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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Mammoth mayor participating with regional group

For the past four months, I have been sitting on the CAG regional meetings as the Mayor of the Town of Mammoth. This is attended by all Mayors from the small, and some from the large, cities and towns in the SE corner of the State. It was not attended by the Mayors from here, in the past. It is a wealth of information to all that attend these meetings, with current information from many different Town and State issues.

I am also on the budget committee for CAG. It is here that I have found the Central Arizona Government is in financial hard times. This is, in part, due to Pinal Co. proposing to start their own administration department, and, pulling away from CAG altogether. This will put CAG \$350K short in operation, not unlike the cuts the Town of Mammoth has had to make.

Many of these cuts were due to the fact the town has been mismanaged for the past two years (insurance and taxes not paid for the past two years). That being said, we are trying to get the Town in the black, and, I feel it will be done in another nine months, not counting what we owe to HURF funding, based on the cuts. Mismanagement is not the issue with CAG, and I have witnessed Ken Hall doing an excellent job. With all the cuts, and our four Public Works people doing the job of six people, we are keeping our heads above water, but, barely.

I will be proposing subcontracting the daily water readings at \$15 a day. Two persons need to be qualified for these positions for 365 days a year coverage. There is also a need for subcontracting the weed cutting and branch removal on a weekly basis. This will be a two man team and will be seasonal. The rate will be \$11 an hour per person. Contact the Town.

Back to the funding crisis in our town, and other towns with a population of less than 5,000. As the towns and cities in Arizona expand and more people move into our State, the funding these larger towns generate cuts the smaller towns down, and, as they say, "Our piece of the

pie gets smaller.", based on the fact smaller towns are not growing. The answer here is for smaller towns of less than 5,000 people to get a larger percentage of State Shared Revenue, and, larger towns and cities a smaller percentage.

Our future looks bleak to me, and, as I see for the future of our small towns, legislature need to be changed. I am not a mathematician, but, I can see the projected numbers only mean less money for small towns in the future years. We need to talk to our legislature and State Senators to

have laws changed. What will help is HURF funds, which need to go into our general funds for the operation of small towns. Small towns need to get a percentage of their country lottery sales. Also, a percentage of lottery funding needs to go to excellent organizations like CAG. To let CAG go down would be another let down for small towns. Last, we do not need to cut education since our children are the future of all towns of Arizona.

/s/ **Don Jones**  
Mayor, Town of Mammoth



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## OBITUARIES

# Guillermo 'Willie' Montijo

Guillermo "Willie" Montijo, 77, of Mammoth, Ariz. passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in Tucson, Ariz.

Guillermo (Willie) Montijo was born in Tucson on May 6, 1937. He lived in Tiger, Ariz. until the age of 18. He then moved to Mammoth and graduated from San Manuel High School. He served three years in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. He worked for the underground copper mines for 37 years. In 1968, he

married his wife Maria and had three children, Jackie, Danny and Nick. He has 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Willie was most known in his earlier days for playing softball fast pitch with him being pitcher. He was a loving, kind man who had a great sense of humor. He loved to dance and go to the casino and play bingo. But most of all he loved being around his family and grand kids. It brought him the most happiness. He will be loved and missed deeply and will live in our hearts forever.



Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Mammoth, Ariz.: visitation at 8:30 a.m., rosary at 9 a.m., mass at 10 a.m. and burial to follow at Valley View Cemetery, Mammoth, Ariz. with Military Honors. Online Guestbook: www.GriffithMortuary.com.

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# Clarence F. Baptisto

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend Clarence F. Baptisto "Skinny" got his angel wings on April 23, 2015.

He was preceded in his journey by his parents, Eddie and Laura Casillas, and nephew, Adrian Paul Baptisto.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle; sons, Jorge (Brandi) Baptisto of Tucson and Clarence (Raelynn) Baptisto of Cottonwood; daughter, Patricia "Lizzie" Baptisto of Dudleyville; brother, Cory (Marlene) Baptisto of Coolidge; nephew, Derek Baptisto and family of Sacaton; granddaughters, Brittany Smitch, Tiffany Smitch, Desttany Smitch and Fraya Baptisto; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and beloved friends.

A viewing was held May 1 from 1-3 p.m. at Griffith Mortuary followed by a Celebration of Life at the Dudleyville Park later that day.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# We just wanted answers about the boys camp

My wife and I are retired, having lived in San Diego for 34 years. The gang culture there was a large concern for us so we researched places to move to where we didn't have to be on pins and needles due to gang and crime issues. We chose Oracle out of a long list of towns, cities, and states for the lack of crime issues.

When the nearby boys camp was the site where Central American immigrants were to be housed, the first thing that came to mind was the research I had done on a novel I had done less than a year prior to moving here. The Google search terms used were "History of Mara Salvatrucha, Background on Gang Initiations, and Gang Involvement." The first search term is one that caused us the most

consternation, with the other issues also causing concern. There was no information from the feds about how these people were screened to weed out the potential for gangs.

It is human nature to wonder why things are done when no data is provided, surreptitiously, or without a response, when questions are raised. Those questions were raised without any substantial data being provided. Ron Thompson had tried to get answers, as had others. We inquired about it to the local people we knew with no results. No one we asked had been provided that data by any gov't. agency to those locally who should have been informed. Frank Pierson called Ron Thompson's actions "chest thumping" when attempts to seek

answers from the school about the issues of health, gangs, and the other issues that one would naturally be concerned about were finally answered.

The above referenced Google results would have made anyone shiver in fear due to not knowing the extent of potential disease, gang members, and so on that could be in our midst, in a community wanting only a peaceful life in which to raise children without added potential issues these items could have provided.

The article by Mr. Pierson was written without taking into account the fact that there are people with natural reactions to these issues, and rightly so. Incendiary language and choice of adjectives to seemingly be an attack on those who wanted answers was a bit beyond what was necessary. The article was missing any mention of communication with Mr. Thompson to determine his motivation for trying to ensure the community was not going to be the recipient of harm to the public.

Several attempts were made by Mr. Thompson to obtain data from the school and other sources. This was not productive when requests were made to gather what should have been given willingly to assuage

concerns of this community. The use of words such as instigator, chest thumping, "conflict resolution", "anxiety", "trepidation", "mediated", and the phrase of 'blizzard of threats to our town' could easily have been made with language that expressed the situation in a more decent way.

The fault that promulgated this situation was not Mr. Pierson, Mr. Thompson, or any other source other than a failure of government to provide the information that any thinking person would have made known. Prediction is not a difficult thing in cases such as the importing of people from Central America or taking in refugees that possibly could currently have or had ties to the gangs which might locate them and rekindle the relationship. According to news media, criminal elements are all but running the lives of those in Central America. We don't want or need that to occur here.

We agree that the decent thing as stated in the last paragraph is relevant. However, prudence dictates we should also exercise caution when no answers exist to allow logical people to ascertain a level of threat to our lives and to our children.

/s/ **Bernard Haas**  
**Oracle**

## OBITUARY

# Philip B. Starks

Philip B. Starks 74, met his wife in heaven on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Philip was born on Aug. 27, 1941 in Sheridan, Michigan to Cecil and Grace Starks. He attended school in Michigan, and graduated in 1959.

He served in the Army during the Vietnam era, and was stationed in Germany and Ft. Huachuca, AZ. It was in Ft. Huachuca that he met and fell in love with Isabel Chavez. They were married in 1964. He was later honorably discharged from the military. He lived in Bisbee, AZ where he was a police officer. In 1972 he and his family moved to San Manuel where he was employed by Magma Copper Co. until he retired in 1999. He then took a job as a corrections officer in Florence and retired from there in 2008. Philip also held various college degrees and was valedictorian of his class at C.A.C.

Philip moved to Miami in 2013 when his wife became ill and was taken care of by family members, until the day he passed.

Philip was preceded in death by his mother Grace, father Cecil, son Edward, and loving wife Isabel. He is survived by his sons, Effren Starks of San Manuel and Eric Andrade of Phoenix; daughters, Elodia (Albert) DeHerrera of Miami, AZ, Elvia (Jose) Moreno of Oracle, and Elisa (Anthony) Burrola of San Manuel; 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m., at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church in San Manuel. A pot luck will follow in the church hall.



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# Mammoth Police Report

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Items are given to the *San Manuel Miner* by the Mammoth Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.

## April 14

A bicycle was reported found at the Mammoth Little League field. The owner was identified and bicycle returned.

## April 17

A man was reported sleeping under a tree in the area of Hayden and Hwy. 77. The officer was unable to locate.

An officer was requested by a woman living on Crenshaw Ave. The woman said her brother was knocking on her door and she was afraid of him. He had beaten her up in the past and there was a restraining order on him. The woman then advised that her brother had left. An officer then made contact with her brother and advised him that his sister did not want him at her home.

Domestic violence was reported in the area of First Ave.

## April 18

An officer requested assistance in the area of Olympic Rd. Officer assisted with traffic control for a disabled vehicle.

Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Galiuro St. Reporting party heard loud noises and her dogs were barking which was unusual. Officer responded and found

everything to be normal.

## April 20

An agency assist call was received from Pinal County deputies for a domestic disturbance in the area of S. Mesa Rd. A juvenile male was threatening his grandparents. All parties were talked to.

A man on a bicycle cutting through oncoming traffic was reported. Contact was made with the cyclist and he was given a verbal warning.

## April 21

A report of harassment was made by a party on Hetzel Ave.

A woman came into the police station to report that her phone had been stolen on Saturday at the Circle K. She reported that AT&T was waiting for someone to use the phone so they could track it. MPD advised her to contact them if she received more information on the theft.

## April 22

Theft of two tires and tools was reported in the area of Vine Ave.

## April 24

A single vehicle accident was reported on Hwy. 77 at milepost 116. A silver van hit the guard rail. Female driver was bleeding from the face. Officer responded for traffic control. Female refused medical transport. Scene was turned over to DPS.

A woman reported that she had eaten at a restaurant on Hwy. 77 and had been notified by her bank that there were four additional charges on her credit card that were not authorized. The bank caught it and advised her to contact police.

## April 25

A party wishing to remain anonymous reported that a

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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 27

Kristy Nicole Sims, 33, Dudleyville, was arrested in the 4900 block of N. Cholla St., Dudleyville, and was charged with assault. She was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of N. Calle Coruna, Oracle.

Theft was reported in the 36000 block of S. Ridgeview Ct., SaddleBrooke.

## April 28

Burglary was reported in the 1500 block of N. Calle Valencia, Oracle.

Fraud was reported in the 2000 block of W. Paseo Redondo, Oracle.

Criminal damage was reported in the 1100 block of N. Justice Dr., Oracle.

## April 29

Fraud was reported in the 65000 block of E. Rolling Hills Dr., SaddleBrooke.

Theft was reported in the 39000 block of S. Lago del Oro Pkwy., SaddleBrooke.

An accident without injuries was reported in the area of E. Webb Rd., San Manuel.

## April 30

Fire was reported in the 1700 block of W. Oracle Ranch Rd., Oracle.

Fraud was reported in the 48000 block of E. Panther Butte Rd., SaddleBrooke.

## May 1

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of N. Timberline Dr., Oracle.

Fraud was reported in the 22000 block of S. Hwy. 79, SaddleBrooke.

Fraud was reported in the 36000 block of S. Rock Crest Dr., SaddleBrooke.

## May 3

Anthony B. Salcido, 47, Tucson, was arrested on Hwy. 77 at milepost 97, Oracle, on a warrant for non-compliance. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail.

Burglary was reported in the 48000 block of E. Panther Butte Rd., SaddleBrooke.

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# SPORTS

## Lady Miners ready to defend back-to-back state titles

By Andrew Luberda  
San Manuel Miner

The third-seed San Manuel softball team began defense of its back-to-back state titles on Tuesday, facing No. 19-seed Seligman in the second round of the Division IV State Softball Championship playoffs.

The Antelopes defeated No. 14 St. David in the first round, 7 – 3.

The Miners, who were ranked at or near the top of the Division IV rankings all year, had a bye in the opening round. With a win on Tuesday, the Miners would face the winner between No. 6 Pusch Ridge Christian Academy and No. 11 Antelope Union in the quarterfinals on Friday, May 8. That game is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Rose Mofford Complex in Phoenix. Results for the Tuesday game were unavailable at press time, but will be posted to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/copperarea](http://www.facebook.com/copperarea).

## Miner season ends after win, then loss in playoffs

By Andrew Luberda  
San Manuel Miner

The ninth-seeded San Manuel baseball team saw its season come to an end after a 5 – 4 loss to No. 8-seed Valley Union in the second round of the Division IV State

Baseball playoffs last Saturday.

The Miners defeated No. 24-seed Ash Fork a first-round game last Friday at the Goodyear Baseball Complex, 2 – 1. San Manuel finished its season with a record of 15 – 7, which included an 8 – 3 record and third-place in the final Section VI standings.

## Dark Skies Committee to go into the second stage

Fresh off a training in setting up and aiming the four telescopes donated to Oracle State Park, the Oracle Dark Skies Committee will be meeting Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at SaddleBrooke Ranch La Hacienda Club. They will be beginning the second stage of their work to help preserve Oracle's, (and the world's) oldest natural resource, the night sky. And they will be welcoming new members to the committee.

As part of their application for OSP to become an International Dark Sky Park, they pledged to educate the public about the need for dark skies and to preserve and, if possible, increase the darkness at the site.

For the latter, they will be engaged in the "Go for the Gold" campaign to garner support from those in the area to decrease inefficient and unnecessary lighting. OSP came into the program as a silver-tier level only because they couldn't quite achieve the required darkness level for the gold tier. Everything else about the Park was gold. So, the committee will be helping local people get the best use out of their lights without wasting their money sending light out of their immediate need area to become "light pollution."

In addition, the Committee will be increasing the number of occasions at which the public will be able to enjoy Sky Parties. They will also hold programs about the importance of darkness to human health and wildlife health. Other programs will help business and home owners to decrease their electrical bills by aiming their lights where they are needed.

The Dark Skies Committee would like to welcome more community members like Charlotte Poole who "Upon moving to Oracle ... discovered how beautiful the night sky is from my balcony. When a committee member told me about Oracle State Park applying for Dark Sky designation, I jumped at the chance to share with the committee my enthusiasm, gratitude and suggestions. Also I learn so much at the committee meetings about how light pollution dampens my vision of the sky and my surroundings and what can be done to improve lighting. With Oracle State Park receiving the IDA designation, I look forward the committee's ongoing projects and Star Parties."

And though newcomers to the area can immediately see how wonderful the night skies are here, long-time resident MaryHelen Vasquez, another founding member of the committee grew up in Oracle and has always lived here. In fact,

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male driving a 1998 white Jeep Wrangler was leaving the softball field and was intoxicated.

A report of a bee sting and bees attacking at a house was reported in the area of Hwy. 77. Bees were on the chimney of the main house and were no longer attacking. The sting victim was fine. Party was given the contact information of a beekeeper in San Manuel.

Two males were reported fighting in right field at the softball field. Officer responded and males were separated.

### April 28

Suspicious activity was reported on Dungan St. Reporting party said she could hear someone outside her home and dogs were barking. Officers responded with negative contact.

Calls not listed include: medical (24), agency assist (1), animal complaint (4), 911 hang-up (2), welfare check (1), warrants entered/cleared (1), citizen assist (3), loud music (2) and fire (3).

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# Local school districts marshaling on in wake of

## Override revenues ease some of the hurt; JTED cuts could reduce tech courses at high schools

By James Hodl  
Copper Area News

Despite the Arizona legislature allocating fewer dollars for education in its fiscal 2016 budget, area school superintendents are not entirely long-faced about the future.

“The Oracle Elementary School District (OESD) is in decent, though not great, shape due to voter enactment of the 15 percent M&O (Maintenance and Operational) budget override last November,” said OESD Superintendent Dennis Blauser.

But over at the Ray Unified School District (RUSD) in Kearny, the fact that per-pupil school funds are allocated a year in advance will help as declining enrollment enables the district to divvy up the funds for departed student among existing ones, said RUSD Superintendent Curt Cook. “It takes some of the sting off the reduced state allocations,” he said.

Over at San Manuel High School in San Manuel, the school is still assessing the situation and has no comment at this time.

Under the fiscal 2016 Education Budget, the legislature voted to increase classroom spending by 1.6 percent but to cut non-instruction spending by five percent. Funding for JTED vocational and technical programs also were slashed by \$30 million (a 7.5 percent reduction). And while funding for community colleges in Maricopa County were slashed to zero, those in Pinal County will continue to receive \$2 million in state support thanks to the political maneuvering of state representatives T.J. Shope and Frank Pratt (16th District) and Doug Coleman (8th District).

“Thanks to more revenues provided by the override and the 1.6 percent hike in classroom spending, OESD will be able to supply its students with more in-classroom materials and well as make other improvements,” Blauser said. “These include updating school buses and working toward providing every student with a computer.”

OESD also is looking toward the future.

“Oracle is on the verge of growth in local business sector. This will expand the local tax base, which benefit school financing,” he added.

“But despite a lot of things going well, running schools in this era of frugal funding will still be challenging and we will need to make every dollar count,” Blauser said.

Under the recently enacted state Education Budget, RUSD will have \$123 more to spend on each student in the classroom, Cook said. In that the district has declining enrollment (it had 30 fewer students this year than last) the per-pupil spending might be a little more.

“RUSD currently has a \$100,000 deficit to pay, but it would have been a \$400,000 deficit without the M&O override that passed in recent years,” Cook explained.

Still the declining value of local houses reduces the tax base under which property taxes can be levied, making it harder to plan future district budgets, he added.

“I believe at RUSD have been excellent stewards of the money we receive. We have made sure that every dollar has had a purpose, but if the state continues to reduce funding, we may have to cut programs,” Cook noted.

Cook added that RUSD needs some capital improvements and may have to float a bond issue in the near future.

While RUSD continues to consider joining a JTED (Joint Technical Education District), the one serving San Manuel High School is contemplating closing some programs as a result of the \$30 million reduction in funding voted by legislators.

“These cuts reduce the amount of per-pupil funding

for students enrolled in JTED and CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs to the point where local school districts would lose money needed to support these programs in their schools,” said Alan Storm, superintendent of the Pima JTED.

There are currently 24,000 students enrolled in Pima JTED programs at high schools throughout Pima County and in the Pinal County towns of San Manuel and Rio Rico. The organization offers 50 CTE programs, the most popular of which are Automotive Technology, Information Technology, Engineering, Culinary Arts, Media and Graphic Communications, Nursing, and Precision Manufacturing.

“Under the approved Education Budget, economics will once again necessitate closing programs that were brought back at the urging of business owners and parents alike.



Students at Cobre Valley Institute of Technology study Fire Science at Gila Community College. Superior and Hayden-Winkelman School Districts are members of the CVIT JTED.

# legislators voting cuts in education funding

This will cut off career opportunities for many students, not to mention the loss of trained workers for local employers," Storm said.

"The timing of the \$30 million budget cut (on top of \$40 million last year and \$50 million in 2011) couldn't be worse," he added. "A substantial number of our nation's skilled workforce is reaching retirement age. By 2017, an estimated 2.5 million new middle-skill manufacturing jobs are expected to be added to the workforce, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all job growth.

"How will Arizona attract businesses if we lack a skilled workforce?" Storm asked.

The Pima JTED was created at the request of local business people in 2006. At their further request, Pima JTED would like to create new courses in Robotics and Diesel Technology, for which graduates will find jobs in a reviving mining industry.

Like public schools, charter schools also had their fiscal 2016 funding cut by \$3 million by the legislature. However lawmakers also approved a bill signed by Gov.

Ducey guaranteeing \$24 in state cash to back loans charter schools take out for getting started and building facilities.

The fiscal 2016 Education Budget also trims state funding for the three state universities (University of Arizona, Arizona State and Northern Arizona University) by \$99 million (a 14.5 percent reduction from the previous year). The cuts could result in further hikes in university tuitions, although Gov. Ducey is urging the Board of Regents to make all the cuts in administrative salaries.

## Our Local Officials Offer Their Opinions on the State of Educational Funding

**S**o how do our elected officials see the current state of educational funding as it affects Pinal County and surrounding areas?

We took those questions to 13 officers holding positions in the state legislature and Pinal County government. We received replies from State Sen. Barbara McGuire (D-District 16), State Rep. T.J. Shope (R-District 16) and Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios (District 1). Their answers are as follows:

**Question: What is your opinion on the Education Budget enacted in early March by the Arizona state legislature?**

**McGuire:** "The enacted budget continues the pattern of severe underfunding of our K-12 schools, community colleges and universities. The responsible approach to the budget crisis would have been for the Governor to work across the aisle and address the many education budget challenges in a bi-partisan manner. Unfortunately, this is not the path he has chosen. Pinal County schools will continue to face major challenges to putting more dollars in the classroom because they will have to tap funds designated for the classroom to cope with increased fixed costs and emergency repairs and maintenance."

**Shope:** "The impact of the budget on K-12 schools throughout Pinal County will vary from district to district. In the Coolidge Unified School District for example, certified personnel (teachers) were recently given a 5% salary increase. I had spoken to superintendents from across our legislative district throughout the budget process as well as public charter school operators and I believe we incorporated some reasonable requests into the budget that will make the funding adjustments much more

feasible."

**Rios:** "Education absolutely took a big hit in the new budget. They may have earmarked more money for the classroom but these increases were peeled away like an onion elsewhere in the budget so that school districts ultimately end up deeper in the hole. For some districts, if they see any additional funding at all it will be due to growth in student attendance."

**Question: What about Pinal County community colleges getting state funding while community colleges in Maricopa and Pima counties losing all funding?**

**Shope:** "Pinal County is obviously a different animal than Maricopa or Pima Counties. Ultimately, Representatives Coleman and Pratt joined my efforts to ensure that Pinal County's Community College District wouldn't suffer the same fate as Maricopa and Pima. We were successful because we were able to convince our colleagues in Phoenix that our tax base is radically different than the tax base of the two most populous counties in the state and therefore, we shouldn't have taken the same percentage of adjustment as they did."

Both McGuire and Rios said they are glad that Rep. Shope and the two other Pinal County representatives were able to save some money for the county's community colleges.

**Question: What about that lawsuit in which a judge ruled that the legislature was in violation of a 2000 voter-approved referendum setting levels of school funding through 2021? How should the state proceed?**

**McGuire:** "Legislative leadership should stop stonewalling the settlement process and come to the table and negotiate a settlement in good faith. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit have been

willing to negotiate since the very first ruling in their favor. I favor fully restoring the base level funding formula to the court ordered level. This would mean an additional \$336,500,000 going directly into our schools; however, due to the budget constraints we are under I am in favor of phasing this increase in over a two or three year time horizon. The compromise you speak of would likely be doable if the legislature leadership would come to the table and negotiate."

**Shope:** "My opinion on the lawsuit is the same as it has been since the first verdict was announced and that is that I hope both sides can continue to negotiate a reasonable settlement that doesn't imperil every single other agency in state government but until that point, the appeals process should be allowed to play out."

**Rios:** "The court order isn't going away. Under the voter referendum, school spending should have gone up \$316 million. The back pay order tops \$1 billion. Affected parties need to work towards a compromise, as I don't believe the state can get rid of the referendum's mandate unless the people vote to reverse it themselves."

**Question: Were the budget cuts for JTED (Joint Technical Education Districts) and CTE (Career and Technical Training) programs justified?**

**Shope:** "I am a strong believer in vocational education and it is my desire to bring back full funding of vocational education in the next budget cycle when our revenues should be in much better shape. There are plenty of vocational education advocates in the Republican Caucus and I know that when



State Sen. Barbara McGuire



State Rep. T.J. Shope



Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios

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# Superior schools expect to weather latest state budget cuts thanks to November override approval

By James Hodl  
Copper Area News

Voter approval last November of the 15 percent M&O (Maintenance and Operational) override will lessen the negative impact on the fiscal 2016 Education Budget enacted this spring by the Arizona legislature, according to Cindy Benson, board president of the Superior Unified School District (SUSD).

“Had the override allowing Superior to raise property taxes to raise additional revenues to provide a 15 percent increase over state-provided M&O school expenditures, Superior school would have been hurt immediately,” Benson said. “Now SUSD has time to consider more surgical cuts in its budget that do not impact the quality of classroom education.”

Under the fiscal 2016 Education Budget, the legislature voted to increase classroom spending by 1.6 percent but to cut non-instruction spending by 5 percent. Funding for JTED vocational and technical programs also were slashed by \$30 million (a 7.5 percent reduction). And while funding for community colleges in Maricopa County were slashed to zero, those in Pinal County will continue to receive \$2 million in state support thanks to the political maneuvering of state representatives T.J. Shope and Frank Pratt (16th District) and Doug Coleman (8th District).

The ability to have an override source of additional revenue is proving critical in Pinal County in weathering the latest round of state school funding cuts. Where overrides were enacted anew, school districts such as Superior and the Oracle Elementary School District have funding sources that for now lessen the fiscal pain. In towns where overrides were rejected by voters and are nearing or at zero override funding, more drastic cuts are being considered and approved.

Because of the state funding cuts, school boards in Apache Junction and Coolidge have voted to go to four-day school weeks, which trim expenses related to student transportation and food service are trimmed by 20 percent, as related employees are no longer needed for five days. But students do not lose classroom time as the Friday hours are distributed equally to the other four weekdays, extending the school day by about two hours.

There are no immediate plans for SUSD to go to a four-day week, but the school board is studying the idea, Benson said.

Being in a poor rural area with a declining population, SUSD will in the future face further revenue loss as state funding is allocated on a per student basis, Benson said. The board will have to devise ways to maintain educational quality on fewer dollars in the foreseeable future.

The four-day school week is already a reality in the Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District (HWUSD) and now with further reductions in state education funding more cuts are going to have to be made, said Superintendent Jeff Gregorich.

Rural school districts with declining enrollment have been hurting since state budget cutting began in 2009, but the recent cuts now even the big districts are hurting, he noted.

“When originally faced with a budget cut, you rally the staff with a call for doing more with less money, and everyone gets enthusiastic about accomplishing the goal. But when you do it four or five years in a row, the message gets awfully stale,” Gregorich said.

Six weeks after Gov. Doug Ducey signed the fiscal 2016

## But Hayden-Winkelman district looking for further economies to get by with fewer state dollars

Education Budget, HWUSD is still examining its options and to where additional economies can be wrung from school operations, and it all has left Gregorich disappointed.

“All this budget cutting is sad and short-sighted,” Gregorich said. “We need to invest in our children for the future of the state. What good is cutting taxes to attract business to the state when one of the things businesses want most is an educated workforce and they see how little we prize education?”

“The current budget may give extra money on one budget line but takes more funding away on the next line,” he added.

Some belt tightening due to state budget cuts also is expected in the JTED (Joint Technical Education Districts) programs offered to students at their local high schools and the central vocational school, Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT) based in Globe. Some JTED programs available to high school students in Superior, Hayden and Winkelman also are offered at Gila Community College in Globe.

“Like other JTEDs in Arizona, the state Education Budget cuts will hinder our ability to continue current vocational and technological programs in their current form,” said Beata Tarasiuk, CVIT executive program director.

“Past budget cuts have been disastrous. We lost funding for programs taken by ninth graders in 2011. And each year since we have had to do with fewer dollars, to the point we need every current penny to continue programs that our JTED students need. And now we are faced with a 7.5 percent reduction



in funding for the overall JTED programs and a 50 percent reduction in revenues for the programs offered at participating high schools,” Tarasiuk explained.

“We will just have to adjust to the new reality,” she added.

The CVIT JTED currently offers a broad selection of vocational education programs. The most popular are Construction Trades, Nursing and Medical Assistance. But CVIT also offers programs in Agriculture, Fire Science, Welding and Geology related to mining. And CVIT is looking into creating a course in Modern Mining Techniques, now the Resolution Copper has announced plans to use robotics to mine copper near Superior.

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our revenues come in as projected, we will show our commitment to vocational education.”

**McGuire:** “No, we are not doing enough. Students who participate in CTE actually have a higher high school graduation rate than peer students and many graduate from high school with the skills necessary to find gainful employment in the workplace upon graduation.”

**Rios:** “Although JTED districts took a \$30 million hit in funding, things could have been worse. What state officials should be considering is why any business would want to come to Arizona if we do not have an educated workforce.”

**Question: Is going to a four-day school week as some districts are doing an acceptable way for school districts to trim non-classroom expenses?**

**McGuire:** “I am not in favor of the four day school week. The school day is long enough already and the longer day will make it more difficult for teachers to keep students engaged. Additionally, the four day week imposes an undue burden on working parents who would have to find childcare for their children while they are at work.”

**Shope:** “I am an advocate of local school districts being able to make decisions that they feel will help their schools succeed. If a four-day week is a way to save dollars, then I believe it should be considered. I can tell you from the research that I have seen is that it does save money while at the same time, it does not harm the instructional value of education.”

As for the future, McGuire said, “After years of underfunding our education system, the challenge is so great that only bi-partisan problem solving and a willingness to look at the revenue side of the budget will truly begin to address the challenge. If the legislature is unwilling to do the job, the voters should do it for them. The teacher retention crisis is caused in part by low salaries but is also exacerbated by the heavy workload brought on by large class sizes. We are losing the numerical equivalent of a 100% turnover in classroom teachers every three to five years so if we don’t get our arms around this problem it is hard to see how we get about the job of increasing student achievement.”

# Schools measuring student achievement with new AzMERIT exams

Students throughout Arizona have for the first time this spring been taking a new exam to measure their mastery of mathematics and English/Language Arts. As a result, school districts throughout the Southeast Valley and Pinal County are not only deciding on which format they will offer the test but also acquire the equipment necessary to provide it.

The AzMERIT (Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching) test replaces the AIMS (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards) test, which measured student proficiency in the same categories through the tenth grade. Students in the fourth and eighth grades will continue to take the AIMS Science exam until an upgraded AzMERIT version is developed.

To give students, teachers and schools time to adapt to the new format of AzMERIT and its potential questions, this year's test results will not be applied toward school and district A-to-F letter grades and teacher evaluations.

Based on practice tests administered earlier this year, it is known that vocabulary skills will be a bigger part of the English/Language tests. Knowing what is covered on the 2015 AzMERIT tests will enable teachers to better prepare students for next year's tests.

AzMERIT tests also will be offered in two formats: the traditional pencil-and-paper tests and one conducted online through a laptop computer. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is encouraging school districts to try both formats. Yet some districts plan to go 100 percent computerized with

the tests. These include the Coolidge Unified School District, the Queen Creek Unified School District, the Ray Unified School District (RUSD) in Kearny, and the Superior Unified School District.

According to Curt Cook, RUSD superintendent, "Students today are extremely computer savvy so they shouldn't find an online exam hard to comprehend. As we intend on using the computer/online exam exclusively in the future, this year's exam will get them used to the format."

The Florence Unified School District (FUSD) will offer most AzMERIT tests in the computerized format, owing to the District's decision back in 2007 that all students should have a laptop for classroom use. However, Chris Knudson, FUSD assistant superintendent, said some students will take the AzMERIT paper test on request.

The J. O. Combs Unified School District in San Tan Valley will conduct the online test at the Combs Middle School and Combs Traditional Academy, while it's other schools with have the pencil-and-paper test. The Oracle Elementary School District likewise will offer both AzMERIT test format to students, though based on signups more will be taking the online test.

Most school districts report already having the equipment to offer the online exam and thus will incur no additional outlays. But the Combs District reported having to purchase headphones for the English/Language Arts section and anticipate that next year it will need to purchase additional graphing calculators.

"Students will require specialized training on the graphing calculators as they use these types of calculators in their current math classes," said Gayle Blanchard, Combs superintendent.

RUSD's Cook reported having to acquire up to 60 additional laptops so that all of its students can take the online exam.

Only the Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District will administer the pencil-and-paper exam to all its students. But Superintendent Jeff Gregorich said he hopes to upgrade school facilities to be able to administer the online exam in the future.

For now it appears that the AzMERIT exams will be administered in Arizona schools for more than one year. Legislation that would have allowed parents to opt their children out of such testing failed during the 2015 session of the state legislature.

Another bill that would have allowed Arizona school districts choose from a menu of student achievement tests rather than just AzMERIT also failed in the Arizona House of Representatives. The measure was proposed by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas.

"A one-size-fits-all approach to state testing is not the best way to truly measure student success," Douglas said in mid-March. "As a national leader in school choice, Arizona is better suited to a system that allows schools to select a test based on how they teach their students."

The measure failed when it was learned that not having a standardized statewide measure of student achievement could cost Arizona \$582 million in federal educational funds.

## High school class of 2017: Bone up on Civics if you want to graduate

As the first bill he signed into law, Gov. Doug Ducey chose a measure that requires all Arizona student to pass a Civics Test before they can graduate from high school. The requirement, which takes effect with the graduating class of 2017, also gives students multiple chances to earn the passing grade.

The exam will cover the same 100 questions asked by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to immigrants seeking to become naturalized citizens. But while during the naturalization interview candidates are asked only 10 of the questions selected at random, with a requirement they answer six correctly; Arizona students will receive all 100 questions, of which they must get 60 correct.

All Arizona school districts must offer the Civics Exam, but individual school districts are granted control over how to teach the materials and administer the tests, according to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The cost to offer the Civics exams will be "infinitesimal," added State Rep. David Farnsworth (D-16th District), who voted for the law.

Most high schools in Maricopa, Pinal and Gila counties offer a standard course entitled "American Government and Free Enterprise," which covers most information about how government operates in the U.S.

However the INS test not only includes questions on government, but also American history and geography. Unlike INS exams from a generation ago, the questions are multiple choice rather than essay. For instance, instead of asking what are the three branches of the federal government (Executive, Legislative and Judiciary),

candidates are asked which of four choices is one of the three branches, peppered with alternate answers like parliament.

The test's overall goal is to increase students' knowledge of basic government, said Margaret Bowerman, communications specialist with ADE.

Among questions students will likely see on the Civics Test are:

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have? a) 12, b) 27, c) 35 or d) 42
2. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years? a) 4, b) 6, c) 8 or d) 10
3. We elect a president for how many years? a) 4, b) 6, c) 8 or d) 12
4. What is the name of the current president of the United States? a) Bush, b) Clinton, c) Ford or d) Obama
5. If the president can no longer serve, who becomes president? a) Chief of staff, b) the Vice President, c) Secretary of State or d) Speaker of the House
6. What do we call the first 10 amendments to the constitution? a) The Bill of Rights, b) the Ten Commandments, c) the Bill of Lading or d) the List of Ten
7. Which is a right or freedom from the First Amendment? a) right to vote, b) right to avoid taxes, c) right to free exercise of religion or d) the right to bear arms
8. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? a) formed an alliance with South America, b) announced our independence from Great Britain, c) announced our independence from Germany or d) freed the slaves



9. What is one purpose of the U.S. Constitution? a) declare war, b) define state laws, c) protect the basic rights of Americans or d) establishes treaties
  10. When was the U.S. Constitution written? a) 1776, b) 1787, c) 1789 or d) 1804
- Before he was president, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in? a) Civil War, b) World War I, c) World War II or d) Korean War

Name one state that borders on Mexico? a) Alabama, b) California, c) Florida or d) Montana

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#### Burn Ban for Dudleyville May 1 - Sept. 30

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30, a Burn Ban will be in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District, which includes the areas of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. All permits expired on April 30. Agricultural permits, even though issued for one year, are null and void in our fire district while the burn ban is in place.



#### 09 Elks Sponsors Mother's Day Breakfast

On Saturday, May 9, the public is invited to the Mother's Day Breakfast at the San Manuel Elks Lodge, from 7-11 a.m. Cost is \$7 per person or \$3 for children 6 and under. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and SOS.

#### 09-17 Art Show at Trowbridge Hall

Barbara Haas of Oracle and Laurel Wilson of Mammoth are showing their acrylic and sum-e ink paintings at Oracle Union Church's Trowbridge Hall in Oracle, continuing until the end of May. The public is invited to meet the artists, view the artwork and sample some of Laurel Wilson's homemade pies. The gallery will be open on Saturday and Sunday, May 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and by appointment.

#### 10 Elks to Honor Mothers With Mother's Day Ceremony

On Sunday May 10, 2 p.m., we are having a Mother's Day Ceremony for all mothers at the San Manuel Elks Lodge. There will be flowers for the oldest and youngest mother in attendance. The public is invited to attend.



#### 12 Farm Boxes at Sue & Jerry's Trading Post

Looking for ways to eat healthier and save money? Check out the Veganic Farm Box! Fresh, high quality organic produce boxes, are offered every other Tuesday, at Sue & Jerry's Trading Post in Oracle. There are different size boxes to choose from and custom boxes are available. The next distribution is May 12. For more information, or to participate, go to: [www.sunizonafamilyfarms.com](http://www.sunizonafamilyfarms.com). Boxes start at \$22.

#### 15 Church Rummage Sale

There will be a church rummage sale at Oracle Assembly of God Church, at the corner of American Ave. and Los Robles, on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a fundraiser for youth camp.



#### 16 Arizona Medical Eye Unit visiting Mammoth

The Arizona Medical Eye Unit will be giving eye exams in Mammoth at the Lions Club, 115 S. Main St., on Saturday, May 16. Call 487-2647 for an appointment. The charge per patient is \$40, which covers the Units operational expenses.

### JUNE

#### 06 Smith-Miranda Family Reunion

The Smith-Miranda Family Reunion will be held as a potluck at the Hayden Golf Course on June 6 from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Order your t-shirts ASAP! Contact Mary Lagunas at 520-356-6418 or 520-909-1139.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER:** The Hayden Senior Center, located at 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.

## ON THE AGENDA

**SAN MANUEL ROTARY:** The San Manuel Rotary meets on Wednesday mornings from 7-8 a.m. at Sun Life Family Health Center, 23 S. McNab Pkwy., San Manuel. The first Wednesday of every month, the Rotary meets from 7-8 a.m. for breakfast at Romo's.

**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 San Pedro Valley BH at 520-896-9240.

**STORY TIME AT FAMILY FIRST:** The Family First Pregnancy Care Center in Oracle has StoryTime at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for mothers, fathers and infants-toddlers. For more information call 896-9545.

**MAMMOTH SENIOR CITIZENS:** Mammoth Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for lunch. These meetings are open to the public. To make an order for lunch, please call Mercy Telles at 520-561-5050 or Maria Juarez at 520-265-2385. Also, you can call the Community Center at 487-9348. All we ask is for a donation for your lunch.

**HOME ALONE:** The Home Alone Pendant offers peace of mind by being able to call for emergency assistance by simply pressing a button. Units are available in San Manuel. Call Jerry at 385-2835 for details. Also available in the San Pedro Valley by calling 520-465-5300 or 480-313-2928.

**SAN MANUEL SENIOR CENTER:** Come to the San Manuel Senior Center for fun times. San Manuel Senior Center Board meeting on the first Thursday of the month 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. A theme based Pot Luck second Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. Exercise with Enriqueta on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. at the Elks Club. Canasta is played on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Red Hats Meeting is on the second Friday of the month 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Widow's luncheon is held on the first Tuesday of the month; restaurants vary, Oracle, Mammoth and San Manuel.

**TRIAD & AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:** The Oracle Fire Department hosts TRIAD and AMBASSADOR program meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

**MAMMOTH SAN MANUEL SCHOOL BOARD:** The MSM School Board meets the second Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the MSM District office. Please contact the District office at 385- 2337 for more information.

Submit information to [miner@minersunbasin.com](mailto:miner@minersunbasin.com) or call 520-385-2266. Listings are free. The Miner reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.

## DARK SKIES

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her immediate ancestors grew close to nature and to each other as Arizona miners and ranchers. Her great-grandfather homesteaded in Klondyke, AZ, and her dad and his sisters were born along the Aravaipa Creek in the Klondyke Canyon. Her Grandfather did some work for the Kannallys and built the corrals for the Huggets at the C.O.D and other ranches.

Mary Helen has always loved living here and still loves to be outdoors and hike in Oracle. As a wife, mother and nana to six-year-old Alyssa; an Oracle artist, who expresses herself in painting, pottery, photography; and the owner and operator of Hair Country for many years, she has still found time to be an active member of the ODSC. She has "always had a wonder about the night sky and when I got my telescope, it was a new adventure for me. I assembled it and was so proud but couldn't get anywhere with it. I remember reading an article about Mike Weasner and his observatory so I called him. He was so quick to come over and check out my telescope. He found that it was programmed in Russian and he would have to check this out to get it to work for me. He called me and said... just do this...and I said ...Me!! To make a long story short, I did what he said and it worked. Then he helped me some more and I enjoyed visiting at his observatory.

"So when he started this Oracle Dark Skies, I

knew I would help him in any way I could. But what could I do? He asked me to write a letter of support as a resident and business owner; I was more than happy to. I thought I was done. But he said, you need to come to the meetings. I told him I did not see that I would have anything to contribute. But he insisted that it was a support. So I show up at the meetings because I support him. I show up also because I believe in the preciousness of our dark skies in my area, as my family did."

So, new or long-time residents are invited to attend the next meeting to learn more about the activities of the committee and to explore joining in its activities.

To get there, turn into the entrance to Saddle-Brooke Ranch off AZ-77 (about 10 minutes west of Oracle), continue to a stop sign and continue straight ahead past the racquetball courts on the left and a lake on your right. Turn left into the parking lot and enter La Hacienda Club (large building) through the front door. Go to the reception and ask where the Oracle Dark Skies Committee is meeting.

For more information about the work of the Oracle Dark Skies Committee please visit their web site: <http://www.weasner.com/ODSC>. If you cannot attend this meeting, but are interested, contact Mike Weasner, chair or Evaline Auerbach recorder at [evalineja@icloud.com](mailto:evalineja@icloud.com).

# Homeowners' Tree Workshop and Firewise education

The Oracle Firewise Board and the Oracle Fire District are pleased to host a homeowners' tree and Firewise educational workshop, which will be held at the Oracle Community Center on Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A certified Arborist from the Arizona Community Tree Council will discuss how to properly select, plant and maintain your trees for years of benefit and enjoyment. This workshop will help homeowners plant and maintain trees that live long and healthy lives, while protecting your home against wildfire.

Representatives from the Arizona State Forestry Division and

Coronado National Forest will be on hand to discuss the National Firewise program, and how it is being implemented throughout Arizona, as well as to talk about current fire conditions and what kinds of fire restrictions are being considered in Coronado National Forest for the wildfire season.

Members of the Oracle Firewise Board will also be available to describe Firewise efforts made in Oracle and their ongoing efforts to create a Firewise, safe and beautiful community.

Please join us for this free workshop on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oracle Community

Center, 685 W. American Ave., in Oracle. A fundraiser pancake, egg and bacon breakfast will be offered by Oracle Community Center. Call 520-896-2980 or email [tacosta@oraclefire.org](mailto:tacosta@oraclefire.org) for more information.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF CALL ELECTION

THE MAMMOTH FIRE DISTRICT HEREBY NOTIFIES ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN PRECINCT OF THE MAMMOTH FIRE DISTRICT THAT ONE VACANCY WILL OCCUR ON THE MAMMOTH FIRE BOARD ON APRIL 27, 2015. THE LAST DATE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE PETITIONS FOR THIS POSITION IS MAY 27, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE PINAL COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX 1592, 31 N. PINAL ST. BLDG. E FLORENCE, AZ 85132  
JUAN D. PONCE JR.  
BOARD CHAIRMAN  
MINER Legal 5/6/15, 5/13/15

## TRI-COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORY

### First Baptist Church

103 W. Galiuro, Mammoth

**Pastor Joe Ventimiglia**  
520-405-0510

Sunday Worship – 10 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Friday – 6-7 p.m.  
Movie Night Last Friday of the Month – 7 p.m.

**"The Church on the Hill"**

### Assembly of God

1145 Robles Rd., Oracle

**Pastor Nathan Hogan**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

### Oracle Church of Christ

2425 El Paseo, Oracle

**Fred Patterson**  
896-2452 • 896-2067

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

San Manuel Ward • 101 S. Giffen Ave.

**Bishop Will Ramsey**  
520-385-4866

Sunday Morning Meetings:  
Sacrament 10 a.m. • Bible Study 11 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Society Noon

### Living Word Chapel

3941 W. Hwy. 77, Oracle

**Pastor James Ruiz**  
896-2771 • [www.lwcoracle.org](http://www.lwcoracle.org)

Saturday Youth Service 5 p.m. (except 5th Sat.)  
Sunday 1st Service 9 a.m. • 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.

Children & Youth Classes Available for Both Services

### Mammoth Assembly of God

**MammothAG.org**

201 E. Kino (& Catalina)/POB 692  
**Interim Pastor Jerry Morelan**  
520-487-2219

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
(Adult & Children's Services)

**We Offer Help, Healing & Hope**

### Oracle Union Church

705 E. American Ave., Oracle

**Pastor Dr. Ed Nelson**  
520-784-1868

Sunday Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study Noon  
Thursday Prayer Time 11 a.m. to Noon

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### The Potter's House

212 Main St., Mammoth

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Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7 p.m.

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### Full Gospel Church of God

301 E. Webb Dr., San Manuel

**Pastors Michael & Bea Lucero Sr.**  
520-385-1250 • 520-385-5017

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. • No Evening Service  
Wednesday 6 p.m.  
Teen Group 3rd Friday of every month at 6 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

1st & Nichols, San Manuel

**Pastor Kevin Duncan**  
385-4655

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Discipleship 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

### Oracle Seventh-Day Adventist Church

2150 Hwy 77, Oracle

**Pastor Rick Roy**

Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship Service 11 a.m.

### Community Presbyterian Church

McNab & First Ave., San Manuel

**Rev. Jeff Dixon**  
385-2341

Sunday Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Children's Church (3rd Sunday) 11 a.m.  
Joyful Music Celebration 4th Sun. 4 p.m. with potluck

To be included in the weekly church listing, call the San Manuel Miner at 520-385-2266.

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The Oracle School District # 2 emphasizes academic excellence,  
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**We are now accepting applications for the following  
positions for the 2015 - 2016 School Year:**

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- A love for children.
- Integrity, intelligence, an adaptable nature, and a willingness to learn.
- The ability to develop excellent rapport with students and adults on all levels.
- A down in the sandbox, hands-on, fun, approach of relating with students.

The applicant must also have all necessary certification, fingerprint cards, transcripts (copies will suffice for purpose of application), resume, and a minimum of three references with current contact information (both telephone number(s) and address). Written references are also acceptable, but will need the phone number of the reference.

Applications are available on line at [www.osd2.org](http://www.osd2.org) or at the District Office located off Mt. Lemmon Hwy., 725 N. Carpenter Drive, Oracle, AZ 85623. For more information on this position, please call 520-896-3071 or email [tparkhurst@osd2.org](mailto:tparkhurst@osd2.org).

## Public Notice

**Notice To Creditors Of Informal  
Probate Of Will And Informal  
Appointment Of Personal  
Representative/John Allan Shafer**

Thomas W. Bade, PLC, 2177 East Warner Road, Suite 103, Tempe, Arizona 85284, Telephone: 480-968-1747, Facsimile: 480-629-8855, E-mail: bade@twbplc.com, Name and State Bar No.: Thomas W. Bade/ #013143, Attorneys for Personal Representative In The Superior Court Of The State Of Arizona In And For The County Of Pinal In The Matter of the Estate of John Allan Shafer, Deceased. No. PB201500103 Notice To Creditors Of Informal Probate Of Will And Informal Appointment Of Personal Representative Amanda Stanford Registrar Notice Is Herby Given that Delores Louise Shafer has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative in care of Thomas W. Bade, Esq., 2177 East Warner Road, Suite 103, Tempe, Arizona 85284, attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated this 16th day of March, 2015. /s/ Delores Louise Shaffer, Personal Representative. Thomas W. Bade PLC By /s/ Thomas W. Bade, 2177 East Warner Road, Suite 103, Tempe, Arizona 85284, Attorneys for Personal Representative.  
Publish: 4/22/15, 4/29/15, 5/6/15

## Public Notice

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION NONPROFIT CORPORATION 1. ENTITY NAME: Oracle Schools Foundation File No. 1984146-2 2. CHARACTER OF AFFAIRS: Educational and Charitable Purposes; advocacy, resource coordination and fundraising for students. 3. The corporation WILL have members. 4. ARIZONA KNOWN PLACE OF BUSINESS: 4.1 Is the Arizona known place of business address the same as the street address of the statutory agent? Yes. 5. DIRECTORS: Edwin Hartman, P.O. Box 5525, Oracle, AZ 85623 United States; Alan Levinson, 37153 S. Desert Sky Lane, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States; Maria Menconi, 66116 E. Stoney Ridge Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States; Richard Borland, 38167 S. Granite Crest Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States; Dennis Blausner, 2110 Overlook St., Oracle, AZ 85623 United States. 6. STATUTORY AGENT: Richard Borland, 38167 S. Granite Crest Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739. 8. INCORPORATORS: Edwin Hartman, P.O. Box 5525, Oracle, AZ 85623 United States. By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge under penalty of perjury that the document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I ACCEPT /s/ Edwin M. Hartman Jan. 29, 2015. Alan Levinson, 37153 S. Desert Sky Lane, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States. By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge under penalty of perjury that the document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I ACCEPT /s/ Alan Levinson 2/8/15. INCORPORATOR ATTACHMENT 1. ENTITY NAME: Oracle Schools Foundation 2. INCORPORATORS: Maria L. Menconi, 66116 E. Stoney Ridge Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States. By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge under penalty of perjury that the document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I ACCEPT /s/ Maria L. Menconi 3/11/15. Richard Borland, 38167 S. Granite Crest Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739 United States. By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge under penalty of perjury that the document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I ACCEPT /s/ Richard Borland 3/10/15. Dennis Blausner, 2110 Overlook St., Oracle, AZ 85623 United States. By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge under penalty of perjury that the document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. I ACCEPT /s/ Dennis Blausner 3/10/15. STATUTORY AGENT ACCEPTANCE 1. ENTITY NAME: Oracle Schools Foundation. 2. STATUTORY AGENT NAME: Richard Borland. 3. STATUTORY AGENT SIGNATURE: By the signature appearing below, the individual or entity named in number 2 above accepts the appointment as statutory agent for the entity named in number 1 above, and acknowledges that the appointment is effective until the appointing entity replaces the statutory agent or the statutory agent resigns, whichever occurs first. The person signing below declares and certifies under penalty of perjury that the information contained within this document together with any attachments is true and correct, and is submitted in compliance with Arizona law. /s/ Richard H. Borland 1/29/15 [x] Individual as statutory agent: I am signing on behalf of myself as the individual (natural person) named as statutory agent.  
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## Public Notice

**Trustee's Sale No. LC-30741  
Notice Of Trustee's Sale**

Recorded: 2/27/2015 Lender's # VA/FHA. The following legally described trust property will be sold, pursuant to power of sale under that certain Deed of Trust recorded in Instrument number 2006-154878 in the records of Pinal County, Arizona at public auction to the highest bidder main entrance tot he Superior Court Building, 971 Jason Lopez Circle, Building A, Florence, Arizona ,Pinal County, State of Arizona, on 05/29/2015, at 9:00 AM of said day; See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.. Pursuant to ARS Sec. 33-803 A 2, trustee qualifies as a licensed Arizona attorney, regulated by the Arizona State Bar. Property Address: 427 W. Kennedy Casa Grande, AZ 85128 Original Principal: \$ 124800.00 Tax Parcel Number:205-03-180A Name and address of Original Trustor: Trenton N. Herrera 427 W. Kennedy Coolidge AZ 85228 Name and address of Beneficiary U. S. Of America, Acting Through The Rural Housing Service, U.S. Dept. 230 North 1st Ave., Suite 206 Phoenix AZ 85003 Name and address of Trustee: Lee Crosby, a Licensed Arizona Attorney 1700 E. Thomas Rd. Suite 101 Phoenix, AZ 85016-7605 (602) 274-9100 Dated: 02/27/2015 State of Arizona ) ss. County of Maricopa ) /s/ Lee Crosby, Trustee The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on February 27, 2015, by Lee Crosby, as Trustee and not personally. /s/ Chris Peterson Notary Public My Commission Expires: February 25, 2017 Exhibit "A" Lot 4, Block 12, of North Coolidge An Addition To Coolidge Townsite, according to the map of record in the office of the County Recorder of Pinal County, Arizona in Book 3 of Maps and Plats at page 34.  
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**Contact the Miner office between 2 & 4 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Or call 480-620-5401. Ask for James.**

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## 67. Notices

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## Oracle Listings - Homes

- **Hill Top Views**, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, stone fireplace, upgraded kitchen, full length deck, large boulders and oak trees. \$169,000
- **Unique home** built in the heart of Oracle designed with passive solar heat features 1.26 ac, 2 bdrm, 3 ba, guest quarters or studio, plus 2 car garage. \$294,000
- **Incredible remodel**. Beautiful spacious kitchen with island, all new stainless steel appliances, new cabinets and more. 3 bdrm, 3 ba. \$154,900
- **3 bedroom, 2 bath** newer home with 2 car garage on large lot with upgrades, enclosed backyard with front rock walls, large master suite. \$176,000
- **Oracle Charmer** on 1.78 acres, 3 bed, 1 bath covered in oaks. \$185,000
- **3 bedroom, 2 bath** spacious living area, tile floor & fenced backyard. \$121,000
- **Historic c. 1909 Bungalow** completely modernized, 3 bdrm 2 ba, 1770 sq ft, 2 fireplaces, guest house. \$212,000
- **Great views**, 2832 sqft, 3 bedroom, 4 bath, open kitchen with storage island, pantry, 3 stall horse barn with concrete floors with electric and hay storage, tack room, 3.32 ac. \$367,000
- **Immaculate home** feels like new! Hilltop location, incredible mountain views & sunsets. 1867 sq ft, 3 bed, 2 bath, open floor plan. \$199,900
- **Mountain views 4 bed**, 2 1/2 bath, 2,404 sq. ft. plus a 1,244 sq.ft. basement, 34 x 27 detached garage on 6.85 ac. \$449,000.
- **Custom Home** with great views, custom features throughout the home, high end stainless steel Jenn-Air 6 burner stove in gourmet kitchen. \$399,000

## Oracle-Land

- **1.18 acre commercial lot** on American Ave. with .27 acre GR lot behind it. Both for \$55,000
- **1.36 ac. custom home lot** with view, boulders, oaks and more. \$100,000.
- **Premium lot with boulders**, 1.04 acres of outstanding views, beautiful sunrises and sunsets. \$65,000.
- **Great lot in center of Oracle**. Ready to build on, utilities at lot line. \$25,000.
- **One acre with boulders, trees** and views, new access off Linda Vista, boulders, views, trees. \$84,000
- **1.36 ac. custom home lot** with view, boulders, oaks and more. \$100,000.
- **Stunning 360 degree views** on one of the nicest 3 - 4 ac lots in Oracle. \$149,000.
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- **Lovely 3 bdrm**, 1 bath with like new cabinets, carpet & upgraded appliances. Must see! \$71,900.
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- **122 Webb Dr.** 2 bdrm 1 ba. Great mountain views, fenced backyard, large shed. \$32,000
- **209 Avenue B** 3 bdrm 1 ba. Amazing views, back room addition, fenced backyard. \$35,000
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- **221 Main St.** 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath on large corner lot. Spacious rooms, laundry room, all appliances, new ceramic flooring, block wall, garage and much more. \$89,900
- **SALE PENDING - 624 5th Ave.** 3 bedroom, 1 bath, needs a little TLC. Oak cabinets, ceramic tile & carpet flooring. Nice yards. \$29,900
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- **1016 Webb Dr.** 3 bdrm 1 3/4 ba. This beautiful home has great curb appeal with metal roof and great landscape. Newer flooring and many upgrades. Enclosed patio with added back patio and garden area. AC. Backs to desert and has great views. Must see! \$93,900

## MAMMOTH AREA

- **727 S. Old Hwy.** 77 7.02 acres with 4 bdrm 2 bath manufactured home. Added family room and large covered porch overlooking the San Pedro River Valley and Galiuro Mtn. Range. New tile and paint inside. Endless possibilities for more home sites, horse facilities, or just a retreat. Move quickly! \$79,727

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# Twenty inducted into NJHS at Mt. Vista

By **John Hernandez**  
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Cole Nichols, Dionne  
Ortega, Marcus Peru,

Gilberto Pinedo, Gilbert  
Rodriguez, Victoria

Sanchez, Kevin Valenzuela  
and Angelina Tilly.

The Mountain Vista Chapter of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted 20 students at their April 29, 2015 induction ceremony. Many family and friends attended the event. Following the induction ceremony refreshments were served. The Mt. Vista Chapter of NJHS is sponsored by Nanette Soule. The newest members of NJHS are:  
Breanna Aguilar, RJ Barragan, Isabella Benavidez, Stephanie Cervantez, Kayleigh Crook, Cristal DeSantiago, Maria



The newest batch of students inducted into the Mountain Vista Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

John Hernandez | Miner

## Onionweed: locals learn about this invasive species

A meeting was held at the Oracle Fire Department on April 15, 2015, to raise awareness of the invasive onionweed that has been reappearing in the Tri-community area.

The guest speaker was Jolanta Sokol from the US Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection and Quarantine. Jolanta was part of the onionweed monitoring and removal

program in Oracle and San Manuel between 2006 and 2007. Jolanta was successful in removing and nearly eliminating onionweed in Oracle and San Manuel; however, in spite of the progress in removing this invasive plant, the program was discontinued in 2010. Jolanta talked about the importance of her work on the project, and she explained why this plant is considered invasive.

Onionweed (*Asphodelus fistulosus* L.) has been classified as a Federal noxious weed since 1984 because of its highly invasive properties. Onionweed is a prolific seeder and can grow so thick that it reduces the native species by consuming available soil and water resources. Onionweed is not eaten by wildlife and it is unpalatable to livestock. In contrast, native plants have evolved as part of the ecosystem which makes them adapted to soil, climate, and animals in the ecosystem. Specific animals and insects rely on the native plants for their survival. Invasive plants, like the onionweed, know no boundaries, and negatively impact the ecosystem. Of course, some introduced plants are not invasive and we rely on them for food, such as tomatoes and other vegetables.

Other examples of invasive weeds are the giant reed, bamboo, (*Arundo donax*) and buffelgrass (*Pennisetum ciliare* syn. *Cenchrus ciliaris*). Giant reed has created huge problems in waterways, such as Sabino Canyon and it can bring with it destructive



Volunteers work to remove onionweed.

insects such as the arundo wasp (*Tetramesa romana*), arundo scale (*Rhizaspidiotus*), and arundo leafminer (*Lasioptera donacis*). Invasive weeds can affect native plants and wildlife, and they can change the fire regime. Buffelgrass for example, is a highly invasive grass, which burns hotter than native grasses, during wildfires, reaching estimated temperatures of nearly 1,300 degrees F. If you see any onionweed, it should be removed by the root, double bagged, and thrown away. For further assistance identifying onionweed, you can go to the San Manuel and Oracle libraries of [http://www.desertmuseum.org/invaders/invaders\\_onionweed.php](http://www.desertmuseum.org/invaders/invaders_onionweed.php).



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