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The need for copper, the 29th element on the periodic table, is increasing. Everyday, we use copper to run the water through our homes, power our electricity, turn on our cars, and of course use our phones. Copper is everywhere, and it is the leading mineral in green energies such as wind turbines and solar panels.

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Despite the great demand for the this red mineral, the market can often be unpredictable, based on the use across the world. At press time the price of Copper is being sold at \$2.86 a pound. Overall, the price of Copper continues to grow from the lows of 2016 when Copper was being sold for just under two dollars. Trade wars could affect the price of Copper but *Market Watch Magazine* analysts have predicted that if demand continues to grow, Copper could be selling for ten dollars a pound.

Arizona continues to be one of the leading Copper producers. According to the Arizona Mining Association, the Arizona Mining Industry provides over 43,400 local jobs and

contributes \$4.29 billion to the state's economy. Those who don't live near an active mine, often think that mines are closed in the area, however there are still many mines producing copper including Capstone Pinto Valley, ASARCO-Grupo Mexico in both Kearny and Silverbell and Freeport McMoRan operations in Miami, Safford, Sahuarita, Baghdad and Morenci. Expansion of the mines in Baghdad is spurring some development of housing and community development near Wickenburg. The demand for Copper has also impacted the unemployment rate, which is currently the lowest in recent history, each of these mines are actively recruiting for their workforce.

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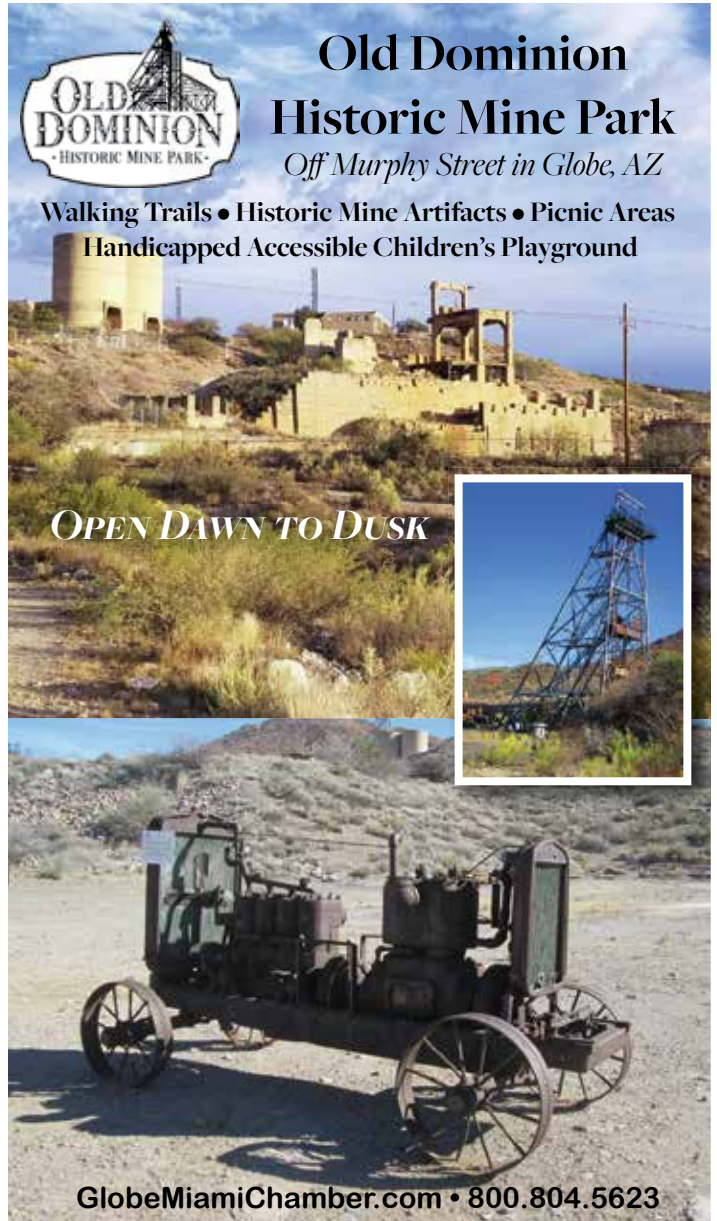
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New mining operations continue to make their way through the environmental permitting processes including HudBay Rosemont Copper project near Tucson, Taseko's Florence Copper project in Florence and the Resolution Copper project a joint venture between Rio Tinto and BHP. Florence Copper will be conducting test operations and Resolution Copper expects that the Draft Record of Decision on their Environmental Impact Statement will be released in May of 2019.

Resolution Copper continues to proceed with their environmental clean up of the legacy Magma Mine operations in Superior. This fall, the iconic smelter structure will

be demolished, signaling an end of an era but also ushering a new opportunity for Superior and the Copper Corridor as the Resolution Copper project will meet another milestone. ASARCO is working with Central Arizona Government on lead abatement in homes near Hayden and Winkelman to mitigate for previous smelter emissions.

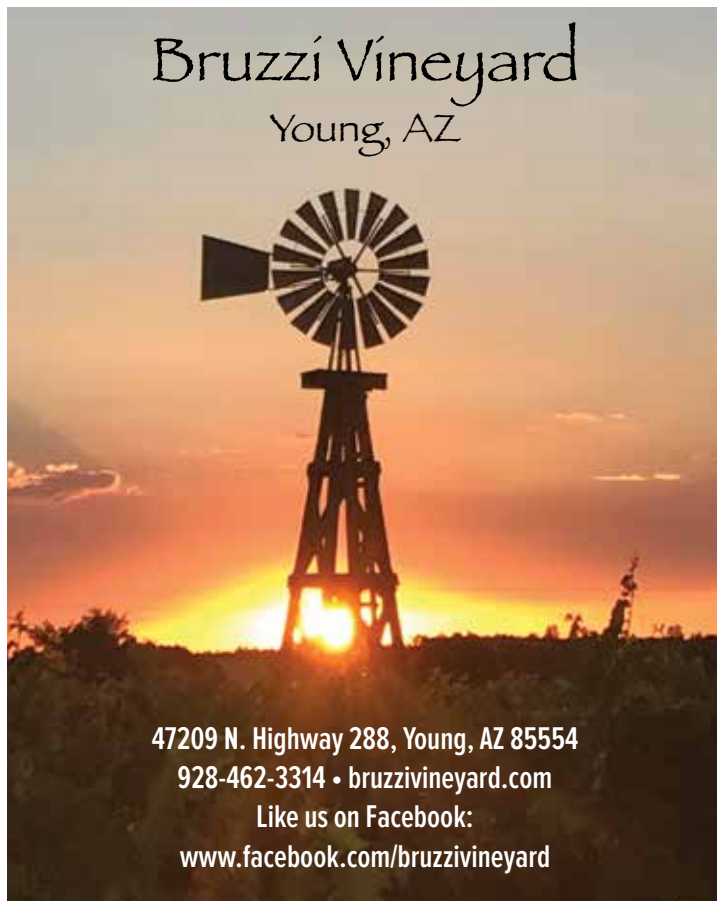
Arizona is home to two of the three working Copper smelters in the United States and both are in the Copper Corridor Region. Grupo Mexico - ASARCO Hayden and Freeport McMoran Miami Smelter have completed most of their environmental upgrades, which were mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act.



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Work continues to restore the historic No. 9 shaft, originally constructed in 1971. The project will rehabilitate the existing 4,800 feet deep shaft, then extend it to approximately 7,000 feet below surface, and link it with the newer No. 10 shaft, completed in 2014. Connecting the shafts will provide a second independent means of egress from underground along with improved infrastructure and ventilation. We expect to finish the project in 2021. The four-year effort is creating economic opportunities for the region and the state. Resolution Copper is committed to local economic participation, so the No. 9 shaft project continues to emphasize local hiring, local workforce development and

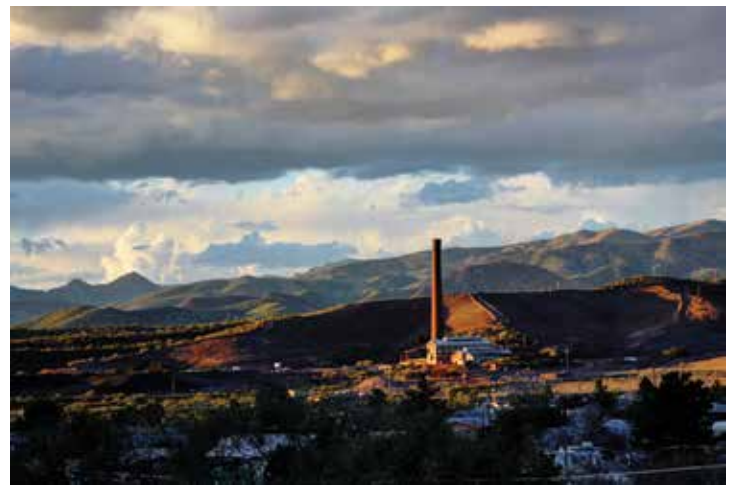
local procurement whenever feasible options are available.

Reclamation at the West Plant site adjacent to Superior is also moving forward. Cleaning the contaminated soil from historic smelting requires controlled demolition of the historic Magma Copper smelter complex, which also poses a safety threat. The smelter chimney stack is scheduled to be knocked down in late October or early November of this year, depending on optimal weather conditions. Demolition of the smelter's other buildings is underway and will be completed before the stack comes down. The company plans to complete removal of contaminated demolition debris in December 2018, finish removal of surrounding

soils in the spring of 2019, then reseed and reclaim the smelter site in the months that follow. Reclamation is a commitment as part of

a voluntary consent decree administered by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, to remedy and clean

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SMOKESTACK

A summer storm passes over the historic Magma Smelter.

Photo by Cat Brown.



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progress.**

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up environmental impacts from previous mining and smelting operations. As part of the decree, Resolution Copper has committed to completing the reclamation project in 2020. When reclamation is complete, our West Plant site will be cleaner and safer.

A major component of West Plant reclamation is the historical preservation research we are conducting to record and conserve the area's mining history. Our team managing the project has hired WestLand Resources to conduct architectural and industrial archeological studies on the smelter complex and surrounding mine property. WestLand's team is also producing a video documentary featuring interviews to capture oral histories of people who worked at the smelter and mill facilities. We will make all

collected historical materials available to the public.

Under a new Memorandum of Understanding the company has with the Town of Superior, the town and Resolution Copper will work together to identify ways to memorialize Superior's mining history and culture. The Town will submit three proposals by the end of this year for a major legacy project. We will share periodic updates as the historical preservation initiative and reclamation project both continue to move forward, connecting the future copper mine with the town's history of mining. Visit our website for the latest information. ResolutionCopper.com

Meanwhile, the comprehensive environmental and social review of the proposed mine and land exchange continues under

the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) expects to issue its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in May 2019, addressing comments received from the March to July 2016 public scoping period. The EIS will then enter a public comment period, address the comments and then disclose to the public in a Final EIS. The Final EIS for the mine plan and land exchange is expected to be published in the summer of 2020. Check out the Resolution Copper EIS website for regular updates and notifications at www.resolutionmineeis.us. Authorization of a final mine plan of operations only happens after the NEPA analysis is finished, and includes mitigations and other conditions of approval

that minimize adverse environmental impacts on National Forest lands. NEPA also addresses concerns of communities including Native American tribes. By law, the Secretary of Agriculture must conduct government-to-government consultations with affected tribes to understand issues of concern. Resolution Copper is then required to work with the Secretary to find mutually acceptable measures to address those concerns. The Resolution Copper team is working hard to communicate information and provide regular updates to show the shared benefits as the mine progresses toward operational status. We invite you to connect with us online through our website and social media channels, and to visit our Mine Information Offices in Superior and Globe.

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of the workers
and a great
congressman.

San Manuel has also been a union town.

Don Shelton hired on Magma Copper Company at San Manuel, Jan. 15, 1965. He had been two years out of the Air Force and had just been laid off by Hughes. His brother-in-law told him about Magma. By the summer he had joined Local Union 937 of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. Don had started working underground as a chute tapper. He remembers his first day underground. He said he was very scared.

After six months, he was able to transfer to a position as a pipefitter's helper. After working in that position for a while, management staff at the company attempted to remove him from that position even though his immediate supervisors felt he was a good worker. The union stepped in and saw to it that he retained the position. It was then that he became active as a union member. He felt he owed the union something. He had also talked with Frank Salas who he had gone to high school with. Frank urged him to join. Salas would become a union

Don Shelton

A San Manuel Union Man

John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget

San Manuel was built as a company town. Magma Copper Company needed a place to house its workforce.

president later on as would Shelton.

When Don became active in the union, the President was Edward Jackson and the Financial Secretary was Nick Key. He also became acquainted with Rudy Garcia who was the Business Agent for the union at the time. Don was a delegate to the last Mine Mill convention held at the Pioneer Inn in Tucson in 1967. It was the meeting where the primary purpose was the merger of Mine Mill with the United Steelworkers of America.

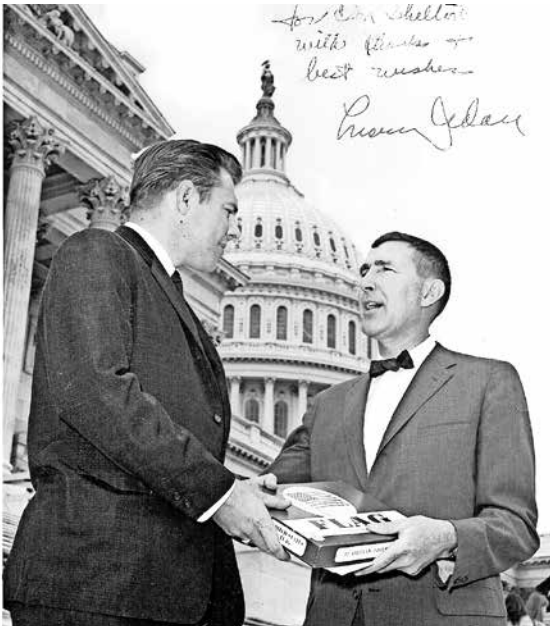
Don said the meeting "was amazing". There were arguments between Mine Mill members who felt the merger should not take place and those who felt they had to. When it was announced that the merger was approved, many members were in shock that the Steelworkers were now in control. Some members had tears in their eyes, Mine Mill had ended. Don said that he "liked the camaraderie of Mine Mill and felt they were more dedicated to the welfare of the workers" than the Steelworkers. There also wasn't the skullduggery endemic to that union at the time.

Don remained active in the union until his retirement in 1998. He held all the local offices including President from 1982 - 1991. He was



UNION MAN

Don Shelton was San Manuel's Union man.



PRESENTATION

Don Shelton, left, accepts a flag for the union from Arizona Congressman Morris Udall.

directly involved in all of the contract negotiations between the Steelworkers and Magma/BHP from 1971 on. In 1987 he became President of the Arizona AFL-CIO. In his capacity working for the union, he met Congressman Morris Udall and Senator Ted Kennedy. Don said of Congressman Udall: "Mo Udall was a liberal friend of the workers and a great congressman."

Don was a proud union man and still is.



DEMOLITION

The Magma/BHP Smokestacks fall in 2006. This photo was taken by Don Shelton.

Magma Copper

The Union Ore Car

John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget

In the late 1980s, the relationship between the United Steelworkers of America Local 937 and Magma management began to change. It was moving from being adversarial to a more cooperative system.

Don Shelton, former President and spokesman for the union said, "It had been normal business to be at war with the company."

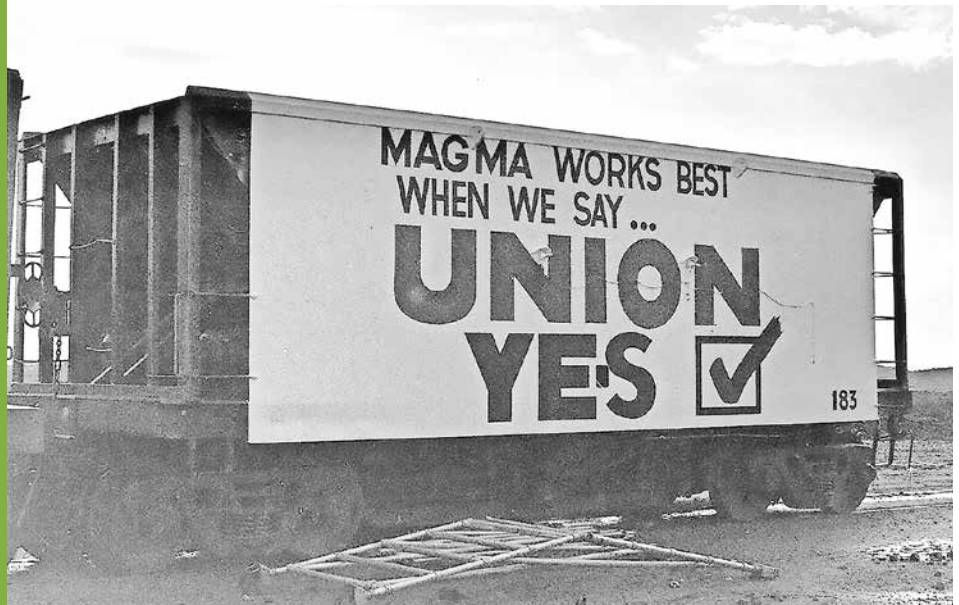
Both sides would have to learn to work together and trust each other. It would be a change in culture for management and the union. In 1986, the union helped out the company by agreeing to take a pay cut which helped Magma to be able to retrofit and upgrade their smelter, which the EPA was threatening to shut down.

In 1990, both the company and the union had negotiated a Joint Union-

Management Cooperation Committee system which called for cooperation between management and workers. While at a Kalamazoo "K" ore body steering committee meeting, Harry Smith, an executive for Magma at the time, said to Shelton one day, "I wish there was a way to get this out to the people."

Don suggested that they use an ore car as a sign and said, "but I want one for the union, too." The ore car would be a demonstration of the company and union working together. "It would

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Ore Car

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show that the company meant what they said and we could start trusting them and we could help the company,” said Shelton.

Magma provided an ore car for the union and paid for the painting of the sign with the message Don had suggested.

“It made a splash with the workers especially with the other mines,” Don said.

Pictures of the ore car were on union publications all over the country.

“Harry Smith was one of the best managers I ever worked with. He had complete integrity,” he added.

Don continued to work for the company and the union until his retirement in 1998. In 1999, Don returned to San Manuel with his brother-in-law, Bob Lee, a retiree from Magma/BHP, to see the demolition of the smokestacks.

“I realized it was an end of an era and a sad thing for the community. I also felt that no one would know how this place really was unless they had worked there. Magma/BHP was like a huge organism with so many parts but all working together to produce copper and fill the lives of so many people,” Don said.

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The education partners are proud to champion our SkillsUSA Student Chapter efforts here in the copper basin. Our chapter serves all students enrolled in CTE programs at our high schools providing opportunity for them to participate during school, at after school team practice and travel to competitions and industry sponsored programs. Teachers support SkillsUSA as the student chapter advisor. This year the Hayden-Ray SkillsUSA Student Chapter has over 40 students who are active SkillsUSA members enrolled in Construction Technology, Web Development and Welding classes at our schools.

SkillsUSA is an Arizona Department of Education required Career Technical Student Organization and is an important part of our CTE programs of study. SkillsUSA focus is on students achieving development in technical and leadership abilities through active participation in the management of their student chapter, preparation for participation in skills competitions and leadership development programs at the local, regional and state levels. The curriculum, technology, tools and equipment used in each of the programs are funded as part of an effort to help our students to prepare for the work force by learning on state of the art resources. Federal, state and local funds are dedicated to help school districts have what it takes to teach and train students for today's careers with today's technology.

Our students will be traveling to the Arizona SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference October 4th at the Phoenix Convention Center, students will also participate in industry tours later in October and November as guest of CEO's, Presidents and leaders in Arizona industry. Our CTE programs and our SkillsUSA efforts are all about our students getting the best education possible. Learning skills here that can take them anywhere. Our goals are simple. High school to college, or to gainful employment or where ever their dreams and skills can take them. With support from our local mining industry education partners at the ASARCO Ray Mine who along with others continue to provide material and technical support. They are joined by other companies such as CAID INC Tucson, Phoenix Welding, UA Pipe trades, and global leaders such as the Lincoln Electric Company. Our local education commitment to our students and participation in SkillsUSA is helping prepare our students to be our future "**Champions at work, job ready day one**".



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The day begins at 9 a.m. in front of the historic courthouse at the corner of Broad and Oak, one block east of the US 60 highway. Opening ceremonies will feature the National Anthem sung in Apache.

Several dance groups will be in the center of the street festival throughout the day, including the Yellow Bird Apache dancers and the Dine'tah Navajo dancers. Crown dancers also will be featured, along with flute players and musicians throughout the day.

Booths featuring jewelry, painting, beading, wood and stone carving and more are planned for the street fair. Entertainment, including crown dancers, hoop dancers and native flute players, is planned throughout the day and no one will go hungry if they stop by the food booths which will feature everything from delicious Apache fry bread and Indian tacos to more traditional dishes like acorn stew.

There is no admission charge for Apache Jii, an event originally started as a thank you to the San Carlos Apache Nation, which borders Globe to the east. The festival offers a unique chance for visitors to talk one-on-one with Native Americans from throughout the Southwest, making this an opportunity to purchase a very personal piece gift or art piece. There is nothing like choosing a work after visiting with the artist who designed it.

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Apache Jii is hosted by the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Apache Gold Casino and Resort, APS, Resolution Copper, Salt River Project and the city of Globe.

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Large Scale: Exploring the Art of Danielle Neibling

When it comes to art, Oracle artist Danielle Neibling goes big.

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Danielle moved to Oracle in 2005 from New York. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the School of Visual Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from Hunter College both in New York City. She retired from teaching in 2016 and is now painting full time. She works and lives on the old Tom Wilson ranch. Her preferred medium is oil on large canvasses. She works in other mediums and has recently done some charcoal paintings.

Her images are largely pattern

oriented and borrow heavily from Muslim motifs, fabrics and carpets. Her Persian rug influenced works usually conjure up a domestic scene such as a pet on a carpet.

“I am interested in the familiarity of the viewer situated in this setting,” she said. “I want the viewer to relate to the odd setting.”

Her paintings verge on being abstract. There are hidden stories in her paintings and one should look closely among the patterns to see them. A

reoccurring theme in her art is one of the hunter and the hunted metaphor. She views the nature of humans as being hunters.

“We are predators,” she said.

Some of her art was recently displayed at the 1Art on Broadway gallery in Tucson. Other pieces are on display at Feast, a restaurant at 3719 E. Speedway. She will be part of a show titled “Tacos y Tamales” at the Contreras Gallery & Jewelry, 110 E. 6th Street in Tucson. The show will run from Oct. 6 to the 27.

“The gallery owners, Neda and Michael Contreras are really sweet people,” Danielle said.

She is participating in GLOW and may have some of her paintings in the Barn Gallery at the Triangle L Ranch in Oracle. Beginning Oct. 9, she will have paintings on display at the Oracle Patio Café. She is looking forward to 2019 when she will be in a show about different artists that are related at the Pima College Louis Carlos Burnell Gallery. She will be with her mother, Judy Stewart, a sculptor who also lives in Oracle.

If you would like to learn more about Danielle’s art, visit her Facebook page Danielle Neibling Art or contact her through the Patio Café. She is working on establishing a website soon.



ARTIST

Oracle Artist Danielle Neibling in front of one of her pieces, showing the scope of her canvasses.



LIFELIKE

Oracle Artist Danielle Neibling’s work seems almost lifelike, like the dog is just waiting for its master to come home.



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PINAL COUNTY

Since Pinal County's inception 143 years ago, copper mining has and remains a county economic mainstay, over the many years creating thousands of great paying jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue to the state, county and local economies. According to the Arizona Mining Association, 647.3 million dollars is a direct output of the impact mining has had within the county and directly employs 1,085 individuals. We at the county acknowledge and appreciate the role that copper mining has played within our existence.

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Magma Smelter in Superior

End of an Era

Photo by Cat Brown



Resolution Copper Company in Superior has committed to reclamation of the Historic Magma Copper Smelter Complex and on Oct. 25, 2018, the company will usher in the end of an era.

The smelter chimney stack is scheduled to be demolished, pending optimal weather conditions. The smelter's other buildings are also being demolished and should be completed before the stack comes down.

Residents of the Town of Superior have had mixed emotions about the pending demolition.

Rebuild Superior Inc. and the Community Working Group have been tasked by the Town of Superior and Resolution Copper to conduct outreach to gather ideas

on what the community would like to see be done to honor the mining history while also preparing for the future.


The Town and Resolution are working on a few plans to complete some major renovations to the US 60 Park before the smokestack is torn down. Those plans include completion and interpretation of the History Trail and construction of a new mining themed play structure at the US 60 park.

Once community participation is completed, the Town and

Resolution Copper will be determining at least three of the projects on which to conduct a feasibility study.

Reclamation is a commitment as part of a voluntary consent decree administered by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, to remedy and clean up environmental impacts from previous mining and smelting operations. As part of the decree, Resolution Copper has committed to completing the reclamation project in 2020.

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Artists of the Superstitions offers the 12th Annual Fall Studio Tour Saturday, Nov. 3, and Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This free self-guided studio tour has become an anticipated event for art lovers since it began in 2007 allowing you to visit many of the artists' studios, which are close to each other scattered in front of the awesome Superstitions Mountains. The juried artists offer their creativity in Clay, Fabric, Glass, Gourds, Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Wood, and more. You will be treated to unique locally handcrafted wearables, home decor and more.

This gives you a wonderful time to just relax and spend the weekend in the Gold Canyon/Apache Junction area, driving roads less traveled, visiting studios, meeting with the artists, and watching them demonstrate their

creativity. While visiting each studio, take some time to really see the art works these artists create, and you might find a special piece that speaks to you.

The Superstition Mountains have inspired people for many years in different ways. The Tonto National Forest brings with it not only saguaros, but a wide variety of wildlife that freely roam the area which many artists include in their art.

In 2017, 74 artists were showcased at 22 studios. This year's tour is expected to feature 77 artists in 24 studios!

Maps are available from the Chamber of Commerce of Apache Junction/Gold Canyon as well as the AOTS website:

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www.artistsofthesuperstitions.com. The map includes the addresses of each studio on the tour, the names of the artists, and each artist's special medium. Maps will also be available at each studio.

More detailed information may be found at the Artists of the Superstitions website, www.artistsofthesuperstitions.com, or email your questions to: artists.superstitions@gmail.com.

Some of this year's artists are: Barbarann Manzer, Julie Hathaway, Sandy Pendleton, Jana Blok, Dave Huffman, Susan Miller, Bill Vitalec, Judy Coffman and Jerry Cave.



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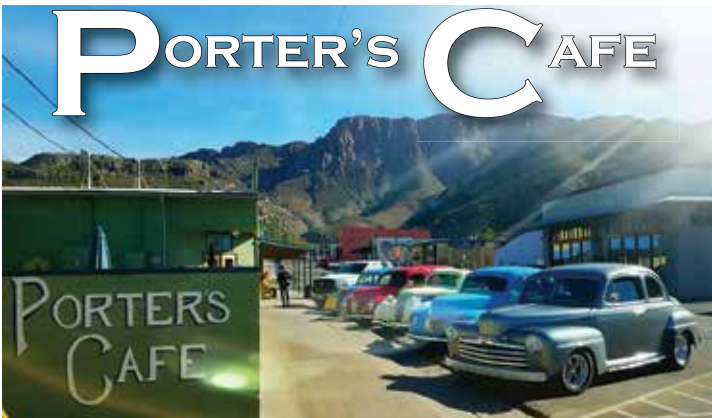


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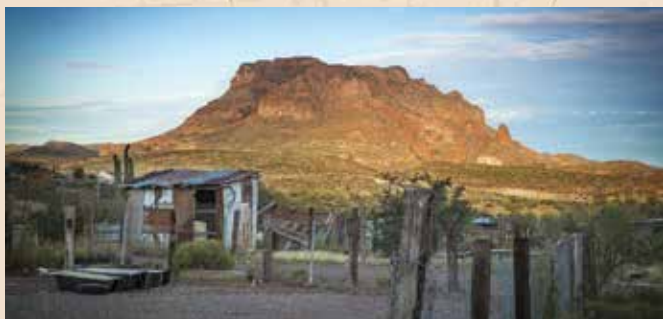
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The Gold Canyon Arts Council, a non-profit organization, promotes the performing and visual arts and is supported in part by grants from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, WESTAF, the National Endowment for the Arts, local corporations, and businesses.

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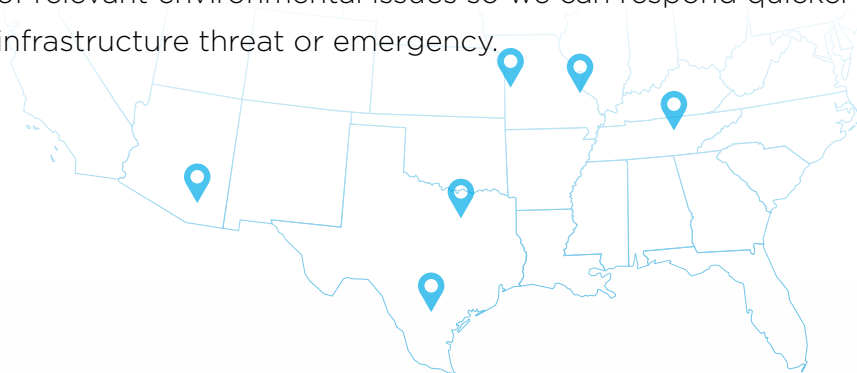
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