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## Maria Christina 'Christine Mendoza' Alvarez

Maria Christina Alvarez, better known as Christine Mendoza, of Superior, joined our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. She was 69 years old. Christine was born in Patagonia, Arizona on July 23, 1949 to parents Raul and Catalina Sanchez. She had 9 siblings, sisters, Mercy, Cuca, Connie, Lucy and Helen and brothers, Frank, Alfred, Raymond, and Frank. Christine married Robert Alvarez. She gained 2 step children, Mike and Richard, and together she and Robert

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"There are numerous countries in the world where the politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians" -David Brinkley had 3 boys, Henry, Robert and Albert. She also had 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Christine was a homemaker and food service worker. She was known for her big heart, watching westerns and love for the Arizona Diamondbacks. She was taken way too soon and will forever be remembered for her infectious smile and love for her grand kids.

Christine is preceded in death by her parents Raul and Catalina Sanchez, sisters Mercy Ramos and Cuca Denogean.

She is survived by her sons, Henry (Katrina), Robert (Dolores), and Albert Mendoza; and stepsons, Mike and Richard Alvarez. She also leaves behind her siblings, Frank (Rosemary), Alfred (Susan), Raymond and Mike Sanchez, Connie Bogenschutz, Lucy Fritz and Helen Peru.



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## Prevention is key when it comes to wildfire risk reduction

The adage is true. One spark can start a wildfire – just like the Sawmill Fire in Southern Arizona. And every year, people continue to be the number one cause of wildfires in the state. With the abundance of winter moisture across Arizona, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management wants to

remind people not to get complacent. Sunday, April 7, kicked off Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week with this year's theme, 'Prevention today for protection tomorrow.'

The goal of the week is to promote actions that prevent human-caused wildfires and reduce the risk of wildfire to homes and our Arizona communities. And prevention is key when it comes to wildfire risk reduction.

Homeowners can do simple tasks to keep wildfire threat low by creating defensible space around their property. Oracle Firewise suggests that the defensible space be 30 feet around your home. The Town of Kearny, this week, announced that on April 19 it will begin warning and citing homeowners for having weeds, dry shrubs or dead trees on their property.

Drivers can help by ensuring tow chains are secure, never tossing cigarette butts out the window, and making sure the vehicle – and tires are in good condition before getting on the road. To promote the week, DFFM will be focused on increased social media marketing and public service announcements.

The Arizona Department of Transportation will also put up messaging on their highway signs, including "Don't Drag Chains, One Spark Can Start a Wildfire."

Recently, DFFM released a mobile phone Continued on page 9



Oracle wildfire, 2014. This house burned, but could have been saved if the homeowner had maintained a defensible space around the home.



Kearny River Fire, 2015.



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# Inaugural art fest a huge success for Superior

April 6 was a busy day in Downtown Superior with the inaugural Superior Arts Festival. A self guided mural walk, silent auction, musicians, art rock hunt and a multitude of vendors and demonstrations made the event a hit with the many folks who attended. Many new faces were in Town which is great for Superior. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event.



Superior Superhero Stuff even had comic book art.



Lucy Wing from the Jade Grill gave a talk about culinary art. Photo by Deb Sears

Photo by Deb Sears

Local artist Keri Richards with some of her ceramics. Photo by Deb Sears



Shirley Holmquist told her story of dance and performed a beautiful demonstration. Photo by Deb Sears



A closer look of fluid art that Leanne Taylor is learning from Leslie Martin. Photo by Deb Sears



'Papa' Dale was our strolling musician. (Dale Shacklet).

Photo by Deb Sears



Mauricio Rivera from Phoenix joined us with his fabulous art. Photo by Deb Sears



Art Festival goer Mark, left, purchases Angels and Demons That Play from author Paul Sears. Photo by Gordon Dillinger

# Pitchers dominating as Superior returns to top of 1A rankings

#### By Andrew Luberda Copper Area Sports

The Superior baseball team reclaimed its position at the top of the 1A rankings thanks in part to a couple of superb pitching performances last week, including a combined no-hitter against Duncan last Tuesday.

"Our pitchers have been throwing well, but what has been the key is our defense behind them," Superior head coach Manuel Ortega told the *Superior Sun*. "We are making plays for our pitchers. When we do that it makes out pitchers relax and gives them confidence."

Senior Jesus Castellanos threw a two-hitter against visiting Valley Union on Friday, Mar. 29, in the Panthers'

3 – O victory. Superior scored all its runs in the first inning and that was more than enough for Castellanos, who fanned 14 and issued only one walk in the completegame shutout. He helped himself at the plate too, going 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Sophomore Joshua Marquez and junior Daniel McConnell were each 2-for-3 with an RBI apiece.

Senior Kale Major and freshman Matthew Cruz combined to no-hit Duncan in the Panthers' 13 – 0 road win on Apr. 2. The duo had 10 strikeouts and walked only two Wildkat batters.

Superior slugged five extra-base hits against Duncan, including a solo homerun by McConnell – his first of the season. Gabe Otero, Nathan Duarte, Cruz, and Castellanos





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Superior is now 7 - 0 in region games and a step closer to one of its season goals.

"One of our goals is to win the region," Ortega said. "That will help us head towards the right direction to achieve our main goal, which is bringing home the right trophy this time."

**Up next:** Apr. 12 at NFL Yet Academy (3 p.m.) and Apr. 16 vs. No. 4 Ray at 4 p.m.

# Pantherettes extend winning streak to five

By Andrew Luberda Copper Area Sports

The fourth-ranked Superior softball team has won six of its last seven games, including five-straight following wins against Duncan and 10th-ranked Hayden last week. The only setback in the last seven was a 1 - 0 loss to top-ranked Ray.

The Pantherettes third-straight win during the streak was a 20 – 1 mercy-rule win against Valley Union on Mar. 29.

Superior pounded out 24 hits, including eight doubles – two each by Lindsay Ketron, Juliana Navarro and Marisa Estatico – in a game that 12 Pantherettes had hits. Marlee Estatico, Ketron, Navarro, and Marisa Estatico led the way with three hits apiece while Anisah Cardenas, McKenna Duarte, Korinna Romero, and Makayla Martinez finished with two hits each. Navarro had a game-high four RBIs. On the mound, Duarte and freshman Danika Bryant combined to allow one run on two hits with 10 strikeouts and three walks.

Up next: Apr. 16 vs. Ray at 4 p.m.

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## **Active Parenting: First Five Years Classes**

Arizona Youth Partnership and First Things First are sponsoring free Active Parenting: First Five Years classes for parents and other caregivers of children, aged birth through five years. In four sessions, held at Hayden High School, 824 Thorne Ave. in Winkelman, attendees will learn the ages and stages of development of children from birth to age five, and, how to handle them. Effective discipline that young children can understand, ways to prepare preschoolers for scholastic success, using mindfulness to keep your cool, and more tools will be taught from Dr. Michael Popkin's Active Parenting workshops.

Sessions will be on Fridays, starting at noon, beginning April 26 and running

through May 17. Everyone who completes all four sessions will receive a free lockable drug cabinet.

To sign up, please contact Bridget Penate by phone at 520-391-0485 or by email at bridgetp@azyp.org.

## Oracle State Park named to top three hiking trails to explore in April

PHOENIX – Spring weather and Arizona State Parks and Trails go handin-hand! This is the perfect time of year to lace up your boots, grab your water bottle, and hit the trails.

Because there's an extensive network of trails in the more than 30 parks around the state, we narrowed it down to our top three springtime hikes that are sure to please with views and adventure alike.

1. Red Rock State Park: Head north for cooler weather, later blooming

wildflowers, and trails amid the red rocks. Eagle's Nest Trail is 1.53 miles of easy-to-moderate hiking with jawdropping views of the Sedona area and the riparian areas of the park. 2. Oracle State Park: April is the perfect time to catch the later-blooming wildflowers at Oracle's higher elevation. The Nature Loop Trail also provides great chances to see wildlife and birds, and is a 1.2-mile loop with amazing views of the Galiuro Mountains and San Pedro River Valley. 3. Buckskin Mountain State Park: Head south from the popular Lake Havasu State Park to this quieter spot along the Colorado River. The Buckskin Trail is a one-mile loop that connects to additional trails if you want to extend your hike. The trail crosses over Interstate 95 and provides an opportunity to check out vegetation and views near the river.

No matter which trail you pick, always make sure to bring plenty of water, wear sunscreen, and dress appropriately, including wearing sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

"Managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."

For information about all 35 Arizona State Parks and Natural Areas, trails, Off-Highway Vehicle Program, and State Historic Preservation Office, call 1-877-MY-PARKS or visit AZStateParks.com.

## **COPPER BASIN & SUPERIOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**

#### Fellowship Baptist Church Tilbury & Danbury, Kearny

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

**Living Word Chapel Services** 

Sunday Evening 5 p.m. All Are Welcome

Kearny Church of Christ 103 Hammond Dr., Kearny

Minister George Randall 520-363-7711

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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#### **Calvary Kearny** 305 W. Croydon Rd., Kearny

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**Catholic Church** 501 Victoria Circle, Kearny

Rev. Fr. George Kunnel (Pastor) 520-363-7205

Daily Masses T-Th 9 a.m. Fri 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass 9 a.m. Sunday Religious Ed for Children, Youth Ministry & Jr. High Youth Groups 10:15 a.m. **Lighthouse Assembly of God** Hwy. 77, MP 134, 1/2 mi S of Winkelman

> Pastor David Wade 520-356-6718

Worship Service 9 & 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

We Welcome You! www.YourLighthouseFamily.com

#### San Pedro Valley Baptist Church Dudleyville Road, Dudleyville

Pastor Anthony DaCunha 520-357-7353

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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Presbyterian Church of Superior 100 Magma Ave., Superior

520-689-2631

Worship Service Sunday: 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Anonymous prayer box located at Save Money Market. We will pray for you!

Superior Harvest Church Hill St. & Stone Ave., Superior

Pastor Albert M. Rodriguez 480-354-4499 H 480-329-3647 C

> Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 5 p.m.

Victory in Jesus

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Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. Confession: Sat. 4-4:45 p.m. or by req. www.stfrancissuperior.org

#### Family Life Christian Center

56 Kellner Ave., Superior "When Life Hurts – Only God Heals" Pastors Dennis & Sandy VanGorp 520-689-2202

Sunday Prayer 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Miracle Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

> Everyone is Welcome Assembly of God

To be included in the weekly church listing, call 520-363-5554 or email at cbnsun@minersunbasin.com.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **Fish Fry Fridays**

The Knights of Columbus council 3395 is sponsoring Fish Fry's event every Friday evening from 5 p.m.-7 pm, beginning March 8 - April 12 at the St. Mary's Center located at 100 W. Sunset Drive in Superior. This plate includes a beer battered Tilapia fish fillet, homemade coleslaw, French fries and drink for \$6. Bean and cheese burros also available.

#### APRIL



#### **13** Flag Retirement Ceremony

In order to see all local American flags are retired with the proper level of respect and reverence, VFW #3584 in Superior will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, April 13, at Fairview Cemetery in Superior. The Ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with the firing of a ceremonial cannon. There will be several local speakers representing our nation's military veterans, the youth leadership, and our community leaders. This event will provide an education on our flag, it's history, and the proper ways which to present and retire each flag. There will be a free luncheon at the VFW at 405 W Main St in Superior following the ceremony for all who attend. Also, all communities from the Copper Corridor are encouraged to bring their old tattered and worn flags to the VFW in Superior to see they are retired with the dignity they deserve. Point of contact is Mike Montiel 480-272-3786.

#### **13** Superior Little League Golf Tourney

The Superior Little League's 12th annual Golf Tournament will be held on April 13 at the Queen Valley Golf Course. Registration is at 7 a.m. and shotgun start at 8 a.m. Format is 3-man scramble and cost is \$45 per player. There will be cash prizes and special events. Raffles, food and drinks will be available. Pre-register by calling Martin Navarette 928-701-7451, Theresa Sestiaga 480-433-4251 or Queen Valley Golf 520-463-2214

#### 13,14 SHS Class Reunion

SHS Class of '64: It's Time for Reunion 55! We will be meeting at the Buckboard City Café, 1107 W. U.S. Highway 60 in Superior on Saturday April 13, beginning at 5 p.m. On Sunday, April 14 there will be hiking, walking and visiting. For other information contact the Superior Chamber of Commerce online at www.superiorarizonachamber.org or by calling 520-689-0200.

#### **4** Tardeada Benefit to Be Held

A benefit tardeada will be held as a fundraiser for Conchita Lopez on Sunday, April 14, from 1-7 p.m. at the Los Hermanos Ballroom in Superior, Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and younger. Admission includes a dinner plate of red or green chile, rice, beans and tortilla. Menudo/posole will be available. Music will be by Andrea and Gemini and DJ Supetown-David Sinteral. Donation for raffles are greatly appreciated. Please come out and join us for an afternoon of music, entertainment, food, raffles and more.

#### Easter Egg Hunt at US 60 Park

On Saturday, April 20, the Superior Fire Department and VFW #3584 will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the US-60 Park in Superior at 2 p.m. The Hunt will be open to all children 12 and under. This community event will provide kids the opportunity to play outside and hunt for some of the over 1,300 eggs filled with candy that will be hidden. Come join us for some family fun! Point of contact Rhonda Brown 276-806-5822.



#### 27 SHS Class of 1969 Reunion

The Superior High School class of 1969 will be hosting a class reunion on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Martinez Corral. Classmates are encouraged to call JoAnn Preciado-Besich at 520-827-0592 or Robert Gus Hernandez at 480-710-6006 to RSVP. The class asks for everyone to please share the event information with other classmates.

MAY

#### **10** St. Francis Golf Tournament

St. Francis of Assisi is sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, May 10, 2019 at Queen Valley Golf Resort. Registration is at 6 am and shotgun start at 7 am. Format is 3-man scramble and cost is \$45 per player, lunch is included. There will be cash prizes, depending on the quantity of players and raffles. Pre-register by calling Henry Mendoza 602-717-3138, Olga Lopez 520-827-4119 or Queen Valley Golf 480-463-2214.

## ON THE AGENDA

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

**SUPERIOR OPTIMIST CLUB:** The Superior Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at Edwardo's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

**SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER:** The Superior Senior Center, 360 W. Main St., invites seniors to join the center and enjoy a nice meal and great company. Meals are \$2 for adults 60 and over. Under 55 is \$4. Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. A pastry bingo is held on the last Thursday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Need a ride to the center or more information? Call 689-5182.

**SUPERIOR ROTARY CLUB:** The Superior Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Superior that is still in service today. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian, please call the school district for the next meeting date, 689-3000.

**SUPERIOR SCHOOL BOARD:** Regular meetings of the Superior School District Governing Board are held at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium, atKennedyElementarySchool, 1500SunsetDrivein Superior, usually on the first Wednesday of each month.





#### 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.

#### Play Bingo in Miami

In 2019, Bingo at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church on Sullivan St. in Miami will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Those over age 18 are welcome to join in, starting at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. There will be three Early Bird games and then the rest of a 21 game pack. Packs are \$19 per player. There will be a snack bar. If you would like more information about CDA or Bingo, please contact Mary Stemm, Regent via email atjmstemm@cableone.net.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free. The Superior Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.

## WILDFIRE

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application as another tool to provide wildfire information, fire restriction details, and fire prevention tips. You can download the free app by searching the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management on the iTunes or Google Play stores. This year. Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week runs April 7-13 and is a joint collaboration between DFFM, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildfire Service. Bureau of Indian Affairs. National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and New Mexico State Forestry Division.

For more information about how you can protect your property and community, please contact your local fire departments: • Superior Fire Department

520-689-5671 • Kearny Fire Department

520-363-5566

• Hayden Fire Department 520-356-7507 • Winkelman Fire Department 520-356-7212 • Dudlevville Fire Department 520-357-6585 • Pinal Rural Fire & Medical District 520-465-5300 Mammoth Fire Department 520-487-2050 San Manuel Fire Department 520-385-9231 • Oracle Fire Department 520-896-2980 • Golder Ranch Fire Department 520-825-9001

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Apr 6	86	48			
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Public Notice

CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS Public Notice

The Central Arizona Government's (CAG) Fiscal Year 2019-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is available for review and comment. The public comment period will start from April 12, 2019 through May 28, 2019.

CAG is responsible for programing the available Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) dollars apportioned within the transportation boundaries of the CAG Region, as well as other federally funded and/or regionally significant transportation projects. The CAG Fiscal Year 2019-2029 TIP programs these funds in alignment with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The documents will be available on the CAG website at www.cagaz.org. A hard copy can be obtained during normal business hours at the CAG offices, located at 2540 West Apache Trail, Suite 108, Apache Junction, Arizona 85120.

If you have comments, please email them to or call:

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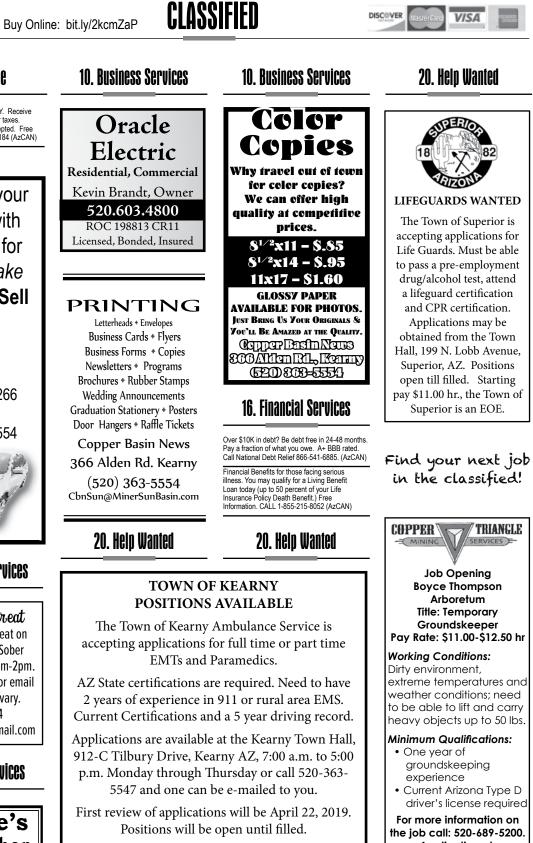


## 8. Counselling Services

Women's Retreat Empowerment Retreat on April 13, 2019 and Sober Sisters on April 27, 9am-2pm. Lunch included. Call or email for details. Prices vary. (217) 343-6314 dcunninghamlcsw@gmail.com

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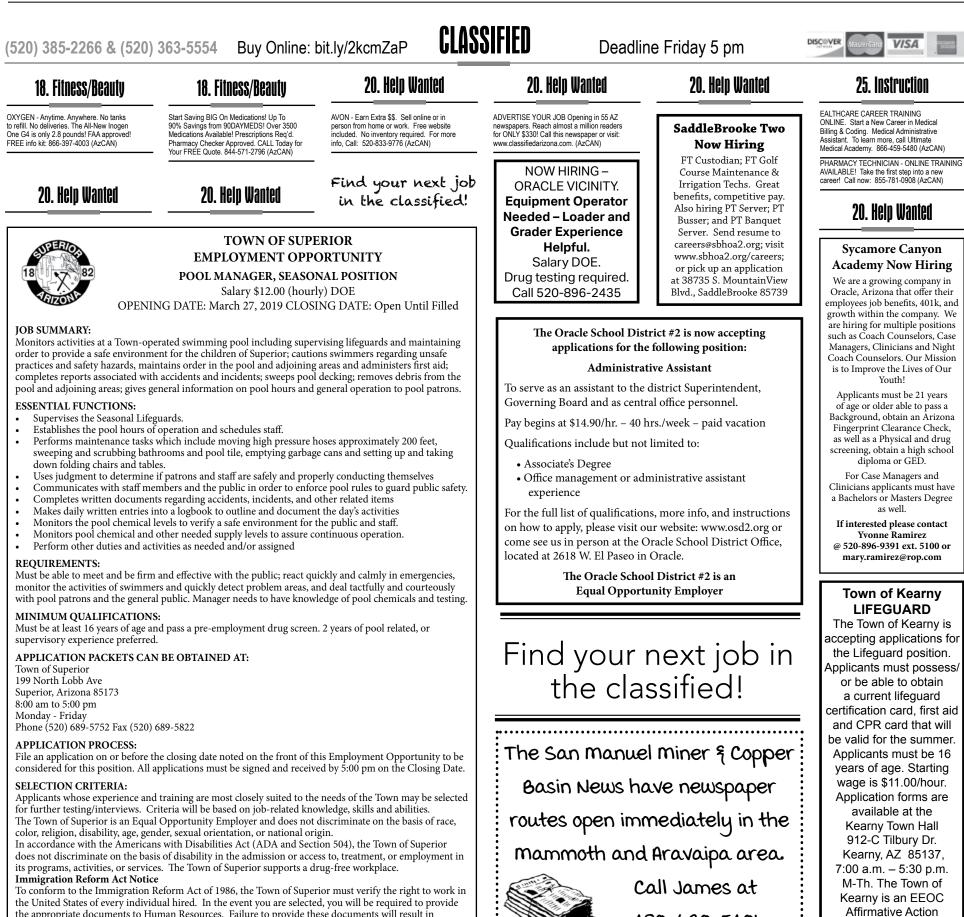




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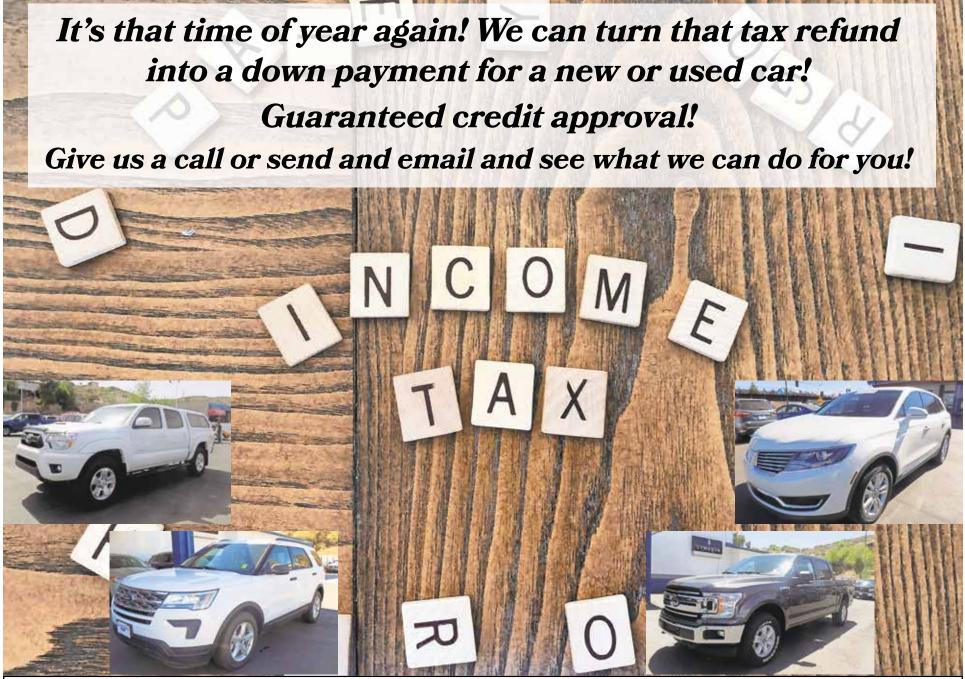


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