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OBITUARIES

Anita M. Fernandez

grandchildren.

Winkelman, Arizona.

Anita M. Fernandez, 90, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2017 in Tucson, Arizona. Anita was born on August 10, 1926 to Celedino and Henriqueta Marinez in Hayden, Arizona.

Anita is preceded in death by her mother and father Henriqueta and Celedino Marinez; and brothers Jose, Manuel and Francisco Marinez.

Anita is survived by her sons, Eddie Fernandez and Gilbert Fernandez; daughters, Carol Widman and Dora

Christopher Rudy Clark

Christopher Rudy Clark, 55, passed away April 27, 2017. Born June 5, 1961 the son of Benny and Frances Clark, he was raised in Mammoth, Arizona.

Rudy was the youngest of seven children, a graduate of San Manuel High School, and continued his education at Central Arizona College.

He leaves behind his son Rudy Jr. (Alexis), granddaughter Skylar, his love Michelle, father Benny, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, nieces, nephews and numerous friends. He is preceded in death by his mother.

On behalf of our families we are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent lovely flowers, cooked food or made get well cards. A very special thank you goes out to the Hayden-Winkelman teachers, staff and students. Especially to Barbara Martinez and food service staff, and Laura Lopez. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your support during the loss of our loved one. Sincerely,

Filiberto Borquez Filiberto E Jenny Borquez Mark Borquez E Family Odelia, Leonard E Matthew Aguirre Nick E Lisa Garcia E Family

Rudy had a passion for team roping and being with his family and friends.

(Hermineo) Garcia; 10 grandchildren,

17 great grandchildren and 2 great-great

Services were held Friday, May 5, 2017

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Services were held Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Mammoth, Arizona, with visitation at 9 a.m.; Rosary at 9:30 a.m., and Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Mildred Bailey

Services are pending for Mildred "Millie" Bailey, of Dudleyville, who passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017, They have been tentatively set for Thursday, May 11, at San Pedro Valley Baptist Church in Dudleyville at 1 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Possible repeat of history?

I am sure that it is because of my worries of what is happening now and may happen in the future during the "regime" of Donald Trump that I am again starting to read the author Elie Wiesel's book "NIGHT". That book was translated from the French by his wife Marion Wiesel, and it concerns the terrible things that had happened to his family and other Jews during Hitler's regime.

Although there are numerous protests going on about Trump's actions and the actions of his followers, I am wondering if it is possible that our U.S. Government and its citizens will be dumb enough to be led down very destructive paths as those had been during Hitler's regime. /s/ Georgianna Wood

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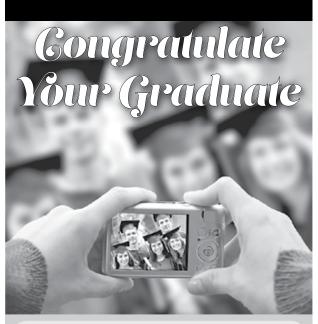
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Special Gifts

May is the time of year, when we honor all our mothers and thank them for all that they do. One of the things I remember of my mother was her cooking. To a young boy growing up, nothing says love like a warm chocolate chip cookie! From the cookies and treats to all the special recipes, the time it took to prepare, all made my life something! There were seven of us kids in our family, so mom was spread pretty thin; cooking, doing laundry, cleaning, along with all that she would work a couple of evenings at my father's grocery store to make ends meet! How did she do that, why did she do that?

What was more amazing was, she always found a way to make all of us kids our "special dinner". My favorite was spaghetti, I could have it every night! What was not my favorite was vegetables, I did not like any of them. My mother would try to come up with creative ways for me to eat my vegetables! She would do the unthinkable; she took carrots, cut them in tiny little chunks and put them in my spaghetti! Why would she do that? Take a perfectly wonderful dinner and ruin it by putting in vegetables, yuck! I would get so mad at my mother and ask her: why are you putting vegetables in my spaghetti? She would always answer, they are good for you, eat them! Looking back now I know it was because of her love for me and for all of us kids. That's just what moms do! At Family First we are here every day to honor the moms, to encourage them in the great work that they do! From a diaper rash on a young baby to suggestions for the child who won't eat his vegetables, we support our moms. Sometimes a mother will just need a listening ear, someone they can talk to, and we are here for them. How do we do that, why do we do that? We have the most qualified staff, all with a lifetime of training and experience in their unique fields; they are all mothers, some grandmothers, all with a mother's heart to care and to love! I am convinced God Himself has given special gifts to every woman; a unique love, wisdom and strength to be a mother to

their children! It's a gift to us all, our mothers! Take time this Mother's Day to honor the women who give so much to their families, remembering the mothers and grandmothers here with us and those who have passed. That old song is true; where would any of us be without our mother?

God bless,

/s/ Frank and Clare Grochocki Family First Pregnancy Care Center

Kearny Makes Police Chief Selection

G ood news for Kearny. At the special meeting of Town Council last week, the selection of Joseph Turitto was made for Chief of the Police Department. This is all pending on a successful background check and the establishment of residency, but I imagine all will go well. Welcome to Kearny from Glendale, Joe Guerrero,, and help us remain the safest town in Arizona.

The Mayor and Council also approved a contract to build a new chlorination plant to be located by the water tanks. This will serve well number eight, which will pipe water from the foothills, and will also serve well number three when it is put back in service. This water is not subject to the restrictions of the Gila Water Accord, and will pretty much assure Kearny's water future.

This all ties in to the grants Kearny is seeking to reclaim well number three, revamp the water towers, and build a new booster station to serve the higher elevations of Kearny. Progress is being made by Mayor Sommers and the Town Council.

The Town of Winkelman reported that the Easter weekend at Winkelman Flats went very well, with no complaints coming to the police. The weather was perfect for the event.

The golf tournaments in Hayden and Kearny for St. Joseph's Church and for Infant Jesus of Prague were absolute successes... much money was raised and it was all done in good spirit. The fund-raising event for Jaden at Norm's IGA was also very positive. Games, drawings, and even live music from Porter's Ghost were the key, as well as the volunteer help.



ALUNG THE GILA

By Sam Hosler Special to the Copper Basin News

I've mentioned this before, but the heat has really dried things up and there are a lot of weedy yards around town. Even as a firebreak is being built for the town, we need to make sure that our yards are firebreaks too. So grab a shovel and a rake and tackle it early in the morning. I think this is the best time of year. Yes, the days are getting hot, but the humidity level keeps things tolerable, the mornings are sparkling and the nights are decently cool.

Kearny residents please note: the Kearny transfer station is open this Saturday, May 13, beginning at 6:30 a.m. It's best to come early.

Kearny hires Police Chief

The Kearny Town Council has voted to hire Joseph Turitto as the new Police Chief for Kearny.

His title will be official and the job will begin once the background check is approved, expected to be in the next 4-5 weeks.

The decision to hire him came after the council conducted oral board interviews for the position.

A full bio on Turitto was not available at press time however his LinkedIn profile shows that he has been employed by the City of Glendale, was a Sergeant for the Arizona Department of Transportation Enforcement Compliance Division and is currently a Court Security Officer. He has also served in the US Military. Kearny has been using an interim chief for over a year and had been in collaboration with the Towns of Hayden, Mammoth and Winkelman to share a chief of police. Kearny opted out of the shared chief and started a process to hire their own. Hayden recently hired Tamatha Villar who will be the shared chief for Hayden/Winkelman and Mammoth.

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 28

Fire was reported in the 700 block of S. Tierra Verde Pl., San Manuel.

April 29

Violation of a court order was reported in the 63000 block of E. Palomita Rd., Dudleyville.

An accident without injuries was reported in the 200 block of E. American Ave., Oracle.

Theft was reported in the area of E. Main St., San Manuel. April 30

Brandon Shane Riddering, 40, San Manuel, was arrested in the 500 block of S. Vista Sierra St., San Manuel, and was charged with disorderly conduct/fighting. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence. An accident without injuries occurred in the area of S. Hwy. 77 and E. Texwood Rd., Dudleyville.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of E. Lincoln St., Oracle.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 100 block of S. McNab Pkwy., San Manuel.

Burglary was reported in the area of E. Avenue G and E. Webb Dr., San Manuel.

Criminal damage was reported in the 33000 block of E. Hewitt Station Rd., Superior.

May 1

Roxann Villa, 33, Tucson, was arrested at milepost 97 on Hwy. 77, Oracle, on a warrant for non-compliance. She was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail. Vehicle theft was reported in the 500 block of S. McNab

Pkwy., San Manuel.

May 2

Fire was reported in the 47000 block of N. Magma Shaft Rd., Superior.

Science Rocks at CAC Aravaipa Campus College for Kids

PINAL COUNTY, AZ – This summer, children exiting grades two through six will have a chance to study the phenomena's of earth science during College for Kids at Central Arizona College's Aravaipa Campus.

The program will be held Monday through Thursday, July 10-20 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuition is \$210 per child and includes supplies, snacks, lunches, a T-shirt and a group photograph. Transportation will be available from most areas, including Oracle.

Space is limited to only 45 participants. Enrollment is currently open and acceptance into the program is on a first-come basis.

Payment plans are available; however, a minimum deposit of \$50, plus the complete registration paperwork is due by June 19 to be guaranteed a spot in the program. Any unpaid portion of the remaining tuition must be received no later than June 22. Cancellation refunds only will be available through that date.

A fundraiser to support College for Kids will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Rubios (10509 North Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ 85737). Twenty percent of any meal purchases made will be donated to College for

Kids.

For questions regarding College for Kids or to receive a registration form, contact Elissa Craig at 520-357-2810 or by email at elissa.craig@centralaz.edu.



May 3

Theft was reported in the 600 block of N. John Adams St., Oracle.

Criminal damage was reported in the 1500 block of N. College Dr., Oracle.

Theft was reported in the 37000 block of S. Skyline Dr., SaddleBrooke.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of S. McNab Pkwy., San Manuel.

May 4

Theft was reported in the 18000 block of S. Hwy. 77, Mammoth.

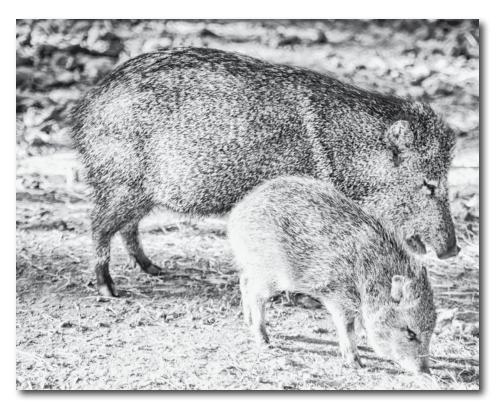
Theft was reported in the 65000 block of E. Desert Trail Dr., SaddleBrooke.



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Injury to Tucson woman by javelina prompts another AZGFD warning



TUCSON, Ariz. - The Arizona Game and Fish Department is again asking the public to exercise caution after another pet owner in the Tucson area was injured by a javelina while walking a dog.

The incident occurred approximately 8:30 p.m. Monday northwest of east Snyder Road and north Sabino Canyon Road, when a woman walking her dog was suddenly charged by a javelina. The woman sustained two, two-inch gashes on her knee from the javelina, was treated for the wounds and possible exposure to rabies at Northwest Hospital, and released.

The incident is the second of its kind in less than two months. An Oro Valley woman was bitten on the thigh by a javelina she encountered while walking her dog March 25. She was treated for the wound and possible rabies exposure at Oro Valley Hospital, then released.

"We don't blame the victims, but we do want pet owners to know that if they see javelina while walking they're dog, they you should go in the opposite direction. Javelina can't tell the difference between a dog and a coyote, which prey on javelina,

so javelina react instinctively to dogs," said Regional Supervisor Raul Vega of Game and Fish in Tucson. "The presence of dogs is the second leading cause of injuries to humans by javelina, which are rare but can be serious. The leading cause of such injuries is feeding javelina, which is illegal."

If allowed to interact, dogs and javelina can seriously hurt or kill each other. Defensive javelina behavior may include charging, teeth clacking, or a barking, growling sound. Javelina may also act defensively when cornered, or to protect their young.

For tips on living with urban wildlife, visit www.azgfd.gov/urbanwildlife. To report apparent wildlife violations contact Operation Game Thief at 1-800-372-0500, anonymously if need be.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has trust responsibility for managing more than 800 native wildlife species - the most of any inland state - for current and future generations of Arizona citizens. http:// www.azgfd.gov/h_f/northamericanmodel. shtml

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Ray edges Superior, wins back-to-back State Championships



Ray's Gabby Montano (left) and Haily Mabuce (right) show off the new hardware as Ray repeats as state champs.

By Andrew Luberda Copper Area News

The Ray and Superior softball teams were both trying to make history on Monday night at Arizona State's Farrington Stadium, the site of the 2017 1A Softball

State Championship game.

The top-seeded Lady Cats were seeking a repeat after winning the state title a year ago while the No. 2-seed Lady Panthers were looking to win their second state championship in three years. In what turned out to be an unexpected



pitcher's duel, Ray starting pitcher Daniella Hinojos and her Lady Cats' teammates bested Superior starter Kiki Arriola and the Lady Panthers, 1 - 0. Ray entered Monday's game having defeated Superior in three games earlier this season by a combined score of 36 - 11.

"No one expected a 1 - 0 game," Ray head coach Curt Cook said after the game. "Hats off to Superior, both teams grinded tonight and either team could've won this thing."

"It was a pitching duel," Superior head coach Martin Navarrette added. "One little hit and couple of bunts here and there was the difference in the game."

Hinojos, who threw a no-hitter against Valley Lutheran last week, threw a complete-game shutout against Superior, a team that averaged more than 10 runs per game this season. Arriola nearly matched Ray's 22-game winner.

"Kiki threw an outstanding game too," Cook told Copper Area News. "Both pitchers moved the ball in and out, up and down the whole game."

The game was scoreless through the first four innings, in which both starters combined for nine strikeouts and pitched Andrew Luberda | CBN

out of trouble in the same inning. Hinojos stranded Superior runners at first and third in the top of the fourth. After Ray got the first two hitters on in its half of the inning, Arriola retired the next three Lady Cats' batters in order without allowing a run.

"Absolutely not," Navarrette answered when asked if he could've expected any more from his right-handed junior pitcher. "She struggled all year against them, but she shut them down and did what she needed to do."

The lone run of the game came in the fifth, when Ray sophomore Amee Kenyon hit a leadoff double, advanced to third on a bunt hit by Janae Ruiz, and scored on an RBI-single by Tara Lorona.

Ray loaded the bases later in the fifth with only one out, but Arriola again avoided further damage, fanning a hitter before fielding a comebacker and throwing to first for the third out of the inning.

"We've struggled the last couple of weeks with timely hitting, but the pitchers were great tonight and both showed great composure," Cook said.

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Baseball State Championship berth on the line when Superior and Ray meet later this week

By Andrew Luberda Copper Area News

It doesn't get much bigger or better for two rival teams. Top-seeded Superior and No. 4-seed Ray will play in one of two 1A State Semifinals games this Friday at the Goodyear Baseball Complex with the winner advancing to Saturday's state championship game and the loser going home.

Both teams have been ranked in the top-five most of this season and the only unfortunate thing about the matchup is that it's not taking place in the championship game, like Monday's softball title game.

Superior won the region championship, three games ahead of second place Ray.

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Superior sophomore Lindsay Ketron gave her team some hope in the sixth, hitting one-out triple off the right-field wall, but she was left stranded after Hinojos retired the next two Lady Panthers' batters.

The Ray right-hander retired the side in order in the seventh to clinch the Lady Cats' second-straight state championship.

"For the school, it's a great accomplishment," Cook said about the back-to-back championships. "For the players, it's the fulfillment of a goal they set out to do. To see them achieve it two years in-a-row has been a joy."

Despite the loss, Navarrette was proud of his young team – sans any seniors – and is confident it has what it takes for a return trip to the championship game a year from now.

"I think we did well even though we came up short," he said. "(Our girls) did an excellent job and proved to us they had heart. They didn't quit with their backs against the wall."

"We will be back here next year," Navarrette added. "Take nothing away from Ray, they have a good team. We look forward to seeing them again."

Copper Area softball fans would certainly welcome a rematch.

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The two teams are evenly matched statistically, despite the Panthers sweeping the Bearcats in two regular-season meetings.

Ray scored 299 runs this season compared to the Panthers' 280, but Superior allowed 37 fewer runs than Ray and outscored the Cats 35 - 9 in the two wins earlier this season.

Superior will likely choose among Kale Major, Edgar Galindo and Nicolaus Cruz to be on the bump Friday night. Ray will counter with ace Noah Warren or undefeated Brett Fackiner.

Friday's game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The winner will play Saturday at 4:30 p.m. versus Bagdad or Valley Union.

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The Town of Kearny will no longer be accepting the following items at the Town Yard due to lack of facilities. The items are paint, motor oil, household hazardous waste, antifreeze and toxic materials. Any Autozone does accept motor oil. Thank you for your support.

Reminder for Home Owners

The Town of Kearny would like to remind residents that fire season is here. If you have any weeds, shrubs, dry grass, or shrubs surrounding your yard, please remove the debris. Please create a three-foot, fire free area on all sides of your home. Clear gutters of leaves and debris. Trim any limbs on trees hanging over the house. Letters will be sent out to residents to remind them to regularly care for their property and keep it free from debris. Thank you for your support.

MAY

10 Water Lines Flushed in Town of Kearny

We will be flushing the water lines on Wednesday, May 10. Please do not do laundry during this time as there could be brown and black water because of what has accumulated in the system. Thank you for your patience.

13 College for Kids Fundraiser

A fundraiser to support College for Kids will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Rubios, 10509 North Oracle Road in Oro Valley. 20 percent of meal purchases made will be donated to College for Kids.

17 NRCD Quarterly Meeting

Winkelman NRCD Quarterly Meeting will be on May 17, 10 a.m, at the General Kearny Inn, 301 Alden Road. Lunch will be potluck.

17 Ladies Tea Party at the Kearny Library

We know it's not the 4th of July, yet, but, because we don't have summertime tea parties, the Kearny Public Library will be celebrating early at its monthly Ladies Tea Party on Wednesday, May 17 with a picnic food potluck at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite 4th of July food There will be activities, a craft and, of course, it's all free. Questions Call 363-5861.



25 Eagle One Veteran Outreach to Visit

The Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center will be at the Lions Club in Mammoth on Thursday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

29 Kearny Announces Pool Opening

The Kearny Pool Opening will commence with Free Swim Day on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The regular pool schedule will be Public Swim Mon – Sat from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Adult Swim, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Daily passes can be purchased at the pool. Season passes can be purchased at the pool or at Town Hall. Thank you to ASARCO who provided a generous donation for the opening of our pool this year!!

30-31 Reading Program

It's that time of year again, for the Kearny Library Summer Reading Program. If your child is between the ages of 6 -12 years, come and join us! Sign up began May 1. For ages 6 - 8, class begins Tuesday, May 30 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., but, moves to Monday through June. For ages 9 -12 years, class begins Wednesday, May 31 and continues on Wednesdays through June. Questions? Call 363-5861.

Blood Drive at Kearny Elks Lodge

Be part of a life saving journey. Give blood On Wednesday, May 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., an American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Kearny Elks Lodge #2478, Constitution Hall 912 Tilbury Dr # E Kearny, A 85137. To schedule an appointment or for more information please call American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2787 or visit redrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: Kearny.

JUNE Shred-A-Thon Planned at Supervisor's Office

Community Shred-a-thon & Electronics Recycling will take place at 118 Catalina Ave. in Mammoth on June 3, from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Bring up to five 13-gallon trash bags or banker boxes per person.

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

ON THE AGENDA

KEARNY CLEAN UP: Kearny's free dump day is held on the second Saturday of every month at the old transfer station.

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER HOURS: The Pregnancy Care Center in Winkelman, located at Fourth and Thorne Avenues in Winkelman, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's workshop is held on Thursday from 5-6 p.m. You can call (520) 664-5795 for a confidential appointment.

KEARNY SENIOR CITIZENS: The Kearny Senior Citizens group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Constitution Hall. The group talks about trips to different places in Arizona as well as other subjects. A potluck dinner is held after the social hour on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are needed. Come down and join the group. From May through August, the group meets only on the last Wednesday of the month.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 12-STEP: NA meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Sun Life in San Manuel. Rear entrance, south facing door. Open meeting. For more information, call Horizon Health and Wellness at 520-896-9240.

KEARNY LIBRARY HAPPENINGS: Kearny Library is the "N" place to be for Newest book and movie releases, the place to find great oldies to check out with your library card, and more. From 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Seniors (50 and up) meet for coffee and conversation. 10 a.m. Monday mornings are set aside for preschool kids. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. are for ages newborn to age 5 and their parents. A crochet class is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for beginners or advanced to get training and new patterns. On the third Wednesday of each month, the Ladies Tea Party meets to enjoy conversation, tea, crumpets, games and crafts. For more information call 363-5861.



Kearny Clean Up Volunteers

The Town of Kearny has volunteers who are able to help people in town clean their yards at no charge. Please call the Town Hall at 520-363-5547 to schedule an appointment.



Ray Junior High Bearcats, CJHL Champs.

Ray Jr. High wins CJHL Baseball Championship

By Andrew Luberda Copper Basin News

The Ray Jr. High baseball team avenged its only loss of the season, defeating the Miami Vandals 3 - 2 to win the Central Junior High League Championship in Miami on Apr. 22. After an undefeated season ended with a loss in the CJHL championship game a year ago, the Bearcats made it back to the same spot this season but it wasn't easy.

The Jr. Cats needed extra innings to beat a determined Eloy team in the semifinals, 9 - 8.

In the championship game, the Jr. Cats scored all three runs in the first inning and made it hold up, allowing Miami to get close but not enough to get over the top. Congratulations to the Ray Jr. Bearcats' players and coaches, which include Ally Hing, Tracon Naranjo, Alex Bravo, Jacob Barajas, Mark Rodriguez, Cody Hickingbottom, Johnny Chester, Derek Figueroa, Johnavon Pace, Alec Carrillo, Jack Warren, student manager Michael Warren, Head Coach Randy Rodriguez and Assistant Coach Stephen Naranjo.

On volunteering: Pilar Lechuga offers a local perspective

Pilar Lechuga, born and raised in the Copper Basin, is a supervisor at Asarco where he has been employed for 45 years. Aside from his time working for wages, Mr. Lechuga enjoys spending his time volunteering to help with various events.

There are always events looking for volunteers. If you are one of those who wonder why someone would do such a thing, devoting the little time available when one is not doing wage work to work some more, and for free, you are probably also wondering why this man goes out of his way to work harder than necessary and what possible benefit he derives that could make it worth his while.

This past weekend, he spent his "leisure" time in Phoenix, doing volunteer work for the Final Four events. Lechuga shared that he applied for this work online and went through both a background check and a drug check before being chosen as a volunteer.

Pilar described his experience as "A lot of hard work, but,

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Pilar Lechuga at the Final Four games in Glendale.



May 10, 2017

Shred-A-Thon and Electronics Recycling, Saturday June 3

Mammoth - Pinal County Attorney's Office and Supervisor Pete Rios have come together to offer a Community Shred-A-Thon and Electronics Recycling event, to help unclutter lives in a safe and affordable manner.

On Saturday, June 3 you may bring up to five 13-gallon trash bags or bank boxes full of documents for shredding or electronics for recycling. The event is free, but, a donation of three cans of nonperishable foods for the community food banks is recommended and welcome. To take advantage of this offer, come to the Board of Supervisor's Office, 118 Catalina Ave. in Mammoth on June 3, from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Accepted electronics are: Amplifiers, Answering Systems, Audio Equipment, Cable boxes, Cables/ All Types of Wires, Cable Equipment, Calculators, Cameras, Cell Phones, Circuit Boards, Computers –all types, Computer peripherals, Copiers, CD/ DVD, Drives – External, Electronic components, Fax machines, Hard drives, Keyboard/Mice, Kindles, Laptops, Mainframe Computers, Power supplies, Printers, Radios, Rechargeable Batteries, Remotes, Scanners, Servers, Speakers, Stereos/ Receivers/Turntables, Surge Protectors, Telephones, Typewriters, UPS Backup Batteries, VCR/DVD Players, Video/Video Game Equipment.

Electronics which will not be accepted are:TVs, Appliances, Rear Projection Equipment, CRT.

very satisfying!" He went on to say, "Sunday, I did Kids Fan Fast, helping hand out nice clear shoulder bags required nowadays to take anything in stadiums, donated buy Coca Cola and with kid activities from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; then went down to Music Fest from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. where Aerosmith put on a great concert,"

He went on to share about helping at the dehydration stations providing water, at the Lost and Found, where he helped unite three young lost children with their parents. He drove back home, arriving around 2 a.m. and not getting to bed until 4 or 5 a.m., as he needed to wash his uniform.

The next morning, on approximately five hours of sleep, he drove down to the Phoenix Cardinals Stadium, where he volunteered from 3 p.m. through 7 p.m. in setting up a

PILAR LECHUGA

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tailgate party, handing out game towels to students on both teams.

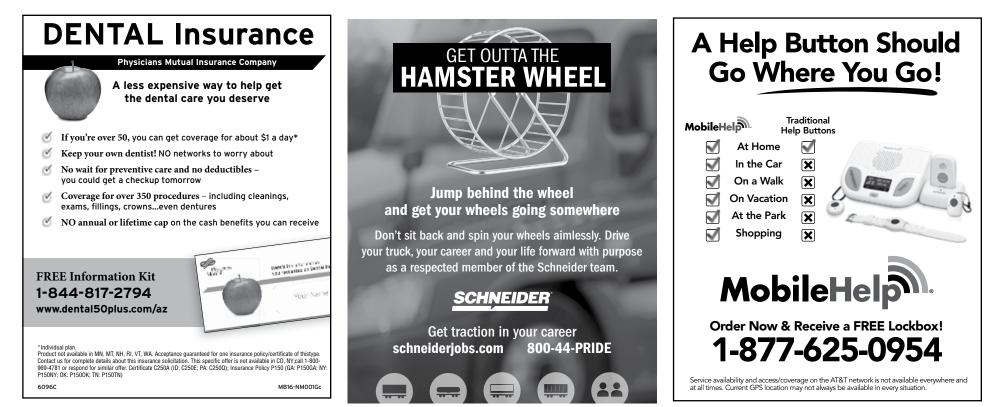
Lechuga shared, "That was an experience, see kids dressed up in their team colors, with a lot of team spirit." He got to watch the game, but, was too tired to stay for all of it. Heading home, he felt a deep sense of satisfaction, relief and pride.

Pilar stated, "...that I had been a part of Arizona, showing the country what a great place we live in and that we were – are – capable, putting on big-time events." He continued, "... also representing the Copper Basin Area with pride and joy! It was an experience of a lifetime!"

This is why people volunteer. It is not just hard work for no money. It is being a part of a community, a supporting of the event that entertains or informs the community, the smiles on the face of children, knowing that you helped families have a good meal, keeping an organization going that does so much for the community that has little else to give back in return but time and muscle.

It's self-esteem, self-worth, adding a variety of spice to a life that takes one out of the usual routine. It is not a vacation of the body, but, it can be a holiday for the spirit. As Pilar Lechuga has shared, it can bring deep satisfaction and pride and connectedness.

So, when you read your local community calendar or pass by a flyer and you see volunteers called for, consider not (only) what you can do for your community, but, what doing for your community can do for you.



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Homes or mobiles acre GR zoned lot for \$29,000 MLS # 21608717. Horse property. Large mature oak trees, motivated flooring, new windows and A/C. Must see! \$108,000 Double Lot 1.66 & 1.26 off Linda Vista. 2 Great seller. Bring all offers. \$125,000 MLS # 21609647 • 118 San Pedro 3 Bdrm 1 3/4 bath home Bi-lovel to metro bdrm and bath. upgraded hickory kitchen with appliances. Double carport in front, RV carport in back, AC, 2 sheds, workshop, Az room and more. \$89,900 parcels to choose from. Owner will carry with just 10% 49 ac commercial lot on American Ave. in Oracle, down. Build your dream home on one of these two lots. excellent location with good traffic for a business. Paved road. Homes only area. Utilities at or near the lot • 616 W. 3rd Ave. Beautiful 2 bdr 1 ba home with built up front ward, concrete driveway, block wall in back, 2 carports, and 3 sheds. 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Learn Your Lizards at the Arboretum Saturday, May 13 ^{Summer nature walks}

at Boyce Thompson Arboretum bring a weekly opportunity to learn about plants, birds and critters from a variety of guides - each with a unique perspective and wealth of knowledge. Saturday May 13 is the season debut of BTA's popular once-a-month 'Lizard Walk' series, guided by Steven Prager and Cathy Wise. Summer hours are daily from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (no entry after 2:00); and weekend nature walks are included with \$12.50 daily admission, \$5 for ages 5-12.

Field biologists, teachers and naturalists with Audubon Arizona, Cathy and Steven have a Spring schedule jam-packed with surveys for Yellow-billed Cuckoos and other avian field work, but we caught up with Steven this



Steven Prager at the Arboretum.

week for a sneak preview: Q: What's your background with 'herps' - and do you get to work with herps for AZ Audubon?

A: Although not professionally trained, I've been flipping rocks in search of herps since I was a young kid. Since then, I've gained experience with herps through my colleagues at AZ Game & Fish (where I worked with native fish) and have had the chance to share my knowledge with future naturalists of all ages through Audubon programs, projects, and field research.

O: What herps do you expect to find June 13 here at BTA? A: Lizards I expect are Side blotched lizards, Clark's and desert spiny lizards, greaterearless lizards, and tiger whiptails. Others like Gila monsters, eastern collared lizards, and great-plains skinks are possibilities, but not likely. On the snake side, I'd love to find a black-tailed rattlesnake, a diamondback rattlesnake, a California kingsnake, or a Sonoran coachwhip.... Read the full interview at http://bit. ly/2qOsFxt

Scrubs Camp coming

Interested in nursing or a career in the medical field, then SCRUBS Camp is for you!

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Don't miss this incredible opportunity to get a real hands-on medical field experience. For more information or to register please call the Eastern Arizona Area Health Education Center at 928-402-8054. SCRUB - It's not just a camp, it's an adventure!