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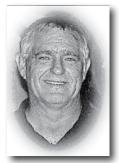
Richard Elmo Hunsaker, born on Jan. 1, 1945 in Ft. Stockton, Texas, passed peacefully at home in Kearny, Arizona surrounded by loved ones on July 21, 2020 at 4:07 a.m. He was 75 years old.

He spent the majority of his childhood in Double Adobe, Arizona on the family farm. When he was a senior in high school, the family moved to Ray, Arizona (Kearny). After high school, he joined the Navy. He spent most of his life as an electrician. When he retired, he was the Chief Building Inspector for Pinal County.

Richard loved his family with all his heart, he also loved to listen to audiobooks. He had an amazing sense of humor. In his spare time, he enjoyed creating blueprints on his computer. He loved fishing and hunting. He absolutely loved all kinds of music, he could play the drums and the piano. He couldn't read a note of music but he could rock with the

best of them. He loved people, he was so fun and funny. He loved solving problems and he gave great advice.

Richard is survived by his wife, Irean; sisters, Kay, Peggy and Betty; brother, Art; sons, Jeff and Chris; daughter, Jana; stepsons, Don, Damon and Clint; 19 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rollo and Mary Lou; sister, Mary; and daughter, Corina Beth.



Services for Richard were held Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The family was assisted with exceptional service by Griffith Mortuary.

Jenson Patrick 'Pat' Magee

Jenson Patrick "Pat" Magee, 70, of Buckeye, Arizona passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Patrick was born in Athens, Henderson County, Texas on May 14, 1950 to J.P. Magee and Ira Belle Whitehead.

Pat served in the military in Vietnam and worked construction as a carpenter.

Pat is preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Alfred "Al" Magee. Pat is survived by his sons, Jim Pat (Katie) Magee, Joshua "Josh" Magee and Jeromy Magee; and grandchildren, Ella, Dean, Ethan, Gavin, Lillian, Julian, Aaron, Duncan and Jocelyn. Pat also leaves behind his brother, Jerry (Jenny) Magee; nieces, Melisa Magee Pauley and Janai Magee Aranda; nephews, Jerry Mark Magee and Jerry Mack (Tiffany) Magee II; and great nieces and nephews.



Private family services will be held for Pat will be held at a later date. Scattering of ashes and final resting place will take place in Bisbee, Arizona.

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To the family and many friends of Ernie Martinez, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for the love, prayers, support, donations, food, visits and phone calls. We would also like to extend our gratitude to THEMA, Margaret, Jessie, and Roni for everything. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us during the loss of our loved one.

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Childhood immunization rates slipping to dangerously low levels

An unforeseen consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is that parents are skipping well-child checkups and the life-saving childhood immunizations that go with them.

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency, is working with early childhood partners to urge families to keep their babies, toddlers and preschoolers on schedule for their immunizations.

"We're trying to help families navigate this new normal," said FTF Senior Director for Children's Health Vincent Torres. He is part of a team of state agencies that meet frequently to look at challenges caused by the pandemic and the health impact it is having on families across Arizona.

"How do we educate families and build their understanding of the pandemic and how important it is that their child still receive wellchild checkups?," Torres said.

The estimated 50% drop in vaccination orders, compared to the same time last year, is raising red flags that preventable diseases, such as measles, mumps and rubella that have been nearly eliminated through the effective use of vaccines, may soon surge.

"The risk comes in very young children who need to get their basic immunizations in the first 24 months of life," said Debbie McCune, executive director of The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI). "As they fall behind, the risk for measles, whopping cough and other

preventable diseases becomes greater."

TAPI works statewide to fight the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases and their effects by raising awareness about immunizations.

It's a concern shared by many in the health care community, especially members of the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP), which recently kicked off a Back to the Office campaign to reassure parents that pediatrician offices are open, safe and ready to see children for their well-child checkups.

Community pediatrician Dr. Jason Vargas said his office has seen a dramatic drop in well-child visits since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"Eighty to 90% of families were simply not bringing their children in," said Vargas, who is president-elect of AzAAP. "There was a lack of information out there saying that it was ok to visit your pediatrician."

His Glendale office staff has been calling families to let them that it's safe to bring in their children for the well-child visits they may have missed.

Vargas said he understands the parental fear and reassures families that pediatrics offices are taking many

Some measures include:

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Jacob Kame

Funeral services for Jacob Kame, 98, will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Joseph's Parish in Hayden. Visitation begins at 7:30 a.m. with the Rosary at 8 a.m. and Mass at 9 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery in Hayden.

Mr. Kame passed away on July 25, 2020.



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Arizona open for education local schools prepare

On Thursday, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey announced that schools will need to re-open by Aug. 17 and they must offer some opportunity for in-person services to students who are in need of in-person education. On Sunday, the Arizona Interscholastic Association announced that practicing for Fall Sports will also begin on Aug. 17.

Governor Ducey and State School Superintendent Kathy Hoffman also indicated that decisions on fully reopening schools would be made using data provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services to the County health departments. The data thresholds were not announced at the press conference; the parameters are expected to be released by Aug. 7, 2020.

The day before Governor Doug Ducey's press conference, school districts across the state received notification that their insurance carrier "The Trust" will not cover any COVID-19 related lawsuits. This has left districts scrambling to understand how the lack of insurance coverage will affect their operations.

COVID-19 has created a constantly changing environment when it comes to communication and up to date information. At press time, our local school districts have indicated their current plans. We advise parents to check in with their local school districts on registration and education options.

Ray Unified School Governing Board

voted to start school on Aug. 6 with an all online format through fall break in October: the board also voted to cancel all Fall sports district wide.

The Superior Unified Governing Board voted on its operating plan on Tuesday, July 28; their decision was not available at press time. The district was preparing for an all online format through fall break. The district announced online that they would have devices for all students of the Superior Unified School District. The district will also offer online registration.

The Hayden-Winkelman School District Governing Board voted to resume school on Sept. 8 with an online learning format. The district will continue to provide some in-person services as needed but transportation will not be provided for students. Students will be issued an iPad and hot spots will be available for students who need them.

Mammoth-San Manuel Unified will be offering a blended learning option. Parents can choose between an all online learning opportunity or a hybrid model where students come to school two days a week with the other days learning at home. The District will also offer fall sports as per AIA guidelines.

Oracle School District will reopen school on Aug. 20 with a hybrid model which offers parents the choice of sending their children to school, or keeping them at home for online learning.

Dudleyville Landfill Closure Update

In an effort to keep the public aware, Supervisor Pete Rios reports the following updates on the Dudleyville Landfill closure.

On March 25, Waste Management began the process of terminating its lease for the Dudleyville Landfill. Upon the landfill closure, Waste Management has agreed to construct a transfer facility.

The Dudleyville landfill's projected date of closure is Aug. 10. Following the landfill closure the projected opening of the new transfer station is Aug. 14.

The proposed hours of operations will

be every Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the week of July 20, Pinal County Public Works will select a contractor to operate the facility. In the interim, to ensure these services are provided to the communities, Pinal County will staff the facility if needed.

What does this mean? The public will still have regular residential services and have access to utilize their FREE dump vouchers at the new transfer station.

As more information is confirmed, Pinal County will work on keeping the public informed.



Hayden-Winkelman School District delays the reopening of schools until Sept. 8

On Thursday, July 23, the Hayden-Winkelman School District Governing Board voted to delay the start of the school year to Sept. 8, which is after the Labor Day holiday. The school year will begin with online learning

Student registration will begin on Aug. 3 and continue through Aug. 13. Registration packages have been mailed out and are available at the District office. Students will be receiving an individual iPad and those without internet access will be provided a Hotspot.

The District will also provide a safe place for students who are unable to access online learning or parents needing to return to work. A learning space will be provided in the Hayden High School lobby. Students at school will be taught online, but in person. No transportation will be provided and parents would be required to drop children off and pick them up.

"The reason for going online for the start of the new school year is safety," explained Jeff Gregorich, HWUSD Superintendent. "This unprecedented decision by the School Board was because of the concerns for the

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safety of children, parents, community, school staff and teachers. Pushing back the opening of school makes the most sense at this time."

"We had hoped that the COVID-19 would be under control by now, as President Trump had said, but this obviously did not happen. The coronavirus in our area and district have been hit especially hard with the loss of our beloved teacher Mrs. Kimberly Byrd. This loss weighed heavily on our Governing Boards decision to be safe than sorry," said Leonor Hambly Principal Pam Gonzalez. Gregorich added, "I have no evidence to ensure bringing back students into the classroom will be safe for our children and staff right now or in the near future. We will work to prepare classrooms and train staff on the latest CDC guidelines but bringing students and staff together in small classrooms needs to wait until the coronavirus numbers are down in Arizona. The District will continue to evaluate our education plan during the pandemic and when it is safe, go back to regular, in person traditional educational model which we all agree is best for students."



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Ray USD cancels fall sports season

By Andrew Luberda Copper Basin News

Less than two weeks after the Arizona Interscholastic Association announced Aug. 17 would serve as its official start date for the upcoming fall sports season, the Ray Unified School District cancelled all fall sports for junior and senior high school teams.

In a letter addressed to parents on July 16, Ray Jr/Sr High School Principal and

Athletic Director Carlos Armendariz wrote that cancelling fall sports at the schools "was a last resort for the District."

Ray joins a growing number of schools in Arizona that has cancelled their fall sports seasons due to COVID-19 concerns.

Armendariz wrote:

"COVID-19 requires schools to think of different ways to teach. Academics is one thing.

Students will begin learning at home through well-planned, online lessons. On

the other

hand, sports require students to be together on fields and in gyms. It is those settings,

as we have learned this year, where the risk of infection and illness is greatest."

The letter closes with an indication that Ray is planning to participate in winter and spring sports as scheduled, at least, for now.

"For now," appears to be the outlook for three other Copper Area schools – Hayden, San Manuel and Superior. Athletic directors and coaches at those schools say they are not cancelling fall sports as they continue to follow the guidance and direction given by the AIA.

"We have not made a decision yet," Hayden Athletic Director Lydia Martinez told Copper Basin News. "We are waiting to see what the AIA and our league comes up with."

Armendariz' letter can be viewed on the Ray USD website at www.rayusd.org.



Billy Schneider I Town of Hayden



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Gila County demolishes Hayden Motel

Last week, construction crews were on the site of the Hayden Motel to demolish the last of the building that was standing. Gila County worked with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to utilize a Brownfields Grant to asses and demolish the property. The first phase of the project demolished part of the building during the Summer of 2019.

Once the demolition is complete, Gila County will be developing a parking area with a scenic view point. The well-known property has been abandoned for decades, Gila County gained ownership of the private property through tax foreclosures which allowed them to abate the property to improve parking.

Gila County Supervisor Woody Cline has been a champion to combat blight throughout District 3 in Gila County. He gained state wide attention to this problem by talking to Governor Doug Ducey about some of the complexities rural communities face when trying to remove blight and other unsafe properties.

"Our small communities all have issues with blight and they don't have enough staff or time to apply for funding to get the job done. It's important that the county help out when they can. The removal of these buildings will provide a large pull out area for trucks and RVs, eliminating the parking issues along the road," said Supervisor Cline.

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.



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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

AUGUST

Fairview Cemetery Cleanup Day - Superior

Rebuild Superior, Inc. is hosting another cleanup day at Fairview Cemetery on Aug. 8, 6-9 a.m.. We will focus on the northwest sections that have significant overgrowth. Weed-eaters will be helpful to clear the brush so it can be raked out. Water and shade will be available for volunteers. Please bring your own gloves and tools, extras will be available. Masks and social distancing will be in effect so we can maintain everyone's health and safety. For more info contact Manny Guzman at (520) 261-0249.

Enchilada Dinner at the San Pedro Valley Lions Club

On Saturday, Aug. 8 the San Pedro Valley Lions Club, located at 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth will be serving flat enchilada, rice, beans, cupcake and drink for \$9 a plate, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 520-487-2000 with any questions.



Burger Dinner at the San Pedro Valley Lions

On Saturday, Aug. 22, visit the San Pedro Valley Lions Club, located at 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. for a tasty dinner of a hamburger or cheeseburger, fries, cupcake and drink for \$9 per plate; extra burger for \$4 Call 520-487-2000 with any questions.

SEPTEMBER



Pollo Rojo Dinner at the Lions Club

Don't be a chicken! Come to the San Pedro Valley Lions Club, at 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 5 for a red chili chicken with potatoes dinner with rice, beans, cupcake and drink for \$9 per plate. Call 520-487-2000 with any questions.

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.

UNITED FOOD BANK: United Food Bank will be in the parking lot of the Church of the Good Shepherd (bottom of the school hill in Kearny), on the first Friday of each month.

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.

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.

COVID-19 Positive Case Weekly Report

	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28
Globe	144	148	147	150	157	157	160
Hayden	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10
Kearny	22	22	23	23	23	23	21
Mammoth	24	24	25	26	26	27	27
Miami	51	52	52	55	56	55	56
Oracle	12	13	13	15	16	16	17
San Manuel	17	18	18	18	18	18	17
Superior	54	55	56	56	55	55	57
Winkelman	18	18	18	22	24	23	23

Copper Area News is committed to providing our readers with as much information as possible. We post a daily update on our Facebook page with the total positive COVID-19 Data. This graph shows the daily counts of positive cases for the past week as of press time on July 28, 2020.

There are a few points we would like our readers to consider when following this data.

- 1. This will continue to be a rolling total of positive cases. It does not reflect recoveries or deaths. The Arizona Department of Health Services does not break out this data.
- 2. If you see a reduction in numbers from day to day it is most likely due to a data entry error or mis-coding of a zip code (at the state level).
- 3. This is all zip code based data; most of our zip codes include unincorporated areas. There is no way to track exactly which areas each of the positive cases are. Example, Kearny and Winkelman each have small communities in their zip code that are not in the Town's incorporated boundaries.
- 4. If you live in Gila County, please follow the Gila County Health and Emergency Management, Facebook. They have maintained their data on recoveries and current positive cases.
- 5. You can follow other data such as ICU bed use, Ventilator use and hospital capacity online: https://bit.ly/3inh280

Working together, we can slow the spread of the virus across the Copper Corridor. Wear a mask in public, remain physically distant (6 feet apart or more), practice good hygiene (wash your hands frequently, sanitize high touch areas) and stay home if you are not feeling well.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Well-child checkups — which include the opportunity for pediatricians to complete developmental screenings and immunizations to prevent disease — are essential for the health of young children.

In Pinal County, the public health clinics saw a 44% decrease in immunizations from April, May and June of 2019 compared to the same months in 2020, said Marcela Salinas, clinical services division manager for Pinal County Public Health.

In order to ensure the health and safety of staff and clients, Pinal County Public Health has limited the number of clients allowed within all public health clinic lobbies and increased cleaning and disinfecting routines. Additionally, clinics are encouraging all patients to schedule appointments and come to appointments prepared with a mask for the parent and/or guardian and any children 2 years old and older.

Salinas emphasized the importance of making sure all family members are up-to-date on their vaccinations.

"Immunizations continue to be considered a primary prevention method and are our first line of defense," she said. "To ensure we do not experience any outbreaks or epidemics for vaccine preventable diseases, it is extremely important that we continue to vaccinate throughout this pandemic, so that we may have the best chance in maintaining healthy communities."

One way is to remind families that their child's health care provider or pediatrician's sole goal is to keep their child healthy, McCune said. "Young children aren't protected yet from many diseases. Infants rely on those boosters and they're left vulnerable if they are taken off their immunization schedule."

Falling behind on the vaccination schedule could eventually put more young children at risk and could even cause a vaccine shortage if medical offices are inundated at once with families bringing in their children for vaccinations.

McCune said it is difficult to predict in real time what the lower immunizations rates will mean.

"What we can do is observe what has happened in the past. When vaccine coverage rates slip below 95%, it's easier for measles to spread," she said. "As numbers slide downward, the protection in the community begins to erode. Instead of random cases of pertussis or measles, it can spread to children without the vaccine. We need to keep our protective shield up."

McCune's message to parents is simple.

"Trust your health care provider," she said. "In time, there will be a vaccine for COVID-19, but it would be terrible if we don't do what we can to keep young children up-to-date and protected from diseases that we can prevent."

About First Things First

First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

Gila County summer jobs program wins national award

The youth summer jobs program funded and sponsored by Gila County is getting noticed: luring twice as many applicants this year — and winning a prestigious award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

"Congratulations to everyone involved in developing this innovative program," said Lindsey Maggard, senior public affairs coordinator with NACo. "Your hard work will yield positive results for Gila County residents. NACo is pleased to announce the 2020 Achievement Award in the category of Community and Economic Development."

Workforce development is one of five key elements of Gila County's strategic plan, and a tangible example is the summer jobs program launched three years ago to give youths, ages 16 to 21 work experience opportunities across a variety of both county and local government offices. More than just a summer job, the six-week internships are a

chance to develop skills that employers say are lacking in the local labor market.

Prior to 2017, Gila County departments hired summer help, as budgets allowed - but that year marked an organized effort to expand the program to include the city of Globe, and towns countywide, with 17 employed. The following year, the Gila County Board of Supervisors funded expansion to six incorporated communities and one rural school district - 33 were hired in 2018, and the total grew to 37 last year.

"So, this year we had more than 70 applicants — and that's twice as many as we are able to place in jobs," said Woody Cline, chairman of the Gila County Board of Supervisors. "In some ways that's a good problem to have - even those who weren't selected this year gained experience in preparing their application for a job and going through the interview process with Cathy Melvin a superb Gila County staffer. Melvin deserves credit for

the growth and success of this initiative. Our continuing goal is for applicants to work within the community where they live, learning job skills and making future connections and — we hope - keeping their skills here in Gila County once they finish their education. Let's build on this success — maybe with a bigger budget or more funding partners next year, allowing us to hire more applicants. Perhaps with new employers requesting summer workers next year, too," Cline said.

Offices or employers with a supervisor interested in a potential 2021 summer worker are welcome to call or email Cathy Melvin, 928-402-4401, cmelvin@gilacountyaz.

Melvin added, "We couldn't do the program without our communities and county departments, with staff being willing to mentor over the summer."

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Youth Jobs Class of 2019

participant Maria Cook worked in the Gila County Attorney's Office, while Jacob Miles and Lauren Lopez were assigned to the Gila County Health Department, said Melvin.

Denisse Camache assisted Globe Public Library staff: Nick Smyers worked in Young for the school, Arielle O'Connor for Community Development in Payson and the Library District. Dvlan Olson and Samual Benedetto got an up-close look at the workings of the Gila County's Elections Department and Michaela Henderson assisted the City of Globe's Economic Development director, Melvin added.

"I loved my summer everyone I worked with was amazing - I learned so much at work. I'm going to college for political science and then law school, my job taught me useful information and experience," wrote Cook.

"Working in the Health Department was great. During the summer I learned

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about so many of the services they offer, and was able to work in nearly all of those fields — doing so made me even more certain what I want to achieve in my future," Lopez shared.

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Three-peat for Arizona 3D State Champion Denogean

Raymond Anthony Denogean Jr., son of Ray Denogean (Superior) and Julie Judd (Kearny), competed on May 30 and became the 2020 State 3D Archery Champion for a third time, capping off his 41st career win.

Raymond, who won the Championship back to back in 2016-17 Overall in the 9 and under division, knew that moving up to the next division and age group (10-13) was going to have its challenges. The years 2018 and 2019 were about rebuilding and growth. Although he won 10 events during this time, he only placed fifth overall in the 3D Championship Series. It became his goal to work hard and get better to make it back to the top of the standings.

There were setup changes for both his Traditional and Compound equipment and about seven months of time to shoot and prepare the 2020 Season. Raymond was driven in which he competed in the weekly Summer Night League and practiced every day. At the Start of 2020 Raymond was ready and competed in the first three Shoots across different series of the year in January and February started off great as Raymond earned two first places and a close second.

Due to Covid-19 shutdown of the Schools, Olympics and Sports Leagues around the world as well as the 3D Championship Series would also cancel their shoots and seasons. Raymond was disappointed as he felt this was his year due to the early success of all the work, he had put in the off season.

During the stay at home quarantine, Raymond stayed the course shooting every day and practicing as usual. Once it was announced that that series would be hosting one final event cut short from 4 events to 3. He was ready.

During final event of the Arizona 3D Championship. Raymond shot the high score that was significantly higher than the next closest scores and placements cementing his tournament win and his third Overall Arizona 3D State Championship. To make the day even better, Raymond met his Idol #1 Archer in the world Brady and wife Toja Ellison. Raymond was ecstatic about winning another Overall Series Championship and Belt Buckle. Raymond's parents and family couldn't be prouder.

Raymond wanted to say thanks to Mom for the love and support. Dad for pushing

him every day to practice and be his best. His Tata (Dico) for keeping him and his fundamentals sharp. His Tio (Brandon) for working on all his equipment and keeping it working to optimal performance. Looking forward with one more year in his current division Raymond plans to keep shooting and practicing as much as possible to keep improving to stay on top before moving up to the next division.



Raymond Anthony Denogean Jr. just won his third state championship in 3D Archery.



