 1 bath home. Wood and ceramic tile flooring, includes **SOLD** fenced yard with lots of trees, shrubs and garden. Gorgeous views. \$52,500

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Shop at Home: G&J's Restaurant Bar & Grill

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.

G&J's Restaurant Bar & Grill have been serving up delicious food for the past two year and three months. They offer a full service bar and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also offer weekly specials.

Owners Javier and Gabby Olmedo are very grateful to the community. "We would like to thank everyone for your support. We really enjoy being a part of this awesome community," Gabby and Javier said.

The restaurant is located at 22157 N. Hwy. 177 in Kearny. It is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call them at 520-363-9967 to find out what the daily special is.



G&J's Restaurant Bar & Grill (from the left) Nancy Petty waitress, Javier & Gabby Olmedo, owners.

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