

Young athletes ready to play ball

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Superior Police Report

According to state law, police may arrest suspected offenders by two methods. The suspect may be physically taken into the department and booked into jail, or the arresting officer may write a citation and release the suspect to appear in

court later. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All damage amounts are estimates.

Items are given to The Superior Sun by the Su-

perior Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.

April 16

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Western. Mary Mendoza, 38, Superior, was arrested and charged with violation of a court order.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of Stone.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of Lobb.

April 17

Andrea Velasquez, 47, Superior, was arrested and

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Pinal County Sheriff's Report

The Pinal County Sheriff's Report is taken from the daily logs, based on the information provided by deputies. All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

April 14

Theft of a golf bag and clubs was reported in the 600 block of E. Queen Valley Dr., Queen Valley.

April 16

PCSO deputies assisted Superior Police Department in the 200 block of N. Lobb Ave., Superior, with the arrest

of two burglary suspects.

April 24

Burglary was reported in the area of W. Oro Viejo Dr., Queen Valley.

April 26

Theft of a jet ski was reported in the 900 block of S. El Camino Viejo, Queen Valley. It was later determined to be a civil issue over joint property.

April 27

Theft of solar panels and wiring was reported in the area of E. Hewitt Station Rd., Superior.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Smashing pots, shameful

Several of the flower pots throughout the Town were broken by vandals on Saturday night. They were just replanted with Spring flowers by community volunteers on Saturday morning. The Chamber and many residents are working hard to make Superior look nicer and be a better place to live. How sad that some people think destruction is the answer to their problems. Whoever you are, you should know that each one of the pots was "adopted" by someone and many were in Memory of a loved one. Perhaps the broken pots were in memory of someone you know or loved. Shame on you.

/s/ Sue Anderson

Superior Chamber of Commerce

Two arrested for burglary in Superior

Some resourceful homeowners in the Lobb Ave. neighborhood caught a burglary on video and now two Superior women are facing charges.

Andrea Velasquez, 47, and Michelle Duarte, 28, were arrested at a residence in the 200 block of N. Lobb Ave. after Superior Police Officer Lawrence noticed lights off at the residence. Lawrence was on patrol just after midnight on April 17. He investigated the property and discovered Velasquez and Duarte at the location. He detained the two and requested assistance from the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

When the deputies arrived, they conducted a thorough search of the residence with help from Officer Nardelli and his K9 partner.

Velasquez and Duarte were charged with burglary and criminal trespass. Velasquez faces an additional theft charge. Duarte, it was discovered, had an active warrant sworn out against her issued out of Gila County. Both were transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Resolution Copper awards surface refrigeration contract to Sundt Construction; Contract emphasizes local hiring

SUPERIOR, Ariz. (April 2, 2014) - Resolution Copper Mining (RCM) of Superior, Ariz., has awarded Sundt Construction, Inc. of Tempe, Ariz., the contract to install an upgrade to its surface refrigeration in support of mine shaft development in Superior.

The project will employ 90 people during construction with an emphasis on local hiring.

The US\$4 million project will increase the cooling capacity of the air conditioning system for the sinking of the No. 10 Shaft at the Resolution Copper east plant.

Resolution anticipates hitting shaft bottom at 7,000 feet later this year.

The award will allow the commencement of shaft sinking by Resolution Copper, which was suspended last year.

"The health and safety of our workers is a top priority at Resolution, and this project will greatly improve working conditions in the shaft," said Andrew Taplin, RCM Project Director, "RCM has a goal of zero harm for all employees and contractors."

Sundt shares the safe approach with its innovative

"Safety by Choice" program. Sundt puts an emphasis on hiring local community members. "Sundt currently employs several local community members on our mining projects throughout Arizona," said Dave Crawford of Sundt, "we value the skill sets and talents members of the copper triangle community bring to our employee owned company."

The project is located in the area of the former Magma Copper Mine near the town of Superior, 65 miles east of Phoenix.

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Pinal County students earn scholarship



Eva Villalobos



Maria Barreras

Two Pinal County students have been awarded scholarships from the Pinal County Juvenile Court Community Advisory Board (CAB).

Each year the CAB sponsors scholarship opportunities for young people who are successful in their decisions to lead healthy, productive lives. The students will be able to use the money to assist with books, tuition or other related fees at their school of choice.

Eva Villalobos and Maria Barreras, both of Superior, have been awarded \$250 scholarships.

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a group of volunteers representing diverse cultural, professional, and community backgrounds who are appointed by the presiding Juvenile Judge to help evaluate and enhance services provided by Juvenile Court Services. The common interest is to ensure the Juvenile Court practices continue to reflect the best interests of youth, families, victims and the community.

For more information about the Community Advisory Board, contact Donna McBride at 520-866-4405 or DMcBride@Courts.az.gov.

Copper Corridor EDC celebrates grant kick off

Officials from the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition celebrated the kick off for the Rural Business

Enterprise Grant (RBEG) that the organization received in partnership with the Northern Arizona Association

of Governments. The two agencies will be partnering to develop Business Assistance Centers and Business Success Centers throughout rural Arizona. Congressman Paul Gosar was in attendance at the event kick off and congratulated the groups on their success. "Use this grant as seeds for continued success," he commented.



Celebrating the Rural Business Enterprise Grant award are, from left, NACOG Executive Director Chris Fetzer, Liz Harris-Tuck with CCEDC, Alan Stevens, USDA Director Arizona, Terry Drew with NACOG and Bill Bolin with CCEDC.

The Copper Corridor EDC operates the Business Success Center which provides business training and consulting throughout the Copper Corridor. The NACOG model the Business Assistance Center uses physical locations to offer services for small businesses. The RBEG grant was received through the United States Department of Agriculture.

If you would like free business consultations or would like to learn how to start a business you can contact the CCEDC Business Success Center at 520-490-8433 or learn more online at www.coppercorridorbsc.org.

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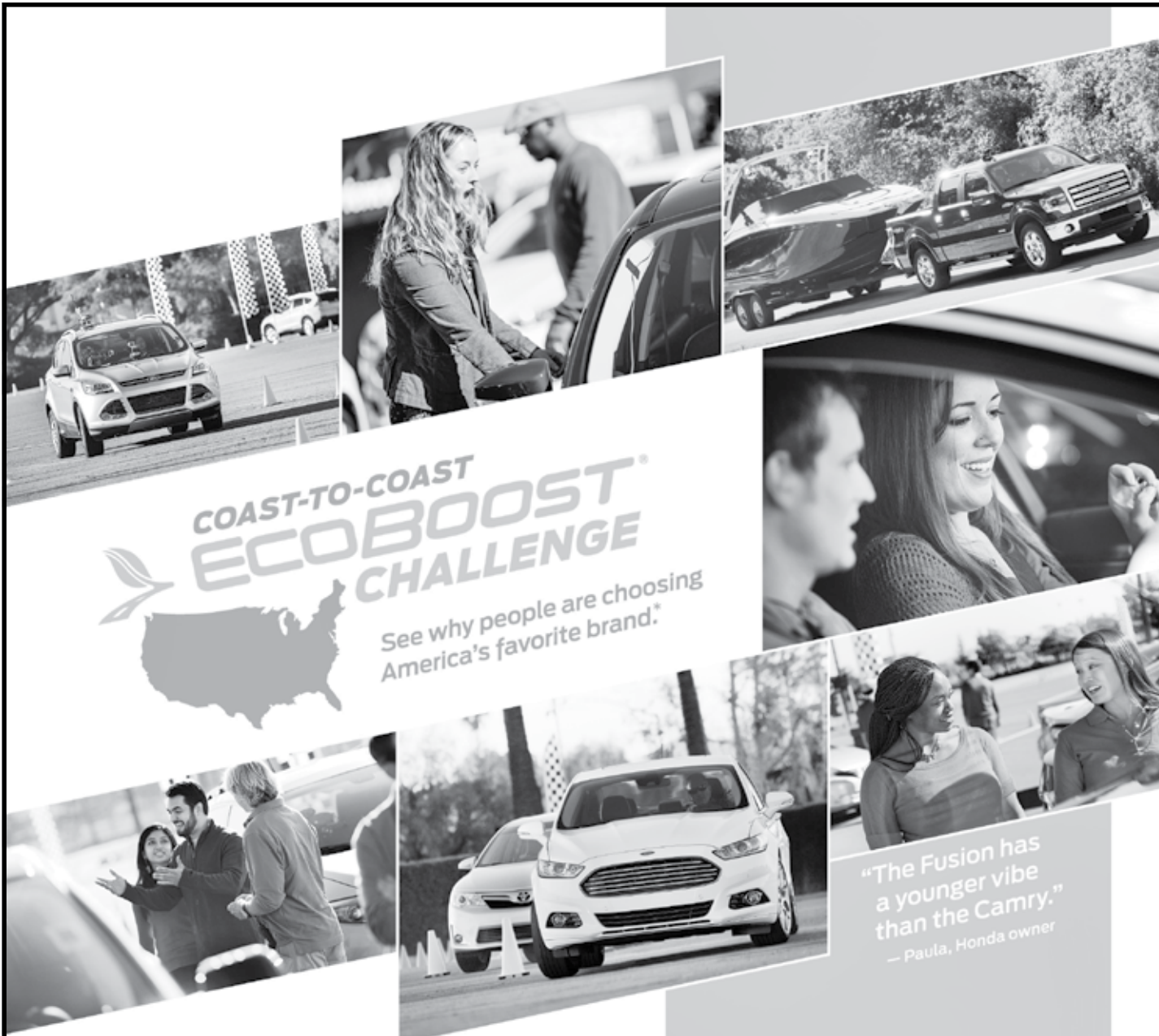
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Chamber volunteers beautify Superior



Volunteers helped the Chamber of Commerce spruce up the town with new flowers for Spring. Boyce Thompson Arboretum donated a truck load of plants. The planting was helped with Mother Nature dumping buckets of water on them just a few hours later.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Superior Substance Abuse Coalition

By **Mila Besich-Lira**
Superior Sun

Monday, May 5 marks a day of cultural celebrations in the Hispanic community. The holiday which has great historical significance has also been marketed as a holiday which is geared towards excessive drinking of margaritas and Mexican beer. One website calls the holiday the St. Patrick's Day of the Hispanic community.

For several years now the Superior Substance Abuse Coalition has been

working diligently to educate the community, especially the youth, on the dangers of using drugs and alcohol. This year they will once again host their drug and alcohol free Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The event is free to the public and will feature live entertainment by D.J. Supietown, Baile Folklorico Alma de Superior and Mariachi Ensueno. The Cinco de Mayo King and Queen will be crowned during the event. The King and Queen were selected by members of SSAC after reviewing essays from students at

the Superior Junior Senior High School. Activities for the day will include a rock wall and pinata break for all age groups including Nana's and Tata's. The event is scheduled to run from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Magma Club located at 34 Kumpke Court in Superior.

The event is being sponsored by Superior Optimist Club, Adelante Juntos Coalition, Resolution Copper Mining, Town of Superior, Pinal County Sheriffs Office, Pinal County Attorneys office and many local businesses.

Superior Little League has opening ceremonies



Young athletes in Superior are ready to play ball. Monday, April 21, was the parade and opening ceremonies for the Little League teams.
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Panthers closing in on playoff berth

By Andrew Luberdia
Superior Sun

The Superior baseball team, with only four upperclassmen on the roster, is currently the 13th ranked team in most current AIA rankings. The Panthers wrapped up their regular season on Monday with a double-header versus Gilbert Classical Academy. The Panthers won the first game, 14 – 4.

Last week, the Panthers defeated Pima, 11 – 5, before losing at Ray last Friday, 12 – 2. In the win versus the Roughriders, Austin Navarrette, Edgar Galindo, and Matthew Zavala each had two hits. Zavala hit a double for one of his two hits. Senior Cesar Villalobos' lone hit was a triple. Ricky Longoria had three RBI.

Longoria was the winning pitchers against Pima. He pitched 5-1/3 innings, allowing five runs on three hits and seven

walk. He struck out seven. Freshman Edgar Galindo pitched 1-2/3 scoreless innings in relief. He recorded all five outs by strikeout.

After having only four wins last season, the Panthers put together, perhaps, one of the best single-season turnarounds this year. They're likely to be rewarded with a berth in the playoffs. They'll have to wait until Thursday's release of the brackets to find out whom, when and where they will play next.

Fifth-ranked Lady Panthers cruise past Roughriders

By Andrew Luberdia
Superior Sun

The Superior softball team crushed the Pima Roughriders last week, 13 – 1. The fifth-ranked Panthers scored 12 runs in the first two innings of the game on the way to their 14th victory of the year.

Cierra Navarrette, Gabby Salcido, and Ariel Alonzo each homered for the Panthers. Navarrette (3) and Salcido (4) combined for seven RBI. Hunter Flanagan joined Navarrette and Salcido in recording multi-hit games.

Sophomore Keana Torres was the winning pitcher. She did not allow a hit in her three innings pitched. Hunter

Flanagan came on in relief and pitched two scoreless innings.

The Panthers closed out their regular season on Tuesday versus Miami. They'll await their first-round playoff opponent when the AIA State Championship Brackets are released on Thursday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Unleash your creativity at local art class

By Mila Besich-Lira
Superior Sun

Marilee Lasch, local artist and owner of Daystar Studios will be hosting a six week class on how to bring out your creative side. She will be teaching the curriculum called "The Artist Way". The classes will be \$5 per class. Participants can pick from classes on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. or Saturday morning

classes from 10 a.m. to noon. Thursday classes will run on May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5 and 12. Saturday classes will be held on May 10, 17, 24 and June 7, 14, 21. The classes will be taught at Daystar Studios located at 200 N. Magma Ave. in Superior.

The classes are not designed to teach a specific art technique but will help those wishing to develop their creative muse, an opportunity to do so through this proven curriculum. There is not an age for the participants however those under 18 should be mature enough to manage the homework associated with the course. "The Artist Way" books will be available for sale during the classes for an additional fee.

For more information on the course or future classes at Daystar Studios please contact Marilee Lasch at 602-291-0550 or mlasch62@yahoo.com.

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We stray from the right path because we have a mind of our own and like to do our own 'thing.'

We must realize that despite the plans we have made, God has a plan that is personally designed for each of us.

Listen to the prophets and ministers of God. Hear the message of love from Heaven. Pay attention to what God requires of those who believe in Him and follow Him. It is a life changing experience filled with blessings from the Lord. Enjoy walking and living in His love, mercy, forgiveness and favor.



PASTOR'S CORNER

By Dennis Van Gorp
Family Life Christian Center

SUPERIOR POLICE

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charged with burglary, criminal trespass and theft.

Michelle Duarte, 28, Superior, was arrested and charged with burglary and criminal trespass. She was also arrested on a warrant issued out of Gila County.

Criminal damage was reported in the area of Hwy. 60 and Main St.

April 19

Possible criminal damage was reported in the zero block of Pinal.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of Gray.

April 20

Criminal damage was reported in the area of Kumpke.

April 21

Assault was reported in the 100 block of Magma.

Possible burglary was reported in the area of Ray.

April 22

A sex offense was reported in the 1000 block of Sunset.

Theft was reported to Superior Police.

Calls not listed include six disturbances, two fire calls, four information reports, three harassment/threatening complaints, two 911 hang-ups, three welfare checks, one victim notification, four alarm drops, five traffic stops, four civil matters, two suspicious activity reports, two animal complaints, one medical call and two agency assists.

Citizens are reminded to call Silent Witness at 1-800-358-INFO, Crime Stop at 689-5611 or the Information Trip Line at 520-827-0065 if they have information that may help the police department in solving a crime.

Superior Sun This-n-That

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2014 FIESTA QUEEN

The Saint Francis of Assisi Church Fiesta Committee is looking for young ladies that are interested in being a candidate for the 2014 Fiesta Queen. Young ladies up to seniors in high school are eligible for candidacy. If interested, please contact Marcella Garcia at 480-939-1313 or call the church office at 689-2250.

BTA SUMMER HOURS

Daily hours at Boyce Thompson Arboretum return to the Spring-Summer schedule of 6 a.m. - 3 p.m., starting May 1 and continuing through Labor Day weekend. Guided walks and tours will start earlier. They are included with admission of \$10 for adults; \$5 for ages 5-12.

GUIDED WALKING TOURS AT THE ARBORETUM

What's new in the gardens at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior? Ninety-minute daily walking guided tours are available through February and March, starting at 11 a.m. Plan to attend more than once. With more than a half-dozen guides, you'll learn different things from each.

May



03 USF GOLF TOURNAMENT

Play in the United Superiorites Foundation 41st Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 3 at the Queen Valley Golf Course. Cost for this 3-Person Scramble format tourney is \$50 per golfer, which includes use of the cart. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Contact Charlie Higuera at 480-354-1944 for more information.



03 SAN PEDRO RIVER FESTIVAL

Come to the San Pedro River Festival on Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., or, pre-register for a tour, which starts at 7 a.m. It will be held at the Winkelman Flats Public Park, East of Hwy 77/177 Junction on the Gila River, Winkelman. There will be live animals, nature walks, vendors, a kids zone and local food. For more information, go online to www.sanpedroriverfest.com or call 520-490-8433.

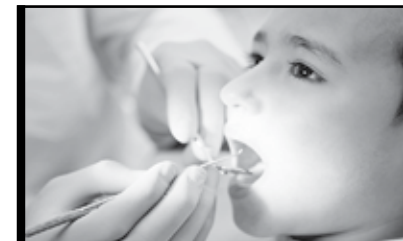


09 NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY

Admission is waived for all visitors of Boyce Thompson Arboretum for Friday, May 9, in observance of National Public Gardens Day. Morning visitors will have a chance to see professional artists at work on fresh canvas, in addition to the usual attractions. BTA opens at 6 a.m., and we plan to meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Studio artists are welcome to join in, spending morning hours painting en-plein-air; Heather Coen will also offer a short, informal 'Plein Air, Plain Talk'. Read more complete details at ag.arizona.edu/bta.

09 MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

A Mother's and Father's Day Luncheon will be held on May 9 at the Hayden Senior Center from 11 am - 1 pm. Please call 520-356-7035 for more information or transportation.



14 FREE DENTAL SCREENING

Sun Life Family Dentistry's Early Childhood Cavity Prevention Program will be providing free dental screenings and fluoride varnish treatments for children up to 5 years old and expectant moms, hosted by Superior Head Start Preschool, 150 N. Lobb Ave., on Wednesday May 14., 9 a.m. to noon. Call Hilda Cardenas, Site Manager at 520-689-2812 to schedule an appointment.

Clubs & Meetings This Week

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 you can join them at their weekly meeting on Tuesdays at noon at Los Hermanos Restaurant.

The Superior Town Council meets the first and third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the old Roosevelt School Auditorium.

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To add an item to the community calendar please submit information to cbnsun@minersunbasin.com or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free, however, the SUN reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions.

Superior Rotary hosts students of the month

By **Nina Crowder**
Superior Sun

The Superior Rotary was honored to have lunch with the students of the month. After the members of the Superior Rotary introduced themselves to the youth they in return did the same. It was a very enjoyable lunch to hear about the youth and how they are doing in school and future plans for after high school.

There are three students of the month from the junior high. Maddaleine Price, seventh grader, who is currently the softball manager of the Superior Panthers and participates in the FCCLA program. After high school Maddaleine plans to attend Arizona State University to become a teacher. Bruno Godinez, seventh grader, participates in football, basketball and student council. Bruno plans to attend Arizona State University. Makayla Martinez, seventh grader, participates in the Superior Little League, softball, National Jr. Honor

Society, Baile Folkonka Alma deSuperior and plans to attend college but is not sure what she wants to do after she graduates.

Several high school students of the month were named. Tyler Allison, 10th grader, is involved in the Superior Robotics program and after graduation he plans to become a mechanical engineer. Angela Campos, 11th grader, is active in FCCLA, enjoys hunting, fishing, the outdoors. She works at Edwardos Pizzeria and plans to attend Central Arizona College, then Arizona State University to become a nurse. Eva Villalobos, 12th grader, is involved in FCCLA, Latino Club, National Honor Society, and Key Club. After graduation Eva plans to attend Central Arizona College and obtain a degree as a Radiology Technician. Jennifer Ybarra, 12th grader, enjoys her participation in varsity volleyball, varsity spirit line, and CVIT Nursing Program. Jennifer plans to attend Grand Canyon University for a degree in

nursing.

The Superior Rotary commends the students of the month and is excited for the future of these bright, intelligent young people. The rotary is honored to have the Student of the Month Program and truly enjoys seeing the

students achieving their goals. The rotary is in the process of making a decision to award the two scholarships that are available for two graduating Superior students.

The Superior Rotary meets every Tuesday at noon for a luncheon at Los Hermanos

Blue Room. During the meetings the group interacts on many topics, recognize the students of the month or other guests, conduct business, share resources and opportunities and simply enjoy coming together with a common goal.



Superior Rotary Students of the Month are, from left, Maddaleine Price, Bruno Godinez, Tyler Allison, Makayla Martinez, Angela Campos, Eva Villalobos and Jennifer Ybarra.
Nina Crowder | Superior Sun

Plans underway for Superior Fiestas

By **Yolanda Nájera-Ewing**
Special to the Sun

St. Francis Church Fiesta Committee is well on the road to preparing for the community's 35th Annual St. Francis Church Fiesta scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14, on the church grounds at Church Avenue and Main Street.

A number of themes were considered for the Fiesta, but the theme selected for this two day event chaired, by Steve Lopez (689-5059) and co-chaired by Olga Lopez (520-827-4119), is "LIVE IN FAITH - VIVIR EN LA FE." St. Francis of Assisi Church pastor, Father James Aboyi, will be presiding over the Annual Church Fiestas Patrias. Father James, along with the Fiesta chairpersons, stressed that all members of the community are invited to attend the Fiesta with their friends and family as well as any out of town visitors.

Plans are under way for fund raisers which will provide seed money for this event. Patty Castaneda (520-827-9960) and her committee are considering a golf tournament for this purpose. Patty will continue the tradition she and her husband Joe began, and once again sponsor the car show held

on Fiesta Saturday. Assisting her will be Mario Lopez (520-238-1353). Autos from Superior, from throughout the state and from various other states, are expected at the car show.

At this point in time, priority for the Fiestas Patrias is QUEEN CANDIDATES. Currently, only one young lady has stepped forward this year to vie for Fiesta Queen. Queen candidates are being actively sought and ALL young ladies of the local area ages 5 to 18 are strongly urged to consider being queen candidates. Candidates do not have to be members of the Catholic Church. Each candidate will receive a formal gown, a crown, shoes, a sash and 10% of the funds which they raise. Marcella Garcia is in charge of the queen candidates and their projects. She can be reached at 480-939-1313. Other available contacts for the queen candidates are Steve Lopez, Olga Lopez and the church office (689-2250).

The Fiestas Patrias will begin with a parade on Saturday, Sept. 13. Anyone wanting to have an entry in the parade can contact the church office at the number listed above.

Food booths will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Games and other booths will open early in

the afternoon. Tickets for all purchases will be sold at the fiesta grounds. Tickets for making purchases at the fiesta will NOT be sold prior to the beginning of the fiesta. Tickets for the annual Fiesta Fund Raiser will be the only tickets sold prior to Sept. 14. Winners of the fund raiser will receive \$300, \$150 and \$75 for first, second and third places respectively.

VOLUNTEERS:

Presently, Fiesta volunteers include those noted above as well as: Fiesta games – Jessica Castillo (520-827-0098), Fiesta bank – Cindy Benson, menudo and coffee – the Alonzo Family (689-9142), cake walk – Stella Castro (689-5242), snow cones and nachos – Rosalie Padilla (602-882-3293), religious items – Jessica Castillo and Marcella Garcia (numbers above), cotton candy, popcorn, Mexican drinks – Kathy Sommers (480-510-5204), empanadas – Velma Alvarado (520-827-0463), beer – The Red Barons, Burros – Irene and Bertha Navarro (520-827-0674), and hamburgers and hot dogs – Mike and Kathy Zavala (689-5629) and sodas – Andrea Kipp (602-717-7365) and Martha Guzman (689-2835). Entertainment will be chaired

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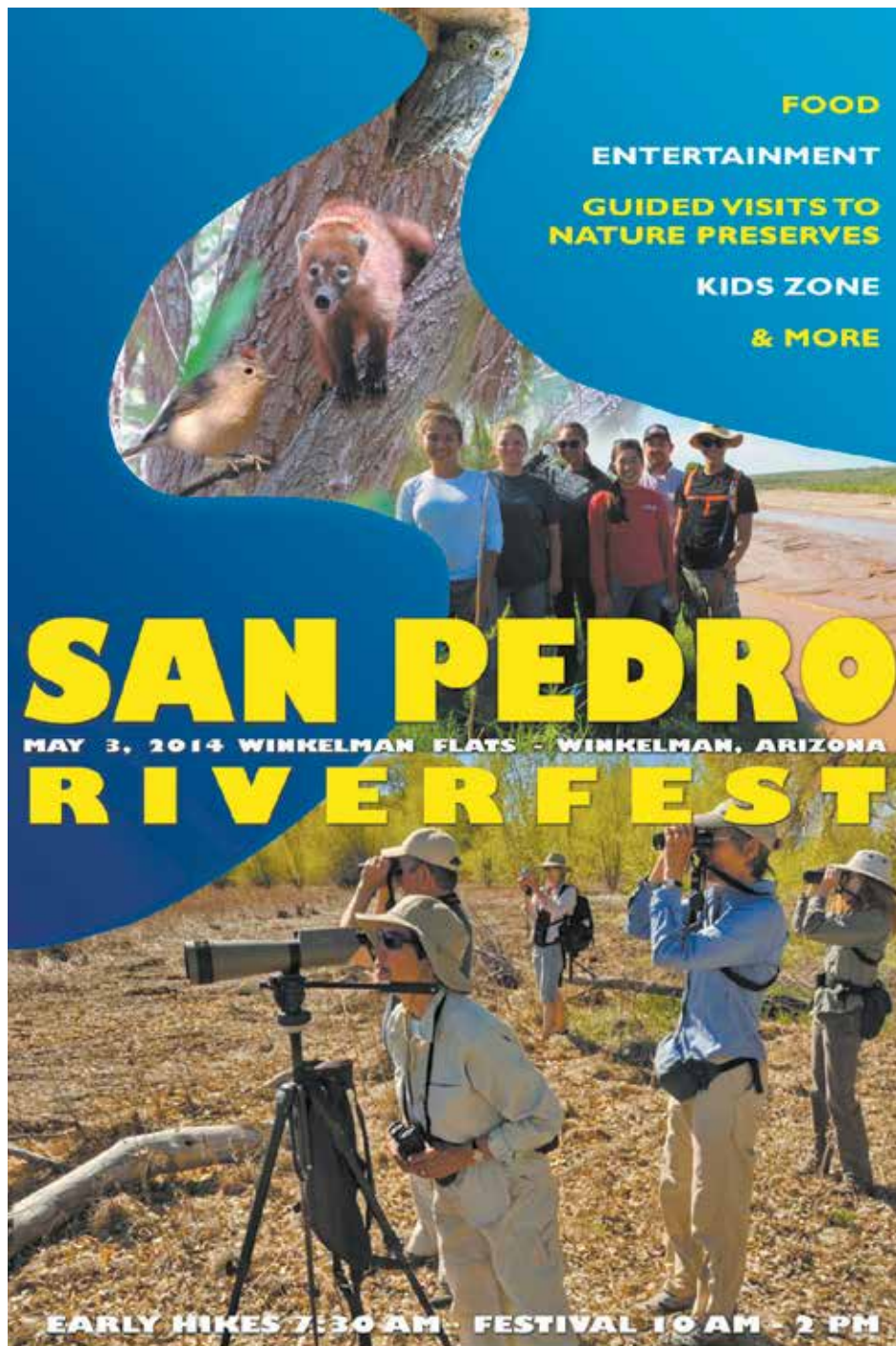
On Saturday, May 3, 2014, the Arizona Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy and Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition will present the 2014 San Pedro River Festival. This day long family event is for nature lovers, birders, and anyone who wants to spend a beautiful day outdoors enjoying the scenic treasures of the Copper Corridor near the San Pedro and Gila rivers. Participants will be able to explore a historic working ranch, bird sanctuaries, and the open spaces of the Lower San Pedro River Watershed. Enjoy visiting these places with a guided walk or bird banding walk. Pre-registration is required for the guided nature walks.

The festival will include free live entertainment including performances by Baile Folklorico Alma de Superior

and equestrian groups and a kids activity zone. Local vendors will be selling their wares, and festival food will be available for purchase. All of these events will take place at the Winkelman Flats public park on the Gila River.

The event will be held at Winkelman Flats, just south of the junction of State Route 77 and State Route 177. Scheduled bird walks begin at 6:30 a.m. Additional activities, including self-guided wildlife viewing tours, live entertainment, a kids adventure zone and a local artisan marketplace. Those activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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by Billie Jo Villaverde (480-532-0068). Master of Ceremonies for all of the stage programming will be Manny Guzman. The St. Francis Church Knights of Columbus (689-5629) will be taking care of setting up and preparing the fiesta grounds as well as packing up and cleaning of the grounds. Volunteers are still needed for the parade, corn on the cob, carne asada, games, crystal and others. Donations of a monetary nature, products, supplies, or labor are much needed and will

be very welcomed. These donations are tax deductible and the Fiesta Committee is providing the tax identification number to all those making donations. Those wanting to make donations or volunteer their time may use the numbers listed above. The Annual St. Francis Church Fiestas Patrias have always been more than a fund raiser. The fiestas have been a local tradition for 3 decades and are viewed by its sponsors as a community event for all ages.