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## Families register for school

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# From the Kearny Mayor: Ray and Shake Fire Recap

**T**he Ray and Shake fires are thankfully behind us. No one was injured and no structures were lost. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Did you know the Arizona State fire agency has determined that our little river valley is one of the most complex fire hazards in the state? The terrain, fuel, and swirling winds combine to make firefighting here very difficult. While this is a challenge it is also a blessing, when Kearny Fire Chief Gary Stepke calls them, they ask, "what do you need" and knowing the complexity of the area, resources are almost instantly on the way.

The exceptional response was not by accident. The Town of Kearny has a well thought out and well documented Emergency Response Plan. Everyone involved in an emergency response knows their part and is trained to execute that plan. At the Ray and Shake fires that plan was on full display, and we thought it would be interesting to our residents to peek behind the scenes and see both who plays what part and what each of them did. It is our hope that knowledge of how our response plan works will not only bring you confidence but may inspire you to volunteer in some way to help in the future, this will not be the last emergency situation we have to deal with in our

community.

Before the fire ever kicked out, our teams had spent thousands of hours training. Chief Stepke has trained with state fire incident commanders and developed a high level of trust with them. That level of trust enables our fire teams to call the shots on fires like this until the state resources arrive and an on-site incident command is established. Chief Stepke and State Fire have pre-planned responses for multiple scenarios in our area. Our police officers and dispatch teams routinely train on emergency response, it's part of what all these men and women do.

On the morning of June 10, the Ray fire was reported to the Kearny Dispatch. Our dispatch team knows fire in the area is a threat to everyone. Their rapid response is critical to successfully controlling any fire; this day would be no different. Our dispatcher quickly paged the Kearny Volunteer Fire Department using an app designed for emergency responders. The app allows our firefighters to almost instantly respond to the call and let the fire command personnel know who is and who is not available

to respond to the fire. At nearly the same time, dispatch contacts Chief Stepke and the on-duty Police Officer. Chief Stepke gets his eyes on the fire while the fire crews are arriving at the station and preparing to roll out. In the time it takes the crews to get ready, Chief Stepke and the on-duty police officer have already made initial plans for traffic control, identified at risk properties, and made the initial determination for resource needs.

Chief Stepke contacts Kearny Dispatch and requests local department support, fire and police teams in Hayden, Winkelman, Dudleyville, Superior, Pinal County Sherriff's Office and Mammoth jump into action. Without the cooperation and support of our local community partners, emergency situations would be very difficult to manage. Our fire department, directed by Chief Stepke, positions themselves where possible to protect homes and monitor fire progress. While the local teams are on the way, Chief Stepke contacts Arizona State Fire resources and gets additional teams on the way. All of this happened in the

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**The Kearny Volunteer Police Department played a huge roll in containing the Dew Fire in Riverside.**

Shane Olsen | Submitted

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—David Brinkley

## Kearny Police Report

**Items are given to the Copper Basin News by the Kearny Police Department and reflect information available at the time the report is compiled.**

**Activity listed July 14 through July 20.**

**July 19**

Shoplifting was reported in the 300 block of Alden Rd.

Driver was issued a citation for failure to control speed and no proof of insurance in the area of Hwy. 177 and Old Hartford Rd. following an accident.

**July 14-July 20:** Calls not listed include agency assist (1), suspicious activity (1), traffic (5), welfare check (1), fire call (2), domestic disturbance (2), suspicious vehicle (2), ambulance (10), 911 hang up (1) and citizen assist (3).

# COPPER CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Winkelman Burn Ban

Effective May 1 - Sept. 30 a BURN BAN is in effect for the Town of Winkelman. Home and business owners are encouraged to clean your yards and property of weeds and debris.

## 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.

## Monsoon Sand Bags and Sand

Pinal County Public Works is providing up to 25 sandbags and sand per household. Residents will need to bring their own shovels to load bags. Please Main Office Line 520-509-3555, open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to confirm someone is on site or the foreman of the site, directly. Oracle Public Works Maintenance area is located at 1410 Justice Dr. in Oracle. Call Richard Juarez Monday- Thursday at 520-866-7896 or Dean Schifferns at 520-866-7895 on Tuesday -Friday. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 5 a.m. - 4 p.m. Riverside Maintenance area is located at 54970 E. Florence-Kelvin Hwy. in Kearny. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 5 a.m. - 4 p.m. Assistant Foreman Robert Sommer can be contacted Monday - Thursday by calling 520-363-9820.

## Notice from the Dudleyville Fire District

As we enter into fire season, the Dudleyville Fire District is encouraging its residents to keep their yards and properties clean from safety, health and fire hazards. Maintaining a 30 foot defensible space around structures means flammable fuels like weeds, brush and flammable items are removed or stored in more appropriate places. This defensible space provides a fuel buffer for the structure and a place for firefighters to do structure protection in the event of a fire. Please do your part prevent a recurrence of the Margo and Roach Fires. In addition, the department is always accepting applications for volunteers; please contact our Dispatchers at 520-357-6622 for more information.

## Bob Jones Museum Hours

Bob Jones Museum is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from noon - 3 p.m. It will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

## Superior Library Hours

Superior Public Library hours of operation are: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. There is a one hour time limit on Public PCs if others are waiting. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for what's new. Contact us at 520-689-2327 if you have any questions.

## JULY



## OSD, M-SM School Supplies Drive in June, July

Support your local students by bringing donations to 1575 W. American Ave. in Oracle, during June and July. Cash, check or credit are also accepted. Donation receipt is available upon request. Contact us, Family First Family Diaper Bank, at 520-896-9545.

## Hayden Library July Schedule

Regular events: Mondays, Storytime at 11 a.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, -Senior Movement is held at 4 p.m.; Thursdays, Art at 1 p.m.; Fridays, Chess Club at 1 p.m. Special events are: Thursday, July 11, Art Special: Decoupage, 1 p.m.; Friday, July 12, ASGFD: Live Animals!, 11 a.m.; Friday, July 19, USDA Geology Fun, 11 a.m.; and on Tuesday, July 23, DIY Ice Cream, 5 p.m. and awards for summer reading program. For more information on the summer reading program or other events please call the Hayden Public Library at 928-200-2997.

## 31 Last Wednesday Karaoke

Come to Leo's Community Development Center, located at 52 N. Pinal Ave. in Superior, for Last Wednesday Karaoke on July 31. This is a family friendly event. Free food will be provided.

## AUGUST

## 2 Superior Seniors' First Friday Social

Superior Senior First Friday Special will be held from 10 a.m. - noon on Aug. 2 for DIY, laughs, lunch and gift bag-having fun. A \$5 donation is appreciated. Any questions or comments, please contact Connie at 602-703-8858.



## 2, 9, 16 National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Local events are planned for Fridays: in Hayden, Aug. 2, 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Hayden Pool; in Superior, Aug. 9, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Superior Fire Department; in San Manuel, Aug.16, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at San Manuel First Baptist Church; and Mammoth, Aug. 16, from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. at Mammoth Community Center. For more information, visit: <https://natw.org/about/>.

## 3 San Manuel Street Market New Venue

San Manuel's Street Market hosted by the Agrihood has a new location. The San Manuel Street Market will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church, 801 S. McNab Pkwy., San Manuel. Come explore a world of antiques, handmade crafts, delicious treats and so much more.

## 6 Lobitos Preschool Registration

Lobitos Preschool Child Find screening and registration for children who will be four years of age by Sept. 1 will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m. at Room 305, the Lobitos Preschool Classroom. Parents and legal guardians will need to bring a birth certificate, immunization record, proof of residency and the child. Lobitos Preschool Parent Orientation must be attended by all parents and guardians who are registering a child. This event will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8 in Room 305, at 8:30 a.m.



## 7 Superior Sr. Center Game Day

Game Days for the Superior Senior Center this month are Wednesdays, Aug. 7 and 21, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We will have snacks and prizes for all participants. Call Carol at the center at 689-5182 if you need a ride.

## 15 San Manuel Agrihood Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers needed! Join SMRC's Agrihood today! Meetings are currently held at the San Manuel Community Center on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be Aug. 15.

## 31 San Manuel Community Meeting

The San Manuel Revitalization Coalition community meeting for May will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, at the San Manuel Community Center, 111 W. 5th Ave. from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your friends and neighbors!

## OBITUARIES

# Gayle Ann Carnes

Gayle Ann (Seater) Carnes, 75, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. She was the oldest child of John D. and Lois Seater.

Gayle was a graduate of Globe High School and later attended the University of Arizona. She chose to follow in her father's footsteps and pursued a lifelong career in community journalism.

She met her husband James at a Christmas party while working at a daily newspaper in Marshall, Texas. The couple had planned a May wedding, but decided to wed sooner as they loved each other and really didn't want to wait. They were married in April 1971. Their first son

Michael was born two years later, and the family moved back to Arizona to work at their family newspapers in Kearny, San Manuel and Superior. Their second son Kevin was born in 1974.

She attended church throughout her life and was a devout Christian. She was a member of the San Pedro Valley Baptist Church where she played the piano and served as treasurer.

Gayle was named the Copper Basin Citizen of the Year for 2002 in appreciation of her volunteer work with the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce. Gayle was also instrumental in the creation of the Arnold P. Mariscal award given to volunteers who had gone above and beyond for their communities.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents, John D. and Lois Seater, and her stepmother, Patricia Seater.

She leaves behind her husband of 53 years, James Carnes; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jennifer Carnes; son, Kevin Carnes; beloved granddaughter, Lauren Carnes; brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Jean Seater; and nephews, David Seater and Brian Seater.

Gayle's wishes were to donate her body to science, which her family honored. She also requested that no services be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Gayle's name to the American Diabetes Association.



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# Manuel F. Miranda

Manuel (Pipo) F. Miranda passed away on July 19, 2024, in Globe, AZ.

Manuel was born on April 30, 1931, in Winkelman, AZ. He was raised in Tiger and Mammoth, AZ. Manuel was employed by Magma Copper Company for 30 years.

In his leisure time, Manuel enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching baseball and other various sports on television. He loved going to the casino and playing his lottery scratcher tickets.

Among those who will miss him deeply are his wife of 67 years, Mercedes; his daughter, Annette Garcia; sons, Angel (Bernadette) and Manuel (Patsy) Miranda; grandsons, Dominic, Jacob, Manny, Robert and Michael; granddaughters, Danyella, Angelica, Felicia, Serena and Jeri (John); and 19 great-grandchildren.

Manuel is also survived by his sister, Clara Dupnik, and David Sims.

Manuel reunited in heaven with his grandson, John Manuel Garcia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Angel Miranda and Rita Sims; stepfather, Frank Sims; brothers, Angel, Ernesto, Rudolph and Kino; and sisters, Mary Lou, Hortencia, Sara and Pat.

Services for Mr. Miranda were held Saturday, July 27, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hayden. He was interred with military honors at Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden.



## TOWN OF MAMMOTH PUBLIC NOTICE



The Mammoth Town Council is accepting "Letters of Intent" to fill one vacant council seat. This council seat expires November 2026. If you are a Mammoth resident and a Registered Voter, you are eligible to serve and help your community.

Letters of Intent will be accepted until seat is filled.

Please submit your "Letter of Intent" to serve the Town Council at the Mammoth Town Hall Administration Office, 125 N Clark Street or mail to PO Box 130, Mammoth, AZ 85618.

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# Ada Mae Wilson

Ada Mae (Jeffrey) Wilson was born in a tent outside of Superior, Arizona on Oct. 21, 1935, to her parents Homer Clifford and Sarah Cecelia Jeffrey. She was so tiny her first cradle was a shoebox on the back

of the woodstove; Barbara Olney came a few years later, making Ada an older sister.

She spent her early years surrounded by family, spending many hours climbing

hills and riding horses through her beloved desert. She slept under the open night sky as often as she was allowed.

After graduating high school, she married Harry Wilson and they shared almost 60 happy years together. They were the proud parents of daughters, Carol and Cynthia. Ada took great joy in raising her daughters and was very proud of the women they became. Ada loved her sons-in-law, Lonnie Brown and Terry Azbill. She cherished all of her posterity including grandchildren, Robert, Clinton, Aaron, Matthew, Alisa, Clayton, and Brittney; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She moved with her family from the hot desert to the cold mountains of Flagstaff where she babysat and raised Siamese kittens. After seven years, Harry was transferred to Phoenix and the family moved with him. She began her banking career there and spent over 20 years working with numbers, which went against her high school counselor's career

recommendations.

Later in life, Ada joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served diligently in Relief Society and other callings for the rest of her life. Harry Wilson supported her in her callings, even when he was "voluntold" to help.

Ada left a legacy of kindness, patience and love of animals. She was a warm and gentle soul who saw the best in those around her. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 13, 2024, and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you give a box of See's candy to someone you love in her honor (that person can be yourself).



# Janis Harmony Read

Janis Harmony Read, of Vegreville, Alberta, Canada, passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at the age of 76 following a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Larry Read; her brother, James Vaughan; sisters, Jackie Omand and JoyHeather Lewis; her granddaughter, Victoria Fox; and great-grandson, Benjamin Kjemtrup.

She will be remembered by her sister, Joanne Grimaldi; her daughters, Linda Gummer, Melody (Mike) Kjemtrup and Helen (Dwayne) Oliver; her grandchildren, Michael Vaughan, Christian (Ashlee) Waddell, Katelyn Fox, Christopher Kjemtrup and Scott (Jennifer) Kjemtrup; as well as many

nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Janis will also be missed by her close friends both in Canada and in San Manuel, Arizona, where she wintered each year.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the charity of your choosing.

A Burial Service will be held at the Wabamun Cemetery, Wabamun, Alberta, at a later date followed by a celebration of life at Waters Edge Estates, Highway 651 at Range Road 14, Busby, Alberta.



# George M. Boulware

George Morgan Boulware, born Aug. 31, 1959, passed away on June 26, 2024, at his home in Mammoth.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Morgan and Georgetta Boulware; sister, Diane Crum, and brother-in-law, Greg Crum.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Fode) Boulware; sons, Ed, Mark

and George Jr.; sisters, Debbie (Jimmy) Macias and Kathy (Ramon) Ortiz; half-brother, Bill Boulware; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



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# Safety drives highway closures during wildfire season

PHOENIX – It's summer in Arizona and with that comes blistering heat and wildfires that can cause travelers delays when there's an unplanned highway closure.

During these highway closures, the Arizona Department of Transportation sometimes receives questions on social media that ask a variation of: The wildfire isn't near the highway so why is the road closed?

ADOT and the Arizona Department of Forestry and

Fire Management want people to know that the answer is safety — for the traveling public and first responders.

When a brush fire ignites, there are a few reasons for a full highway closure or for lane restrictions to be implemented.

Brush fires can be fast moving and with multiple agencies responding, it can take time to figure out who needs to go where and establish where the fire is

spreading. In some instances, the highway will be shut down briefly to allow crews and firefighters the space to assess the situation and position people where they need to be to fight the fire.

"We try to keep the closures as short as possible and give the traveling public at least a lane," Brett Rupp, an ADOT highway maintenance supervisor in Payson, said. "But depending on the size or location of the fire, it's not safe for vehicles to travel past a fire. We do what is safest for everybody who is out there, from the boots on the ground to the traveling public."

Wildland firefighters sometimes must park their trucks and vehicles on the highway to do their job effectively, which may necessitate a lane closure for an extended period of time. Helicopters carrying hundreds of gallons of water to dump on the fires may also stage on the highway itself because it's a convenient location for operators to set up a portable dip tank to replenish water quickly and head back out.

Low-flying aircraft dropping retardant is also a safety issue for those on the ground, including motorists.

"Those aircraft fly so low it's a safety concern. They're trying to get as low as possible to drop the retardant, and they don't want to impact the traffic. There's always a risk you take with flying aircraft, and we don't want to put the public and drivers in harm's way," Tiffany Davila,

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The road was closed during the recent Simmons Fire.

Ryan Olsen | Submitted

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**A House of Prayer, Healing & Salvation**  
[www.pathwayofhope.net](http://www.pathwayofhope.net)  
pastorkaren@pathwayofhope.net

## Presbyterian Church of Superior

100 Magma Ave., Superior

**520-689-2631**

Worship Service Sunday: 10 a.m.  
All are welcome.

**Anonymous prayer box located at  
Save Money Market. We will pray for you!**

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

11 Church Ave., Superior

**Fr. Peter Nwachukwu**  
520-689-2250

Daily Mass 8 a.m.  
Sunday 8 & 10 a.m.

Confession: Sat. 4-4:45 p.m. or by req.  
[www.stfrancissuperior.org](http://www.stfrancissuperior.org)

## San Pedro Valley Baptist Church

Dudleyville Road, Dudleyville

**Eric Mathis**  
Interim Pastor

Thursday Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5 p.m.

## Set Free Church

302 Danbury, Kearny

**Pastor Daniel Sostre**  
480-645-7687

Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Followed by Fellowship Luncheon  
Food Boxes Upon Request  
760-238-0474

**Sinners Welcome**

## Superior Harvest Church

Hill St. & Stone Ave., Superior

**Pastor Albert M. Rodriguez**  
480-354-4499 H  
480-329-3647 C

Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.

**Victory in Jesus**

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**Fred Baum, Pastor**  
520-825-1985

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520-363-5554 or 520-385-2266 or email us at  
[cbnsun@minersunbasin.com](mailto:cbnsun@minersunbasin.com).



# Construction continues on Kearny Clinic



The walls are going up on the new Kearny clinic this week.

James Carnes | CANP

## New store officially opens in Oracle



On Saturday, July 6, the new Dollar Tree/Family Dollar in Oracle held its grand opening. It has been many years since the former Family Dollar closed, and now sits as Oracle's Sun Life Clinic. This new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combo store started being built last year, and has finally opened its doors. Staff held a ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating the fresh start in Oracle. Free Hot Dogs, Dirty-Sno snowcones and prizes were offered to patrons in attendance, there was also face-painting for kids, and a DJ playing music. Stop in and see what deals you can find at the now open store!

Photos courtesy of Sirena Madrid

# WILDFIRE ROAD CLOSURES

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public affairs officer for the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management said.

Smoke coming from fires

can also reduce visibility, which is hazardous for drivers. And although a wildfire may appear miles away from the highway, firefighters can often predict the direction the fire is headed and will make decisions to keep everyone safe.

“If they know in an hour the fire will impact, for example, Interstate 17, they’re going to start calling for road closures immediately because it’s going to take that long to clear the highway and get those drivers off the road,” Davila said.

ADOT and AZDFFM work closely with local, state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and others

to make determinations of when highway closures may be needed during wildland fires.

“Safety drives these decisions,” Rupp added. “We don’t want motorists driving through raging flames and we don’t want personnel worrying about oncoming cars when they’re trying to get from the median to the other side of the road while a fire burns.”

When a highway closes, it’s natural for motorists to consult a navigation app or GPS unit to explore alternate routes. But drivers need to apply common sense to a computer’s suggestions, starting with not taking vehicles that aren’t up to the task down unpaved

roads.

We can all do our part to help reduce the chances of igniting wildfires while driving (and the delays associated with it) by doing the following:

- Avoid parking your vehicle on dry grass or driving through tall grass because heat from the underside of your vehicle can start a fire.
- Never throw a lit cigarette out of a vehicle.
- Make sure trailer chains are securely attached. Loose chains can drag on the pavement, shooting sparks off the road and

into dry brush and grass.

• Check tire pressure before you travel. Exposed wheel rims can cause sparks on the asphalt.

ADOT wants to make sure that drivers are prepared when they head out on road trips, and unexpected delays, like wildfires, can add extra travel time.

Make sure you pack an emergency travel kit that includes plenty of extra water, healthy snacks, sun protection — such as sunscreen, sunglasses or a hat — a fully charged cell phone and any prescription medication.

Be patient and be prepared. If you are waiting in a backup on a highway that is closed (whether it’s for a brush fire, a crash or other active incident) stay in your lane and do not exit your vehicle. Do not drive onto the shoulders of the highway as first responders use that lane.

“Give crews room to get by,” Rupp said. “The sooner we can get to the incident scene, the sooner responders can do the work that needs to be done and open the highway safely for everyone.”

## Public Notice

**DCS'S NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF A MINOR CHILDREN**

No. JD201200114

(Honorable Jamie R. Ramirez) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL In the Matter of: AMANI JEANNIE JEFFERIES d.o.b. 12/02/2009 AREIAH ENGLAND ADAMS d.o.b. 01/10/2014 JULIAN ALBERTO GREGORY ADAMS d.o.b. 12/23/2014 AMANTE JAIELYN LEE ADAMS d.o.b. 08/09/2016 Person(s) under 18 years of age. TO: CHANCIE LYNNAE SAA, ERIC TERAUN JEFFERIES, and JULIAN CHEVAL ADAMS, parents and/or guardians of the above-named children.

1. The Department of Child Safety, (DCS or the Department), by and through undersigned counsel, has filed a Motion for Appointment of a Permanent Guardian under Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 8-871 and 8-872 and Rule 344 of the Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

2. The Court has set a Publication Hearing on the 24th day of September, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Pinal County Superior Court, 971 North Jason Lopez Circle, Florence, AZ 85132, before the Honorable Jamie R. Ramirez for the purpose of determining whether any parent or guardian named herein is contesting the allegations in the motion.

3. You and your children 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, settlement conference, status conference or guardianship adjudication, without good cause shown, may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights and have admitted the allegations in the Motion. In addition, if you fail to appear, without good cause shown, the hearing may go forward in your absence and may result in the establishment of a permanent guardianship based upon the record and the evidence presented to the court.

5. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain a copy of the Motion for Appointment of a Permanent Guardian and Notice of Hearing by submitting a written request to: TIFFANY SETTERS, Office of the Attorney General, 120 W. 1st Ave., 2nd Floor, Mesa, AZ 85210. The assigned case manager is Alicia Lambert and may be reached by telephone at 520-858-8806.

6. 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 520-509-3555.

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

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2024.

KRISTIN K. MAYES

Attorney General

/s/ Tiffany Setters

TIFFANY SETTERS

Assistant Attorney General

7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/24

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8/21/24

## Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. PB202300135

(For Publication) SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Eloisa Hernandez Date of Birth: February 22, 1944 Deceased. Notice is given that Rueben Hernandez was appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative, care of DOUG NEWBORN LAW FIRM, PLLC, at 7315 N. Oracle Road, Suite 230, Tucson, AZ 85704. DATED: July 18, 2024 DOUG NEWBORN LAW FIRM, PLLC /s/Douglas J. Newborn Attorney for Personal Representative

7/31, 8/7, 8/14/24

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## Public Notice

**Notice To Creditors/Judy Ann Huffman**

Name: Kimmy Cook Address: 16014 N. San Pedro River Rd City, State, Zip: Benson, AZ 85602 Daytime Telephone No.: 9282005197 Representing Self, Without a Lawyer Shannon Trezza AZCLDP #80880 AZ Statewide Paralegal AZCLDP #80890 Arizona Superior Court, Pinal County In the Matter of the Estate of: Judy Ann Huffman, Date of Birth: April 23, 1945 Deceased. Case No. PB202400246 Notice To Creditors Notice Is Hereby Given that Kimmy Cook has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. 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. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative at 16014 N. San Pedro River Rd, Benson, AZ 85602 Dated this 10th day of April, 2024. /s/ Kimmy Cook 16014 N. San Pedro River Rd, Benson, AZ 85602

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## Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. PB202400341

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL In the Matter of the Estate of KATIE TORAKIS, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. 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. Claims must be presented to the undersigned personal representative at c/o Robert W. Jones III, 1905 North Calle Maderas, Mesa, Arizona 85213. DATED July 12, 2024. /s/ Peter N. Zingas Personal Representative 645 Griswold, Suite 3466 Detroit, MI 48226

7/31, 8/7, 8/14/24

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## Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY**

**PUBLICATION**

No. PB202400334

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL In the Matter of the Estate of TIMOTHY RAY HICKS, Deceased. NOTICE IS GIVEN to all creditors of the Estate that: 1. Kevin C. Hicks 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 Kevin C. Hicks, care of Travis R. Campbell, Legal AZ, 432 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. DATED this 19th day of July, 2024. LEGAL AZ By: /s/ Travis R. Campbell Counsel for Personal Representative

7/31, 8/7, 8/14/24

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## Getting ready for a new school year



Parents were registering their children for the new school year at the Hayden-Winkelman School District Wednesday and Thursday last week.

James Carnes | CANP

## Pinal County Sheriff's Report

**Items are taken from the LexisNexis® Community Crime Map. Activity listed July 21-27.**

### July 21

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of N. White Oak Pl., Oracle.

### July 22

Theft was reported in the 2400 block of W. American Ave., Oracle.

### July 25

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of E. American Ave., Oracle.















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**Public Notice****DCS'S NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEPENDENCY PETITION No. JD202400061**

(Honorable Jamie R. Ramirez)  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL  
In the Matter of:  
OLIVER LAWRENCE FRILEY  
d.o.b. 12/10/2016  
LAYCIE MARIE BOBINSKI  
d.o.b. 01/24/2020  
HOLDYN MICHAEL BOBINSKI  
d.o.b. 08/01/2021  
Person(s) under 18 years of age.  
TO: RYLYN JENNIFER GÖTTMANN,  
KYLE ALEXANDER FREILEY, and  
MICHAEL ALLAN BOBINSKI, parents  
and/or guardians of the above-named children.

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 a Publication hearing on the 10th day of September, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pinal County Superior Court, 971 North Jason Lopez Circle, Florence, Arizona 85132, before the Honorable Jamie R. Ramirez for the purpose of determining whether any parent or guardian named herein is contesting the allegations in the Petition.  
3. You and your children 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 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 children 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: TIFFANY SETTERS, Office of the Attorney General/CFP/PSS, 120 W. 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor, Mesa, Arizona 85210. The assigned case manager is Madison Gosselin and may be reached by telephone at (480) 373-2082.

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 2nd day of July, 2024.

KRISTIN K. MAYES  
Attorney General  
/S/ Tiffany Setters  
TIFFANY SETTERS  
Assistant Attorney General  
7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7/24  
CNS-3830446#  
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MINER Legal 7/17/24, 7/24/24, 7/31/24, 8/7/24

**1. Automobile**

1991 3/4T Square Body  
Suburban used upper & lower  
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pads marked 060. Front,  
middle, and rear seats with  
belts with front storage  
console. Variety of 70's  
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CbnSun@MinerSunBasin.com

**20. Help Wanted****NOW Hiring Deli Bakery Manager at Norm's IGA**

A deli manager is responsible for monitoring the daily operations of the bakery/deli delegating tasks to staff, supervising the food orders and services, maintaining adequate stock inventory, and finding ways to minimize production costs without compromising quality service.

Key skills include customer service, problem solving, leadership, effective communication, teamwork, and financial and inventory management. A thorough knowledge of food safety guidelines and the ability to work under pressure are also necessary.

Working as a deli manager isn't for everyone. This is a demanding job that requires a host of skills in many different areas. Apply at the store: 345 Alden Rd., Kearny.

Find your next job in the  
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**Ray Unified School District #3  
Position Announcement**

**Position Type:** Physical Education Teacher (Grades K-6)

**Date Posted:** 07/16/2024

**Location:** Kearny, Arizona

**Closing Date:** Until Filled

**Position Goals:** Provide a quality physical education program that motivates students to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge needed for a lifetime of physical activity.

**Description:**

- Contract: 10-Month Position/145 days/4-day work week
- Start Date 08/1/2024

**Qualification:**

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college/university
- Valid Arizona Elementary or Secondary Teacher Certification with Physical Education K-12 endorsement (required)
- AZ IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (required)

**Salary:** Teachers Salary Schedule

**Benefits:**

- Arizona State Retirement (ASRS)
- Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance
- Paid Time Off
- Life Insurance
- Wellness Program

To formally apply for this position, please visit the Ray Unified School District Office.

The physical demands must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties and responsibilities. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to move about the field, gym, weight room, classroom and campus and talk and hear. The employee is frequently required to use hands and fingers to feel objects, tools, controls and to reach with hands and arms, bend, kneel and crouch, and occasionally lift or carry up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision and the ability to adjust focus.

**20. Help Wanted****20. Help Wanted****20. Help Wanted****Ray Unified School District #3  
Position Announcement**

**Position Type:** Special Education Health Aide

**Date Posted:** 06/27/2024

**Location:** Kearny, Arizona

**Closing Date:** Until Filled

**Position Goals:** A special education paraprofessional, under general supervision, provides assistance to the special education teachers, performing a variety of tasks relating to the physical and instructional needs of students in a self-contained setting; assists in the implementation of instructional programs, including self-help and behavior.

**Description:**

- Part-time 6 Hours per Day
- 10-Month Position/145 days/4-day work week
- Work 1:1 with students

**Qualification:**

- High School Diploma or GED
- Meet the requirements according to the Arizona Department of Education Paraprofessional Proficiency Test or associate degree or the equivalent of hours to an associate degree
- Ability to regularly lift 50 pounds
- Be capable of physically assisting students with special needs as required (positioning, lifting, transferring, etc.)
- Ability to work under the direction of others
- Willingness to assume any responsibilities appropriate for position
- Behave and speak in a professional manner at all times

**Salary:** Hourly \$14.35

To formally apply for this position, please visit the Ray Unified School District Business Office or call the Elementary School Office at 520.363.5515 ext 100.

The physical demands must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee will be engaged in daily strenuous physical activity. The employee is frequently required to bend, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee is frequently required to lift and carry up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and move up to 50 pounds. The employee frequently is required to move about the District or campus.

Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

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**20. Help Wanted****44. Yard Sales**

Having a yard sale?

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to place your ad.**20. Help Wanted****100. Real Estate****Amy WHATTON REALTY****PHONE: 928-812-2816**  
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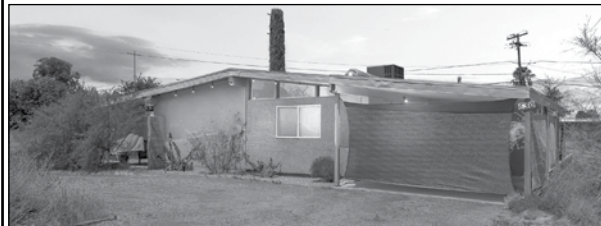
- **121 San Pedro** 3 bdrm 1 ba on lg. corner lot. Block wall. Extra storage. Low maintenance landscaping in front. Must see! \$182,000
- **PRICE REDUCED – 322 Ave B** 2 or 3 bdrm home. Added bedroom or family room and laundry area, You must see this home. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Includes all appliances. Great landscaping, low maintenance front and back yards. \$249,000
- **PRICE REDUCED – 1028 Webb Dr.** 3 bdrm 2 bath home. Many extras with block wall, garage, added family room, remodelled kitchen and baths, and ceramic tile flooring. Must see! \$259,000
- **PRICE REDUCED – 907 W. Webb Dr.** 3 bdrm 2 ba home. Includes extended family room and side utility area. Update kitchen and bath. extra sheds and fenced back yard, \$205,000 **SOLD**
- **308 5th St.** 3 bdrm 2 bath home. Must see this great home. Low maintenance front and back yards, extended concrete driveway, laminate and carpet flooring. Garage/workshop, fenced back yard, remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. \$265,000 **SALE PENDING**
- **922 W. 4th Ave.** 3 bdrm 2 ba home with enlarged living room and added family room and utility room. Great home with all **SOLD** and some furnishings available. Lg. workshop and 2 sheds in back. Nice ramada also. Must see! \$207,500

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- **726 Hwy 77** Commercial Building and Auto Repair Building with car lifts inside. Great location! Great opportunity! \$325,000
- **723 Hwy 77** Large store on Hwy 77. Includes all equipment walk-in refrigerator. Previously a liquor and food store. Great location and great price. \$250,000

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480-620-5401.****Ray Unified School District #3  
Position Announcement****Position Type:** Maintenance/Groundskeeper**Supervisor:** Maintenance Supervisor**Requirements:** U.S. Citizenship, H.S. Diploma or G.E.D.  
To maintain facilities in a cost efficient and safe manner that ensures the highest level of appearance and healthful conditions.**Summary:** Perform duties including maintenance, custodial, grounds keeping and delivery tasks. To include maintenance repairs including electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and vehicular.**Hours:** 8 hours a day/4 days a week with Healthcare Benefits**Salary:** \$16.15/hourApplications can be picked up from the  
Susann Hillman at the District Office Monday through  
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Located on a large corner lot with breathtaking mountain views and ample parking, this charming mid-century modern desert bungalow features a newly introduced pollinator garden with over 100 native trees and drought-tolerant plants. Fully restored in 2019, the bungalow includes a newer AC unit, tankless water heater, composite roof, double-pane windows and sliding door, updated electrical system, plumbing, sewer line coating, and drywall. The entire home has been rewired to meet county regulations.....\$179,000

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## FIRE RECAP

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first 5-10 minutes, but that is not all.

Linemen from SRP and APS show up ready to disconnect power if needed. Southwest Gas arrives to protect the gas pipeline infrastructure. ADOT shows up to close the road if needed to protect the firemen on scene. Fire crews from across the state are given the order to head to Kearny, an all too familiar location. Air attack resources are placed on stand-by.

At dispatch, additional resources are called in and a second dispatch station comes to life. The phone there rings off the hook as concerned citizens call in to find out what is happening. The volume of calls and the consequence of poor communication is elevated hundreds of times. Radio traffic is constant, all routed through our dispatch center. Kearny is small, we normally have one dispatcher on duty at any given time. Call volume on a normal day is easily managed by one person, when an emergency occurs it is important to remember these men and women are very busy; calls from the public asking if the road is open or just generally “what is going on” are a serious distraction that takes up valuable time that should be used to manage emergency crew communications.

Kearny Police Chief Wallace Kenney determines what law enforcement resources are needed and contacts state, county and local departments requesting their help. In coordination with Chief Stepke, local traffic control is set up to limit the amount of traffic in the fire area; this is done to protect our firefighters and to provide them with priority access to areas where they are working.

We are now about 30 minutes into the emergency response. By now, our Public Information Officer – Judge

Dave Orzell is made aware. The PIO is responsible for assisting the incident command team in setting up an incident command center. This is typically done at the Ray School. He is also responsible for opening evacuation centers should the need arise, contacting Pinal County Emergency Services to setup the Red Cross if needed, providing information to the Mayor and Town Manager as well as up-to-date information to the public as needed. Judge Orzell becomes the Swiss army knife of Kearny in an emergency: he does what is needed where it is needed.

Now comes the Shake Fire. The Shake Fire kicked out about an hour after the Ray fire was largely extinguished. It advanced on the 500 block residents and 400 block of Jamestown residents at a very fast pace. Chief Stepke made the call to re-direct firefighting resources to do structure protection. He had trained for this exact moment many times and the training paid off. If that call were made even 10 minutes later, we would have had a very different outcome. Fire crews quickly re-positioned and set up in positions as directed by Chief Stepke. Citizens brought in equipment and quickly cut fire lines near the back yards where the fire was advancing. They had only minutes to react.

Chief Stepke, seeing the advance of the fire; quickly made the call to evacuate residents on the 500 and 400 blocks. Our Law Enforcement teams jumped into the fray and began broadcasting evacuation notices on their vehicle PA systems. With smoke and embers blowing over the homes in the evacuation area, residents largely complied with the directive, some choosing to stay and fight the fire as best they could to protect their homes and property. Now is

probably a good time to remind our residents to cut down dried vegetation around your property; all it takes is one of those embers to land in dry weeds and we have another fire to deal with.

While residents were evacuating, Judge Orzell and Amanda Kenney (Town Clerk) contacted the Bishop of the Kearny Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and requested the building as a temporary shelter. Normally we would use the school, but the school was in line of fire. Amanda and several members of the church congregation quickly opened the doors and turned on the air conditioner; Myra Fontes-Warren opened the ice box at Norm’s and provided all the teams and evacuees with ice to keep cool. Most of the public never gets to see just how bighearted the team at Norm’s is; we are lucky to have them here. They loaded us up with ice all day long and when it is 110+ outside ice is a firefighter’s best friend. Judge Orzell then contacted the Red Cross who responded and provided aid as needed at the church; Amanda and several members from the church prepared a meal for about 30 evacuees, and “so shined a good deed in a weary world”.

Public works teams who were not in the evacuation areas monitored the water levels in the tanks, water is a critical resource in a fire and is not unlimited. One of our fire trucks could empty one of our water tanks in about two hours even with the pump feeding the tank running constantly. On this day we had many trucks pulling water out of those tanks, and we were all concerned. Law Enforcement teams blocked traffic access and protected property while fire crews worked tirelessly to prevent damage to structures. Several well placed aerial attacks were dropped and the progress of the fire was stopped.

The efforts to save the homes succeeded, then the wind shifted, and the fire ran to the school. Once again, teams were required to re-position. Hoses were spooled up and engines and firefighters re-directed to protect the school. Air crews buzzed the fire so low there are some reports one of the planes may have brushed the tree at the high school baseball field. Their accurate placement of the fire retardant gave the men and women on the ground the advantage they needed and finally, after an exhausting day, the fire was controlled, and the community breathed a sigh of relief.

Looking back at this fire, a couple things come to mind. First, the nature of this community and our collective ability to come together is humbling. From the donations of ice, water, and food, to the volunteers who selflessly jumped in to help. Our community is amazing, and we should all sleep better knowing that this is the tie that binds us together. You all responded admirably, and we thank you for that. Secondly, it is my opinion that Chief Stepke saved the homes that were at risk. His immediate decision to redirect to structure protection made it all possible. His training, his love for this community, and his commitment to his duty carried the day. I was there when he made the call, I could see what he was facing. He did not hesitate. He was familiar with that area that was burning because he had prepared for this day. Thank him and all who responded to the call when you get a chance.

To our extended community partners, thank you for having our backs and we renew our commitment to have yours.

Mayor Curtis Stacy, Town of Kearny



Kearny’s volunteer firefighters lay it all on the line for their community.

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# Putting the 'Fun' in 'Fundamentals'



Kids have fun learning the fundamentals of basketball at the Hayden Schools and Asarco Basketball Summer Camp.

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