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# PCSO launches Secureview® Tablets for inmates in an effort to reduce recidivism

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is excited about its partnership with Securus Technologies which will bring technology to the inmates at the Adult Detention Center. This technology is aimed at preparing the incarcerated with 21st century skills to help them have a successful future. Inmates are now able to use tablets to help advance their education and gain new skills while they are incarcerated.

The sheriff's office is now equipped with a digital toolkit made up of the SecureView® Tablet as well as Digital

Mail Center and in August, will be adding eMessaging, all from Securus Technologies.

"With tablets, inmates can stay in touch with family and keep their minds pre-occupied with educational and religious programming. We expect that it will help with behavior," said Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

Securus offers the community tablets for free, and Sheriff Lamb says they occupy the time of the incarcerated in productive ways and allows inmates to have access to better opportunities. One example is the job search application, which is powered by Securus' Jobview application.

"For those who want to improve themselves, it

opens up that door," he said. "Jobview gives offenders opportunities, so if they're getting out of jail, they know how to prepare for a job as well as know who's hiring."

This tool is intuitive and requires no staff intervention. In addition to the job search, it also has applications that give those access to the phone, education, mental health, and the law library.

"We hope this will help inmates better their lives while they are in our custody. Our population is working with educators in our jail. They now have the opportunity to get a GED. We hope it will help with recidivism and makes them more employable. If you have a job, and you're good at it, then you don't have a reason to commit a crime and

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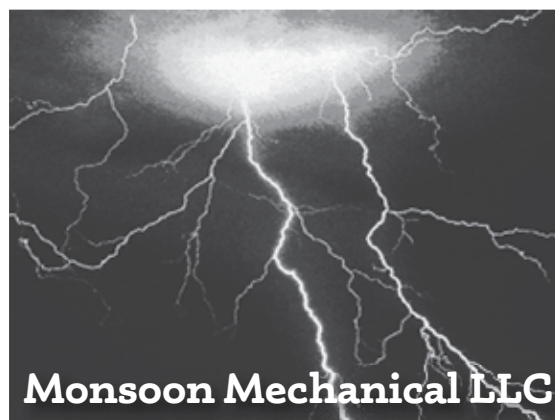
Magma Royale event was the bee's knees  
and the kipper's knickers

**K**udos to the Superior Optimist Club on another great Magma Royale event. The theme, the Great Gatsby, was very well received and lots of people dressed for the time period. Terrific food, fun, music, laughing and hollering made this a great night

in Superior. All of the proceeds go toward the Optimist laptop program and scholarships for the youth of Superior. Thanks Optimists, for all the great things you do for the community.

/s/ Sue Anderson

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# The ABCs of life: how social-emotional development in early childhood is key to success later

Copper Corridor (August, 2019) – Parents who foster positive, nurturing relationships with their baby, toddler or preschooler will help the healthy development of their child’s social-emotional skills that will serve the child later in life.

Important social and behavioral skills, such as motivation, self-discipline, focus and self-esteem begin to take root from birth to age 5. Successful people share these traits and families play a large role in helping children to learn these essential life skills.

“Families lay the foundation for babies, toddlers and preschoolers to be able to learn how to process the world around them,” said Kelly Lubeck, program manager for the family support and literacy team at First Things First. “Helping children learn skills that allow them to express how they feel, have empathy for others and work through conflict will serve them for their entire lifetime.”

First Things First encourages families to establish a nurturing environment during every stage of their young child’s life.

For babies, creating a nurturing environment starts by making them feel safe and loved. This helps them develop the capacity to form a strong social-emotional foundation. Parents can talk, read and sing with their baby; maintain a consistent routine, so the baby knows what to expect throughout the day; and provide

responsive care by smiling, laughing or cuddling with them.

Supporting toddlers in developing emotional skills begins with allowing children to express their feelings. Experts from the U.S. Department of Education say some ways include saying, “You look sad. Let’s see if we can make you feel better.” This lets your child know that you are paying attention to their needs and want to be there for them.

Lubeck cautions against using time out, which can be counterproductive.

“Time outs for big feelings are not helpful to children and can be isolating,” she said.

Parents can instead set a good example by talking about their own feelings or emotions, which will help a young child describe their own feelings. For toddlers, use pictures of different emotions and label them for the child. Let the child know it’s ok to have strong feelings like anger or frustration and that you are there to help manage those feelings. Show different ways to manage those emotions such as taking deep breaths or spending time with a comfort item, such as a stuffed animal.

For preschoolers, parents can encourage the child to draw a picture of what happened to make them upset and describe what they were thinking and feeling at each stage.

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, research shows that children with higher emotional

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# Superior Panthers head back to school

The Superior Panthers returned to school on Thursday, Aug. 1. Family members attended a meet the teacher night on July 31 in preparation for the big day and Teachers and Community leaders attended a back to school luncheon on Tuesday, July 30.

During the back to school luncheon teachers, staff and community leaders worked on a timed exercise to build a tower with dry noodles, string, masking tape, with a

requirement of a large marshmallow being placed on top. The exercise was designed to improve team building and communication.

School Superintendent Steve Estatico explained that the district will continue to work on curriculum alignment and providing teachers with the tools they need to prepare Superior Students to be college and career ready. The school will also be making significant classroom

improvements with funding through the Resolution Copper education agreements.

The School district also announced this week that Superior High School was selected as the 1A School with the Best Sportsmanship by the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

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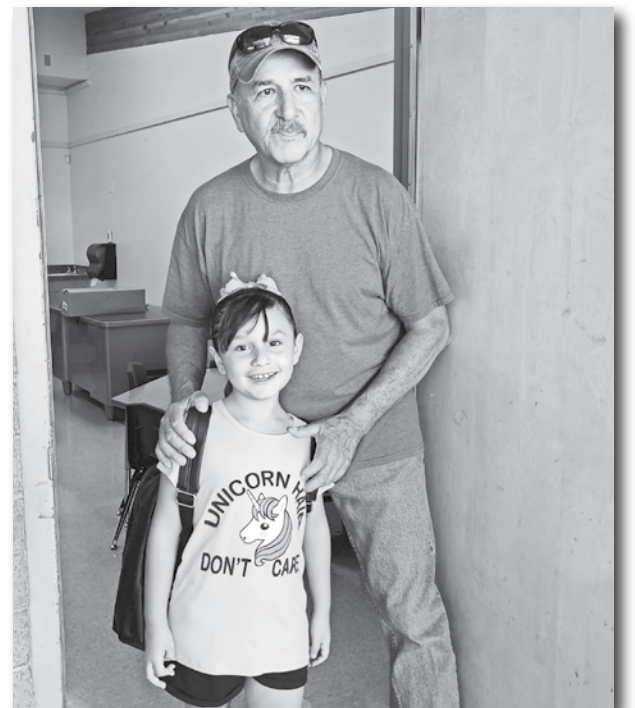
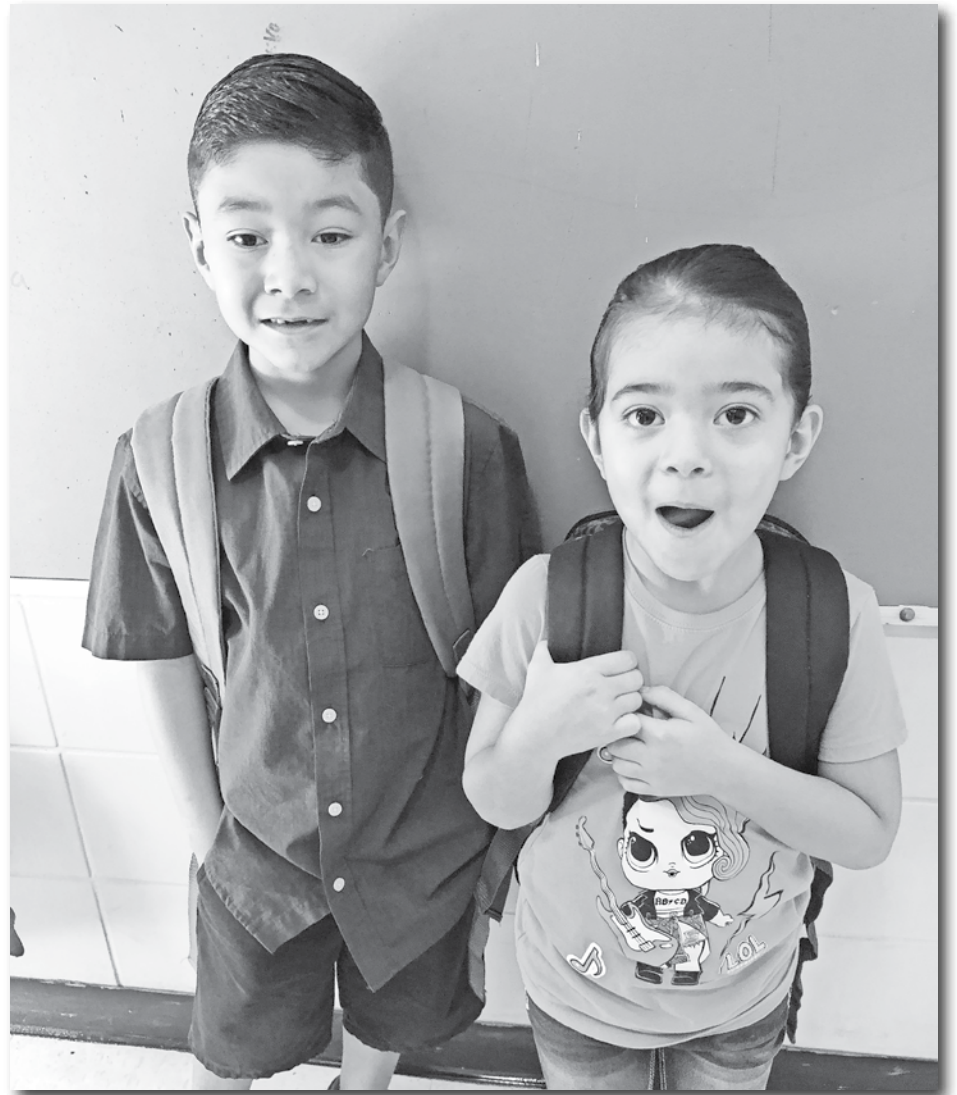
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# Magma Royale: a marvelous time had by all



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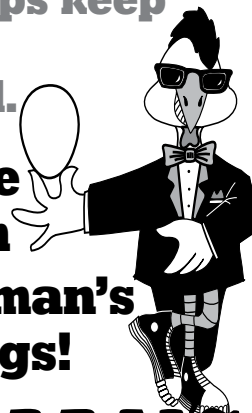
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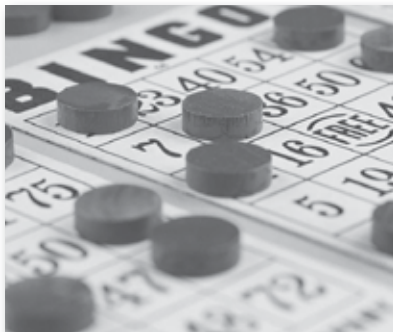
## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### Arboretum Daily Guided Tours

Boyce Thompson Arboretum volunteers narrate the venerable gardens' history while pointing out colorful plants, birds and seasonal changes on guided walking tours every day, this month and on through to the end of April. Tours depart from the visitor center at 11 a.m. and are included with \$12.50 daily admission \$12.50, or, free to BTA annual members, and also free if you have an Arizona State Parks pass. Confirm weekend bird walks, botany tours and other special event dates and times at [cals.arizona.edu/bta](http://cals.arizona.edu/bta); see daily photo updates and connect with staff at [facebook.com/btarboretum](https://facebook.com/btarboretum).

## AUGUST



### 14 Senior Center Game Day

Game day at the Superior Senior Center is Aug. 14, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If you need a ride, please Carol by Monday, Aug. 12.



### 18 Irrigation Systems Class

Are you thinking about installing an irrigation system on your property, but don't know where to start? Then join us at Trowbridge Hall (Oracle Union Church, 705 E. American Ave., Oracle) on Sunday, Aug. 18, 1-4 p.m. for Irrigation Basics. In this free hands-on workshop taught by Dale Suter you will learn how to estimate pipe sizes, control water flow, installation best practices and much more. The class is free to Copper Corridor residents. Workshop participants are encouraged to help install the irrigation system at the Oracle Community Learning Garden (great practice!) Aug. 23 - 25. And - if you're already experienced and don't plan to attend this workshop - please lend the garden crew a hand. It's a big job and they'll need a lot of helpers!

### 19 GED Prep Classes at CAC Aravaipa

GED prep classes will be offered at CAC-Aravaipa, Room E107, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 19. Register now at the campus, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All students must present proof of legal presence in the USA in order to register for classes. There is a supplemental fee ranging from \$20-50, depending on household income.

### 21 WNRCD Quarterly Meeting

The Winkelman NRCQ Quarterly meeting will be held at the General Kearny Inn, 301 Alden Rd, Kearny on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. Lunch will be potluck.

## SEPTEMBER

### 14 United Superiorites Tardeada

The United Superiorites Foundation is celebrating 50 years with a 50th Anniversary Tardeada on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. Food and music will be provided with BYOB refreshments (all beverages must be in aluminum or plastic containers). Location will be the Resurrection Catholic Church, 3201 S. Evergreen Rd., Tempe, AZ 85282, 2-7 p.m. Tickets are not being sold, but at the door there will be a "pre-paid list" of those who called to RSVP. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP by calling Charlie Higuera 480-354-1944; Linda Real 480-834-1670; or Richard Prvencio 480-201-9480. Call today to spend an afternoon with lifelong friends and meet new ones. This is the Foundation that has awarded scholarships for more than 45 years to those graduating seniors who apply.

### 19 Eagle One Veteran Outreach to Visit

The Eagle One Veteran Outreach Center will be at the VFW in Superior on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit them online at [hohp4heroes.org](http://hohp4heroes.org). Eagle One provides veterans a place to learn about and apply for all services available to them.

## ON THE AGENDA

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch and informative meeting at the chamber office, 165 W. Main St.. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 520-689-0200. There is a fee for lunch.

**SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL:** The Superior Town Council meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the old Roosevelt School Auditorium.

**SUPERIOR OPTIMIST CLUB:** The Superior Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at Edwardo's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

**SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER:** The Superior Senior Center, 360 W. Main St., invites seniors to join the center and enjoy a nice meal and great company. Meals are \$2 for adults 60 and over. Under 55 is \$4. Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. A pastry bingo is held on the last Thursday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Need a ride to the center or more information? Call 689-5182.

**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, please call the school district for the next meeting date, 689-3000.

**SUPERIOR SCHOOL BOARD:** Regular meetings of the Superior School District Governing Board are held at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium, at Kennedy Elementary School, 1500 Sunset Drive in Superior, usually on the first Wednesday of each month.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Kennedy Elementary Preschool is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Children must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2019 and parents/guardians will need to provide the child's original birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. Applications are available at JFK Elementary School, 1500 Panther Drive., Superior. For more information please call 520.689.3000x3049.

### Play Bingo in Miami

In 2019, Bingo at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church on Sullivan St. in Miami will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Those over age 18 are welcome to join in, starting at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. There will be three Early Bird games and then the rest of a 21 game pack. Packs are \$19 per player. There will be a snack bar. If you would like more information about CDA or Bingo, please contact Mary Stemm, Regent via email [atjmstemm@cableone.net](mailto:atjmstemm@cableone.net).



# PCSO TABLETS

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come back into my facility,” said Sheriff Mark Lamb.

SecureView® Tablet also offers the Make Mine program which brings premium content through applications such as eBooks, Podcasts, Music and Games to the jail population.

“We are introducing games so that they will not be disruptive and not politicking in the pod about race or gangs. So, this is another option to improve the safety of those incarcerated and of the staff,” Sheriff Lamb added. The SecureView® Tablet Make Mine program helps improve facility efficiencies by providing personal access to make phone calls and search for jobs as well as giving greater access to books, educational materials and other content. The educational offerings are the top interest of facility leadership.

The podcasts on the Make Mine tablets are another resource for inmates. Inmates can take advantage of those podcasts as a tool to manage stress, learn life skills and how being drug-free will benefit offenders.

“Some of our inmates have grown up with a mom and dad on drugs or alcohol. They’ve had it pretty rough growing up. The podcasts teach them about life decisions, not falling into the same old traps of committing crimes

and doing drugs,” said Sheriff Lamb.

PCSO believes having a healthy and strong support system is a good way for offenders to get back on the right path. So being able to keep in touch with their children and loved ones is so important. The tablets have the capability to make phone calls allowing a better opportunity to stay in touch with loved ones and adds that regular communication also helps reduce stress in the jail population. In fact, studies show a link between inmates maintaining relationships with their loved ones, while incarcerated, reduces recidivism.

From a security standpoint - the threat of contraband is one reason why the Pinal County Sheriff’s Office looked for an alternative to regular mail. For example, Sheriff Lamb explains that fentanyl is now more prevalent with drug dealers and the cartel. Synthetic fentanyl is sold illegally as a powder, which can be inhaled or airborne and put officers in danger who are hand inspecting paper mail.

“Before Securus’ Digital Mail Center, we had to visually inspect mail. Staff can overdose or even die from just the tiniest amount of this drug. Last year our staff discovered mail laced with methamphetamine. So, by scanning and

electronically delivering paper mail, we protect our staff and our inmates,” Sheriff Lamb explained.

The facility still receives some paper mail such as money orders and items for the law library.

Pinal County also introduced Securus’ eMessaging. This application on the SecureView® Tablet offers the incarcerated another way to keep in touch with family and friends while still maintaining all existing methods of communication.

Communication with the outside world better prepares inmates for re-entry, and that is a top priority for Sheriff Lamb who feels tablets give the incarcerated opportunities to build a better future.

“We want to be the top jail in the state or even the western region. The community needs to see what we are providing for our inmates to help them get back on their feet to be the best citizens they can be,” Sheriff Lamb concludes.

The Pinal County Sheriff’s Office’s Adult Detention center houses an average of 500 inmates a day. The tablets are monitored and the inmates are aware that their activities and all forms of conversations are monitored, which is standard practice at all detention facilities.

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By Dennis Van Gorp  
Family Life Christian Center

## SUCCESS

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intelligence are better able to pay attention, are more engaged in school, have more positive relationships, and are more empathic. As adults, higher emotional intelligence is linked to better relationships, more positive feelings about work. Helping young children develop emotional intelligence will have a positive impact on them today and as they grow.

**About First Things First** – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter

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| Date    | High | Low | Pcp |
|---------|------|-----|-----|
| July 29 | 108  | 81  |     |
| July 30 | 103  | 74  | .16 |
| July 31 | 94   | 72  | .24 |
| Aug 1   | 101  | 73  |     |
| Aug 2   | 107  | 76  |     |
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