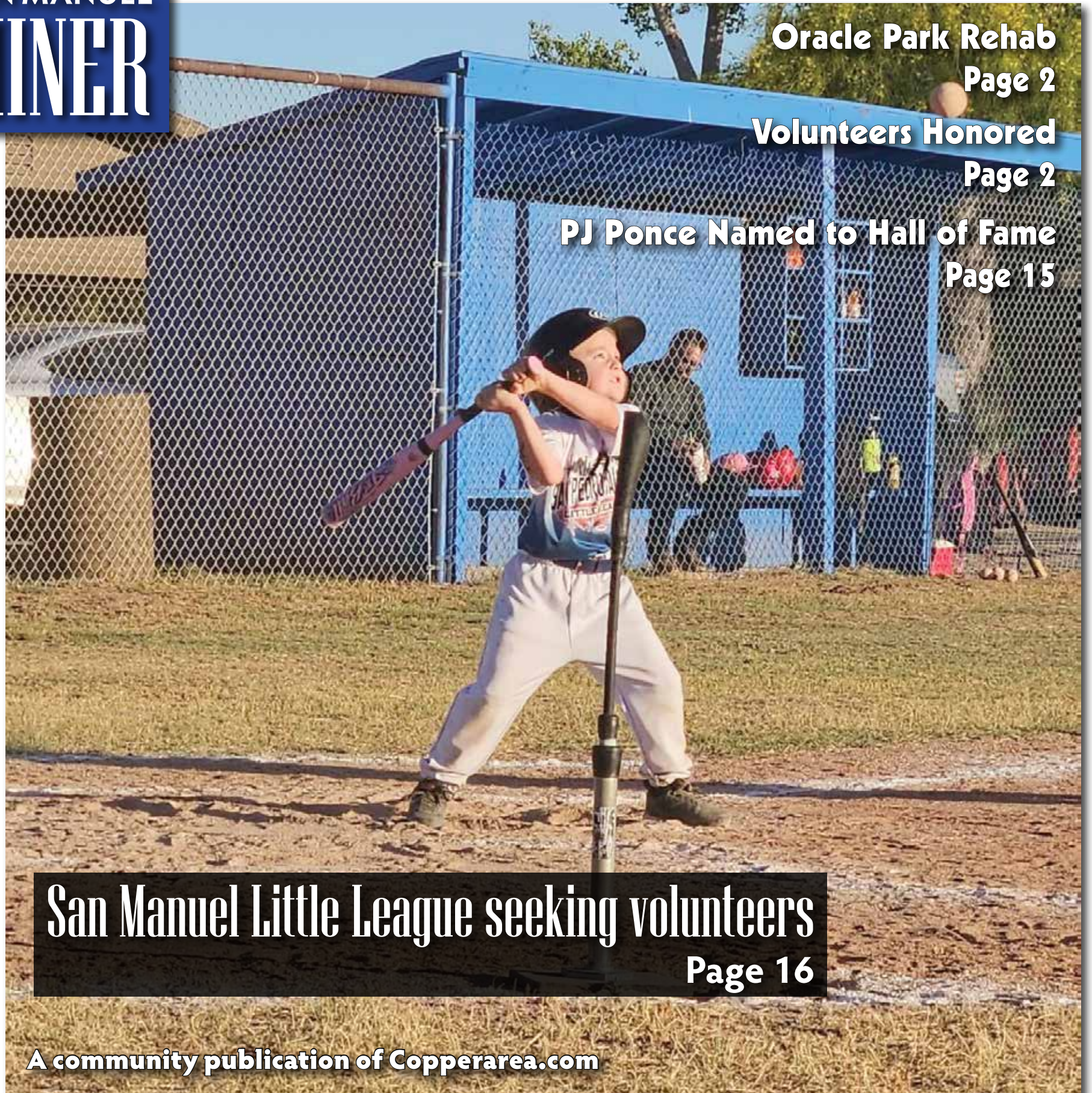


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Volunteers appreciated at Oracle State Park

By Leonard Garci
Oracle State Park

Oracle, AZ - Sixteen dedicated Oracle State Park volunteers gathered for a festive picnic on the patio of the historic Kannally Ranch House on Nov. 16, 2023. To feed the volunteers and their guests, park rangers flipped hamburgers and grilled hotdogs. All the food was donated by the Friends of Oracle State Park.

The awards ceremony included the distribution of pins for hours of service. This was followed by the grand event — the drawings for the gifts and gift certificates. Each

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The Oracle State Park honored their volunteers with help from local businesses.

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Recommended improvements to Oracle Park will provide accessibility into and within the park and upgrade key areas making the park an inclusive community resource.

- 1 Improved north parking lot
- 2 Improved south parking lot with accessible parking
- 3 Accessible concrete sidewalk connecting to amenities
- 4 New decomposed granite walking path
- 5 New perimeter post and cable fence
- 6 Expanded basketball court with basketball and pickle ball striping
- 7 New play equipment with shade
- 8 Restroom improvements
- 9 New Landscape trees and irrigation



7 Play structure for 5-12 year olds



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Hidden gem in Oracle to receive much needed improvement

By Mila Besich
Copper Area News

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1.2 million park improvement for the Oracle Park. The park has been in great need of refurbishment and

modernization. The renovations will include a new play structure, restrooms, improved walking paths, new landscaping and parking upgrades.

“It is nice to be able to see these funds being invested in parks in our area,” explained Supervisor Jeff McClure.

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COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Superior Farmer's Market

Superior Farm-to-Fantastic Farmer's Market will be open October through May at the Food Court on Main St. from about 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. on Saturdays providing fresh produce, baked goods, desert items, art and gift items. Updates and more info are on our Facebook page.

Wednesday Night Tacos at San Manuel Elks

The San Manuel Elks Lodge will have Wednesday Night Tacos, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Orders to-go may be called in after 5:30 pm at 520-385-4041. We look forward to seeing you.

JANUARY

Volunteers Sought for San Manuel Little League

San Manuel Little League registration for Baseball and Softball will be held until Thursday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$65 per player. We are also in need of coaches and board members. Visit https://bit.ly/SM_OLittleLeague to register online or for more information.

17 Kearny Little League Registration

Kearny Little League Annual Board elections will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, starting 6:30 p.m., at the Kearny Little League ball park concession stand.

17 Copper Basin Chamber Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. is the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting to be held at the General Kearny Inn. We will be electing new Board members. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and that you all have a Happy New Year.

18 San Manuel Church to Host Concert

GloryWay Music will be in concert Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., ministering in song and testimony, at the San Manuel Assembly of God Church, 201 E. Main St. An offering will be taken for GloryWay during the concert. Refreshments will be served immediately following. If you would like to help with refreshments, please call Rhonda at 520-240-1415.



19 Gardening Class at the Hayden Library

The Hayden Library Gardening Series Class #3 on winter pruning will be held on Friday, Jan. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a free event. For more information, call the Hayden Library at 928-200-2997.

20 Queen Valley Benefit Rummage Sale

Come to the Queen Valley 41st Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. - noon at the Rec Hall, located at 1478 Queen Valley Dr. Find your treasures: furniture, linens, clothing, glassware, cookware, crafts, electronics and more. There will also be a bake sale at the Firehouse, starting at 7 a.m.

23 VR For Adults at the Hayden Library

Hayden Public Library presents "Beat Saber" on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 928-200-2997.

23 Workshop at Leo's in Superior

Workshop at Leo's: Town Manager Todd Pryor - Restoring Queen Creek will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. at Leo's Community Development Center, located at 52 N. Pinal Ave., Superior.

24 Superior Seniors' Game Day

Superior Senior Citizen's Game day will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If you need a ride call Carol at 689-5182 before Monday, Jan. 22. There will be games, lunch, snacks and prizes. Any questions, call Connie at 602-703-8858. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

26 Steam for Kids: Painting Clay Creations

Hayden Public Library will be holding two classes of Steam for Kids: Clay, from 11 a.m.-noon, both days. Kids will create on Friday, Jan. 12, and paint on Friday, Jan. 26. Call 928-200-2997 for more information.

26 Community Science at Leo's in Superior

Community Science Fridays at Leo's: U of A teaches how to conduct lead tests on Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. at Leo's Community Development Center, located at 52 N. Pinal Ave., Superior.

27 Oracle Rumble at the Oracle State Park

The Arizona Trail, on its 800-mile path from Mexico to Utah, passes through Oracle State Park. The Arizona Trail Association and Summit Hut sponsor the Oracle Rumble that ends at the park. This event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, and is four races in one, ranging from 7.5 miles (12 km) to 50 miles. Up for it? Register now online at <https://runazt.org/oracle-rumble/>.

29 Mobile Eye Unit to Visit Kearny

The Arizona Medical Eye Unit from the Arizona Lions Vision Center will be in Kearny Jan. 29, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kelly Haddad Administration Building (County Building). Patients will be seen by appointment only. Each patient will be seen by an ophthalmologist for eye diseases including glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy. Prescriptions for glasses can be given, but not for contacts. Donation is \$45 (cash only) top cover operational expenses of the mobile unit.

30 Nutritional Cooking at the Hayden Library

Our Hayden Library Nutritional Cooking Wrap Potluck will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 928-200-2997.

30 County Supervisor Open House in Oracle

Pinal County Supervisor Jeff McClure will host an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 5-7 p.m. at the Oracle Community Center, 685 E. American Ave. On the agenda will be the recent Road Study Assessment undertaken by the county. All are invited.

31 Karaoke at Leo's Center in Superior

Come to Karaoke at Leo's on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. at Leo's Community Development Center, located at 52 N. Pinal Ave., Superior.

FEBRUARY

10 Valentine's Dance Fundraiser at the OCC

The Oracle Community Center will be having a Valentine's Dance and Dinner on Feb. 10, 2024, 5-8 p.m. There will be live music from Your Money's Worth Band, spaghetti dinner, dessert bar, prizes, photo booth and BYOB. Cost is \$12 per person. All proceeds go to the OCC.

MARCH

15 Tri-Community Clean Up Event

Thanks to Jeffrey McClure and Pinal County Development Services, a free residential and alley clean up event will be held for Oracle, San Manuel, Mammoth and additional areas within District 4 Tri-Community on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring items to the Old San Manuel Transfer Station, located at 31256 S. Erikson Ave. in San Manuel, 85631. Accepted items are: bagged household trash, green waste (tree trimmings, grass, plants, etc), tires, furniture, appliances, debris from home improvement projects, metal and concrete. Limitations may apply and no commercial loads allowed. Not accepted items are: batteries, oil, paint, anti-freeze, motor oil, gas, biohazards, herbicides, pesticides and commercial wastes (contractor, business waste and debris). Questions? Call Jason Jordan at 520-705-8824.

OBITUARY

Doris Mildred Holcomb Colby

Doris Mildred Holcomb Colby, 85, of Dudleyville, AZ, entered eternal life in Gilbert, Arizona on Dec. 29, 2023. She was born in Oatman, AZ on Oct. 30, 1938, to Carl and Margaret Hagen. Doris graduated from Hayden High School in 1957. She managed the hardware and

convenience store "Diamond J" from 1968 until 1997. Her passion was being a homemaker, mother and Nanie. Her life was about service, both within her family and within her community. She served over 80 families each month, right up until her death, always giving of her love

and a special baked good or jam. Doris thoroughly enjoyed attending all of her grandchildren's events, from sports to piano recitals and racing to dance performances. She loved to cheer them all on, no matter what their interest was.

Doris was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Holcomb Sr.; her parents, Carl, John, and Margaret Hagen; sister, Esther Hagan; and great-granddaughter, Melody Marshall; and is survived by her husband, Edwin Colby; son, Donald (Rose) Holcomb, Jr; daughters, Carla (Kenny) Holcomb, Charlotte (Danny) LaMar, and Debra (Dale) Pace; sisters, Mary Larman, Bernice Heck, and Pamela (Chatter) Martinez.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kearny. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden, AZ.



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Copper Corridor residents register for welding class



CAC's Maria Munoz helps two men register for the inaugural welding class at the Superior Enterprise Center.

Mila Besich | CANP

The Superior Enterprise Center in conjunction with Central Arizona College and the Town of Superior hosted the official registrations for the first welding courses at the Superior Enterprise Center. At least two dozen residents from Superior and the surrounding Copper Corridor signed up for the course. At this time the class can host 10 students and the others who attended the registration day will be placed on a waiting classes should spaces open up.

The Superior Enterprise Center is housed at the Superior Multi-Gen Center, which is the former home of the original Superior High School. Rebuild Superior Chairman Manny Guzman explained that there have not been college credit skilled job training programs for Superior residents or students in Superior since at least 1999 when the original high school closed. Students today can partake in the Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT) programs, but they have to travel to Globe to partake in the welding programs. The long term plan for the center is to offer programs through CVIT as well for high school

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Electricians work to complete the new Welding facility at the Superior Multi-Gen Center.

Mila Besich | CANP

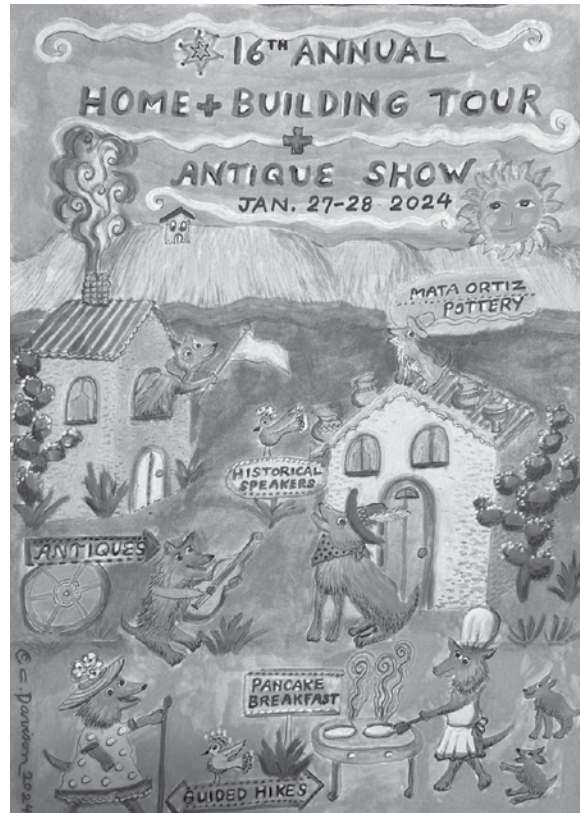
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SPORTS

Training, hard work pays off for Miner wrestlers

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Area News

San Manuel's wrestling coach attributes the team's recent successes to good old fashioned hard work.

On Jan. 5-6, the San Manuel Wrestling team competed in the 27th Annual Coolidge Lion's Club Invitational. The Miners finished the team duals with a 3-4 record with wins over Vista Grande, Valley Christian and American Leadership Academy.

Individually, Raymond Garcia took second place at 120 lbs, DJ Small took third place at 126 lbs, Aiden Lozoya took third place at 215 lbs, Nico Chavez Molina took fourth place at 113 lbs, Derek Anaya took fifth place at 144 lbs, and Sean McDermott took sixth place at 175 lbs.

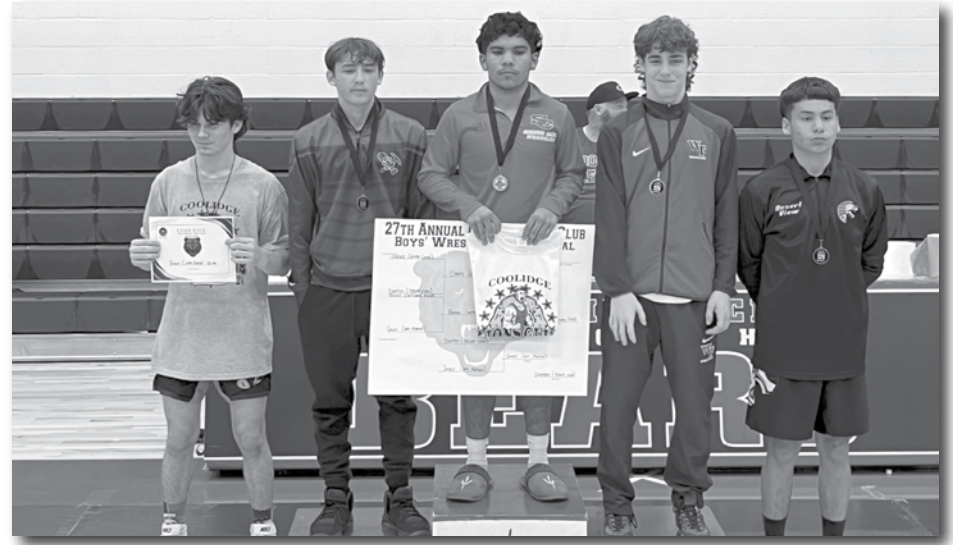
On Wednesday, Jan. 10, the Miners traveled to Sabino High School to

compete in a multi-meet. The Miners had dual wins over Amphi, Catalina Magnet and St. Augustine.

Wrestling 4-0 on that day were Nico Molina, Raymond Garcia, DJ Small, Daniel Najera, Derek Anaya and Aiden Lozoya.

"We had 17 matches in seven days," coach Daniel Najera said. "This is the part of the season that separates the contenders from the rest of the field. We trained hard over Christmas break and have made the adjustments and improvements that are needed to compete at these tough tournaments. Our team is focused, motivated and still having fun as we enter the end of our regular season."

The Miners travel to Bisbee on January 17 for a sectional multi-meet, then will take part in the Salpointe Invitational Jan. 19-20.



DJ Small on the podium at third at his second varsity tournament.

Daniel Najera | Submitted

Lady Panthers earn first win of the season

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Area News

It was a busy time for the Superior girls basketball team last week. It began with a home game against Fort Thomas. The Lady Panthers put up a fight, but were unable to come out on top. The final score of the game was 14-63.

Later in the week, the girls traveled to play

against PDS. The Lady Panthers played a good game, and came out on top, giving them their first victory of the season. The final score of the game was 42-12.

Ending their week with a home game, the girls played against Dishchii'bihok. It was another tough game, and the girls were unable to come out ahead this time. The final score of the game was 14-50.

It was a similar story for the boys

basketball team last week. Their week began with a home game against Fort Thomas. The Panthers were able to post 26 points but the Apaches scored 64 points.

Traveling to take on PDS, the Panthers were able to find a victory. The score of their game was 46-27.

Ending their week with a home game against Dishchii'bihok. The Panthers played a tough game, and in the end it was

very close. The final score of the game was 58-61, giving the Wildcats the win.

Hayden was in Superior yesterday. Information on those games was unavailable at press time.

On Jan. 18, they will travel to take on Joseph City. The following day, January 19, they will travel to take on Ray, with a girls' start time of 5:30 p.m. and the boys starting at 7 p.m.

Lobos, Lady Lobos find victory over PDS

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Area News

The Lobos and Lady Lobos together claimed three wins in action this week on the court.

The Lady Lobos basketball team kicked off last week with an away game against Lincoln Prep. It was a tough game for

the girls, who had a tough time stopping the Lightning's offense. The girls also had a tough time breaking through their defense. The final score of the game was a tough 2-44.

The Lady Lobos closed out their week with a home game against PDS. The girls were able to end the week on a high note, and found a victory against the

Roadrunners. The final score of the game was 41-8.

The boys basketball team also began last week with an away game versus Lincoln Prep. The Lobos took it to the Lightning, keeping control of the game from the start. The boys were able to claim the win, with a final score of 55-36.

The boys also ended their week with a

home game against PDS. Once again the boys showed their dominance, and claimed the game with a final score of 68-23.

It will be a week full of traveling for both the boys and girls teams. They will start their week traveling to Superior, followed by Fort Thomas, and then Mogollon.

Is it time to catch a game? Support our local athletes.

Bearcats, Lobos, Miners and Panthers – they all need community backing them!

SPORTS

Bearcats best Bagdad 60-31

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Area News

Nearly doubling the points put up by the Sultans, the Ray Bearcats posted a huge win over Bagdad.

The boys took on the Sultans on Jan. 6, beating the Bagdad team 60-31.

They kicked off last week with an away game at Desert Christian, where the Bearcats were unable to best the

Eagles, resulting in a 49-70 loss. On Jan. 13, the boys played against Duncan. Results were not available at press time and will be in next issue.

On Jan. 6, the Lady 'Cats basketball team took on the Lady Sultans. The girls put up a fight, but were only able to post 17 points, while the Sultans posted 46 points, resulting in a tough loss.

They started off last week with an away game against Desert Christian. This game also was a tough one for the

girls, they struggled to keep up with the Eagles, resulting in a final score of 12-38.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, the girls played Duncan. Results were not available at press time and will be in next issue.

The teams hosted The Gregory School on Jan. 16.

Results were not available at press time. They will also host Superior on Friday, Jan. 19, with a girls start time of 5:30 p.m., and boys at 7 p.m.

Lady Miners put two more in the 'W' column

By **Nathaniel A. Lopez**
Copper Area News

The San Manuel girls basketball team played two home games last week.

On Jan. 9, the Lady Miners hosted ASDB. The girls played a good game of basketball, not letting the Sentinels score very much. The final score of the game was 51-13.

The girls ended their week with a game against The Gregory School. The Hawks put up more of a fight, but the Lady Miners were still able to come out on top, claiming the win for the evening with a final score of 57-22.

The Miners boys basketball team had a similar week to the girls. Their week also began with a game against ASDB, where the Miners were able to wrack up a hefty score. The boys posted 79 points during their game against the Sentinels. The final score of the game sat at 79-4, giving the Miners the win for that night.

The boys ended their week with a game against The Gregory School. During this game, the role from their previous game was reversed, as the boys struggled to break through the Hawks' defense. The boys suffered a tough loss, with a final score of 5-79.

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Laila Ruiz shoots the ball in the game against The Gregory School.

Yzirrah Rodriguez | SMHS

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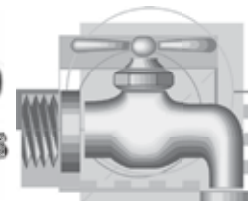
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Desert Christian made a visit yesterday to San Manuel. Results of these games were not available at press time. But the Miners will travel to face the Eagles again on Saturday, Jan. 20. The girls are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. with the boys starting at 7 p.m.

WELDING CLASS

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students throughout the CVIT district.

When the Town of Superior first began the planning and development of a multi-gen center in 2016, there was always intention to have more skilled job training programs offered in the community not only for high school aged students, but also for life-long adult learners. The Superior Enterprise Center also provides entrepreneur support and training for small businesses and non-profits.

The welding curriculum is accredited through Central Arizona College which allows the students to earn a certificate for the program once the credits are completed. The students will begin their courses at the Superior Enterprise Center on Jan. 16, 2024.

Resolution Copper has been a strong supporter of the program and development of the multi-gen center. Through their support, the courses offered at the Superior Enterprise Center are free for residents of the Copper Corridor. Their support and funding have helped to complete the required electrical upgrades to the center.

Resolution Copper has provided funding to the Town through a 2019 agreement to fund the development and purchase of the Multi-Gen center. Their funding assisted the town with acquiring the campus in 2021. The Superior Town Council allocated funds from their American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase the welding equipment and other building upgrades.

A ribbon cutting and open house is being planned for the welding program on Jan. 23.

The Superior Enterprise Center is a program of Rebuild Superior Inc. For more information on the entrepreneurial and small business support or other skilled job training programs, visit the Superior Enterprise Center online: www.superiorenterprisecenter.com



Sabastian Pinedo makes a layup for two points in the home game against The Gregory School.

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Jared R. Owens, Esq. (027874) THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC 200 W. Frontier St., Ste. L, Payson, AZ 85541 Phone: (928) 472-4303 Fax: (928) 472-4309 info@owenslawaz.com Counsel for Trustee IN THE MATTER OF THE ELLIS ELERICK FAMILY TRUST dated September 7, 1990. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-6103, NOTICE IS GIVEN to all creditors of the ELLIS ELERICK FAMILY TRUST dated September 7, 1990, and all trusts created thereunder ("Trust") that: 1. Ellis Elerick and Patricia Elerick are the Trustees of the Trust, and are deceased. 2. Sheryl Elerick has been appointed Successor Trustee of the Trust. 3. Claims against the Trust must be presented within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred, as prescribed in A.R.S. §14-3801(A). 4. Claims against the Trust may be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to Sheryl Elerick, c/o The Owens Law Firm, PLC, 200 W. Frontier St., Ste. L, Payson, AZ 85541. Dated December 28, 2023. THE OWENS LAW FIRM, PLC By /s/ Jared R. Owens Counsel for Trustee
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Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL In Re the Matter of: LAURA JANINE LOGAN, (D.O.B. 03/08/2007) Person under 18 years of age. Case No. SV2023-00080 NOTICE OF HEARING Assigned to the Honorable Lawrence Wharton NOTICE is hereby given to the father, JOHN DOE: 1. Petitioners, Janine and Jon Hammond, have filed a Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship between JOHN DOE and LAURA LOGAN, in the Pinal County Superior Court. 2. A Hearing is set for February 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Superior Court, Pinal County, 971 N. Jason Lopez Cir., Florence, AZ 85132 3. You have the right to seek custody. If you are established as the child's father, you must begin to provide financial support for the child. 4. You have a right to appear as a party in this proceeding. The failure of a parent to appear at the initial hearing, the pretrial conference, the status conference or the termination adjudication hearing may result in an adjudication terminating the parent-child relationship of that parent. DATED this January 10th, 2024. /s/ Samantha S. Elledge Attorney for the Child
MINER Legal 1/17/24, 1/24/24, 1/31/24, 2/7/24

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DCS'S NOTICE OF HEARING ON
DEPENDENCY PETITION
No. JD202300174

(Honorable Lawrence M Wharton)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL
In the Matter of:
DAVID SOLANO
d.o.b. 11/28/2023

Person under 18 years of age.
TO: ADRIANNA JULIA SOLANO, ANGEL
FLORES, DAVID NICHOLAS AGUILAR,
parents and/or guardians of the above-
named child.

1. The Department of Child Safety has
filed a Dependency Petition pursuant to
Title 8, of the Arizona Revised Statutes,
Rules 4.1 and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules
of Civil Procedure and Rule 329 of the
Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile
Court.

2. The Court has set an Initial hearing on
the 23rd day of January, 2024 at 10:00
a.m. and a Publication hearing on the
19th day of March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.,
at the Pinal County Superior Court, 971
North Jason Lopez Circle, Florence,
Arizona 85132, before the Honorable
Lawrence M Wharton for the purpose
of determining whether any parent or
guardian named herein is contesting the
allegations in the Petition.

3. You and your child are entitled to have
an attorney present at the hearing. You
may hire your own attorney or, if you
cannot afford an attorney and want to be
represented by an attorney, one may be
appointed by the Court.

4. You have a right to appear as a party in
this proceeding. You are advised that your
failure to personally appear in court at
the initial hearing, pretrial conference, status
conference or dependency adjudication,
without good cause shown, may result in
a finding that you have waived your legal
rights and I have admitted the allegations
in the Petition. In addition, if you fail to
appear, without good cause, the hearing
may go forward in your absence and may
result in an adjudication of dependency,
termination of your parental rights
or the establishment of a permanent
guardianship based upon the record and
the evidence presented to the court, as
well as an order of paternity, custody,
or change of custody in a consolidated
family law matter and an order for child
support if paternity has been established.
5. Notice is given that DCS is proposing
to substantiate any allegations of
abuse and/or neglect contained in the
dependency petition for placement in the
DCS Central Registry. The DCS Central
Registry is a confidential list of DCS
findings that tracks abuse and neglect.
If the court finds your child dependent
based upon allegations of abuse and/
or neglect contained in the dependency
petition, you will be placed in the DCS
Central Registry. See A.R.S. § 8-804.

6. If you are receiving this Notice by
publication, you may obtain a copy of the
Dependency Petition, Notice of Hearing,
and Temporary Orders by submitting a
written request to: WILLIAM F. BEVINS,
Office of the Attorney General, CFP/
PSS, 120 W. 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Mesa, Arizona 85210 The assigned case
manager is Veronica Larson and may be
reached by telephone at (602) 859-1539.

7. Requests for reasonable
accommodation for persons with
disabilities must be made to the court
by parties at least three working days in
advance of a scheduled court proceeding
and can be made by calling (520) 866-
5400.

8. You have the right to make a request
or motion prior to any hearing that the
hearing be closed to the public.
DATED this 3rd day of January, 2024.

KRISTIN K. MAYES
Attorney General
/s/William F. Bevins
WILLIAM F. BEVINS
Assistant Attorney General
1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7/24
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND/
OR INFORMAL PROBATE OF A WILL.
CASE NUMBER: PB202300394
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY In the Matter of the
Estate of VIRGINIA VELA DEPORTO
an Adult, deceased NOTICE IS GIVEN
THAT: 1. Personal Representative:
Joanna Marie Potratz has been
appointed Personal Representative of
this Estate on 08/31/2023 2. DEADLINE
TO MAKE CLAIMS. All persons having
claims against the Estate are required to
present their claims within four months
after the date of the first publication of
this Notice or the claims will be forever
barred. 3. NOTICE OF CLAIMS: Claims
must be presented by delivering or
mailing a written statement of the claim to
the Personal Representative at 4010 E.
Earl Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85018 4. NOTICE
OF APPOINTMENT. A copy of the Notice
of Appointment is attached to the copies
of this document mailed to all known
creditors. Date: 9-26-2023 /s/Joanna
Potratz (Personal Representative)
1/17, 1/24, 1/31/24
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Notice To Creditors By Publication/
Melissa Jo Bianchi
Keystone Law Firm 2701 W. Queen
Creek Rd., Ste. 3, Chandler, AZ 85248
Phone: 480-209-6942 Fax: 480-664-
7573 CourtDocket@KeystoneLawFirm.com
Francisco P. Silvent, AZ #025001
Michelle L. Dexter, AZ #020538 Counsel
for Personal Representative In The
Superior Court Of The State Of Arizona
In And For The County Of Pinal In the
Matter of the Estate of Melissa Jo Bianchi,
Deceased. No. S1100PB202300784
Notice To Creditors By Publication Notice
Is Given to all creditors of the Estate
that: 1. Savannah L. Baca has been
appointed as Personal Representative of
the Estate. 2. Claims against the Estate
must be presented within four months
after the date of the first publication of
this notice or be forever barred. 3. Claims
against the Estate may be presented by
delivering or mailing a written statement
of the claim to Savannah L. Baca, care
of Michelle Dexter of Keystone Law
Firm, 2701 W. Queen Creek Rd., Ste. 3,
Chandler, AZ 85248. Dated this 5th day
of January, 2024. Keystone Law Firm By:
/s/ Michelle Dexter 2701 W. Queen Creek
Rd., Ste. 3 Chandler, AZ 85248 Counsel
for Personal Representative.
MINER Legal 1/17/24, 1/24/24, 1/31/24

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. PB202300779
REBECCA PADILLA PROBATE
REGISTRAR IN THE SUPERIOR
COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL
In the Matter of the Estate of: DONALD
C. VAN OOTEGHEM, Deceased.
Notice is given that JACQUELINE
J. VAN OOTEGHEM was appointed
Personal Representative of this estate.
All persons having claims against the
estate must present their claims within
four (4) months after the date of the first
publication of this notice or sixty (60)
days after the date of mailing or other
delivery of this notice, whichever is later,
as prescribed in A.R.S. §14-3801(A)
or claims will be barred. Claims must
be presented by delivering or mailing
a written statement of the claim to the
Personal Representative, c/o Morris Hall,
PLLC, 7600 North 16th Street, Suite 105,
Phoenix, AZ 85020. DATED this 18th day
of December, 2023 /s/Illegible (#030118)
for Michael A. Halliday MORRIS HALL,
PLLC 7600 North 16th Street, Suite 105
Phoenix, AZ 85020
1/17, 1/24, 1/31/24
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Public Notice

DCS'S NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEPENDENCY PETITION No. JD202200195 SUPP

(Honorable Delia R. Neal)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL
In the Matter of:
VIRGINIA GUADALUPE AGUILERA
d.o.b. 10/31/2023

Person under 18 years of age.
TO: CHINA MARIA AGUILERA, JAZEED
FERNANDO DURAN, parents and/or
guardians of the above-named child.

1. The Department of Child Safety has
filed a Dependency Petition pursuant to
Title 8, of the Arizona Revised Statutes,
Rules 4.1 and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules
of Civil Procedure and Rule 329 of the
Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile
Court.

2. The Court has set an Publication
hearing on the 13th day of February,
2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Pinal County
Superior Court, 971 North Jason Lopez
Circle, Florence, Arizona 85132, before
the Honorable Delia R. Neal for the
purpose of determining whether any
parent or guardian named herein is
contesting the allegations in the Petition.
3. You and your child are entitled to have
an attorney present at the hearing. You
may hire your own attorney or, if you
cannot afford an attorney and want to be
represented by an attorney, one may be
appointed by the Court.

4. You have a right to appear as a party in
this proceeding. You are advised that your
failure to personally appear in court at the
initial hearing, pretrial conference, status
conference or dependency adjudication,
without good cause shown, may result in
a finding that you have waived your legal
rights and have admitted the allegations
in the Petition. In addition, if you fail to
appear, without good cause, the hearing
may go forward in your absence and may
result in an adjudication of dependency,
termination of your parental rights or
the establishment of a permanent
guardianship based upon the record and
the evidence presented to the court, as
well as an order of paternity, custody,
or change of custody in a consolidated
family law matter and an order for child
support if paternity has been established.
5. Notice is given that DCS is proposing
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abuse and/or neglect contained in the
dependency petition for placement in the
DCS Central Registry. The DCS Central
Registry is a confidential list of DCS
findings that tracks abuse and neglect.
If the court finds your child dependent
based upon allegations of abuse and/
or neglect contained in the dependency
petition, you will be placed in the DCS
Central Registry. See A.R.S. § 8-804.

6. If you are receiving this Notice by
publication, you may obtain a copy of the
Dependency Petition, Notice of Hearing,
and Temporary Orders by submitting a
written request to: JILYANE A. HENRY,
Office of the Attorney General, CFP/
PSS, 120 W. 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Mesa, Arizona 85210 The assigned case
manager is Marsha Hilliard and may be
reached by telephone at unknown.

7. Requests for reasonable
accommodation for persons with
disabilities must be made to the court
by parties at least three working days in
advance of a scheduled court proceeding
and can be made by calling (520) 866-
5400.

8. You have the right to make a request
or motion prior to any hearing that the
hearing be closed to the public.

DATED this 21st day of December, 2023.
KRISTIN K. MAYES
Attorney General
/S/Jilyane A. Henry
JILYANE A. HENRY
Assistant Attorney General
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ON THE AGENDA

ORACLE SCHOOL BOARD: The Oracle School Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Please check the district website at osd2.org for more information.

SAN MANUEL ELKS LODGE: Regular Elks Lodge meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. each month with the following exceptions: July and August (only 1 meeting) on the 4th Tuesday of those months; December (Only 1 meeting) on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested in joining the Elks Lodge can call the club at 520-385-4041 or stop by the Lounge after 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

SAN PEDRO VALLEY NEEDLE GROUP: The needle group meets every Thursday at the Lion's Club in Mammoth. We meet from 10-12. We are ladies we enjoy crocheting, knitting and crafting in general. Please join us and bring your project. We also have a sewing machine to use at the Club. We work on projects which we donate to various organizations, also. For more information, call 520-487-2877.

AA MEETINGS: Open AA meetings are held Tuesday nights at the Oracle Courthouse at 6:15 p.m., 1470 N. Justice Dr.; and on Sundays at the Oracle Park on Evergreen at 9 a.m. (bring a chair as it's an outside meeting).

SAN MANUEL SENIOR CENTER: San Manuel Senior Center, located at 210 Ave. A in San Manuel, is open to everyone over 50 in the Tri-Community. Monthly events include: Canasta Monday, Jan. 22 and 29, at 12:30 p.m.; Cribbage Monday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m.; Canasta, pony tail or triple play (we'll teach you how to play), Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.; Contract Party Bridge, Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (Call Jeannie Woods 520-840-5332 or Edith Harrison 520-385-2019 for information); Jan. 11 potluck at the center at 5 p.m. (Grilled burgers will be furnished, but someone needs to bring buns; bring a dish to share and your service; board meeting after dinner); Jan. 8, Melissa's Ladies Luncheon (formerly Widow's Lunch) at 11:30 a.m. at DeMarco's in Oracle. If you have any ideas about an activity you would like to do and organize, please let the folks at the Senior Center know.

SAN MANUEL HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Just a reminder that the San Manuel Historical Museum is open every Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop in and see the changes taking place in your museum. The museum is also open by appointment by calling 520-385-4352. This museum is so very important to San Manuel. There are new artifacts and research materials available. The museum is located in the Elks Plaza on 8th Ave. in San Manuel.

STORY TIME AT FAMILY FIRST: Family First Family Diaper Bank will be hosting a Children's Story Time program for infants to children up to 4 years in age on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. There will be story book reading, crafts, snacks and play time. Mothers, fathers and other family members are welcome to join in! This event will be held at 1575 W. American Ave. in Oracle. Call 520-896-9545 for more information.

SAN MANUEL REVITALIZATION COALITION: Join us on the last Saturday of every month for the San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave., San Manuel. Bring your friends and neighbors! This month the meeting will be on Dec. 30 from 10 a.m. - noon.

PJ Ponce inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By Nathaniel A. Lopez
Copper Area News

In late 2023, San Manuel Alumni, San Manuel High School Hall of Famer, two-time Arizona State Champion Wrestler, and former San Manuel Wrestling Coach, Paul "PJ" Ponce was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame: Arizona Chapter. Coach Ponce was the only Inductee from Southern Arizona.

Aside from bringing home two individual state championships in 1987 and 1988, PJ Ponce has had quite the career in wrestling. He was also two-time NAIA Collegiate All-American 1992 and 1993 at University of Mary in North Dakota.

Ponce returned to San Manuel to help coach the wrestling team, being the assistant coach, and associate head coach over the course of 11 years. He helped the San Manuel wrestling teams claim the state championships during 2002 and 2004 seasons, and the Runner-ups in 2003. Some of Ponce's most unforgettable memories are, "Coaching alongside my mentor, Manny Yubeta and bringing San Manuel Wrestling back to prominence with two state titles and multiple region championships in the late 90s and early 2000s."

After departing from San Manuel, Coach Ponce became the head coach of Empire High School's

wrestling program, which he did for 6 years. Then, Ponce became the head coach of Mountain View High School's wrestling team for 11 years. Ponce coached the 2017 Mountain View team to a state title. He's coached them to 4 state runner-ups in; 2014, 2019, 2020, and 2021. Seven out of his 11 years at Mountain View, the wrestling team was a top-3 state finisher. Ponce has coached 26 individuals State Champions and over 140 State placers in 28 years, with a 409-97 head coaching career record.

"Wrestling is a way of life for me. It has molded me into the man, husband and father I am today. It has also brought many



Paul 'PJ' Ponce

wonderful people into my life through competition and coaching," Ponce commented. "The opportunity to positively influence the lives of young men and women through the sport of

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ORACLE PARK

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The park has been serving the people of Oracle and the surrounding areas for over 50 years and has not seen any major investments in decades.

Funding for the park renovation project is coming from a grant from Arizona State Parks and Trails Heritage funds and direct funding from the Pinal County Parks and Trails budget. Over the past few years, Pinal County has been making investments in regional hiking parks

and opened the Peralta Trails Hiking and Equestrian Regional Park in 2023.

Construction on Oracle's hidden gem is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2024 and be completed over the course of the year.

McClure also mentioned that the remodeling at the Family Advocacy Center are almost complete and will be opening soon.

VOLUNTEERS

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volunteer received a prize and the business donating that prize was recognized. For their generosity to make this occasion possible, thanks to: The Friends of Oracle State Park; Jill Caid, local artist; Casa Rivera's Family Taco Express; Stephen Chavez at Annie's Hair Studio; John Garcia, local artist; Emily Goff at Arizona Zip Line; John Huntington at Huntington Chiropractic Health Center; Kristina Olivarez at Way of Bean Coffee Club and Hope Morris at El Rancho Robles.

Also: Dave and Stacey Raneri at The Oracle Patio Café and Market; Gabby and Marco Robles at Carquest Auto Parts; Juan Rodriguez at De Marco's Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant; Kylie Sage at Sage Massage; Mark Sanchez

at CheetoVibez Smoke Shop; Greg Taylor at Tucson Adventure Rentals; and Ronald Vindiola at Little Lulu's Ice Cream.

Oracle State Park is open year-round except for major holidays. Visit to enjoy hiking, geology tours, star gazing, and other events. At the historic Kannally Ranch House and gift shop, take a self-guided tour of the home and meet some of the park's volunteers.

For more information, visit AZStateParks.com/Oracle and to learn more information on Friends of Oracle State Park visit info@friendsoraclestatepark.org.

Volunteers are desperately needed for San Manuel Little League; registrations are ongoing

By Nathaniel A. Lopez
Copper Area News

The San Manuel Softball & Baseball Little League is gearing up for its 2024 season.

Player registrations are open online only, and no paper registrations will be accepted. Registration will be \$65 per player, with a deadline of Jan. 25. Anything sent in after Jan. 25, will be charged with a \$25 late fee. The earlier the registration the better for signup, so it can guarantee that the San Manuel leagues will be able to play other leagues.

“We are looking for dedicated and responsible adults 18 and over willing to get a CPR certification, paid for by Little League. Also anyone interested in learning a board position and the logistics of Little League and how much work goes in to making the season successful,” commented Daniela Duke. “There are multiple open board positions if they would like to reach out to San Manuel Little League to see what’s available. The more help we get the more smoothly the season will run.”

For more information, connect with the San Manuel Little League on their Facebook page. Registration will be located at <https://bit.ly/48wS6VL>



PONCE

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wrestling is the most rewarding aspect of coaching.”

He has also received: National Federation of State High School Associations-Arizona Coach of the Year – 2021; Division II Southern Arizona Coach of the Year – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; and Hispanic Sports and Academic

Enrichment Program Coach of the Year – 2014. He was inducted into the San Manuel H.S. Hall of Fame in 2014.

“High school athletics provides student-athletes the opportunity to grow mentally, physically and emotionally as young adults. Athletics enhances the personal and social skills of student-

athletes and gives them the sense of pride and belonging. Through athletics, young men and women learn how to be resilient in life and overcome adversity on their way to success,” said coach Ponce on his philosophy on athletics.

Coach Ponce has also done his fair share of community outreach as well,

leading 31 community service projects at Mountain View High School and in the Tucson/Marana Community since 2011.

Congratulations to Coach Paul “PJ” Ponce on your induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame: Arizona Chapter, and thank you for your contribution to Arizona wrestling.