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OBITUARY

Peter M. Guzman

Peter M. Guzman, 69, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020, in San Tan Valley following a hard fought battle with colon cancer.

Peter was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Pedro and Anita Guzman, and son, Paul Robert Guzman.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Roberta. He is also survived by daughters, Jennifer (David) Elvira and Lisa Guzman; son, Preston Guzman; grandchildren, Paul Robert, Preston Daniel, Alexandria Renee, Julianna Sariah, and Alicia Marie; and great-granddaughter, Audrina Selene. Peter is also survived by his brothers, Ysidro, Jesse (Margie), and Aaron (Celestina).

Peter grew up in the Hayden-Winkelman area and graduated from Hayden High School in 1969. He went on to earn his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northern Arizona University (NAU). Peter later earned his Administrator's Certificate and Principalship/Superintendency also from NAU.

To say Peter's passion for helping to facilitate proper education and motivation to the youth is an understatement. He knew children are the future. Peter was a man who wore many hats. Throughout his career that began at Hayden-Winkelman Schools in 1973, he was a teacher, coach, athletic director, curriculum director, and principal until 2001. During his time at Hayden, Peter was a long-time football and basketball coach. He loved motivating kids to always do better. To this day, he had friendships with many of his former players and students. In 2002, Peter was excited for the challenge of becoming the inaugural Cobre Valley Institute of Technology Superintendent. He remained in this position until his passing. Always ready to take on more, Peter was hired by the Superior Unified School District in 2002. Peter was the elementary, junior high, and high school Principal and Superintendent during his tenure in Superior that ended in 2013.

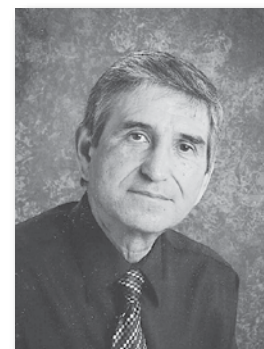
He and Roberta raised their children in Winkelman and Kearny, Arizona. Peter was one-of-a-kind. He was one of the good guys. He loved his family to the fullest, and he

let everyone know they were his priority. Beginning when his children were young, he involved them in sports and coached their teams. For many years, Peter and Roberta moved their family to Flagstaff for the summer months for Peter to pursue his higher education. He remained very involved in his children's education and was able to keep up with their activities since he

was employed at the school. Once he became a Tata, he loved following his grandchildren's sporting events and made sure to drive in the importance of their education. He loved sitting on his bed having many conversations about history and politics. Peter's television was sure to be locked in on CNN or the Discovery Channel. He was an avid reader, runner, and even after his diagnosis, Peter still managed to take his miles-long walks.

Peter was a humble and selfless man. Those who knew and loved him, will miss him dearly. A few of his earned accolades are: Arizona School Boards Association Superintendent of the Year, All-Arizona Superintendent Award, All-Arizona Hispanic Coach of the Year, Arizona Coaches Association All-Star Coach for Basketball and Football (Head Football Coach, 1992), Arizona Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and a member of the Hispanic National Task Force selected by then-U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini to represent Arizona.

A viewing/rosary will be held on July 16, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. at the Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home, 1562 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ 85204. The rosary and eulogy will begin at 6 p.m. The funeral services will be live-streamed online at Queen of Heaven's website: <https://www.qohcfh.org/obituaries/obituary-listings>. Please contact funeral home and church for COVID-19 restrictions.



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Dear Family and Friends,

The Kelley family would like to THANK ALL of YOU for your love and support in many ways with our loss of Curtis. The outpouring of love and prayers from friends and family was greatly needed and felt. God heard your prayers and He was with us every step of the way and will continue to lift us up. Again, thank you for your LOVE; wish I could give all of you a big hug.

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Frank Mendoza Florez

Frank Mendoza Florez, age 92, entered eternal peace on July 8, 2020 with his family by his side and is now reunited with his beloved wife, Mary Martinez Florez, his parents Juan and Paz, his brothers Carlos, Ramiro, Juan Bautista, and his sister Leonor Martan. He is survived by his two sisters, Delia Buczec (Carl) and Olga Erickson; his six children, Jacque Florez-Ball (Todd), Frank (Cindy), Gene (Christine), David (Betty), Gail Ybarra (Albert) and Diane Dona (Jack); 15 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A native Arizonan, Frank was born and raised in Hayden, AZ. His athletic skills, intelligence and determination served him well. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948. While on active duty, he earned his Golden Gloves by winning the heavyweight boxing title in 1948. He admired and respected all servicemen and took pride in being a veteran. After the Navy, he attended the University of Arizona College of Mines and graduated in 1954 with a B.S. degree in mining engineering. He was hired by Magma Copper Co. in Superior, AZ where he and his wife, Mary, raised their family. He earned the respect of his peers and worked his way up the ranks to General Manager. His imposing size and strong voice earned him the nickname "El Oso" (the bear). He retired after 40 years in the mining industry. He was

well respected in the industry and the community of Superior.

Frank was also known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor that would make anyone chuckle. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and instilling family traditions. He had a specialty of preparing barbacoa and cooking it underground with mesquite coals and provided his culinary skills for the Los Reyes Social Club and the annual Little League BBQ. He would also make his mother's "cocido" soup recipe every Sunday for all of us to eat, even during the summer. He especially enjoyed the annual multi-family camping trip in the Apache White Mountains North Fork area. He was proud of all his children and grandchildren and always encouraged us to do our best, continue our education and to pass on family traditions.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of his life will be held when we are free to share our hugs and stories. The family appreciates all the phone calls, text messages, cards and Facebook comments.



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Mayor Offers State of the Town of Kearny

First and foremost, allow me to thank everyone for making the efforts to stay safe and use your God-given ability to make good decisions in preserving the safety and welfare of yourself and your family.

The Town Council decided to forego attempts to push limiting regulations onto the residents of Kearny, and instead, placed trust and faith in the good people of this unique community. Rather than imposing limiting restrictions on how you choose to live your lives, we decided to stay out of your business, stay away from limiting restrictions, and give you the ability to live your lives as you decide.

Data from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) website

shows cases of COVID in Kearny's zip code; however, the data shown can be misleading. The problem is Kearny's zip code includes the town limits and large areas outside the town limits, including Kelvin and Riverside. As of Thursday, July 9, there are 19 positive COVID cases in the 85137 zip code, and 13 positive COVID cases in Kearny town limits. Ten of the positive cases were reported within the previous week. This suggests people are failing to make physical distancing a priority.

When people ask me how we are keeping the community safe, I advise them: keeping yourself safe is your responsibility. I advise them: follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). I

advise them: avoid gatherings of people, maintain physical distancing, and the best practice is to stay home. Many positive COVID cases in Kearny include people that participated in large group gatherings.

Keeping yourself safe is your responsibility, and not the responsibility of government.

The COVID situation adversely impacted every city, town and state in the United States. While Kearny's budget has been tight for years, the unpredictable streams of incoming revenue from the COVID situation made the reality more alarming. Reduced amounts of incoming revenue forced the Town to create two separate and different budgets for the new fiscal year. One budget reflects slightly lower income, while another budget reflects significant reductions in revenue caused by COVID. The result of COVID economics may be an alarming reduction in the Town's revenue in future budgets, and with that, a reduction in the Town's capacity to provide the same services expected in prior years.

Rather than painting a misleading picture of idealistic images, I choose to disclose the harsh reality to the residents of Kearny. COVID had not been kind to the Town of Kearny's budget. Spending to support the Kearny Ambulance has created a financial hardship for the Town.

I have made many hard decisions and advocated many unpopular positions during my years as Mayor. Any reputable application of leadership, especially genuine and transparent leadership, often requires disclosing the "hard to swallow" reality of difficult and painful situations, rather than painting idealistic images of rehabilitated lakes, community movie nights, and other "feel good" things.

When people ask me where I am each day, I advise them I am at Kearny Town Hall nearly every day, working with staff to ensure the priorities of the Town are sustainable. Rather than knocking on doors, I instead choose to follow the guidelines for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and avoid unnecessary contact with people during this pandemic. I choose to respect the safety of the residents of Kearny.

Throwing money into rehabilitating Kearny Lake cannot be a priority. The Lake is defectively designed. The water inlet and outlet are too close together, which doesn't allow water to circulate, which prevents the circulation of oxygen throughout the Lake. Installing aerators at the Lake is a very short-term and cosmetic solution that



FROM KEARNY'S MAYOR

By Debra Sommers
Special to Copper Area News

would last only a few short years. Aerators are expensive, and aerators don't resolve algae blooms or high concentrations of Total Dissolved Solids in the water.

Kearny Lake has a history of golden algae blooms. Golden algae prefer saline water, which makes Kearny Lake a perfect breeding ground for this strain of algae. Golden algae are renown for killing fish. The algae, coupled with Total Dissolved Solids in the water, cause fish to asphyxiate. The expense of stocking the Lake could quickly result in an even more expensive clean-up process to remove dead fish.

Even if water from an outside source was pumped into Kearny Lake, high concentrations of Total Dissolved Solids cannot be abated. It is a common feature of groundwater pumped from wells in the Arizona desert. Fortunately, Kearny maintains an efficient filtering plant that provides clean water to residents: a filtering plant that will soon undergo scheduled evaluations, system analysis and upgrades; and a filtering plant that will never have the output capacity to meet the water demands of Kearny Lake.

A short-term, cosmetic solution to the problems at Kearny Lake is estimated to cost nearly \$500,000. A longer-term, more permanent solution, is estimated to cost nearly \$1 million. No grant funding program can be expected to award the Town half a million dollars for a short-term solution that cannot be sustained for more than a few short years. Promises of securing such grant funds are unrealistic.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Sommers
Mayor of Kearny

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While RIOS' opponent filed a frivolous residency challenge, which was quickly DISMISSED by the County Attorney, Rios focused his work on his constituents.



Supervisor RIOS and the Board have:

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- **Attracted over 6,000 new and future jobs to Pinal County, including Lucid and Nikola Motors (which is located close to Eloy and Coolidge).**
- **Reduced property taxes year after year while maintaining a stable, healthy budget and providing pay increases to county employees.**
- **Rios fought for and delivered over \$100,000 to Senior Citizen Centers for congregate and home delivered meals.**
- **Supported our Veterans by providing services and hundreds of thousands of dollars to Pinal County Veterans' groups.**

Pete Rios has been selected four different times to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board by his four Republican colleagues. He served three years as Chairman.

KEEP Pete Rios County Supervisor District 1

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O'Halleran hosts town hall – K-12 education and COVID-19

By Jennifer Carnes
Copper Area News

On Monday night, Representative Tom O'Halleran and Joe Thomas, president of the Arizona Education Association, hosted a telephonic town hall to discuss COVID-19 and what it means for K-12 education.

He opened the Town Hall with comments about current legislation, CARES Act funding and the new HEROES Act that members of the House have approved and now awaits Senate approval.

Thomas also spoke about his background, growing up in rural Oklahoma in towns much like those in the Copper Corridor.

Both men spoke on the loss of Hayden-Winkelman teacher Kim Byrd, expressing their condolences to the family and to her students.

Mrs. Byrd's death from complications of COVID-19 and the revelation that she shared a classroom this summer with two other teachers, who also contracted COVID-19, while teaching online summer school has garnered national attention. On Monday, according to the *Arizona Republic*, President Donald Trump was asked during a news conference about Mrs. Byrd's death and how he would respond to parents who are worried about sending children back to school. His response was to say that the schools need to be opened. He did not speak about Mrs. Byrd. Currently, Arizona schools will be going back on Aug. 17, per Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order.

Following the opening remarks by O'Halleran and Thomas, the phone lines were opened up for questions from those attending the teleconference.

David, a school board member from an elementary school district was concerned about obtaining proper PPE for teachers and funding for school districts.

Kathleen, a parent from Winkelman, expressed her concern about the lack of technology for rural schools. Students are being left behind, she said.

Beatrice, who is the mother of a third grader, was concerned about sending her son back to school. What measures are the schools taking, she asked. There is only one teacher for a whole bunch of kids but no teacher's aides.

"They need more workers in the schools," she said.

Thomas agreed.

"We absolutely need more teachers," he said. Arizona, he added, has the highest student to teacher ratio in the country.

Parents demand better and kids should have a quality educational experience, he said.

Rep. O'Halleran said that looking at business and industry response to COVID-19 shows that they had to hire more people to allow for social distancing, checking temperatures, etc.

Schools, he said, had to set the same protocols as businesses and industry.

"We will overcome this," he added, "through the strength of the American people."

Superior Mayor Mila Besich also attended the town hall meeting. She expressed her concern that in the ongoing rush to open schools, rural school districts were being left behind.

Rep. O'Halleran thanked Mila for being on the frontline of rural communities. He spoke about the HEROES Act, which he was urging the Senate to approve. Provisions in the bill would provide more funding to rural communities in this time of COVID-19, especially for broadband services to aid districts with distance learning.

"It can't be done on the cheap," he said.

Thomas said that the government needs to make sure that all the schools are

included.

The final question for the meeting came from a teacher, Suzanne, who wanted to know what happens if a teacher tests positive for COVID-19.

Her fellow teachers, she explained, are "very nervous about returning to the classroom."

Social distancing is hard. Masks aren't required. Temperatures won't be taken and even if they are, she said, a lot of parents have no qualms about giving the child a Tylenol and sending them to school.

"Will teachers have protection (for their income) if they become sick?" she asked.

Unequivocally, O'Halleran stated, "Teachers are essential workers." Congress is working on a bill to officially give that status to teachers and childcare workers. As such, they will have protections in the form of unemployment payments in the likelihood that they become ill.

Thomas said that the Arizona Education Association has several advisories on their website (ArizonaEA.org/coronavirus) that addresses these concerns for teachers, including extra time off for being sick,



Representative Tom O'Halleran

and information about the CARES and HEROES Acts.

To contact Rep. O'Halleran, visit his website at OHalleran.House.gov. From there you can email the Congressman, obtain a mailing address or phone number to one of his offices.

Kearny Police Report

According to state law, there are two methods by which police may arrest suspected offenders. The suspect may be physically taken into the department and booked into jail, or the arresting officer may write a citation and release the suspect to appear in court later. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All

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Aiden Hicks with his grandfather, Jeff Young.

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Aiden Hicks preps the curb for paint.

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Industrious young man earns money while staying at his grandparents

If you've noticed some new curb house numbers in Kearny, they are the work of 12-year-old Aiden Hicks.

He is in Kearny visiting his grandparents, Jeff and Dana Young. This industrious young man wanted to do something worthwhile during his visit and noticed

the curb numbers at the homes near his grandparents' house were faded or not there at all. He said visible numbers are important especially for emergency people and decided that would be a good project and still earn some money. He was busy during last summer's visit painting his

grandparents porch.

Aiden has painted about 70 curb numbers in Kearny so far this summer and charges \$10 for each house. He makes contact with the residents during the heat of the day and does the work early in the morning.

He told the *Copper Basin News* that

wants to buy a new computer.

He will be leaving Thursday, after a productive visit with his grandparents. His grandparents are very proud of him and look forward to his next visit.

Aiden lives in Las Vegas with his mother and is in the seventh grade.

COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please note: many events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please check with organizations when planning to attend events listed.

Summer Hours for Hayden

The Town of Hayden Public Works Department has begun its summer hours. The hours are from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please plan on having garbage available for pick up one hour earlier.

BYOM: Bring Your Own Masks

Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center is asking everyone to bring their own mask when you come to the hospital. Thank you.

VFW Meetings Canceled

Due to COVID-19, all VFW Post 2767 (San Manuel) meetings are canceled. They will resume when the crisis has passed.

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 is 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 and Oracle 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.



Eagle One Veteran Outreach

Visit Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center online at hohp4heroes.org. Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

Free Dump Day

Free Dump Day in Kearny will be returning as soon as Pinal County Public Works and Health Department determines that it is safe to allow dumping at the Kearny Transfer Station. Until the return of Free Dump Day it is recommended that residents take advantage of vouchers issued by Pinal County that can be used at the Dudleyville Dump. Vouchers are available at the Mammoth Office of Supervisor Pete Rios. Call (520) 487-2941 for information.

Census 2020

Census 2020 responses help your community get its fair share of more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, health care, roads, public works and other vital programs. If you haven't returned your family's Census 2020 information please do so as soon as possible. Help your community get its fair share!

Mammoth Pool is Open

The Mammoth Pool is open to the Public. The schedule will be changing throughout the summer, so please check out our Facebook page for the latest news and schedule updates. You can also check the Town of Mammoth website or call the pool at 487-2031.



Join the Sea Lions Swim Team

If you are interested in joining the Sea Lions Swim Team, we are practicing at the Mammoth Pool, Monday - Friday from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. We welcome swimmers of all ages and abilities. Please contact Alex and Wendy Gort at 896-2190 for more information.

Town of Kearny Park Information

Until further notice, the ramadas at Kearny Town Parks and campgrounds at Kearny Lake are closed for public use.

Town of Hayden Water Line Construction

The Town of Hayden is beginning the CDBG Water Line construction project within the next couple of weeks. Certain streets in San Pedro will be closed during the project. Residents will be notified when streets will be closed and traffic will be detoured.

Wildfire Safety

Much of the southwest is considered a high-hazard fire environment. Within this hazardous environment are individual homes, and entire communities ill-prepared to survive an intense wildfire. It is not a question of "if" a wildfire will occur, but when. The odds of losing human life and property are growing. The Town of Kearny would like to protect you and the community from the dangers of wildfires. The Fire Chief is very concerned about this upcoming fire season. Even though we have received more rain than usual, it has caused more weeds. Once the rain stops, the weeds will dry out and this will make for a dangerous fire season. Please clear weeds, dry grass, dry shrubs or dead trees surrounding your property. Thank you for your support.

JULY

16 Pinal County Early Voting Van in Superior

The Pinal County Mobile Voter Outreach Van will be in Superior to provide residents with Early Voting for the Primary Election. Drop off your ballot or request an early ballot to complete and submit in our secure ballot box. Voting officials will encourage social distancing and will have on PPE. The Van will be located in the parking lot of the Superior Town Hall, 199 Lobb Ave., Superior, on Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please email edyvray.ruiz@pinal.gov.

¡Votación Temprana En Superior!

La Camioneta de Votantes del condado de Pinal estará en Superior para votación temprana para la Elección Primaria. Entregue su boleta o solicite una boleta temprana para completarla y enviarla en juestra urna electoral. Los funcionarios de votación alentarán el distanciamiento social y tendrán Equipo de Protección Personal. Jueves 16 de julio 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Superior Town Hall (estacionamiento), 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior.

23 Pinal County Early Voting Van in Mammoth

The Pinal County Mobile Voter Outreach Van will be in Mammoth to provide residents with Early Voting for the Primary Election. Drop off your ballot or request an early ballot to complete and submit in our secure ballot box. Voting officials will encourage social distancing and will have on PPE. The Van will be located in the parking lot of the Pinal County Complex, 118 Catalina Ave., Mammoth, on Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please email edyvray.ruiz@pinal.gov.

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ON THE AGENDA

Please note: many events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please check with organizations when planning to attend events listed.

COPPER BASIN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB: The Copper Basin Sportsmen's Club provides a shooting and archery range that is ideal for family use. The club meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Constitution Hall.

KEARNY ELKS LODGE # 2478: Kearny Elks Lodge # 2478 meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. The lounge's schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 - 8 p.m. and Sunday 3-9 p.m.

HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER: The Hayden Senior Center, 520 Velasco Ave., is open every weekday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., to serve the needs of senior citizens and low-income families. A warm, nutritious lunch is served every day. Call 520-356-7035 for information or to check on the daily meal.

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hand Me Up Shop Seeking Volunteers

The Hand Me Up Shop is looking for volunteers! Do you have 5 hours on Tuesdays or Wednesdays that you could spend giving back to the community? Come by and see us! Are you are high school student that is good with electronics and needs some volunteer hours for your scholarship applications? We need you! A few hours on Friday would help us both. Call Barbara or Rose at 363-9683 Tues-Fri, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kearny Clean Up Volunteers

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

Jamie Ramsey announces candidacy for Kearny Mayor



Hello fellow Town of Kearny residents. I want to take a moment of your time to introduce myself and announce my candidacy for Mayor.

I was born at the Kennecott hospital in Kearny, as Jamie McGuire. I grew up in Kearny, riding the bike trails, playing basketball at the park, attending Sunday school, riding my horses, swimming at the pool,

playing saxophone in band, and learning leadership in R.O.T.C. I graduated with honors as a Bearcat from Ray High.

Following graduation, I moved to Los Angeles, California where I worked for 20th Century Fox. I also worked in Hollywood on Hollywood Blvd. for a talent management company. It was fun, but I really missed home and my family here.

I returned to Arizona and lived in the N. Phoenix/Paradise Valley area for 15 years continuing work in feature animation - FernGully, The Last Rainforest and Anastasia to name a couple. I have experience in video game studio management and credits on Star Wars Pod Racer, ATV Offroad Fury, Splashdown and others.

For seven years, I had my own successful business working for a producer/venture capital investor, an architect, and a real estate attorney in Scottsdale. I established companies from the ground up, did book-keeping and public relations work.

In 2010, I returned to Kearny. I am married and have 2 sons, Clay and Roger. Every day I enjoy coffee with my parents before I go to work. That is one of the things I treasure about living in the town. My family and my in-laws reside here in Kearny. My children spent a lot of time here with their grandmas. Children have freedom here to do things many children in the city do not have the opportunity to do. I have found that we have a little bit of paradise here.

I am a Certified Public Manager through ASU. The program builds effective public managers and prepares you for public service. It required 300 hours of structured learning in a classroom setting. I am continuing working on my BA in mass communications and media through ASU.

For my day job, I am a budget manager for the state's second largest "rehabilitation and re-entry" facilities in Florence. I am responsible for 15 million dollars and how it is spent. The facilities are like small enclosed cities, housing 11,000 men with 2,600 employees. I have been responsible for managing all cost centers ensuring we have funding for infrastructure, emergencies and daily operations.

Since returning, I have gotten involved in the community. I am a Commissioner on the town's planning and zoning, approving upgrades to town

properties. I am the treasure for the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce. I was on the entertainment committee for the 60th Pioneer Days and revived the Art Show with the help of our members. It was a great Pioneer Days.

This October, I will be a certified grant writer through ASU. I hope to be able to acquire funding for our Chamber of Commerce and our town through grants. The Town of Kearny currently hires a grant writer.

My interests are in building up our town. This place needs to be sustainable for future generations. I would like to bring back a sense of community by improving our parks so we can enjoy activities like Movies After Dark, Music in the Park and Holiday Events. I want a sense of family in our town. We are all one big family and we have our reasons why we love it here. Things have become run down. For too long, too little has been done. The same people are elected, over and over, and nothing changes. We have lost the small town community feeling that existed during our childhoods. Together, we can bring that feeling back. We need solid leadership and direction. As your Mayor, I will represent you and will fight to make the improvements we all want.

The lake improvement is high on my list and I will give it my best concentrated effort. We need to fix it. We have a beautiful golf course that needs some TLC. I will look for ways to keep it and fund it. We have trails for Jeep tours and hiking in our amazing mountains. Just look at our views! We have so much here.

We not only need funding to make improvements to our water lines, our waste water treatment plant, keep our sewer lines clean, pave our streets, repair and maintain town vehicles, support our emergency services and improve community blight, but we need someone that will make sure it gets done. As your Mayor, I can assure you it will get done.

As a published writer, I can promote our community and events. Through my experience writing, public relations and utilizing social media, I will be able to help build and develop our town's economy. We need people to come here and to bring business with them. It is important for the survival of our community. I will make upgrades to our town's website. I will promote through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You will get regular updates on town business from me.

This town has a lot to offer. I see all the possibilities. There is a lot to do here. I love it here and want to make it a place that everyone else loves just as much as I do. This is home and it is *Time for Change*.

I know that on Aug. 4, the good people of this town will make the best choice for our community. I have faith in you and am asking for you to put faith in me. I won't let us down.

Please visit my Facebook page, Jamie Ramsey for Mayor, my LinkedIn profile <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jamieramsey/>, and my website www.jamieramseyformayor.com for more information.

ASARCO resists, won't terminate new permanent hires

Last week, *Copper Area News* reported that the United Steel Workers closed the picket lines and that the striking workers

would return to their positions at ASARCO. This news came after the courts determined that the Unions had conducted an

unfair labor practice strike. *Copper Area News* received a copy of a letter sent to the Union from Human Resources

at ASARCO. The letter indicates that the company will not be terminating the workers that were hired to replace the striking union

members. The letter states "the former strikers will be entitled to reinstatement to their former positions or to substantially equivalent

positions to the extent they are available."

The letter also indicates that ASARCO believes that the courts will rule in their favor, that the company has negotiated in good faith to an impasse and that this strike was solely based on economic conditions.

AIA announces delayed start to fall sports season

By **Andrew Luberda**
Copper Area News

As the increasing number of COVID-19 cases makes Arizona one of the worst hot spots in the nation, the Arizona Interscholastic Association announced last Friday that the high school fall sports season will be delayed up to three weeks.

The AIA's preliminary plans to make modifications are in accordance with Governor Ducey's executive action to delay the start of in-person schooling until Aug. 17, which will serve as the start of the AIA fall season, at least for now.

In an email to media members, AIA Sports Information Coordinator Seth Polansky wrote, "plans are in place to finish all fall sports seasons on time and in full with modifications. Some of these ideas, among others, will be taken to the leadership of each conference," before adding "nothing is finalized yet."

According to the email, football in the 2A-6A conferences would play an 8-10 game schedule, commencing on Sept. 7, three weeks later than the original Aug. 21 start of the season. 1A football, which includes Copper Area schools Superior, Hayden, Ray, and San Manuel, "is currently looking at modifications, if necessary."

Golf and badminton would start Aug. 24 and Aug. 31, respectively. All other fall sports would

begin the week of Sept. 7. One idea being floated around social media to prevent a complete cancellation of the fall season, if necessary, is moving some fall sports, including football, to the spring.

That is not an option, according to AIA Executive Director David Hines.

"It doesn't make sense for us to look at that because there's a lot of other things going on that kids are involved in activities," Hines said in a Q&A video posted on YouTube. "Another piece of that is coaches; not all of our coaches are teaching at the schools. When they are hired to coach a sport, they're hired to coach a particular season. They [may not] be available at a different time during the season."

Hines estimated that he

has been a part of 100 meetings since schools closed in mid-March, as plans have changed and changed again.

"This thing is moving at such a pace that every time you think you might have a plan a new day comes about, and we have to rethink the plans that we have," he said.

Superior Principal Billy Duarte is an AIA Committee member who has been involved in those meetings and can attest to the ever changing discussions taking place about moving forward amid the pandemic.

"Nothing is set in stone because of all the variables," Duarte told *Copper Area News*, echoing Polansky's words in the email.

San Manuel Athletic Director Damon Lovato acknowledged the

anxiety of the unknown among student-athletes, parents, coaches, and administrators, but believes the AIA has been as transparent as it can during these unprecedented times.

"The AIA has been very good at communicating with the schools throughout this whole process," he said. "They've been very clear about where we stand."

Some schools, mostly on the reservations, have already cancelled their entire fall sports seasons, causing other schools to scramble and find replacement games. The AIA will assist those schools in finding alternate games if the decision is to reschedule other opponents. Teams whose

schedules are affected may simply play a reduced number of games. Nothing is off the table regarding scheduling as a result of the delay.

For those wondering about fan attendance whenever competition resumes on fields and courts, Hines addressed the subject in the YouTube video.

"That's a governor and CDC decision," he said. "Bottom line is Governor Ducey and our state has a planned approach, a phased approach to kind of coming back to some type of normalcy."

"Currently, we are in Phase I. Phase II allows groups of up to 50 then in Phase III it opens up where now you can have

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Jax Ethan Formo

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One Copper Corridor family is taking that painful journey.

Jax Ethan Formo was born on April 17, 2020 to Hyrum and Camille Formo, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces. He has a very proud big sister, Madelynn Odelia Formo.

On Thursday, May 28, Jax was admitted to University Medical Center in Tucson and then was transferred to Phoenix Children's Hospital. He has been diagnosed with Williams Syndrome which is a rare genetic disorder that can cause a wide variety of health issues and developmental delays. In Jax's case, it has caused severe heart problems; left coronary ostial stenosis and heart failure. Jax is awaiting a heart transplant.

Jax has undergone several surgical procedures but with Williams Syndrome, anesthesia tends to alleviate bad reactions thus Jax is always high risk. Currently, Jax is stable, placed with a ventilator, a feeding tube and is being sedated to help keep him from not moving too much and also keep him comfortable.

His family asks, first and most important, for your help

in prayer.

"We pray a healthy, strong heart is gifted to our little boy. Pray it comes to Jax very soon and we can move towards his recovery," his grandmother, Laura Lopez said.

Jax is listed at level 1A, the highest level due to his condition.

Currently, because of COVID-19, the family and friends of Jax cannot plan any type of tournament because of disallowing large gatherings. Instead, the family has organized a raffle. The family's permanent residence is in Oracle and monies would assist in travel, lodging, meals, etc. during Jax's stay at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, you could be the winner of a three-day cabin stay in Greer, AZ, or a 48-quart Calavera Cooler w/two tumblers. Many other prizes have been donated by local hair stylists and restaurants. All tickets will be \$10 per chance and can be purchased by calling Laura E. Lopez at (928) 200-0426 or Hyrum Formo at (520) 425-1114.

Editor's Note: There are a few families in the Copper Corridor (mine included) who can say with absolute conviction that the strongest hearts are those with scars. Our thoughts and hearts go out to this little boy and his family.

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FALL SPORTS

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more people involved," he continued. "Those decisions will be based on the current numbers in Arizona, the current numbers going on around each county because our schools are really encouraged to pay attention to their county health departments across the state. That will really dictate if we're going to be able to have some fans around."

Hines understands the importance of competition for student-athletes, including the mental aspect of it. Of course, the unfortunate experience of the absence of the spring championship season is still fresh in everybody's mind too. Still, the No. 1 priority remains the safety of the students.

"It is our intention that everything we can do to have the opportunity to participate and compete, we're going to be able to do that with the understanding that the governor sets the priorities of what we can and can't do," he explained.

There remains concern among some coaches about the difficulties of

overcoming the challenges this pandemic presents in a return to playing.

"I am concerned," Superior football head coach Ryan Palmer said. "We can set any guidelines and precautions we want, but the reality is that it is hard to social distance in schools and in sports."

"My current understanding is that the more time that passes, the more knowledge and guidelines will be available. I hope our student-athletes, especially the seniors, get to play this season. They are dedicated and work hard. I know they want a chance to showcase their talents and abilities on the playing field."

It should be noted that any proposed modifications by the AIA for the fall season are contingent on students being schooled in-person sooner rather than later, which is a hotly debated topic the Copper Area is all too familiar with.

What if schools do not re-open?
"That takes us right out of the mix," Hines said.