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"There are numerous countries in the world where the politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians"

—David Brinkley

Local Superintendent Says, Wake Up Arizona

I am writing this as a concerned citizen and superintendent who wants my students back in school. I know we are all tired of the coronavirus and just want to go back to a normal life. Me, too. But we are not where we should or could be at this time. Our collective behaviors make a difference in whether people die. Consider the fact that over 200,000 Americans are dead because of coronavirus and public health agencies are predicting there will be over 400,000 deaths by Jan. 1. The promised vaccine ready by the election or soon after will have no impact on these dreadful numbers.

Unfortunately, too many Arizonans do not follow the Governor's message to "Mask Up" in public places. Wearing masks in public can save lives, it should not be debatable at this time. Those who refuse to wear masks are harming everyone, and that is a shame. I just cannot understand why everyone does not participate in this common sense, science-based strategy that will help get us back to normal, or at least a better place. If we continue to refuse to do the simple things, like wearing a mask in public, we will continue to get nowhere with the virus.

What got me upset this past weekend was simply shopping at a popular grocery chain store in the Valley and counting 22 customers without masks in one store. I was shocked because I thought it was a law. I guess not. I also watched the presidential political rallies and see little or no signs of mask wearing in the crowds. These people will come back into our communities and risk the safety of us all and delay the safe re-opening of our schools. It seems selfish to me.

The way out of this tough time is not going to be fast or easy and will require effort and leadership at all levels. The Governor has a "Mask Up" campaign that will have limited effect if everyone decides not to participate. Closing the economy is not required or even the answer if we could just agree to do a few things that make sense and could potentially reduce the amount of pain and suffering in Arizona and through the United States.

The one thing that is concerning is the lack of commitment to coronavirus testing. Dr. Fauci, the leading disease scientist at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), has said repeatedly that we need to have more testing. Unfortunately, we are now doing less testing over the past months which seems to go against the original game plan to fight the virus.

In addition, there are many that are concerned with the CDC changing its own coronavirus testing guidelines

on Aug. 24. The new protocol no longer recommend individuals who are around someone who tests positive for coronavirus be tested themselves unless they have symptoms. This is especially alarming considering the CDC estimates that 40 percent of those who test positive for the virus are asymptomatic and can easily spread it to others. Then, just last week, the CDC reversed its guidance and now recommends individuals exposed to someone that tests positive should be tested.

This flip-flop in guidance is concerning and reduces the public's confidence in the CDC and questions the politicization of the agency that was once recognized as the gold standard in disease science throughout the world. This is especially alarming as the vaccination is being pushed forward by the CDC over the coming months. This decision negatively impacts public confidence in the agency and potentially the vaccine itself. This at a time when we need most Americans to get the COVID vaccination to eventually rid ourselves of this deadly virus.

Most medical experts believe the more coronavirus testing we do the better. Of course, initially we can expect to find more positive cases as we ramp up testing. This will then allow us to isolate those who tested positive and begin to reduce the ACTUAL cases of the coronavirus in our state and communities overtime. The most important reason we need to increase testing is to identify more asymptomatic carriers. Those without symptoms. Remember, this virus does not impact everyone the same. Some people get the coronavirus and have mild cold symptoms, or none, while others suffer greatly and die.

What we do know by now is that everyone who gets the coronavirus can spread the disease, including children. The virus wants to keep spreading because that is what this virus does well. Being an airborne disease makes it very efficient in its ability to do so. The scientific community concurs that the best approach is to find the coronavirus and isolate it to avoid community spread.

The next strategy the scientific community agrees upon is that everyone should wear masks in public to protect others. Is wearing a mask in public during the midst of a deadly pandemic too much to ask of each citizen? I do not think so. I feel that an individual's freedom should be limited if it risks the lives and safety of others. Nobody is suggesting taking away our guns; we just wanting to live safely together and as normal as possible.

It is unfortunate. The message at the top was not delivered earlier in the pandemic and isn't being modeled or endorsed in a meaningful way even today. Americans need a clear message driven by the medical experts like Dr. Fauci, which is reinforced at the top every day going forward. That is what leaders need to do and there is still time. Tell Americans the facts and the truth, and we will do extraordinary things.

The bottom line is that our individual behaviors during this pandemic do impact our state, communities, schools, families, and children. Attending large social events and shopping without wearing a mask is endangering us all. I sincerely hope that we can work together and begin to do the right things. If we do so, we could get to a new normal that is a much better place than where we are at today.

Article was written by Jeff Gregorich, Superintendent of Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District.

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Carbon Monoxide Detectors Can Save Your Life

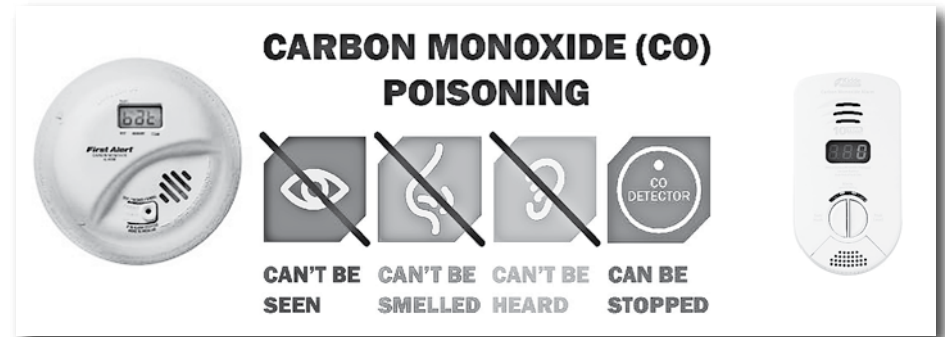
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CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable

laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory and call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.

If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors. Call 911 and make sure everyone who was inside the house is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there



until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.

To learn the warning signs of carbon

monoxide poisoning or where to place CO detectors in your home, please call the Pinal Rural Fire District at 520-465-5300.

First Things First: supporting the special bond between a grandparent and a grandchild

Grandparents play a variety of roles in their grandchildren's lives. For many, a grandfather or grandmother is an additional loving adult who provides positive, nurturing support early in life. For other young children, grandparents have taken their grandchild into their home and have taken on the responsibility of raising them.

First Things First (FTF), Arizona's early childhood agency, knows that families can look different, but they can all help babies, toddlers and preschoolers feel safe and secure. As national Grandparents Day is celebrated on Sept. 13, FTF reminds families about programs that can help grandparents build positive relationships with their grandchildren, which promotes healthy development and learning for young kids.

FTF provides funding for programs that are having positive impacts on grandparents and Arizona's children, including a statewide resource that can provide advice and support to grandparents raising their grandkids.

The Birth to 5 Helpline (1-877-705-KIDS) is available to all Arizona families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This free program fields questions from families looking for advice and the latest child development information from early childhood experts.

FTF also funds training and support for family, friend and neighbor caregivers in regions across Arizona, including Pinal.

The family friend and neighbor strategy focuses on increasing the caregiver's knowledge and understanding of early childhood development, health and nutrition, language and literacy, and safety and injury prevention, including first aid and CPR certification as well as crib safety.

This type of training is critical in Arizona, which mirrors the rest of the country, where one-third to one-half of all children under age 5 are cared for by informal

family, friends and neighbors, and in many cases, those caregivers are grandparents, who are taking care of young ones during the day.

For a comprehensive list of what programs are available at no cost for children birth to age 5 in your area, visit: www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/find-programs/.

The relationship between a child and a grandparent is a special bond and supporting grandparents in their special

role will help young kids learn, grow and succeed.

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.

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COVID-19 Positive Case Weekly Report

	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22
Globe	211	213	210	210	211	214	211
Hayden	1-10	1-10	11	1-10	1-10	11	12
Kearny	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Mammoth	34	34	33	33	33	35	36
Miami	80	79	79	79	79	79	79
Oracle	30	30	30	30	30	31	30
San Manuel	23	23	22	22	22	25	26
Superior	76	76	76	76	76	77	78
Winkelman	36	36	35	35	35	38	37

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 Sept. 22, 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.

Hayden cancels fall sports

By Andrew Luberda
Copper Basin News

The Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District announced in a Sept. 14 press release that it was canceling fall sports.

"Hayden High School will be canceling all fall sports for the health and safety of student athletes, families, and community," a subtitle reads in the release signed by HWUSD Superintendent Jeff Greogorich.

The complete release is as follows:
Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Hayden High School will not be participating in fall sports. The concern is that playing sports could increase COVID 19 exposure to our student athletes, families, and community. The safety of everyone outweighs the need to play sports and risks the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

The school district's top priority is the health of our students, families, and community. The sacrifice of a high school sport season in the middle of the worst pandemic in 100 years is the most responsible and the right thing to do.

The health risks are too high for our district to play sports which could create a COVID 19 community spread. Unfortunately, the virus has not gone away, and children and adults can become asymptomatic and pass it to others. Athletes could contract COVID 19 and unknowingly pass the virus to family members and they

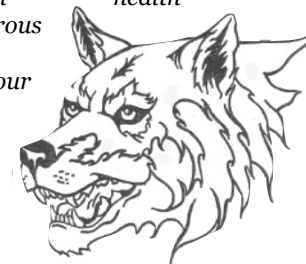
could die. Many of our families are multigeneration which creates an additional health risk. It is simply too dangerous to play fall sports that will risk the safety and lives of our student athletes, families, and community, right now.

*Respectfully,
Jeff Greogorich*

Two weeks ago, Hayden football head coach John Estrada told Copper Basin News that the school wasn't sure if the Lobos would have a 2020 season and that his team had pushed back the start of practice for two weeks.

"The reason for pushing that back is because our area is still in the red per the health department," Estrada wrote in a text at the time. "If things change in two weeks and we get put in the green then I believe they'll give us the ok to start practice. If things don't change, I'm afraid our season may be cancelled. Our superintendent was nice enough to give us an extension verses to cancel the season now. So, we'll know for sure in a couple of weeks."

Indeed, now Estrada and the Lobos "know for sure" their season is cancelled. It's just another of several seemingly inevitabilities amid the many uncertainties during the last six months due to COVID-19.



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Robert Wayne 'Bonzai' Vickers

Copper Area News has received some articles from a former corrections officer from Arizona State Prison. This retired officer spent 25 years with the Arizona Department of Corrections working all custody levels from juvenile detention units to Death Row. The author wishes to remain anonymous. He hopes to provide the readers with a view of what it is like working with inmates and what life is like behind prison walls.

INTRODUCTION

The job of a corrections officer

Robert Wayne Vickers was not an imposing figure to look at. He was thin, standing six feet one inch and weighing 148 pounds. If you did not know his history, you would find it hard to believe that he was considered one of the most dangerous inmates in the Arizona State Prison system. Although Vickers had gained a reputation for violence while in Arizona juvenile institutions, it was not a violent crime that brought him to prison. He was 19 years old when sentenced to 3 to 9 years for grand theft for a series of burglaries committed in Tempe, Arizona. He arrived at the prison in Florence in 1977. He would not see freedom again.

When Vickers arrived at Florence, it was a time of extraordinary violence. In 1977 there had been 23 stabbings and seven murders at the Florence prison. He was still a teenager and may have felt he needed to engage in assaultive behavior to keep inmates away from him. He assaulted some black inmates probably in an attempt to impress the white racist prison gang "Aryan Brotherhood". In February of 1978, he stabbed Homer Burns with a shank (prison made weapon). He was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to 10 to 15 years. This set the stage for Vickers to earn his nickname and reputation.

Frank Ponciano was the 21-year-old cell mate of Robert Vickers. He was serving time for second degree murder. On Oct. 4, 1978, Ponciano failed to wake Vickers at lunch time and made the fatal mistake of drinking Vickers' Kool-Aid. Vickers strangled Ponciano with a knotted bed sheet and stabbed him 10 times in the back and side with a home made weapon. Vickers then used a toothbrush with a sharpened handle to carve the word "Bonzai" into the back of the dead Ponciano. Bonzai was the misspelling of Banzai, the Japanese patriotic cheer

is not easy. The nature of the job, working with men or women behind bars can be stressful. Working in high custody units can add to the stress. The Arizona Department of Corrections has a high staff turnover rate. One in five staff members quit within the first couple of years of being hired or use the training and experience they receive to transfer to Sheriff departments or Federal corrections.

Maximum custody inmates are either there because they are doing

or battle cry. From then on, the name Bonzai or Bonzai Bob would be used by inmates and staff when referring to Robert Vickers. After this, Vickers would sign his correspondence "Bonzai Bob" with a miniature swastika dotting the letter i.

Vickers was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to death. He was the only inmate on Death Row for the murder of another inmate. At the trial it was brought out that corrections staff had missed finding Ponciano dead during at least one count. The death was not discovered until Vickers called over a corrections officer and told him to get Ponciano out of his cell. When the officer hesitated, Vickers shoved the burning end of a cigar into one of Ponciano's bare feet. When Ponciano did not react to his foot being burned, the officer called for back up.

In 1981, Vickers was scheduled for execution but a stay was granted by U.S. District Judge Carl Muecke. Vickers was angry because he had asked to be executed. Vickers told the press that he hoped someone "snuffs Judge Muecke's momma" and that he would carve the Judge's name on his next victim. The death penalty for Ponciano's murder would later be overturned and Vickers would be given a sentence of life in prison.

On March 4, 1982, Vickers was working as a porter cleaning a four-man pod area. The other three inmates were locked in their cells. Buster Holsinger, a fellow Death Row inmate, made a lewd comment about Vickers' teenage niece. Vickers had shown Holsinger a photograph of his niece and a drawing she had sent him in a letter. Holsinger then asked Vickers if he had ever performed a certain sex act on his niece. Vickers became infuriated and went back to his cell. He made a homemade incendiary device using an ice cream carton which he filled with five bottles

of Vitalis hair oil and tissue paper which he used as a fuse. He went to the front of Holsinger's cell, lit the oil and tossed the burning carton on Holsinger. When there were not enough flames to engulf the obese and invalid Holsinger, Vickers tossed more hair oil on him. Holsinger's cell became filled with smoke and flames as his mattress, bedding and other items caught on fire. Holsinger died from inhaling the hot fumes of the burning oil. The other two inmates were hospitalized for smoke inhalation. Vickers would be given another death sentence for Holsinger's murder.

Bonzai became well known for being able to slip out of handcuffs and for making and hiding weapons. Vickers assaulted 12 corrections officers and 20 inmates while in prison. He received disciplinary sanctions for 40 counts of making and possessing weapons. In 1986, Vickers managed to stab an officer in his lower side with a home-made spear. He made the weapon out of a sharpened piece of metal he had taken out of a typewriter. Vickers was in his cell at the time. The officer had just served Vickers his breakfast through a slot when Vickers stabbed him. He formed a 30 inches long handle out of tightly rolled and pasted newspapers.

Special security measures were taken with Vickers. Besides regular handcuffs, thumb cuffs were used whenever Vickers was removed from his cell. In Cell Block-6, a special "cage" was created and welded at the entrance of his regular cell. Vickers would have to enter the cage while nude. His regular cell would then be closed behind him. Officers would then visually inspect him for any weapons, handcuff keys or contraband. He would then be given clothes to put on. Officers would then cuff him, remove him from the cage and escort him to wherever he had to go. Vickers was moved from CB-6 to



BEHIND THE WALLS

Stories from Arizona State Prison
Compiled by John Hernandez

the Special Management Unit, a super maximum custody unit. This unit would house the most troublesome inmates in the state.

On May 5, 1999, Robert Wayne "Bonzai Bob" Vickers was executed by lethal injection. His last meal included two green chile burritos, French fries with ketchup, vanilla ice cream, cream soda and one cigarette. There were no regrets from prison staff when Bonzai was finally executed except maybe why it took so long.



Robert Wayne Vickers

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.

Local Parks Information

Until further notice, the ramadas at Kearny Town Parks and campgrounds at Kearny Lake are closed for public use. Likewise, the Winkelman Flats have been closed by the Town of Winkelman.

Dudleyville Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District which includes the area of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. Burn permits for both residential and agricultural purposes are not valid during this time.

Tri-Community Food Bank is Open

The Tri-Community Food Bank located at 108 Redwood Drive in Mammoth continues to be in business. We are observing social distancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To be eligible you must show proof of address that you live near or in Mammoth, San Manuel and Oracle and have an income within the federal poverty guidelines. The thrift shop is closed and is not accepting donations. Call 520-487-2010 for more information.

Eagle One Veteran Outreach

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

Free Dump Day

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

WIC Program

Have you been laid off or had your work hours cut back due to the pandemic? Pinal County Public Health's WIC program may be able to help! WIC serves pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding moms, as well as children under the age of 5. We provide nutrition and breastfeeding education, referrals to community programs, and healthy food for you and your family. Call 1-866-960-0633 today to find out more and to schedule your first appointment!

Wednesday Night BINGO

Wednesday night BINGO at the San Pedro Valley Lions Club, located at 115 S. Main St. in Mammoth, will be going back to starting at 7 p.m. until further notice. The kitchen starts serving at 5:30 p.m., the club doors open at 4:30 p.m. Don't forget to invite a friend to come with you. If you bring a non-perishable food with you will receive a 2 postage stamp or caller choice game card for free, the food will be donated to the Mammoth Food Bank. Call 520-487-2000 for more information.



Census 2020

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



Ray Bearcats PTO

The Ray Bearcats Parent-Teacher Organization is always looking for volunteers for our organization! Contact Ray Bearcats PTO through email at raybearcatspto@gmail.com, or by phone at 520-366-4461. Let's make this next school year one to remember for our Bearcats!



Superior Community Garden

Want to be part of a community garden in Superior? We have everything we need to create the garden. The produce from the garden will be shared by the people who work on it. Great way to be involved and get fresh food at the same time! Please text Leanne Taylor at 520-342-7307 for more information.

SEPTEMBER

26 Painters Sought for Pinal Ave. Paint Project

Rebuild Superior and the Superior Chamber of Commerce are working on a paint project that will help brighten up the Pinal Ave. area. A number of colorful houses have popped up and this will add to the fun. We need painting help for fences and walls Saturday, Sept. 26. Throw on your old clothes and meet us in front of the old Bakery at Pinal and Newmont at 7 a.m. We'll wrap it up at 10 a.m. before it gets too hot. Questions? Call Sue at 602-625-3151.

26 Winkelman Fire Department Fundraiser

Join us! Baggers, come out and support those who do so much for us on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2615 S. 6th Ave. in Tucson, 85713, at the indoor cornhole tournament. Check in at 2 p.m., bags fly at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 player. Win raffle items and more! Masks and social distancing will be required. Let's have fun and be safe! Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Swiftwater Rescue Equipment items that are so greatly needed: P.F.D., Non-Breathable Surface Drysuit, pair work boots, universal swim fins, pair water rescue gloves, water rescue helmet, whistle, knife, 200' of 7/16" water rescue rope, rope storage bag, emergency strobe and small waterproof radio case.

29 Free Snow Cones/Census Event in Mammoth

Want to help your community have funds for parks, roads, general improvements? Like snow cones? Have you completed the US Census yet? The Town of Mammoth along with Pinal County will be at Dollar General on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 3 p.m.- 5 p.m. to collect or help you complete your census. Come on out and get a free snow cone from the Mammoth Town Council for completing the US Census.

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.

RAY PTO: The Ray Bearcats Parent-Teacher Organization will hold monthly meetings on the last Monday of every month. If you would like to get involved with all of the great things the PTO has been doing for the school, please join us at a meeting. The meetings will be held virtually at 7 p.m. Please email raybearcatspto@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

AA MEETINGS: Open AA meetings are held Sundays, 10-11 a.m., at AMI Behavioral Health Services Office, 620 E. American Ave., Suite B, Oracle. For more information, please call (520) 896-2755.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

AIA adjusts metric to begin competition between teams

By Andrew Luberd
Copper Area News

About two weeks ago, the Arizona Interscholastic Association announced a geographical area needed 10 people or fewer per 100,000 test positive for COVID-19 to play games in contact sports such as football and soccer. Last week, the AIA, with the support of its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, adjusted the benchmark metric to 75 people or fewer per 100,000.

As a result, it appears soccer and football around the state will begin competition this week and next.

In a press release, the AIA referenced other states that have similar COVID-19 rates to Arizona that are "currently playing football with safeguards put in place by their executive boards." The AIA believes, after "viewing these games for several weeks" that it can successfully and safely conduct football with this new benchmark.

"Seeing the positive results in other states was a big help to reach this conclusion," AIA Executive Director Hines said in the statement. "It's a testament to those associations for putting proper rules in place so football can happen. We have similar numbers and similar safety recommendations as compared to those states."

Football is the lone remaining fall sport that has not starting game competition. All other sports – golf, cross country, swimming & diving, fall soccer, badminton, and girls volleyball – have met the respective benchmarks to begin competition.

"We have been given the opportunity to compete in football. However, it will take all of us – coaches, players, parents, fans, and administrators – to implement all of the modifications," Hines added. "This is critical for us to stay on the current track. It is equally as critical that all involved understand the importance of adhering to the guidance of athletic trainers and medical personnel."

Football is scheduled to commence Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

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Sunday Morning Meetings:
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Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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501 Victoria Circle, Kearny

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Superior Harvest Church

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480-329-3647 C

Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.
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CVRMC 'going live' with new EMR system

EMR stands for Electronic Medical Record which is essentially the medical history of a patient as it is recorded by physicians and other medical personnel. With the use of a robust EMR system, patient information can be accessed quickly across a number of different healthcare providers.

"CVRMC is proud to announce the launch of an updated Electronic Medical Record called Meditech Expande," states

Preston Pollock, CVRMC CPT Officer. "This technology will allow our hospital and clinics to utilize one integrated medical record which will in turn allow for a better patient experience."

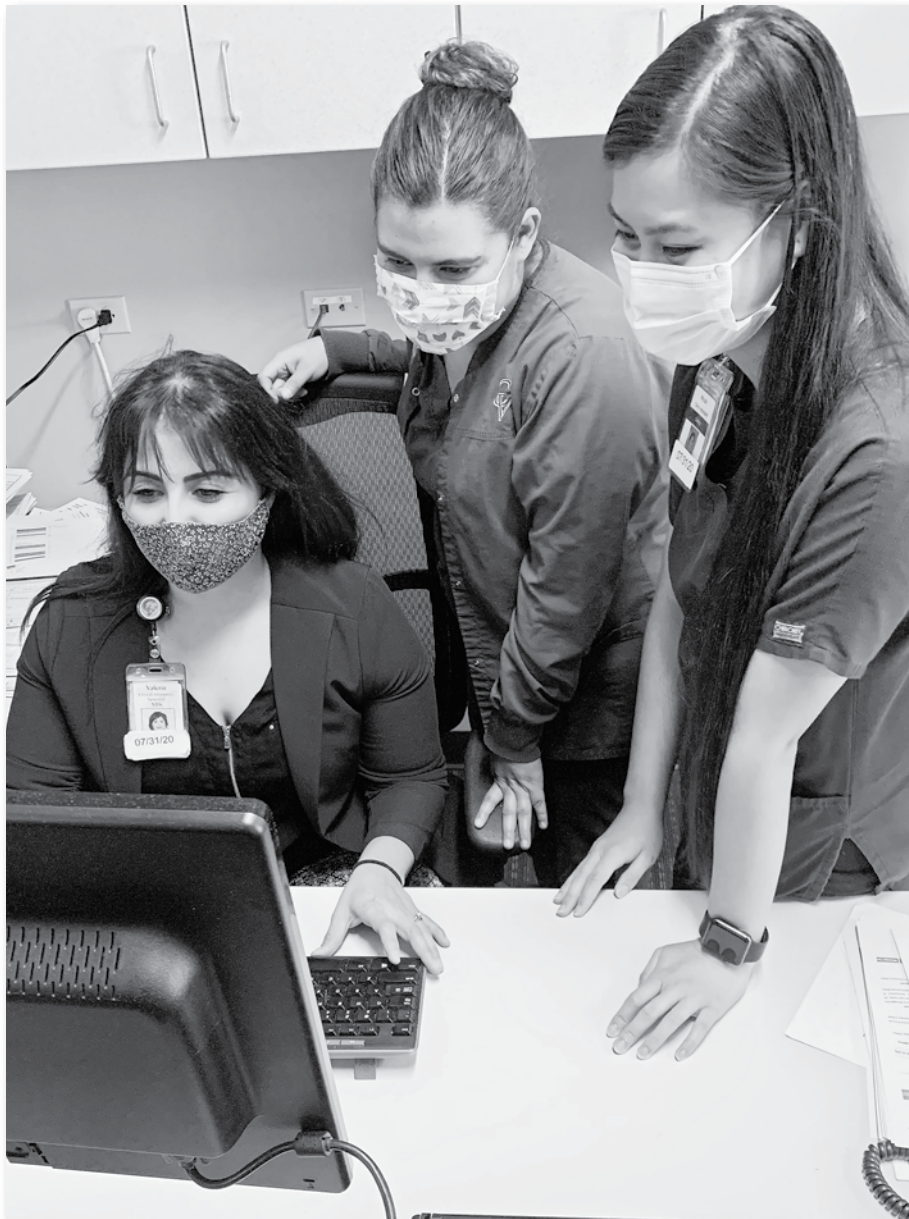
Neal Jensen, CVRMC CEO, has pushed his team of employees for growth and improvement at CVRMC for the past 20 years and the community has seen and benefited from the results. "This EMR system is a game changer. I have been

dreaming of this my entire career," states Jensen. He continues, "This truly will be a great change for patients, providers, the hospital, clinics, and the community we serve. We can now share a common medical record."

A project of this magnitude takes many, many extra hours and a core team across the spectrum of CVRMC staff have worked on this project since the second week of August 2019. "This will very definitely benefit patients and all the clinic practices," states Micah Pura, CVRMC Medical Assistant and a member of the Meditech Expande Front Office Core Team. Valrie Castro, Clinical Informatics Specialist, states, "Meditech Expande is the integration between the

clinics and hospital. It will allow providers and anyone involved in the patient's care to treat and manage their care more efficiently."

This system "goes live" Aug. 1. When you visit CVRMC or any CV Clinic, processes may take a few more minutes as staff becomes experts in this new EMR Enhance system. "We are moving CVRMC to even better patient care," states Evelyn Vargas, CVRMC CX Officer. "Like any newly implemented system, it may take an extra few minutes for our patients to move through, for example, registration as our employees adapt and move through the new screens and flow of Meditech Enhance. We truly thank you in advance for your patience."



Valrie Castro, Clinical Informatics Specialist; Annette Gonzales, Medical Assistant and Meditech Expande Back Office Team; Micah Pura, Medical Assistant and Meditech Front Office Team.



Public Notice



Town of Hayden

Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds

The Town is expected to receive approximately \$223,627 in FY2021 federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA). CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight or address urgent need. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 PM on October 19, 2020 at 520 N. Velasco, Hayden, Arizona to gather citizen input on the use of the CDBG funds. Examples of possible uses include the following:

1. Public infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, street improvements);
2. Community facilities (e.g., parks, health clinics, libraries, senior or youth centers);
3. Housing (e.g., owner-occupied or multi-family rehab, utility connections on private property, new housing constructed by a non-profit);
4. Public services (e.g., paying the salary of an additional staff person to expand a Head Start program, purchasing a van to transport persons with disabilities, equipment and rent to start a new job training program); and

For more information about the hearing, grievances, or the CDBG program; or to receive assistance in formulating prospective project ideas for presentation at the hearing contact the following:

Alan Urban, Community Development Manager
 Central Arizona Governments
 2540 W. Apache Trail, #108
 Apache Junction, Arizona 85120
 Telephone: 480.474.9300
 Fax: 480.474.9306
 TTY: 711

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact Alan Urban at the above location at least 48 hours before the hearing.

Copper Corridor schools plan for return to in-person learning

Schools across the Copper Corridor have been grappling with how to educate and teach the children of their districts through the pandemic. Finding ways that best met the needs of the their communities and teacher and meeting the requirements of the State of Arizona. As the fall breaks commence in the area, schools are now aiming to add in person learning to their operation plans. The Pinal County health department and school superintendent office sets weekly guidelines on if the infection rate is low enough to re-open schools fully.

Ray Unified School District: The Governing Board voted to return to in person learning on Oct. 19, 2020 following their fall break. They will also start conditioning for the winter sport season. Parents who wish to have their children continue to learn online may do so.

Mammoth-San Manuel School District: Plans to offer a hybrid option after the first nine weeks. The board continues to monitor the situation in the event

that they need to remain online only.

Hayden-Winkelman Unified School District: They plan to remain at online only learning until November and the board remains cautious to re-open to in person learning but continues to review

their options.

Superior Unified School District: The Governing Board continues to review the health guidelines set by Pinal County health department. The district is hoping to return to in-person learning after their fall break in October.

The governing board also voted to allow students to participate in fall sports. The board has a meeting at the end of September to finalize decisions.

Public Notice

Notice Of Informal Probate Of Will/ George Eugene Stevens

Kile & Kupiszewski Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 6617 Scottsdale, AZ 85261 (480) 348-1590 Info@kilekuplaw.com Emily B. Kile, Esq. #018819 Jennifer L. Kupiszewski, Esq. #019916 Stephen J.P. Kupiszewski, Esq., Of Counsel #013290 Attorneys for Personal Representative, Jeanette Burns In The Superior Court Of The State Of Arizona In And For The County Of Gila In The Matter of the Estate of George Eugene Stevens, Deceased. No. PB202000086 Notice Of Informal Probate Of Will And Appointment Of Personal Representative You are notified that: 1. Notice is being sent to those persons who have, or may have, some interest in the estate of George Eugene Stevens ("Decedent"). 2. Decedent died on June 24, 2020. 3. Jeanette Burns filed an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative in the above-named court, requesting that the Will of decedent dated on July 20, 2011 be admitted to informal probate and that Jeanette Burns be appointed Personal Representative of the estate. 4. On September 11, 2020, the registrar admitted the Will to informal probate and appointed Jeanette Burns as Personal Representative of the estate. 5. Bond is not required. 6. A copy of the Will is attached to this notice for you. An heir of decedent wishing to contest the probate has four months from the receipt of this notice to commence a formal testacy proceeding. 7. Papers relating to the estate are on file with the Court and are available for inspection. Dated this 17th day of September, 2020. /s/Emily B. Kile P.O. Box 6617 Scottsdale, AZ 85261 Attorneys for Personal Representative CBN Legal 9/23/20, 9/30/20, 10/7/20

Public Notice

Summons/Rigoberto Cabrera/Jane Doe Cabrera

File No. 23-135e Marc S. Gladner #004751 Crosby & Gladner P.C. 1930 South Alma School Road, Suite A203 Mesa, Arizona 85210 (602) 274-9100 msgladner@candglaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff In The Justice Court Of The Globe Regional Precinct County Of Gila, State Of Arizona 1400 East Ash Street, Globe, Arizona 85501 866-846-8296 Commonweath Casualty Company, a foreign corporation, Plaintiff, vs Rigoberto Cabrera and Jane Doe Cabrera, husband and wife, Defendants. No. J0403CV2020000161 Summons The State Of Arizona To The Defendants: Rigoberto Cabrera Jane Doe Cabrera 7201 Black Canyon Highway Phoenix, AZ 85021 1. You are summoned to respond to this complaint by filing an answer with this court and paying the court's required fee. If you cannot afford to pay the required fee, you may request the court to waive or to defer the fee. 2. If you were served with this summons within the State of Arizona, the court must receive your answer to the complaint within twenty (20) calendar days from the date you were served. If you were served outside the State of Arizona, the court must receive your Answer to the complaint within thirty (30) days from the date of service. If the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, you will have until the next working day to file your answer. When calculating time, do not count the day you were served with the summons. 3. The Court is located at: 1400 East Ash Street, Globe, Arizona 85501 866-846-8296. 4. Your answer must be in writing. (a) You may obtain an answer from the court listed above, or on the Self-Service Center of the Arizona Judicial Branch website at <http://www.azcourts.gov.gov/> under the "Public Services" tab. (b) You may visit <http://www.azturboocourt.gov/> to fill in your answer form electronically; this requires payment of an additional fee. (c) You may also prepare your answer on a plain sheet of paper, but your answer must include the case number, the court location, and the names of the parties. 5. You must provide a copy of your answer to the plaintiff(s) or to the plaintiff(s) attorney(s). If You Fail To File A Written Answer With The Court Within The Time Indicated Above, A Default Judgment May Be Entered Against You, As Requested In The Plaintiff(s) Complaint. Date: 7/6/2020 /s/Illegible Judge's Signature Request For Reasonable Accomodation For Persons With Disabilities Must Be Made To The Court As Soon As Possible Before A Court Proceeding. A copy of the complaint and accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to: The Law Offices of Crosby & Gladner, Attention Marc S. Gladner, 1930 South Alma School Road, Suite A203, Mesa, Arizona 85210 or by contacting (602) 274-9100. CBN Legal 9/2/20, 9/9/20, 9/16/20, 9/23/20

Public Notice

Summons/Raymundo Gutierrez-Calderon/Jane Doe Gutierrez-Calderon

File No. 23-162e Marc S. Gladner #004751 Crosby & Gladner P.C. 1930 South Alma School Road, Suite A203 Mesa, Arizona 85210 (602) 274-9100 msgladner@candglaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff In The Justice Court Of The Payson Regional Precinct County Of Gila, State Of Arizona 714 South Beeline Highway, Suite 103, Payson, Arizona 85541 928-474-5267 Commonweath Casualty Company, a foreign corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Luis Adrian Rubio and Jane Doe Rubio, husband and wife; Raymundo Gutierrez-Calderon and Jane Doe Gutierrez-Calderon, husband and wife, Defendants. No. 2020CV142-OV Summons The State Of Arizona To The Defendants: Luis Adrian Rubio Jane Doe Rubio 2627 N. 45th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85035. Raymundo Gutierrez-Calderon Jane Doe Gutierrez-Calderon 2627 N. 45th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85035 1. You are summoned to respond to this complaint by filing an answer with this court and paying the court's required fee. If you cannot afford to pay the required fee, you may request the court to waive or to defer the fee. 2. If you were served with this summons within the State of Arizona, the court must receive your answer to the complaint within twenty (20) calendar days from the date you were served. If you were served outside the State of Arizona, the court must receive your Answer to the complaint within thirty (30) days from the date of service. If the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, you will have until the next working day to file your answer. When calculating time, do not count the day you were served with the summons. 3. The Court is located at: 714 South Beeline Highway, Suite 103, Payson, Arizona 85541 928-474-5267. 4. Your answer must be in writing. (a) You may obtain an answer from the court listed above, or on the Self-Service Center of the Arizona Judicial Branch website at <http://www.azcourts.gov.gov/> under the "Public Services" tab. (b) You may visit <http://www.azturboocourt.gov/> to fill in your answer form electronically; this requires payment of an additional fee. (c) You may also prepare your answer on a plain sheet of paper, but your answer must include the case number, the court location, and the names of the parties. 5. You must provide a copy of your answer to the plaintiff(s) or to the plaintiff(s) attorney(s). If You Fail To File A Written Answer With The Court Within The Time Indicated Above, A Default Judgment May Be Entered Against You, As Requested In The Plaintiff(s) Complaint. Date: 6-12-2020 /s/Illegible Judge's Signature Request For Reasonable Accomodation For Persons With Disabilities Must Be Made To The Court As Soon As Possible Before A Court Proceeding. A copy of the complaint and accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to: The Law Offices of Crosby & Gladner, Attention Marc S. Gladner, 1930 South Alma School Road, Suite A203, Mesa, Arizona 85210 or by contacting (602) 274-9100. CBN Legal 9/2/20, 9/9/20, 9/16/20, 9/23/20

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Notice To Creditors/George Eugene Stevens

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Public Notice

DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. 2525 E. Broadway Blvd., Ste. #200 Tucson, AZ 85716-5300 (520) 322-5000 Gary F. Urman (AZ# 011748) gurman@dmyl.com Attorneys for Plaintiff In THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA, ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM, an agency of the State of Arizona, Plaintiff, vs. HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF RUBY L. CHADD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN AND JANE DOES I-X; DOE BUSINESS ENTITIES I-X; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, OR SUCCESSORS OF THE AFORENAMED DEFENDANTS, if Deceased, Defendants. NO. S400CV201900261 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:30 am at the front entrance of the Gila County Courthouse, Globe, Arizona, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants, HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF RUBY L. CHADD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN AND JANE DOES I-X; DOE BUSINESS ENTITIES I-X; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, OR SUCCESSORS OF THE AFORENAMED DEFENDANTS, if Deceased, in and to the property located at: 301 and 307 W. 4th St., Winkelman, Az. 85192, and legally described as: Lot 21, 22, 23, and 24 of WINKELMAN TOWNSITE, according to the plat of record in the Office of the County Recorder of Gila County, Arizona, recorded in Map No. 36. Gila County APN: 101-12-194 and 101-12-195. To satisfy the Default Judgement issued May 20, 2020 in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Gila County Case No. SO400CV201900261 in the principal amount of \$354,071.99. The Default Judgment also ordered that the property which has heretofore been levied upon by a Writ of Special Execution issued in the action, or heretofore foreclosed upon, be sold in accordance with the law to satisfy this Default Judgement. Related Recordings at the Gila County Recorder's Office: • Default Judgement 2020-007827 JUPR dated 07/14/2020 • Notice of Levy 2020-008921 LEVY dated 08/03/2020 DATED this 25th day of August, 2020. By: /s/ J. Adam Shepherd Sheriff of Gila County, Arizona STATE OF ARIZONA County of Gila ss. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August, 2020, by J. Adam Shepherd, Sheriff of Gila County, Arizona. My Commission Expires: May 10, 2022 /s/ K Feezor Notary Public CBN Legal 9/2/20, 9/9/20, 9/16/20, 9/23/20

Public Notice

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES In The Matter of: Town of Kearny dba Town of Kearny Ambulance Service Applicant Case No.: 2021-EMS-10017-DHS (EMS 00206) NOTICE OF INTENT TO WAIVE HEARING TO ADJUST RATES AND CHARGES PURSUANT TO an application filed on February 10, 2020 ("Application"), Town of Kearny dba Town of Kearny Ambulance Service ("Applicant"), requests an adjustment (increase) to various current approved rates and charges in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R9-25-1102. PURSUANT TO Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 36-2232(A)(1), 36-2239, and 36-2234(C) the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services ("Director") may adjust rates and charges and waive the hearing required by A.R.S. § 36-2234(A) for such action. THE DIRECTOR GIVES NOTICE that unless a written request for hearing regarding this Application is received by the Clerk of the Department, Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules, Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 North 18th Avenue, Room 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, by 5:00 p.m., October 9, 2020, the Director may allow the requested rates and charges adjustment based upon the following information and other evidence currently on file: 1. The Applicant holds a current Renewal Certificate of Necessity No. 23, which expires on November 30, 2021. 2. The Applicant's current approved rates and charges became effective on April 17, 2019. 3. The current approved rates and charges which have not been amended since the above date are as follows: A. ALS Base Rate \$1,279.00; B. BLS Base Rate \$1,279.00; C. Mileage Charge (Patient Loaded Miles) \$14.51; D. Standby/Waiting Charge (Per Hour, After 15 Minutes to Load and/or Unload) \$319.75; E. Subscription Rate N/A; F. Disposable Medical Supplies Charges Not Allowed. 4. The Application to amend its current rates and charges was initially submitted by the Applicant on February 10, 2020, and provided further information on March 27, 2020 and August 27, 2020. In the Application, the Applicant requested the following rates and charges: A. ALS Base Rate \$1,924.69; B. BLS Base Rate \$1,924.69; C. Mileage Charge (Patient Loaded Miles) \$15.92; D. Standby/Waiting Charge (Per Hour, After 15 Minutes to Load and/or Unload) \$481.17; E. Subscription Rate N/A; F. Disposable Medical Supplies Charges Not Allowed. 5. The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System ("BEMSTS") evaluated the Application, and subsequently agreed with the Applicant to the following rates and charges as being reasonable for the Applicant: A. ALS Base Rate \$1,924.69; B. BLS Base Rate \$1,924.69; C. Mileage Charge (Patient Loaded Miles) \$15.92; D. Standby/Waiting Charge (Per Hour, After 15 Minutes to Load and/or Unload) \$481.17; E. Subscription Rate N/A; F. Disposable Medical Supplies Charges Not Allowed. 6. The Applicant's justification for the proposed rates and rate increase, as described in its Application filed with the BEMSTS on February 10, 2020 and March 27, 2020 is as follows: "There is a net decrease in cash \$164,168.00". "There is a net decrease in cash of \$164,168.00 and the General Fund is supporting the Ambulance Fund due to paying the monthly ambulance payment, increase refusals of transportation, decrease number of calls, and increase in overtime wages due to being in a rural area and there being a lack of full-time personnel". 7. Details of the Applicant's request for a general rate adjustment are open to the public and are contained in its Application on file with the Clerk of the Department, Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules, Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 North 18th Avenue, Room 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Dated this 11th day of September, 2020. /s/ Stacie Gravito Director's Designee CBN Legal 9/16/20, 9/23/20

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Celebrate National Honey Month with the Copper Corridor's Rancher's Daughter

By **John Hernandez**
Copper Area News

September is National Honey Month. This is a promotional and celebratory month held annually in the United States. It is used to make people aware of the importance of bees and to promote beekeeping, the beekeeping industry and honey as a natural and health sweetener. September was chosen as it is the month that marks the end of honey collection season in many locations in the United States.

"The Rancher's Daughter", Kristin Vinson, is one of the local marketers of honey in the Copper Corridor. Kristen gets her honey from a beekeeper who tends and moves bee hives near the Gila River at A Diamond Ranch near Kearny, Arizona. She collects and jars the honey in three sizes: Small (8 oz), Medium (16

oz) and Large (32 oz). She markets it and sells the honey along with Jojoba beef at farmers markets in Phoenix and Tucson. You can also get her honey, which she describes the flavor as a light wild desert floral blend with a hint of mesquite, at the Oracle Patio Café and Market in Oracle.

Kristin is the daughter of Rancher Greg Vinson, owner of A Diamond Ranch, and realtor Helen Vinson. Her dad's a rancher and therefore the name of her company. If you would like to learn more about her honey or have a business and are interested in carrying The Rancher's Daughter products, contact her at 520-400-1565 or email: kvinson@gmail.com.

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