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—David Brinkley

OBITUARY

Ramona Acedo Lopez

Ramona Acedo Lopez, 93 years old, passed away on the morning of March 4, 2018 in Tucson, Arizona.

She was born in Yuma, Az on June 30, 1924. The family moved from Yuma to Esqueda, Sonora when her mother became a widow. She grew up in Esqueda and had a wonderful childhood. She was the third child out of nine children.

She married Cornelio L. Lopez, the love of her life, in 1943 and they moved to Hayden, Arizona. They were married for 63 years.

She had five children, Cornelio (Cecilia) Lopez, Josefina (Frank) Zapata, Micaela (Dennis) Wasko, Gerri (Chacho) Bracamonte, Arturo Lopez (deceased) and Anita (Hector) Leyvas. She leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Monchi (Ramona) loved to do arts and crafts, especially cascarones. She was very active in the small community of Hayden. She was a devoted member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a rosary leader. She was very devoted to her family, extended family, friends and neighbors. Her

mission in life was to lend her hand to anyone in need by feeding and sewing for people. She was a very caring, loving and generous woman. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

Services will be held in Hayden, Arizona at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Thursday, March 8, with viewing at 8:30 a.m., Rosary at 9:30 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m.


Following the service she will be laid to rest next to her husband at Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden.

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Regional forum has local economic development groups 'talking trash'

The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition in conjunction with the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation conducted a regional Rural By Choice Forum. The topic for the forum? Blight.

The communities throughout the Copper Corridor have all faced ongoing problems with abandoned and dilapidated structures and negligent property owners. Compounding the problem, each of the communities face lack of financial resources and staff resources to truly combat the problem effectively.

One of the key issues that the forum addressed was the property tax valuations and the appeal process on property taxes. For several communities in the region, there are properties where the property tax valuations are appealed even when there are functional businesses on the same block. The appeal process is often conducted and granted by the state Board of Equalization, which is appointed by

the Governor. The forum attendees are hoping to change that policy to allow local communities to comment or weigh in on any property tax appeals.

Leaders from throughout the Corridor shared their experiences. Two panel discussions were held which included local officials sharing what they are doing to combat blight and a panel of representatives from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality shared resources on the Brownfields grant program that is available through the agency to help assess and repair environmental problems in buildings. They also shared various resources that are available through Keep Arizona Beautiful programs.

Local entities sharing their experiences were Todd Pryor with the Town of Superior who shared the current strategy the Town is taking to deal with blighted and abandoned properties. Sue Anderson with the Superior Chamber

of Commerce and Michelle Yerkovich, Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Globe, both shared their recent successes in managing blight and hosting community clean ups.

The day long event included a "Listening Lunch" with Senator Frank Pratt, Rep. TJ Shope and Rep. David Cook.

Forum attendees took the information that they learned during the forum to discuss their concerns and share their need for resources and potential policy changes. The legislators were helpful and informative to the attendees, asking them to send in additional information so the issues can be studied further.



The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition hosted a conference in Superior about blight.

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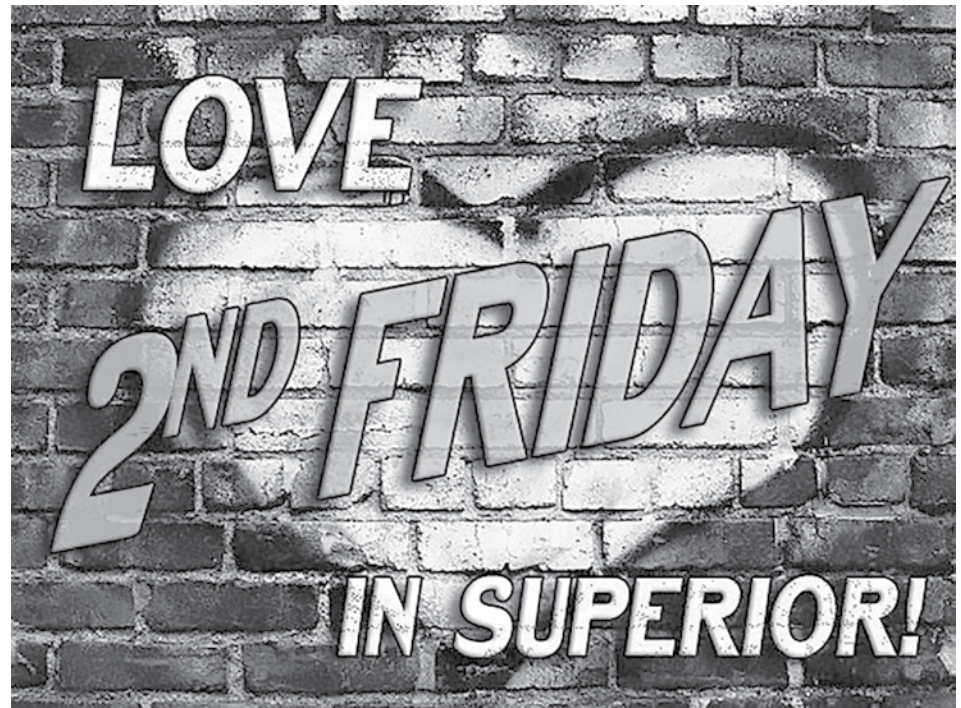
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Resolution Copper West Plant reclamation moves into next phase; project includes demolition and removal of historic Magma smelter complex

Resolution Copper is moving into the next phase of reclamation plans for the West Plant site. The plans include removing the historic Magma smelter complex in order to make the area safe and to complete environmental improvements. This work is part of ongoing land reclamation that started in 2005 to clean up historic mining operations.

“This work demonstrates our commitment to health, safety and the beautiful environment we all share,” said Andrew Lye, project director, Resolution Copper. “We have already spent more than \$40 million on land reclamation work at this site making it better than we found it, and this project will add to that total.”

To date, Resolution has rehabilitated more than 130 acres of the West Plant site that includes consolidating waste from the old mine, improving storm water management and closing

historic tailings and waste rock piles with native vegetation covers.

Resolution Copper is in the process of finalizing plans for the remaining work on the West Plant property. These plans are based on multiple technical studies that have been conducted on the smelter structures in recent years. The results of these studies have confirmed that a proactive approach is required to clean contaminants out of the soil and eliminate a safety threat to employees posed by the unstable smelter structures. Due to the threat of collapse and falling debris, restoration work is not an option.

Resolution Copper is hosting a public forum where Superior residents can get more details on the reclamation work, ask questions and provide feedback. Citizens are invited to attend this informational meeting at 6 p.m. on March 6 at the Superior

Junior/Senior High School.

About Resolution Copper

The Resolution Copper Project is operated by Resolution Copper Mining, which is a limited liability company owned 55 percent by Resolution Copper Company (a Rio Tinto PLC subsidiary) and 45 percent by BHP Copper Inc. (a BHP Billiton PLC subsidiary).



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Junior Panthers, Lady Panthers open season

By **John Hernandez**
Copper Area News

The Superior Junior High Panthers softball and baseball teams opened up the season in San Manuel on Monday, Feb. 26. The

baseball team looked good, easily defeating the Miners 13 to 3. On the softball field, the Lady Panthers lost to the Miners 14 to 3. The Superior Junior High Softball Team: Danika Bryant, Aubreana Preciado, Myika Cruz, Julianna Navarro, Aliana

Lopez, Arianna Contreras, Elianna Villalobos, Mira Estatico, Alessya Green, Anika Flores, Jaidyn Romero, Illiana Ramirez, Anaysse Hollenbeck. Coaches are Carmen Chaidez and Sonia Estatico.

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This year's Superior Junior High softball team (top) and baseball team (bottom).

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KRWV - The Wave Radio

started its first broadcast. The station features a variety of music from smooth jazz and classical music. They also have a focus on health and wellness. Sundays, they devote the afternoon to airing health and wellness programming that is affiliated with the Mayo Clinic.

Public Radio stations operate differently than commercial radio stations. Businesses who "sponsor" the station can have air time to share their product or services and they become partners to the non-profit organization.

Scott decided to join the Superior Chamber of Commerce because he sees potential for Superior and the growth of many new businesses.

"Superior hasn't been fully discovered yet," Scott said. "I believe my radio station can help local organizations and businesses share their stories through 'The WAVE.'"

At this time, the radio station can be heard within a 20-mile radius of Gold Canyon, into San Tan Valley, Apache

Junction, East Mesa, and all the way east to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

Scott's advice to his fellow business owners and future entrepreneurs: "Be thorough, ask for advice when you don't know the answers. Talk with experts and develop a business plan."

You can listen to KRWV on the FM dial 99.3 or you can find a link to listen online at TuneIn.com or visit their webpage online www.goldcanyonpublicradio.org. You can learn more about the events that are hosted by Gold Canyon Public Radio on their website. Coming up is a concert with Mariea Antoinette and Debbie Campbell, the daughter of Glen Campbell. The concert is set for April 12 at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort.



Scott Kramer owner/operator of Gold Canyon Public Radio has been in the radio and broadcasting business since he was 15 years old. It is something he is passionate about and when the FCC opened up four new frequencies he started a non-profit so he could apply to have a non-profit public radio station in Gold Canyon.

On Aug. 7, 2007 99.3 KRWV also known as the WAVE

The "In Your Biz" column is sponsored weekly by the Superior Chamber of Commerce in an effort to further promote their business members. To learn more about the Superior Chamber of Commerce you can visit their website www.superiorarizonachamber.org or call them at 520-689-0200. The Chamber meets the third Wednesday of every month at their building 165 Main St. in Superior, Arizona. Those planning on attending the Chamber luncheons do need to RSVP prior to the meeting, please call Deb McKee to RSVP at 520-827-1773.

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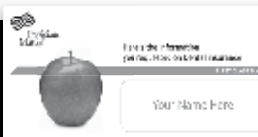
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9 Arboretum Seasonal Plant Sale

Gardens and trails at Boyce Thompson Arboretum are open as usual on Friday, March 9, but, that day's special members-only preview shopping is only for BTA annual members. The seasonal sale and fundraiser open to everyone will be held Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 25. Call BTA gift shop staff at 520-689-2723, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., for further information.

10 Holy Angels Men's Conference

The Holy Angels Catholic Church in Globe invites Christian men from all denominations to gather in fellowship on Saturday, March 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. At High Desert Middle School auditorium in Globe we will listen to Darren Handy and Joe Cady speak of our personal gifts as they help us to understand how to use those gifts for the glory of God. Lunch will be provided. A \$20 donation is requested. Register at www.holyangelscatholicchurchglobe.org or call the church office at 928-425-3137 for information.



15 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.

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Local DECA group to send one to nationals

Six students. Four medals. One heading to nationals. Not bad.

The six Superior High School DECA students attended the DECA State Career Development Conference at the Arizona

Grand Resort in Phoenix on March 3-4, 2018, competing against 82 other Arizona schools in the areas of Principles of Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Quick Serve Restaurant Management, Marketing Communications, Hotel and Lodging Management, and Retail Merchandising.

Ashley Lira received three medals at the event, earning her the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the International Career Development Conference in April. She received medals for:

- Test Medal Winner (scored in the top 10 percent of students taking the assessment)

- Role Play
- Third Place Overall in Marketing Communications.

Matthew Hernandez was also a Test Medal Winner.

“Mrs. Brammer and I are very proud of the effort and behavior of all of the students that attended the conference... they are truly SUPERIOR students,” DECA sponsor Christine Martinez told the Superior Sun in an email.

Students attending the state competition also included Naomi-Bo Hing, Victoria Juarez, Jewel Meza and Malayza Rogers.

Congratulations to all the students and good luck, Ashley!



Matthew Hernandez and Ashley Lira



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