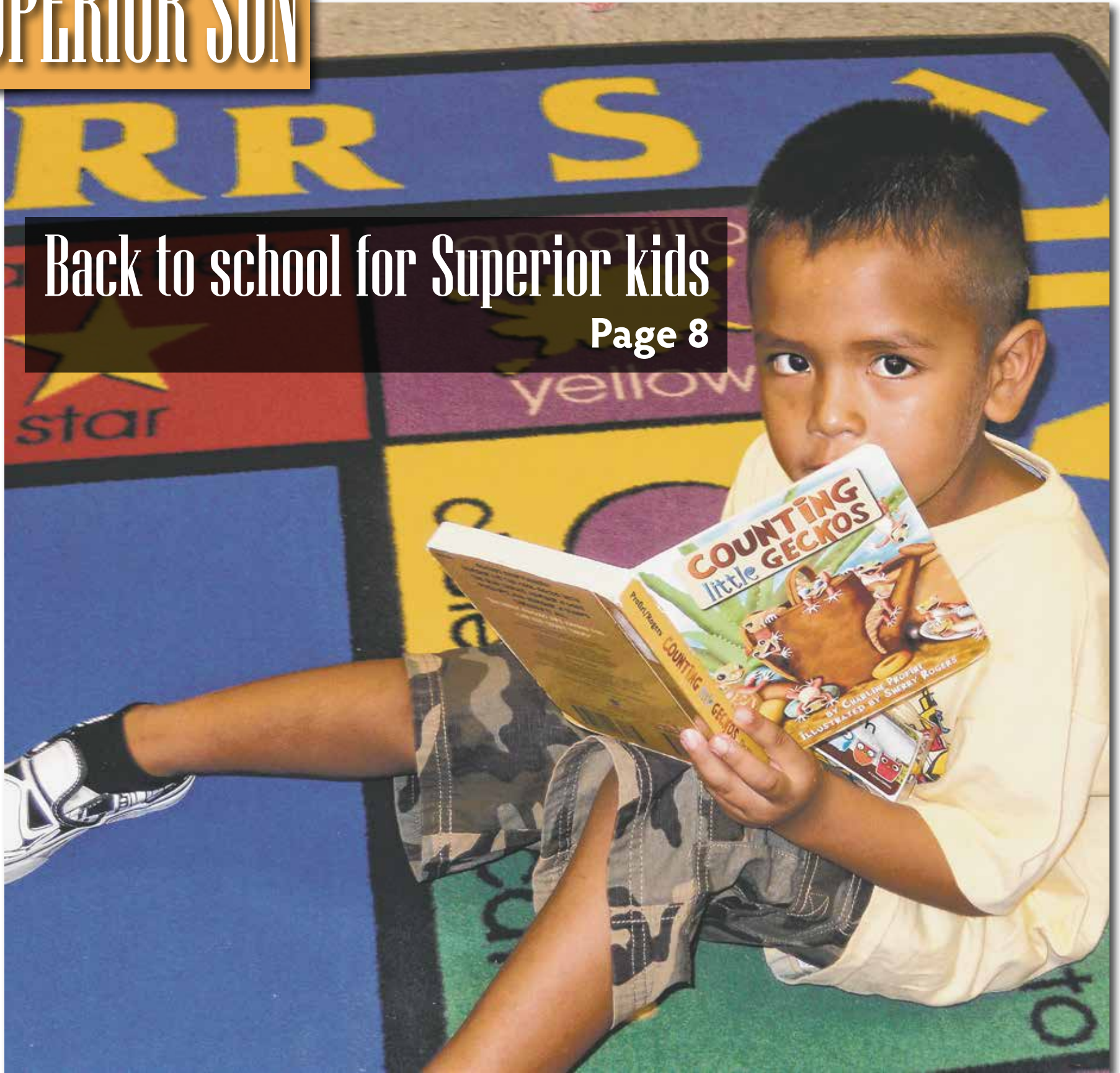


## Back to school for Superior kids

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# Superior Police Report

According to state law, police may arrest suspected offenders by two methods. 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 damage amounts are estimates.

Items are given to The Superior Sun by the Superior Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.  
July 17



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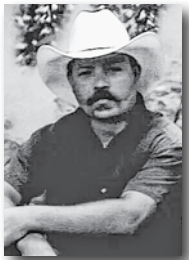
Theft was reported in the 800 block of Western.  
Criminal damage was reported in the area of Hwy. 60.  
**July 18**  
Theft was reported in the 500 block of Hwy. 60.  
**July 19**  
Criminal damage was reported in the 500 block of Porphyry.  
Criminal damage was reported in the 100 block of Pinal.  
Criminal damage was reported in the in the 400 block of Bridge.  
**July 20**  
Joseph Barreras, 32, Superior, was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license.  
**July 22**

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Hwy. 60. Calls not listed include welfare check (3), medical (3), disturbance (3), traffic stop (7), alarm drop (3), information (9), attempt to locate (1), citizen assist (2), agency assist (1), animal complaint (3), traffic hazard (1), civil matter (3), fireworks complaint (1), abandoned vehicle (1), open door (1), illegal dumping (1) and city code violation (1).  
Citizens are reminded to call Silent Witness at 1-800-358-INFO, Crime Stop at 689-5611 or the Information Tip Line at 520-827-0065 if they have information that may help the police department in solving a crime.

## OBITUARY

### Christopher Lee Powell

Christopher Lee Powell, 34, was born Jan. 20, 1980 in Casa Grand, AZ, and passed away July 4, 2014.  
He was raised in Eloy and lived in Superior, AZ. Chris bled asphalt – he loved the road. He worked for DalMolin Excavating as a driver in Globe, AZ.  
Most of all he loved to sing and dance with his children. He was a great family man.  
He is survived by his loving wife, Patsy Anne, and their three children, Faye Than, Tracy Kay, and Paris Anthony, as well as two children from his first marriage, Megan LeAnn, and Christopher Lee Jr. Three brothers, Shoulder (Slick), John, and Joseph, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his grandmother, Mildred Walker, whom he loved very much, all survive him. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rene Risinger.  
Christopher was greatly loved, and will be dearly missed.



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# Superior Farmer's Market robbed; police seek information

Armed robbers last Friday held up the Superior Farmer's Market and absconded with an unknown amount of money, according to the Superior Police Department.

Police Chief Mark Nipp said that at about 10:10 p.m. on Friday, July 25, two

unknown masked males entered the Superior Farmer's Market located at 798 W. Hwy. 60. One of the subjects had a handgun and pointed it at a female clerk, demanding money. She complied and gave the armed suspects an unknown amount of cash. The suspects exited the business

and left the area on foot.

No one was injured during the robbery.

Superior Police received the call at 10:15 p.m. Officers arrived quickly, Nipp said, checking the welfare of the two employees and checking the area for the suspects. The scene was then processed

for evidence.

"Investigators have developed several investigative leads," Nipp said, "and are diligently working to solve this case." He urged anyone with information regarding this investigation to contact Officer Tony Doran at 520-689-5254.



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# A warning to drivers, Pinal will prosecute ‘stupid motorists’

Florence – Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles reminds drivers to drive safely during this monsoon season and to abide by all warning signs, especially on roads closed due to flooding.

Nearly a year ago, on July 28, a Las Vegas-bound tour bus, carrying over 30 people, became stranded in a flash flood near Dolan Springs. We find ourselves in the middle of monsoon season with thunderstorm warnings and heavy rainfall totals building up in short amounts of time.

Even if driving into a flooded area does not cost the operator their life, it may cost them financially. Arizona’s “stupid motorist law,” ARS 28-910, allows prosecutors to seek restitution of up to \$2,000 for expenses related to an emergency response by a private or public agency to rescue occupants or remove a vehicle made inoperable due to flooding.

Two conditions allow for this law to apply: if the individual drove the vehicle on a public street or highway that is barricaded because of flooding and temporarily covered by a rise in water-level; or, if the driver is convicted of reckless driving, ARS 28-693, showing a reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property by driving a vehicle into any area that is temporarily covered by a rise in water-level.

The \$2,000 liability may be excluded by insurance policies and would be in addition to and not a limit of any other liability that may be imposed.

Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles stated, “When drivers recklessly enter into dangerous areas covered by water or ignore safety signs and barricades warning of increased water-levels, they risk their own lives, the lives of their occupants and that of those first responders charged with rescuing them. Each monsoon season, Arizona experiences flash flooding and in Pinal, if you needlessly risk the lives of occupants by driving into flooded conditions imperiling the lives of rescuers, we will seek the compensation those agencies are entitled. As always, please drive smart and drive safe.”

## 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.**

**July 21**

Robert Anthony Smith, 33, Aravaipa, was arrested in the 3200 block of S. Cutler Rd., Dudleyville, and was charged with disorderly conduct. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Jason Evan Scheibe, 38, Winkelman, was arrested in the 76000 block of Indian Hill Rd., Dudleyville, on warrants for failure to appear and false reporting to law enforcement. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail.

Fire was reported in the area of N. Hwy. 177 and E. Old Ray Rd., Kearny. Deputies were unable to locate the fire.

Deputies investigated two 911 hang up calls in the 52000 block of E. Hwy. 60, Top of the World.

**July 23**

Mary Elizabeth Busler, 48, Dudleyville, was arrested in the 6200 block of N. Horseshoe, Dudleyville, on a warrant for interfering with judicial proceedings. She was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail.

Assault was reported in the 6200 block of N. Horseshoe Dr., Dudleyville.

**July 24**

Assault was reported in the area of N. Hwy. 77 and E. Piper Springs Rd., Dudleyville.

**July 25**

Assault was reported in the area of E. Piper Springs Rd. and N. Roach Wash Rd., Dudleyville.



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# Movement to improve veterans' resources in Pinal County gathering steam



A thankful resident thanks a Pinal County Veteran.

By Bridgette Crosby  
Copper Area News

While Pinal County might be considered rural and far removed from the hustle and rush of larger cities, communities here have contributed their fair share of heroes in the defense of freedom.

Families throughout this unique regional area have sent scores of sons and daughters off to defend freedom for generations. These same sons and daughters later returned to their communities, raised families, started businesses and built community.

While brave men and women are still fighting in

Afghanistan and serving in other posts around the world, troops need continued support while veterans and families at home need attention as well, especially those that are struggling.

A new spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm between veterans' organizations, churches, non profits, community and government leaders are working together to learn how they might better support veterans, troops and military families.

Although the current crisis with the VA has helped to shed light on the some of the issues that




Sonnette Chaput

veterans face on a daily basis, in reality, the VA system has been troubled for decades.

One Pinal veteran stated,  
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520-431-5663		
House of Heroes	<a href="http://www.hoaz.org">www.hoaz.org</a>	602-565-0192
Military Legal Assistance	<a href="http://www.azbar.org">www.azbar.org</a>	602-340-7226
Open Hands Open Heart	<a href="http://www.ohopcharity.org">www.ohopcharity.org</a>	866-721-6983
Veterans Center, Tuesday morning Coffee Club	204 W Central, Coolidge AZ 85128	
Eloy Veterans Center	To open in August 2014	520-423-4255
308 N Main Street, Eloy AZ 85131		
Pinal County Attorney Veterans' Program	<a href="http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov">www.pinalcountyaz.gov</a>	520-509-5333
San Tan Valley Substance Abuse Coalition	<a href="http://www.pcsac.org">www.pcsac.org</a>	480-525-3562
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Stardust Building Supplies	<a href="http://www.stardust.org">www.stardust.org</a>	480-688-0566 ext 3
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Vietnam Veterans of America		480-655-8387
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# Heather Coen paintings at Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Heather Coen,fondly recalls the influence of her mother, who had trained in art school and painted in watercolors. She feels she “...was born with a paint brush in my hand. I really don’t recall a time when I wasn’t artistically enthralled.” says Ms. Coen.

Until a year ago she lived in Colorado, honing her skills painting the Rocky Mountain range, western scenes and wide-open spaces. Creating online galleries with an extensive body of work, she found herself part of a wide network through a variety of pastel and plein air societies.

Painting ‘en plein air’ is her favorite way to capture new scenes. “I feel most at home in a natural environment, not restricted by walls or buildings. I do studio work, but feel happiest when I am outdoors. I often do plein air events, quick draws and demonstrations for anyone interested.” Now living in the East Valley, she has spent the past year studying and painting the beauty of our Sonoran Desert. Juried into 25 national and international shows in the last 36 months, she has attained Master Signature Circle status with Paint America. She currently has work in eight galleries across four states, and 2014 has been a busy year for Heather.

In addition to being juried into numerous venues she earned a Silver Award in the prestigious Plein Air Rockies

exhibition and first place in Wyoming’s ‘Prairies to Peaks’ exhibition. Most recently interviewed in Southwest Art magazine, she’s also been profiled in Art Collector, Art of the West, Colored Pencil, and Pastel Journal.

See Ms. Coen works on her website; email her about commissions at heather@artintherockies.com or call 970-361-4268. Or, of course, a range of her new works in oil and watercolor can be seen during August and September in the visitor center art gallery at Boyce Thompson Arboretum where she’s the featured artist.

Coen invites BTA members and guests to her meet-the-artist gallery opening reception on Monday, September 1, Labor Day, from 11am to 1pm. Arboretum daily admission of \$10 includes the visitor center and art gallery; and also most weekend guided nature walks and public events. Read

the complete schedule at [ag.arizona.edu/bta](http://ag.arizona.edu/bta). Here are a few on the calendar:

On Friday, August 1 Jim Shepherd will guide a General Tour, starting at 7 am. This tour will be repeated on August 22. The next day a Dragonfly Walk will be guided by Joanna Henry at 8:30 a.m. and the LightRoom Users group meets in the Lecture Room at 10 a.m. - noon. On August 3, Jay Taylor will guide a Sunday bird walk, starting at 6:30 a.m.

August 9 is another full day, with Learn Your Lizards guided walk guided by Wild Man Phil starting at 8 a.m; to be repeated on August 30. At 9:30 a.m. Chef Eric & Terri teach a Prickly Pear cactus fruit class; to be repeated on August 17. The next day,BTA members are welcomed to an after-hours event, the Full Moon Drum Circle, from 6 pm. - 8 pm.

Saturday, August 16 brings the Plants of the Bible Land walk at 8 a.m. On Sunday, August 17, Jeff Payne, Certified Arborist, will take you on an 8 a.m. Tree Tour.

Steve Semken will guide a Geology walk on Aug. 23, beginning at 8 a.m. Or, at 8:30 a.m., take the Butterfly walk guided by Marceline VandeWater.

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God always has new and greater things for us to do and experience. He wants us to enjoy our lives. That happens best when we follow His guidance and direction. Listening to His voice and reading His written Word helps us to understand how to do life.

By learning to obey God’s rules on how to live, we experience His loving mercy and grace. As we walk daily in His wonderful love, we become a people who are blessed by the Lord! Don’t let stubbornness separate you from God’s blessings.



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Heather Coen paints at the Arboretum.

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**July 31, 6–8 p.m.**

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**Resolution Health and Safety Program**

**August 28, 6–8 p.m.**

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**Overview of our Geological Services Program**

**September TBD**

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# Rural municipal governments are built from the

By James J. Hodl  
Copper Area News

## Governments are run by Managers (or Clerks), Mayors are elected (or appointed), but only Winkelman holds a record in Arizona

Ask towns along the Copper Corridor what type of government they have and they will reply the Council/Manager form, under which administration of government functions are handled day-to-day by a hired town manager while an elected mayor sets the agenda for the council enacting the laws and budget.

But in practice, the function of these governments wedged in northern and eastern Pinal County and southern Gila County can vary widely from the model. What changes there are can be attributed to evolution and more recently to budget constraints resulting from shrinking populations and tax bases.

Superior on the northern section of the corridor has a traditionally strong manager in Margaret Gaston, who not only oversees the day-to-day activities of the town but does double duty as head of Superior's Finance and Economic Development. But unlike many Council/Manager governments, Superior has an elected Mayor in Jayme Valenzuela, who exercises broad powers to set the government's agenda, including drafting the annual budget.

While noted for its proximity to the Tonto National Forest and having one of Arizona Highway Magazine's 50 best places to dine in the Los Hermanos Restaurant and Lounge, Superior also has the area's best attended council meetings. Citizens there have great interest in their government and are eager to share their opinions, several Superior executives bragged.

As with all towns in the corridor, Superior has battled a budget deficit. With revenues "stretched thin, Superior employees have had to pitch in and at times to perform more than their job," said council member Mila Besich-Lira. To shore up the budget, the Superior Council earlier this year raised the town sales tax to 4 percent, which when combined with the state 5.6 percent sales tax and the 1.1 percent Pinal County sales tax, brings the total levy to 10.7 percent, making it among the highest in Arizona.

In return for their tax payments, Superior not only has a large fire department combining professional and volunteer firefighters, but also is one of the few area communities offering ambulance service.

The major current in-town project is the widening of US 60 from two lanes to four lanes with a central turn lane. This project will run north through Miami. The town also has applied for CDBG funds for another civic improvement project but won't know if it is approved until July.

Miami, which being incorporated in 1918 gives it the oldest town government in the corridor by more than 30 years. It has the most traditional functioning Council/Manager governments, with Mayor Rosemary Castaneda, who was appointed from within the ranks of the town's seven-member council; and City Manager Jerry Barnes, who not only directs the day-to-day operations of Miami but fills in as head of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Besides being the birthplaces of Nixon Administration US Treasurer Romara Acosta Banuelos and Western film



**Winkelman holds the record in Arizona for being the smallest incorporated town in the state.**

actor Jack Elam, Miami is noted for its frugality. For instance, the city has never had a website, seeing no need for one in a town with fewer than 2,000 residents, said Karen Norris, recently hired as Miami's Clerk. It also has been slow to fill government positions, as its volunteer fire department is currently without a chief. As a result, Miami has kept its portion of the sales tax to 2 percent. Much of the city's revenues comes from contracting fees and enterprise funds.

Mammoth on the southern section of the corridor may seem a tranquil delight for birdwatchers and rock hounds, but its government is quite lively. There has been a certain volatility in management, as three different council members have assumed the vice mayor position in the past year. And the government has spawned at least two online blogs that critique and criticize (some say over criticize) government operations. Both blogs are predicting the next elections to be exciting.

In Mammoth, the town manager duties as mostly performed by the clerk, though some aspects of managing Mammoth government departments have been assumed by some council members. Council members have assumed "commissioner" positions overseeing town departments.

"Salary and location issues make it harder for places like Mammoth to find qualified people to fill administration

jobs," admitted Large, who currently commutes to her Mammoth job from Tucson.

While maintaining only a 2 percent sales tax, Mammoth secures revenues through use and property taxes, plus CDBG and Enterprise funds. Through grants from the US Department of Agriculture, Mammoth is upgrading its water quality with the building of a reverse osmosis system that will extract more minerals (local water is extremely hard) and pollutants from the town's water supply than current technology, Large said.

Having more local amenities than other area towns, Kearny has the traditional Council/Manager government with one twist. While council members serve four years terms with half going up for election every two years, the mayor (currently Sam Hosler) runs separately for his job every two years. Council members, however, appoint the vice mayor from their ranks (currently Daniel L. Radcliffe).

Kearny has a strong manager in Anna Flores, who also doubles as head of the Finance and Parks and Recreation departments. She also headed the clerk office until Cathy Woolery was hired on May 1. Management of the town includes the Kearny Airport, which is widely used by small aircraft to fly sportsmen, snowbirds and vacationers in and out of the area year round.

Other Kearny amenities include the Kearny Golf Course



# same model but are unique in their own way

and the Kearny Library, which Flores describes as one of the best in Arizona. Kearny also has a municipal ambulance service.

Operating revenues for Kearny come from assorted sources, but primarily the 3 percent sales tax, and taxes on hotels/motels, rental property and construction-related contracting. Flores bragged that Kearny has no business licensing fees.

While Hayden is on paper as having the Council/Manager form of government, it has operated without a hired town manager for some time, though Hayden Clerk Laura A. Romero said one may be hired after the November elections if the 2014-15 budget allows it. Until then the mayor also serves as acting town manager.

Hayden also elects its mayor separately from council members once every four years. Currently, Councilman Tommy Lagunas is serving as mayor. He was appointed at a special meeting in June after the directly elected Mayor Chale Vega resigned after pleading guilty to a felony. Without a manager, more administrative duties are becoming captive to the elective members of the government, signaling to some that the town could revamp into another format. Saving the manager's salary would help reduce the town's budgetary needs.

The major civic attraction in Hayden is the Hayden Golf Course. It also is home to many fine restaurants, said Romero.

Major sources of revenue to Hayden include the 3 percent sales tax, a 3 percent use tax, and other levies on hotel/motels, property, utility bills, mining and timber extraction.

New candidates interested in running for the Hayden Council are invited to step forward as at least one current member is considering retiring at the end of term, a town spokesman reported.

With a population of only 353 residents, Winkelman became in 2010 the smallest incorporated town in Arizona. And with its tiny size came declining revenue sources.

Winkelman has a smaller council than the other corridor towns, having only five members, from whose ranks the mayor is appointed. Winkelman has no town manager, though the administrative duties are performed by town Clerk Sylvia M. Kerlock. In the entire Copper Corridor, nobody multitasks like Kerlock, who also heads Winkelman's Finance, Human Resources, Parks and Recreations departments. Kerlock also is the town public relations manager.

Other budget savers include sharing the police department with nearby Hayden. But the town's website is currently down.

Revenues come primarily from a 3.5 percent sales tax, a property tax, contracting fees, licensing fees, and Enterprise funds.

Despite a shortage of revenues, Winkelman has several local projects in progress. ADOT grants are enabling improvements to Third and Fourth Street. Another government grant is being used to upgrade the town's water treatment plant.

One thing all of these municipalities have in common is that town councils are elected to four year terms but

election is staggered so that only half of members stand before the voters every two years.

Within the Copper Corridor are several communities with slightly larger populations than most of the incorporated towns but have not incorporated.

Oracle, with a population of 3,686 residents, has seen incorporation proposals come up three times in the past but they never got anywhere possibly because of a smaller tax base. Since the local mines closed more than a decade ago, the local business community has shrunk to a handful of stores that could not generate enough sales tax revenue to fund government operations, several residents explained.

The same applies to San Manuel, which has 3,551 residents, but not much of a tax base. Both have become bedroom communities for people who work in Tucson and havens for retired people. According to San Manuel Library employee Linda Lee, retirees especially prize the sturdy construction of homes in this one-time company mining town.

But then the same problem has faced San Tan Valley, which with 81,000 residents (as of 2010) is the largest unincorporated community in the state. Sitting in Pinal County just over the border with Maricopa County and Queen Creek, growing from a single subdivision in 2001, the community considered incorporation in 2011 but it never got to a vote. This was partially due to citizen fears

that it would greatly raise their property taxes due to a lack of retail businesses to provide sales tax revenues. But the retail base is growing, and there are proponents who are looking into pushing the issue again soon.

Residents of the Copper Corridor do pay property taxes to one agency or another, but the exact percentage of assessed property value is hard to place from year to year due to changing property values and civic needs. For instance, Superior placed a 7.6269 percent on assessed property value for the 2013-14 fiscal year, but that rate will be different once the town's 2014-15 budget is approved and put into effect, said Superior Manager Margaret Gaston.

Property taxes also can be set by the area's school districts, which get their basic funding from the state, but can raise the levy on real property if voters approve an override for up to 15 percent over the total funding provided by Arizona.

Like town governments, school districts have elected school boards that set educational policy and determine how much individual programs are funded. All the districts have school boards of five members who serve four year terms but elections are staggered so half the members face election every two years.

Of area school districts, the Superior Unified School District and the Oracle Elementary School District

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“This is an opportunity to change things, to make things right at the VA. But only if those in charge will listen, take action and do what’s right for the men and women who have served with such dedication and courage.”

Despite the problems with the VA, exciting things are happening around Pinal County that will benefit veterans and military families directly in the communities closest to where veterans live.

For the past year and half, Sonnette Chaput has worked tirelessly with the VetCorps and the Pinal Hispanic Council in association with Honoring/Helping/Honoring our Heroes (HOHP) to identify needs of Pinal County Veterans in order to connect them with resources.

Chaput has helped to develop a Veteran Service Directory that lists services state and countywide. The directory is 18 pages long and is available to any organization by calling 520-423-4255.

“We have definitely seen an increase in the number of veterans who are needing and or requesting assistance. We want to be available to assist each and every one of them,” stated Chaput.

According to the Veterans’ Administration website, there are roughly 26,000 veterans in Pinal County, with approximately 40 percent using VA services. The other 60 percent either does not require services or have not come forward.

HOHP has been working to connect Veteran organizations in Pinal County and has successfully hosted

two “Arizona Stand Downs” for the regional area, in 2013 and 2014. According to Chaput, 125 veterans were assisted with services in 2013 and 189 in 2014. A “Stand Down” is an outreach event that assists and connects veterans with shelter, services, healthcare, employment services.

Together, Chaput, HOHP and the Pinal County

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Which government structure for you?

When it comes to managing a town or city, citizens can choose from many different government structures. “Arizona leans heavily toward the Council/Manager form of government. Even Phoenix employs that structure,” said Paul Lewis, assistant professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University.

“Council/Manager government with its strong manager and weak mayor seems best suited for small towns. It is more corporate in structure with the mayor (elected or appointed by the town council from its ranks) functioning as the chairman of the board while the town manager (always hired) functions as the CEO (Chief Executive Officer). The town manager serves as the town government’s administrator, running the day-to-day operations while implementing the directives of the town council. The mayor in these

governments still set the agenda and even draft town budgets, but leave the day-to-date implementation to the town manager,” Lewis explained.

“This differs from the Mayor/Council form of municipal government where the elected mayor not only serves as the town council leader but also oversees the administration of government functions. This gives the mayor broad powers in directing the municipal government from proposing ordinances to setting policy and hiring the department heads to carry out those policies,” he added.

Mayor/Council is more popular in large cities; the classic example being Chicago where Richard J. Daley (1955-1975) and his son Richard M. Daley (1989-2011) literally ruled the city, molding it to their visions. There are some variations of these popular municipal government models, Lewis noted. In New

Jersey there has evolved the Council/Administrator form where in the elected council hires an administrator who takes orders from the council members in directing the town affairs. A variation of the Mayor/Council government has the mayor delegating some of his administrative powers to a hired clerk.

In other parts of the country, small towns that due to declining revenues from a shrinking tax base, the councils have opted not to hire a manager and instead designate one of their number or even take turns overseeing the administration chores.

Even less common is the commission form where the town elects commissioners who allocate the duties of various government departments within their ranks. Mammoth is assuming this form of government.

# Superior Church Directory



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currently have 15 percent overrides in effect. The Miami Unified School District last November had a 10 percent override approved by voters last year. Ray Unified School District also has a 10 percent override in effect. The Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District and the Hayden-Winkelman Unified School Districts have no overrides.

Among projects at local schools, the Superior Unified School District received a \$98,550 grant from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to install campus-wide video surveillance systems in both its schools and an interlocking door system at its junior/senior high school to improve school security. Superintendent J. Patrick O'Donnell is also proceeding with plans to make both of its schools nearly energy independent by the installation of solar panels to generate the electricity each school uses. Already installed on the high school, the panels provide 90 percent of the electricity needed, as will the panels to be added to the elementary school.

Oracle Elementary also received a \$9,889 ADE school security grant to install the locks on classroom doors to

better protect students from imminent threats posed by outsiders.

At Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District, funding to boost school security is being sought. According to Superintendent John Ryan, the district’s schools have a vandalism problem that he believes can be remedied by security cameras, but the district hasn’t the revenues to put the project in its current budget.

Oracle Elementary School District plans to put an initiative on the November ballot to keep its override at 15 percent as the 2014-15 school year is the last year it can keep the maximum before they begin a three-year spiral to zero.

Concerning the towns that have dropped in population and losing their tax base, there is an option. According to Ken Stroboek, executive director of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, the option is unincorporation. But there is a Catch 22. Under Arizona law, unincorporation is permitted only after a town has paid all outstanding debts. Not that any of these bustling municipal governments are even remotely thinking in that direction.



## VETERANS

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Attorney's office hosted the county's first Veterans Stakeholder Forum in October 2013, during which over 87 organizations took part in and discussed critical issues facing veterans in Pinal County.

Critical issues included how to support and service new veterans returning from the Middle East, employment, mental health, homelessness, transportation, family and financial issues and suicide prevention. A second Veterans' Resource Forum is scheduled for Oct. 2014 at the Ak-Chin Casino, exact time and dates will be released soon.

In addition, a new Veterans' Center will be opening in Eloy and Casa Grande, and the push is on for a similar center in San Tan Valley by the American Legion Post 97.

According to Alan Pease, past commander and founder of Post 97, the group plans to reach out to returning veterans who are choosing to settle in the area or who are returning to families.

Pease stated, "One of the most critical and pressing areas where we need help right now is with community volunteers. We need people to step forward all over the county to assist our veterans who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. These are younger veterans who may have served in three or four tours and need assistance with re-entry and the transition back to civilian life."

Many veterans face dual issues, especially when living in rural areas, like Pinal County. Often times, veterans don't know where to turn, services are not available, there is a long wait time or the veteran gives up.

"Veterans who live in Pinal County have to travel to Gilbert, Phoenix or Tucson, which is an added strain. There is a great need for a Veteran's Center in Pinal County," stated Ted Eckman, an Army Veteran, and member of American Legion Post 97. Eckman lives in San Tan Valley and was a Chief Warrant Officer in Military Intelligence. He is also President of the Encanterra Veterans' Club.

"It's ok for those of us who can travel, but those who are struggling, they are the ones we need to serve, assist and take care of," said Eckman.

There are many tragic stories of veterans who return home and don't get assistance they need.

One only needs to read the story of Corporal, USMC Ira Hayes, one of Pinal County's bravest, to be reminded of why the people of Pinal County should do everything possible to take care of the men and women who protect our great country; every single one.

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# THIS 'N THAT

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JULY

#### 31 Globe-Miami Chamber to Host Job Fair for the public

The Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce is organizing a Job Fair for Thursday, July 31, in the Freeport-McMoRan training center in the Cobre Valley Plaza from 3-6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Call 928-425-4495 for more information.

### AUGUST

#### 05 Sun Life to Offer Free Dental Screenings

There will be free child and prenatal screenings and fluoride treatment in Pinal County for all children newborns - 18 yrs of age and expectant mothers, at all Sun Life Family Health Centers and select other locations. It will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Kearny Library, 912 Tilbury Dr. from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and San Manuel Sun Life from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 8 at Oracle Sun Life/W.I.C. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 14 at San Manuel Sun Life/W.I.C. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and, Thursday, Aug. 21 from San Manuel Sun Life/ WIC 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Participants will receive a free goody bag.



#### 09 Learn Your Lizards Guided Walk at the Arboretum

Starting at 8 a.m., Casa Grande outdoor educator 'Wild Man Phil' leads the walk Aug. 9 walk for kids - and everyone who enjoys Arizona's most common, colorful and charismatic little reptiles. Wild Man Phil will be back on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31 will feature Tucson author Larry Jones leading the Sunday walk. For more information please visit <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta/events.html>.

#### 18 Gila Community College Fall 2014 Semester Begins

Gila Community College's fall 2014 semester starts on Monday, Aug. 18. You will find printed schedules throughout the community starting next week and can find the schedule online at [www.gilaccc.org](http://www.gilaccc.org). We offer transfer programs to ASU, NAU, and U of A! Not sure where to start? Call your local campus to make an appointment with an academic advisor: Gila Pueblo Campus in Globe: 928-425-8481, Payson Campus: 928-468-8039, or San Carlos Campus 928-475-5981.

#### 23 Prickly Pear Festival Returns to Superior

The Third Annual Prickly Pear Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, with guided hikes beginning at 6:30 a.m. and the annual Superior Firefighter's Breakfast begins serving at Porter's Cafe patio on Main Street at 7 a.m. Special speakers and prickly pear related booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main St. For schedules, locations and more information, contact the Chamber at 520-689-0200 or at [www.superiorarizonachamber.org](http://www.superiorarizonachamber.org) or on Facebook.

### SEPTEMBER

#### 20 Superior Chamber of Commerce to Host Community Yard Sale

The Chamber of Commerce is extending an invitation to all groups that are Superior based and are non-profit organizations, such as churches and service organizations that want to sell at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 20, from dawn to closing. Cobre Valley Clinic, on Hwy. 60, is generously allowing the chamber to set up at the perfect location, on the dirt lot east of the parking lot. We will promote the event, although we hope that everyone will post it on Facebook and Websites. All you have to do is register with Deb Townsend at 520-827-5558, show up for the event and clean up your area when it's over! Deb can also accept donations of everything but clothing to sell, as can Doc Darr at 480-818-1606.

## ON THE AGENDA

**SUPERIOR ROTARY CLUB:** The Superior Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Superior that is still in service today. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian you can join them at their weekly meeting on Tuesdays at noon at Los Hermanos Restaurant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JFK PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:** John F. Kennedy Preschool is still accepting applications for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1. Parents/Guardians must provide child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. Applications are available at JFK Elementary School, 1500 Sunset Dr., Superior. For questions please call 520-689-3156.

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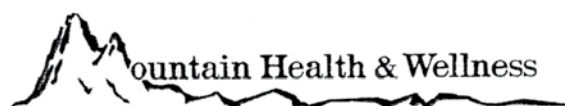
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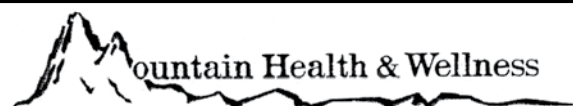
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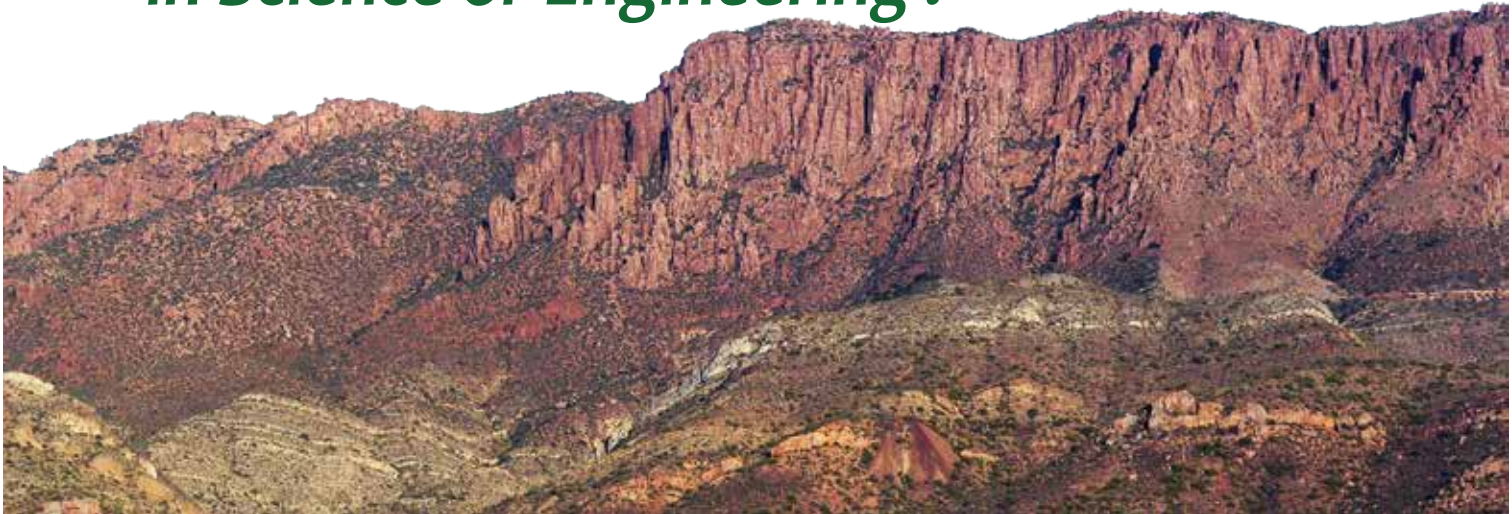


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