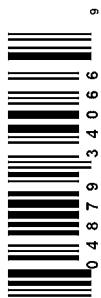
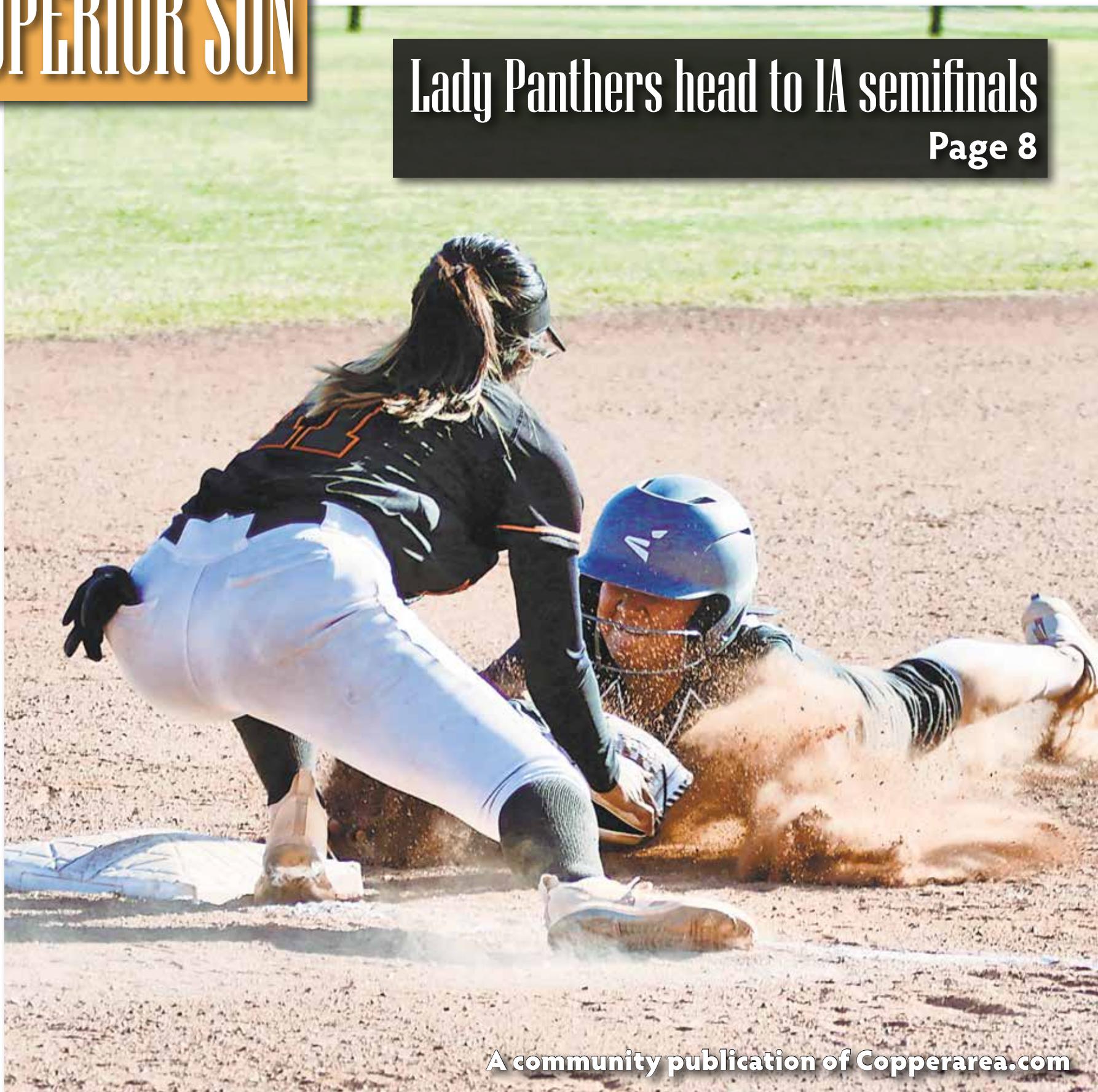


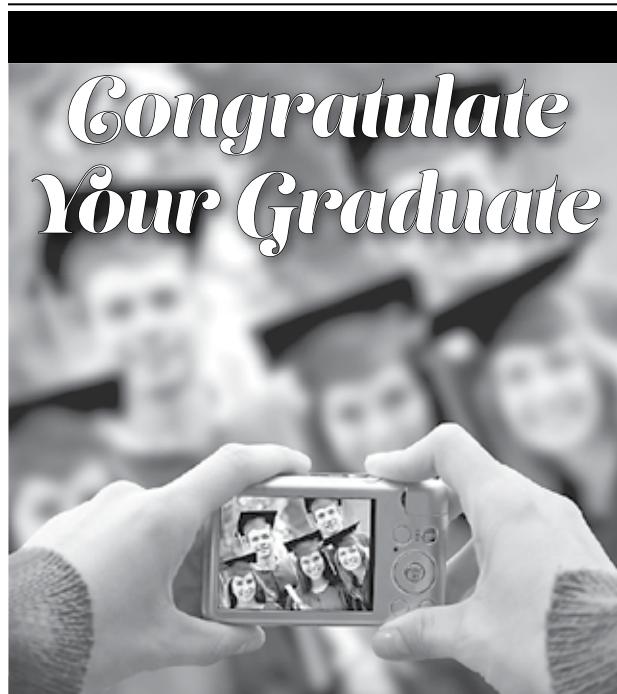
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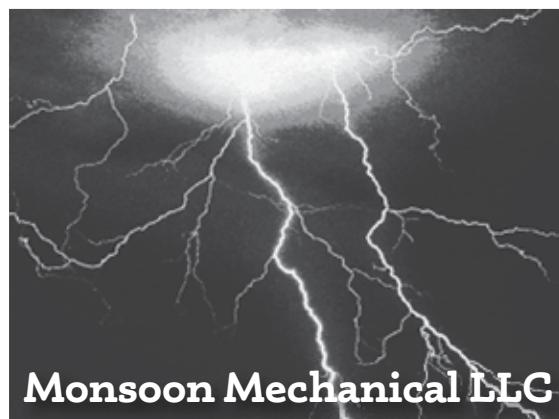
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—David Brinkley

## OBITUARY

# Edward J. Aguirre Jr.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, Edward J. Aguirre Jr., loving son, brother, Tio, and grandson, passed away at the age of 26. Edward was born on July 27, 1995 in Tucson, AZ to Edward L. and Rosa Aguirre. He received his Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Northern Arizona University in 2018. His nursing career began at Banner Casa Grande Medical Center as a Medical ICU Nurse. Edward had a passion for cardiothoracic medicine and was overjoyed when he landed a job at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as a Cardiothoracic ICU Nurse.



Edward was an adventurous, comical, and loving soul who brought joy to everyone around him. He had an infectious smile and matching energy that illuminated any room. He was a skilled and compassionate nurse that gave amazing care to not only his patients but their families. Edward carried this selfless attitude into the love he gave his family and friends. Friends and family were sure to be cheered up by him bursting into song and dance, especially to Lady Gaga. Edward was a self-taught pianist and karaoke superstar. Edward enjoyed hiking, biking, running marathons, and especially sand volleyball. As a travel enthusiast, Edward made recent trips to Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Mexico, and along the western coast. Every chance he got, Edward indulged in seafood and mastered his own spicy seafood boil.

Edward is survived by his parents Edward L. and Rosa Aguirre, Nana Amelia L. Aguirre, sisters Delicia, Regina (Kerry), and Angela, nieces: Ava, Emmy, and Camila, nephews: Jackson and Jacob. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Cruz B. Aguirre, maternal grandparents, Manuel and Emma Hernandez, and Nino Cruz L. "Pee Wee" Aguirre.

The family is being assisted by Bulman Family Funeral Homes. The family will also be honoring Edward in Phoenix with a Celebration of Life. Details will be shared at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in honor of Edward to Hope Lives - Vive La Esperanza, a non-profit organization committed to mental health recovery and wellness. #endthestigma

Services to be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday, May 14, 2022, 300 Mountain View Dr., Hayden, AZ. Visitation with the family is at 9 a.m., Rosary at 9:30a.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Luncheon following the Mass will be held at the USWA LOCAL 915, 107 N Hammond Dr., Kearny, AZ 85137.

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## OBITUARY

# David Peter Lira

David Peter Lira was born in Superior, Arizona on Jan. 18, 1938, to Gerardo (Harry) and Refugia (Cookie) Lira. He passed away May 1, 2022, at the age of 84.

A talented musician in high school, David, his brother Harry (Buster), and several friends formed the first of what would eventually become several different dance bands throughout his life. He graduated from Superior High School in 1956 and attended the University of Arizona. However, the summer after his freshman year, he and his loving wife-to-be, Verna, began dating. Instead of returning to the U of A, he went to work for Magma Copper Company, where he would spend the next 47 years of his career. He and his dance band, Los Starlighters, continued to play night and weekend events and even recorded a record.

When David was offered a supervisor position with Magma Copper Company, he was forced to make a choice between his band life and the supervisor position, as the company wanted him to be on call in the event there was an emergency. Even though he was heartbroken to leave the dance band life, he made the choice to do so for his family. While at Magma, David quickly became respected for his intelligence, hard work, and care for his peers and crew. David and his mill team had a wonderful bond. In addition to their work at Magma Copper

Company, they also worked together on many community projects including maintenance and installation work on the Bob Jones Museum, the Baptist and Catholic Churches, and the homes of many Superiorites. After a hard day's work, they could often be found holding a "Board Meeting" at Superior Lumber Yard or relaxing at David's house under the Yum Yum tree.

In 1959, David and Verna were married at Florence Presbyterian Church. They had three daughters: Deborah in 1959, Cheryl in 1960, and Elaine in 1963. They eventually built their dream home on Sunset Drive where they raised their family. In 1980, David and Verna adopted their granddaughter Aja, which began an entirely new chapter of their family.

Through the years, David saw strikes, company shutdowns, and after the final BHP buyout of the company, continued working as one of only a handful of employees trusted with the rehabilitation of the mine site. Upon retiring from BHP, he worked as a liaison, consulting with Resolution Copper, the Town of Superior, and many Superior residents on environmental studies and reclamation of the land surrounding the mine property. Throughout his life, David was instrumental in many projects that benefited the Town of Superior, including relocation of the Caboose to the Superior US 60 Park, initial development of the



Bob Jones Museum, and serving as a proud member of the Superior High School Hall of Fame Committee. David lived in their family home, a home full of love, treasured pets, and countless, wonderful memories until his death.

David is survived by his wife, Verna; brother, Harry (Gloria); sister, Mary (Rudy); daughters, Cheryl (Ruben) and Elaine (Charles); grandchildren, Aja (Josh), Mia (William), Xavier, Elise,

Anissa and Maribel (Javier); and great-granddaughter, Xzaylea. He is preceded in death by his father Harry, mother Cookie, daughter Deborah, and grandson David.

Services were held Tuesday, May 10, at the Presbyterian Church of Superior. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Superior. The Lira Family hosted a luncheon in their home following graveside services.

# Board of Supervisors looking at long-term debt proposal in Pinal County

The Board of Supervisors will be looking at a long-term debt proposal in Pinal County.

The long-term debt will be used to acquire land (or interests in land) for economic development purposes which would be utilized for future industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or similar activities and projects so that, in accordance with Section 11-254.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, the County can provide assistance or undertakings, improvements, leasing or future conveyance of the same to spur industrial growth by attracting business and corporate

development, expansion or relocation to enhance the economic welfare and job growth for the County's inhabitants.

The total estimated financing cost will be \$266,344,787, consisting of an estimated principal amount of \$126,595,000 and total estimated interest of \$139,749,787.

The public hearing is scheduled to take place during the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The Supervisors will hear this item as part of a public hearing during the regularly

scheduled meeting. The public is invited to comment on this issue at the public hearing or by emailing: [ClerkoftheBoard@pinal.gov](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@pinal.gov).

You can also mail your comments to the following address:

Pinal County Board of Supervisors  
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Written comments should be no more than 250 words.

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## Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will have Wednesday Night Tacos, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Orders to-go may be called in after 5:30 pm at 520-385-4041. Desserts by Sissie will also be available for sale. We look forward to seeing you.

## Eagle One Veteran Outreach

Visit Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center online at [hohp4heroes.org](http://hohp4heroes.org). Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

## Superior Library Hours

The Superior Public Library has extended its hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday. Be sure to like us on Facebook @ SuperiorPublicLibrary. Masks are strongly recommended with a one hour time limit to check out items or to use the computer. Give us a call at (520) 689-2327 if you have any questions.

## Kearny Senior Citizens Meetings

Kearny Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Constitution Hall in Kearny. All seniors are invited to attend.

## Ray Schools Pre-K Registration and Child Find

Register for Ray School's Pre-Kindergarten at Ray Elementary School Office, Monday - Thursday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or get forms online at [rayusd.org](http://rayusd.org). Your child must be four years of age prior to Thursday, Sept. 1. You must have a complete immunization record and birth certificate for each child. We also offer a Pre-Kindergarten program for students with disabilities, age 3 and up. If you suspect your child has a disability please contact the school office. Tuition costs for the 2022/23 school year is \$100 per semester. If payment is not made by first day of each semester your child will not be eligible to attend. 1st semester payment is due before August 5, second semester by January 3. Refunds must be requested by September 7 for 1st semester and February 3 for 2nd semester. For more information, call the Elementary Office at 363-5527 ext. 101.

## CAC GED Registration

It is never too late to get your high school diploma! Register at Central Arizona College for classes on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Visit online at: <https://centralaz.edu/community/education-outreach/adult-education/ged/>.

## Kearny Recovery Group

Kearny NA meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 617 Senator Chastain Rd. Any questions, call 480-549-0687.

## Donations Sought for Shed

San Manuel Senior Center is seeking donations to purchase a shed! Any amount welcome; please call Hazel to donate. Casserole carriers available for \$5.00. And remember to save your cans for us! We will pick them up from you. Give Hazel Cooper a call at 520-385-4586.

## San Manuel Historical Museum

The San Manuel Historical Museum is available to visit by appointment only during this time of reorganization, by calling Hazel Cooper at 520-385-4586 or 520-490-1605 (cell) or David Prough at 620-687-1720. These numbers are also posted on the door at the Museum. The Museum will open on Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be open every Saturday after that.

## Hayden Library: At the Movies

Join us at the Hayden Library every Friday at 11 a.m. for a new family movie each week.

## Superior Farmer's Market

Superior Farm to Fantastic Farmers Market is open every Saturday 9 a.m. to noon at the Food Court on Main Street. Fresh produce baked goods and much more. Follow us on Facebook.

## Dudleyville Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District which includes the area of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. Burn permits for both residential and agricultural purposes are not valid during this time.

## Tri-Community Food Bank Open

The Tri-Community Food Bank located at 108 Redwood Drive in Mammoth continues to be in business. We are observing social distancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To be eligible you must show proof of address that you live near or in Mammoth, San Manuel, Oracle or Dudleyville and have an income within the federal poverty guidelines. The thrift shop is closed and is not accepting donations. Call 520-487-2010 for more information.

## San Manuel Senior Center Donations Needed

Donations are needed to purchase a shed for the San Manuel Senior Center. Any amount is welcome. Casserole carriers are available for \$5. Remember to save your cans for us! We will pick them up from you. Please call Hazel at 520-385-4586 to donate.

## Ray Bearcats PTO

Ray Bearcat Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its monthly general meetings on the first Thursday of the month. All meetings will be held at the Ray PTO room at Ray USD, room #604. We are currently seeking new board members for our 2022-2023 fiscal year. Please email us if you would like to become a member, join the board, or have any questions! [raybearcatspto@gmail.com](mailto:raybearcatspto@gmail.com). Follow us on facebook for more up to date details!



## Bob Jones Museum Hours

Bob Jones Museum is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from noon - 3 p.m. It will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

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## 11 Infant and Toddler Screenings at Family First

Developmental screenings are scheduled for vision and hearing in infants and toddlers. These will be held at Family First, 1575 American Ave. in Oracle on Wednesday, May 11, starting at 10 a.m. Call 520-896-9545 for more information.



## 19 Superior Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

The Superior Food Bank needs five volunteers on Thursday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon to help receive produce. Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers are needed to bag non-perishables for distribution later in the week. Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, 2:30-5:30 p.m., 12-16 volunteers are needed for monthly distribution. Three pickup trucks also needed on Thursday, May 26, at 8:30 a.m. to deliver food to the Arboretum Apartments. Plan to wear a mask, comfortable shoes and be able to lift up to 15 pounds. To sign-up, email [superioraz.foodbank@gmail.com](mailto:superioraz.foodbank@gmail.com) or call (520) 689-2202.

## 25 Superior Senior Citizens' Game Day

Superior Senior Citizens' Game Day is Wednesday, May 25, from 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., at Superior Senior Citizen's Center, 360 Main St. Call Carol at 689-5182 before Monday, May 23, if you need a ride. A donation of \$2 is appreciated. Call Connie 602-703-8858 if you have any questions or comments.

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**Pastor Kevin Duncan**  
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**Richard Ferris**  
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## Oracle Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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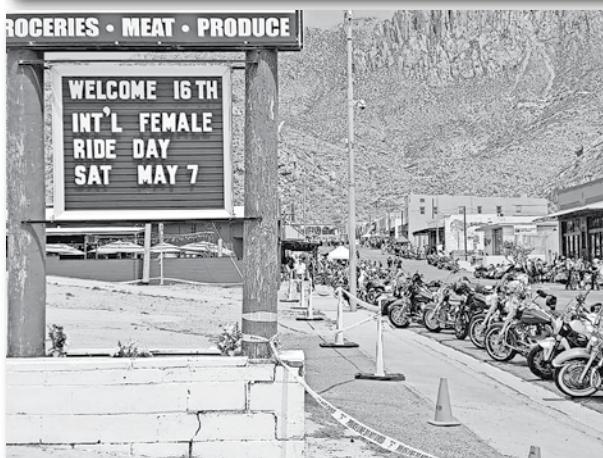
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The group gathered at Superstition Harley Davidson in Apache Junction and drove to Superior. Police Chief Frank Alanis reported that not one bike was dropped, which was a concern for the event coordinators.

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The Town of Hayden is accepting applications for the positions of Swimming Pool Manager and Lifeguards. These jobs are temporary and starting pay is \$12.80 per hour. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and must be lifeguard and CPR/First Aid certified. Applications may be picked up at the Hayden Town Hall Office, 520 N. Velasco Avenue, Hayden, Arizona between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Applications deadline is Friday, May 27, 2022. EEOE

**Town of Superior  
Public Works – Skilled Carpenter**

Now hiring a Skilled Carpenter for Public Works. Under general supervision of the Public Works Director performs a variety of maintenance and cleaning tasks. MUST HAVE VALID ARIZONA DRIVERS LICENSE. Drug testing and background check will be conducted prior to hiring. A complete job description and application available at Town Hall, 199 N. Lobb Avenue, Superior. Opening date: May 2, 2022. Closing date: May 27, 2022. \$20.00 to \$24.00 per hr. (DOE)

*Equal Opportunity Employer***Town of Superior  
Public Works – Streets Maintenance Worker**

The Town of Superior is accepting applications for Streets Maintenance Employee. This position performs a variety of routine and semi-skilled tasks involving general maintenance of Town streets, facilities, equipment and grounds. This position requires a minimum of two (2) years' experience and/or training in maintenance of facilities, streets and grounds. Must possess a valid Arizona Driver's License and be able to pass a pre-employment Drug Test and Criminal History Check. A complete job description and application may be obtained from the Town Hall, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, AZ. Opening date: May 2, 2022 and Closing date: May 27, 2022. Salary DOE. The Town of Superior is an EOE.

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# Lady Panthers blaze through first round and quarter-finals; semi-finals set for May 12

By Nathaniel A. Lopez  
Superior Sun

The Superior softball team continues their quest for the state championship, heading into the semifinals with a 9-win streak.

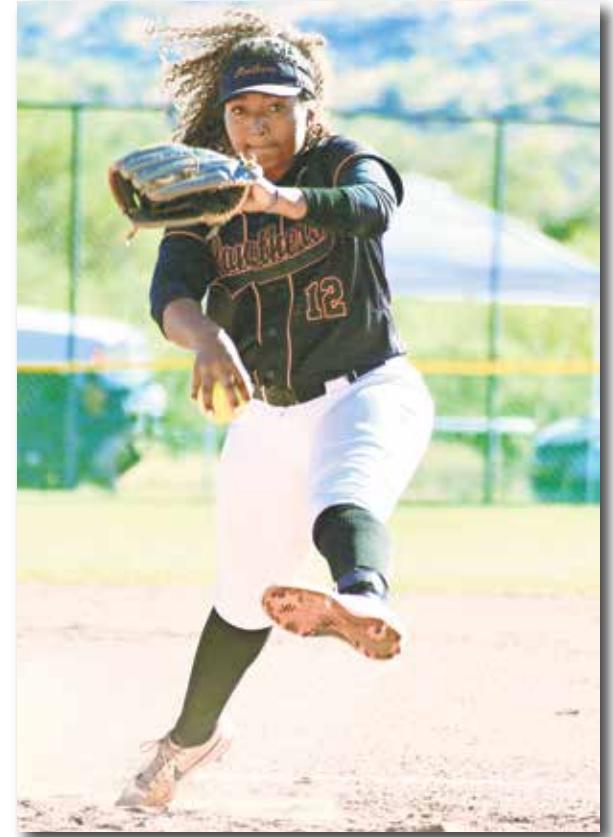
The Lady Panthers beat Antelope Union 18-2 in round one of the playoffs, followed by a quarterfinals victory against St. Michaels 3-0.

The two playoff games were pitched with flawless effort by Danika Bryant, only allowing two hits against Antelope Union, with 15 strikeouts. Bryant threw a no-hit shut out against St. Michaels, securing 19 strikeouts. At the plate for these games, Myika Cruz went 6 for 6, Danika Bryant went 3 for 4, with 2 walks and a hit-by-pitch. Julianna Navarro, Alianna Lopez, and Jasmine Ortega were also given praise for their contributions on offense. With great defense performances were catcher

Chiara Marquez and Analise Hollenbeck who had a web-jem diving catch.

“Our girls feel they are ready, and can’t wait to get down to Fiesta park,” began coach Alfonso Lopez. “I was really pleased with how they have been playing. They work really hard all year to have this opportunity, and to see them performing at that level; they are what every coach wants to see, especially where we are in the playoffs right now. Special thanks to all those who contributed in the last two home games, helping our program to be the best it can be and making it a great experience for all of us, I appreciate you.”

The Lady Panthers will travel to Fiesta Sports Complex for their semifinals game against Williams on May 12, with a start time of 5 p.m. If you are not able to support the Lady Panthers in person, you can support them from home by buying tickets to the livestream of the game at this web address <https://gofan.co/app/events/602889>.



Danika Bryant is on the mound for Superior.

Debbie Torres | SUN

## Superior Optimist Club hosts Honor Roll Banquet

The Superior Optimist Club hosted its 2022 Honor Roll Banquet at the Besich Park Amphitheater. This was the first in-person honor roll banquet hosted since 2020.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Mayor Mila Besich thanked everyone for attending and explained to the guests that this honor roll banquet was a long time community tradition that was hosted by Beta Sigma Phi, when that group disbanded, they asked the Optimist Club to continue the tradition, and the Optimist Club decided to give laptop computers, versus the trophies that were traditionally given to those who earned the honor roll three times a year for five years.

The ceremony included a catered dinner by Bella’s Marketplace and guest speakers. Each year the club invites two alumni to speak at the banquet: a recent alumni who received a laptop and alumni who have graduated and made an impact on the world. Cierra Navarrette, a class of 2015 graduate and recent Arizona State University graduate, spoke to the group. She explained that her laptop was instrumental to her college education and encouraged these young students to work hard in school to earn a laptop and to seek mentorship as they advanced through school.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Alexis Tameron Kinsey who is a 1994 graduate. Alexis career has included serving as a Chief

of Staff for former Congressman Harry Mitchell and currently serves at the Director for Government Relations for Rural Metro in Phoenix. In her remarks she shared a bit about her decisions and how she changed her mind in college several times before focussing her education to earn a degree from Arizona State University in Political Science. She shared that at first she wanted to be a Social Studies teacher, but then she realized she wanted a career where she could affect policy that improved the lives of people, and improved education for students in places like Superior.

“Never forget where you came from and always fight for what you believe in,” she stated in her remarks.

Following the remarks member of the Optimist Club handed out awards to the qualifying students from Superior Junior-Senior High school.

Earning certificates: Noah Jimenez, Evelyn Pratt, Isaiah Torres, Andrew Blair, Karson Commissaris, Esequiel Romero, Rose Tomerlin, Brayden Clary, Abraham Dominguez, Anjonette Fernandez, Anotonio Guerenza, Leia Jimenez, Isaiah Mendez, Isabel Rivas, Kayleigh Rogers, Gabriel Denogean, Alianna Lopez, Chanel Lopez, Marisela Lopez. Second Year certificate winners: Alyna Cruz, Lilianna Fritz, Kadynce Toner

Bronze Medals: Katelyn Commissarris, Felix Garcia, Nicholas Montano, Christopher Granillo, Monica Lopez

Silver Medals: Sussan Mancinas, Victorya Baechlar, Natalie Price, Julianna Navarro, Angelica Orozco

Gold Medals: Mira Estatico, Jasmin Ortega, Nathan Taylor

Laptops (5 consecutive years): Danika Bryant, Myika Cruz, Aubryana Preciado

The Superior Red Bear Outfitters also sponsor two laptop awards to seniors who missed the

laptop award level by one year. This year’s Red Bear laptop award winners were: Julianna Navarro and Angelica Orozco.

The Superior Optimist Club has awarded over 60 laptop computers. The club raises money through out the year to host this event and give these awards. To learn more about the Superior Optimist Club you can attend one of their monthly meetings. They meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Superior Chamber of Commerce office, 165 Main Street.



These three young ladies were awarded laptop computers.

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