Activity Center opens at Kearny Library

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Young man killed in accident Monday

An Oracle man was killed Monday after colliding with a semi truck hauling an oversized load.

According to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, at approximately 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, a 2007 two-door Pontiac crossing over the centerline north of Oracle Junction. A northbound 1998 Freightliner semi truck, the Pontiac struck the northbound guardrail and the driver was ejected.

The driver, later identified as Dakota Allen Roth, 20, Oracle, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The semi driver was not injured, said DPS Trooper Kameron Lee.

The highway was completely closed from the time of the accident until 4:45 p.m. Traffic was routed around the accident on Willow Springs Rd., Freeman Rd. and Hwy. 79, and via the Florence-Kelvin Hwy.

The case is still under investigation.

United States Forest Service finalizes plan to protect Apache Leap; approval comes after detailed consultation with stakeholders

The United States Forest Service has finalized plans for the Apache Leap Special Management Area (SMA) to protect the culturally significant site above the town of Superior, Arizona. The approved plan is the result of 16 months of detailed environmental and cultural analysis and was developed in consultation with multiple stakeholders, including 12 Native American Tribes, the town of Superior, and interested members of the public.

The creation of the Apache Leap Special Management Area was the result of bipartisan legislation passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Obama in 2013.

Resolution Copper project director Andrew Lye said, “We were pleased to be part of the Forest Service consultation process on protections for Apache Leap. This is a major milestone and the broad consultation allowed us to understand the concerns of our neighbors and make adjustments to our plans to ensure that Apache Leap is fully protected in perpetuity.”

The Apache Leap Special Management Area protects and preserves the natural character of this unique topography and its ecology, habitats and scenery by prohibiting mining, livestock grazing and overnight camping within the Apache Leap SMA.

The Forest Service conducted comprehensive government-to-government consultations with 12 Arizona tribes and specific measures were taken within the SMA to accommodate tribal concerns regarding public access, grazing and other protections for locations of cultural importance.

The Apache Leap SMA was added to the bipartisan legislation that passed Congress in 2013 to facilitate a land exchange between the Tonto National Forest and Resolution Copper. As part of the exchange of land, Resolution Copper will contribute 142 acres of privately held land and forgo 697 acres of unpatented mining claims that will become part of the 839 acre Apache Leap SMA. More information about the land exchange is available on the Tonto National Forest’s website on the topic: http://www.resolutionmineeis.us/usfs. The US Forest service also has more information on the Apache Leap SMA at: http://www.apacheleapsma.us/.

A view of Superior from Apache Leap.

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Copper Basin Chamber names new director

Veronica Bracamonte has been hired to direct the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce.
She has hit the ground running with a number of committee meetings, especially those dealing with upcoming community events. She is holding fort in the chamber office in the Pinal County building on Alden Road in Kearny, with the office open Monday through Friday. The times are posted at the office.
She encourages visitors at all times. Please keep her in touch with your organization or business about all your events and your hopes and dreams for the towns of the Copper Basin.

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Hayden - Christmas time can be a burden on many families in our communities. To help alleviate this burden, and give back to their community, officers from the Hayden Police Department (HPD) and HPD Chief Tamatha Villar made the decision to adopt eight families this Christmas, and help bring some joy to these children. For the first time in the department's history, Hayden Police joined officers from across the State of Arizona to participate in the W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive. On Dec. 22, Chief Villar, some of her officers and Administrative Assistant Mitzi Ochoa shopped for toys for more than 20 Hayden-Winkelman children to help bring some Christmas cheer and develop better relationships with the community they serve. “We are so thankful to have the opportunity to serve our community in this manner and to continue to work to foster meaningful interactions and relationships with the children and families of the Hayden and Winkelman communities,” said Chief Villar. “Giving back to the community is the greatest part of public service.” Villar continued, “We hope the generosity of our officers went a long way to help those families enjoy the holiday season just a little more.”

Some Indian History

As I had previously written, Annie Forbach was the daughter to James W. Brandenburg who had settled along Aravaipa Creek in 1888 with his wife and four older children before Annie was born there in 1891. According to Annie’s memoirs, numbers of Indians from the San Carlos Indian Reservation would ride horseback to Aravaipa Creek in the summers, and they really enjoyed the creek water where they would spend days washing and bathing and having a good time. They evidently did lots of work gathering the wild black walnuts, mesquite beans, and the saguaro and prickly pear fruit. Annie also mentioned what she named as an Indian Reserve that was located twelve miles down the Aravaipa from the ranch of her parents, and where the Indians farmed the land. She also stated “An old Indian who was a kind of Chief lived at the Reserve, and his name was Chiquita.”

According to my research, the Chiquita that Annie mentioned had to have been Capitan Chiquito Bullis who died in 1919, after which ownership of the one hundred-sixty acres allotted for him by the United States Government went to his heirs in 1920. In 1920 his son, Elin Chiquito Bullis, was allotted one hundred-sixty acres adjoining that Allotment just upstream, then in 1921, one hundred-sixty acres just upstream of the Elin Chiquito Allotment was allotted to John L. Bullis, another son to Capitan Chiquito Bullis. The story about those allotments and what happened to them is included in my published book, A CREEKSIDE STORY - FROM BUCKBOARD DAYS TO ECOTOURISM.
Lane closure continues on State Route 77 near Mammoth

The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers to plan for the following restriction on SR 77 near Mammoth as a four-month pavement-improvement project continues:
- Southbound SR 77 will be closed between Hollywood Drive and Miguel Road for road improvements from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Friday, Mar. 2.
- Drivers should allow plenty of extra travel time and plan for delays. A pilot car and flaggers will guide traffic through the work zone.
- Vehicles are restricted to 12 feet in width and 100 feet in length.
- Watch for intermittent shoulder closures on north- and southbound SR 77 from milepost 113 to milepost 120 through April 2018.

The $4.3 million, 120-day project is located in Pinal County, north of Mammoth, between mileposts 113 and 120. The work includes milling the existing asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt and a double chip seal coat application.

Drivers should proceed through the work zone with caution, slow down and watch for construction personnel and equipment.

For more information please visit the project website. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or email Projects@azdot.gov. For real-time highway conditions statewide, visit ADOT's Traveler Information Site at www.az511.gov, follow ADOT on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or call 511, except while driving.

Kearny Police Report

According to state law, there are two methods by which police may arrest suspected offenders. The suspect may be physically taken into the department and booked into jail, or the arresting officer may write a citation and release the suspect to appear in court later. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All damages are estimates.

Activity listed from Dec. 17 - Jan. 6.

Dec. 17
Theft was reported in the 300 block of Alden Rd.

Dec. 20
Theft was reported in the 400 block of Ivanhoe Rd.

Dec. 22
Officers received a report about an unattended child in the 400 block of Jamestown Rd.

Dec. 23
Criminal damage was reported in the area of Tilbury Dr. and Alden Rd. Valerie Sartor, 65, was arrested and charged with criminal damage. She was cited and released.

Dec. 24
Criminal damage was reported in the area of Hwy. 177 and Old Hartford Rd.

Dec. 25
Nicholas Alvarado, 31, was arrested in the 400 block of Ivanhoe Rd. and was charged with threatening/intimidation and disorderly conduct. He was transported and booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence.

Dec. 26
Officers assisted with a request for an emergency order of protection.

Dec. 28
Thomas Gabaldon, 33, was arrested in the 300 block of Alden Rd. and was charged with driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released.

Dec. 29
Rita C. Baldenegro, 51, was arrested in the 300 block of Alden Rd. and was charged with driving on a suspended license. She was cited and released.

Jan. 1
Isaiah Delgado, 19, was arrested in the area of Danbury Rd. and Upton Dr. and was charged with minor consumption of alcohol. He was cited and released. A juvenile was also arrested at the same location and was charged with minor consumption of alcohol. He was cited and released.

Jan. 3
An accident without injuries was reported in the area of Hwy. 177 and Old Ray Rd. The driver was cited for no valid driver's license and failure to avoid a collision.

Jan. 5
Criminal damage was reported in the 300 block of Hartford Rd.

Jan. 6
Travis Manuel Lusk, 25, was arrested in the 300 block of Alden Rd. and was charged with driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released.

Calls not listed include: ambulance request (21), animal/cattle complaint (7), traffic stop (23), welfare check (2), found property (1), disturbance (2), fire (1), agency assist (4), trespassing (1), alarm drop (1), suspicious activity (1) and citizen/motorist assist (10).
Arbizo, Barragan to advance to State Hoop Shoot

On Saturday, Jan. 6, the Kearny Elks were represented at the East District Hoop Shoot Contest with the six first place winners from the local Hoop Shoot Contest. The Elks are proud to announce two first place winners and two second place winners.

Two shooters brought home the first place trophy, in the 8 and 9 girls, Ariana Arbizo, and in the 12 and 13 girls, Mia Barragan. These two girls will compete in the State Hoop Shoot contest in Apache Junction on Feb. 17. If they win there, they will go on to the Regional Shoot in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Placing second are: Brooklyn Lechuga, 10-11 girls, and Paul Gather, 10-11 boys.

Kearny Elks are very proud of these fine shooters and congratulate them on their fine basketball shooting.

Second-ranked Lady Cats are victorious in return from break

By Andrew Luberda
Copper Basin News

Fresh off competing in the Chandler Prep New Year’s Classic tournament during the Holiday break, the No. 2-ranked Ray girls’ basketball team returned to the court victorious in a 51 – 38 win against The Gregory School on Jan. 5.

With the win, Ray improved to 13 – 3 on the season, including 4 – 0 in region play. Up next: Jan. 11 at Miami and Jan. 16 at Duncan. Both games are scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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Something new for kids to do in Kearny

Last month, volunteers and Friends of the Kearny Library proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Kearny Library Activity Center and announced that it has a new program: Friday Kids Activity Program. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the center is open to kids for games, Legos and so much more.

The Kearny Elks gave the center a $500 grant which was used to purchase Legos, games and balls.

The center’s director is John Putman and the center is located at the old Teen Center right next to the Kearny Library.

Two boys play with the new Carpet Ball Alley built by Clayton McPherson. It is by far the most popular of the games.

Kids playing with some of the Legos, games and balls purchased with a grant from the Kearny Elks Lodge.

John Putman is the new Activities Director for the Kearny Library Activity Center.

All the possibilities that can be built with Legos on Lego Club Fridays.
**ON THE AGENDA**

**KEARNY CLEAN UP:** Kearny’s free dump day is held on the second Saturday of every month at the old transfer station.

**KEARNY ELKS LODGE # 2478:** Kearny Elks Lodge # 2478 meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. The lounge’s schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 – 8 p.m. and Sunday 3-9 p.m.

**HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER:** The Hayden Senior Center, 520 Velasco Ave., is open every weekday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., to serve the needs of senior citizens and low-income families. A warm, nutritious lunch is served every day. Call 520-356-7035 for information or to check on the daily meal.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER HOURS:** The Pregnancy Care Center in Winkelman, located at Fourth and Thorne Avenues in Winkelman, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men’s workshop is held on Thursday from 5-6 p.m. You can call (520) 664-5795 for a confidential appointment.

**LOBO BOOSTERS:** For Lobo Booster Club membership and information, please call Michelle Gonzales at 480-888-6598.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 12-STEP:** NA meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Sun Life in San Manuel. Rear entrance, south facing door. Open meeting. For more information, call Horizon Health and Wellness at 520-896-9240.

**KEARNY SENIOR CITIZENS:** The Kearny Senior Citizens group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Constitution Hall. The group talks about trips to different places in Arizona as well as other subjects. A potluck dinner is held after the social hour on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are needed. Come down and join the group. From May through August, the group meets on only on the last Wednesday of the month.

**KEARNY LIBRARY HAPPENINGS:** From 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Seniors (50 and up) meet for coffee and conversation. 10 a.m. Monday mornings are set aside for preschool kids with story hour at 10 a.m. A crochet class is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for beginners or advanced to get training and new patterns. On the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., the Ladies Tea Party meets to enjoy fellowship with other ladies. Bring a dish to share for potluck. For more information call 363-5861.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kearny Clean Up Volunteers**

The Town of Kearny has volunteers who are able to help people in town clean their yards at no charge. Please call the Town Hall at 520-363-5547 to schedule an appointment.
Central Arizona College Upward Bound program applications now available

PINAL COUNTY, Ariz. – Central Arizona College is now accepting applications for the new Upward Bound program. The first review of applications will occur on Mon., January 15. Space is limited.

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to help high school students who meet certain criteria be successful in high school and obtain a postsecondary degree by providing academic enrichment, cultural field trips, tutoring, guidance and counseling.

To apply, students must be currently enrolled at Coolidge High School, Vista Grande High School or Casa Grande Union High School and meet the following criteria:
- Federal income eligibility levels
- A first generation college student (where neither parent nor guardian holds a bachelor’s degree)
- Commit to preparing themselves for post-secondary education before being accepted into the program
- Attend a six week academy each summer

The program is free for students that meet the program’s requirements, and are accepted. Students only have to give their dedication and time for the remainder of their high school years to receive maximum benefits from the program.

The Upward Bound program includes a fall and spring schedule of activities at the student’s high school and at the Central Arizona College Signal Peak Campus. Bus passes will be provided for students who need them along with stipends for exemplary participation. Fifteen hours of academic enrichment activities each month will allow students to receive tutoring assistance and workshops focused on time management, transitioning to college, and academic success. A mandatory six-week summer program offers enrichment classes and field trips on weekdays during the months of June and July.

The program may include classes in Reading, Writing, Math, AzMERIT, PSAT/SAT/ACT test preparation, science, foreign language, and other courses in specialized fields. Additionally, Upward Bound will take students to visit college and university campuses throughout the state of Arizona.

To receive an application or to find out further information please call the Upward Bound office at 520-404-5007 or email Julie Leonard, program manager at Julie.leonard@centralaz.edu. Students may also speak with their high school counselor.

About Upward Bound
Central Arizona College was awarded a $1.3 million Upward Bound Grant to assist first generation and low income students in preparing for a college education. This Federal Grant, provided through the United States Department of Education, will provide CAC with $264,000 each year for five years.

The Upward Bound program was established in 1965 under the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson and is one of the TRIO Suite programs. CAC has received funding for the past 12 years for TRIO Student Support Services. The U.S. Department of Education appropriates more than $900 million each year for all TRIO programs throughout the nation and US Territories.

About CAC
For more than 47 years, Central Arizona College has been serving and educating the diverse communities of Pinal County. With five campuses and three centers located strategically throughout the county, CAC provides accessible, educational, economic, cultural, and personal growth opportunities for those of all ages.

To be included in the weekly church listing, call 520-363-5554 or email at cbnsun@minersunbasin.com.
The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition is working with the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development to help local residents apply for Section 504 Single Family Housing Repair Loan and Grant program. The Section 504 program provides loans to very-low income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to low income residents access federal funds to meet with elderly very-low income residents or grants to improve or modernize their homes or grants to low income residents access federal funds to meet with older very-low income residents to remove health and safety hazards.

These funds are available to low income residents who are 62 years of age and over. Jim Schenck, a contractor with the CCEDC is available to meet with local residents to see if they qualify for the program. There are two grants and low interest loans available to residents of the Copper Corridor.

The CCEDC serves the residents and communities of Eastern Pinal and Southern Gila County including Aravaipa, Dudleyville, Hayden, Kearny, Mammoth, Oracle San Manuel, Superior, Winkelman and all unincorporated areas of the Copper Corridor region.

The CCEDC is offering this service to help local residents access federal dollars that can help them improve their homes. Local contractors wishing to provide services to the approved homeowners should contact Mila Besich-Lira at 520-827-0676.
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The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition has partnered with Valle del Sol for the past three years to host the Hispanic Leadership Institute (HLI-Copper Corridor). This year the 10 week course was held at the Central Arizona College Aravaipa Campus. During the program the participants learn about how to work with the media, they learn about the governance of non-profit organizations and how local and county governments work. They also focus on setting their own interpersonal and professional leadership goals.

The CCEDC has been the driving force in bringing this program to the area. The future of the region will depend on strong leaders to serve in each of the communities throughout the Corridor, “I am extremely grateful to have HLI in the Copper Corridor. The program is extremely helpful in recognizing, developing and enhancing the talent that already exists in the area to become more focused on serving the residents in the Copper Corridor,” said Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios.

The CCEDC is the community supporter for the program and the program was sponsored through financial support from Freeport McMoRan and Resolution Copper along with scholarships sponsored by ASARCO, Capstone and KGHM.

Valle del Sol has been developing leaders across the state for many years. The Copper Corridor program is one of their newest programs in the state. The 2017 class is the fourth class to graduate from HLI Copper Corridor.

“HLI Copper Corridor is the newest Hispanic Leadership Institute program, and perhaps has become one of the most important,” said Adam Falk, the HLI program director. “In just 10 weeks, leaders from across the Copper Corridor have the chance to learn more about the issues facing this region and to meet the people working on those issues. Participants take part in activities that help them to embrace their abilities, and are given the skills to ‘activate’ their leadership potential directly after finishing the program. The alumni are not only the next generation of Copper Corridor leaders, they are today’s leaders helping to shape and drive the future of the communities they serve.”

In November, the Class of 2017 HLI-Copper Corridor graduated from the program. Participants graduating included Tino Flores or Kearny, Tomas Sublosky of Hayden, Christie Cothrun of Miami, Ruben Castro of Superior, Lisa Brazil of Globe, Nancy Hinojos of Kearny, Louie “Chacho” Bracamont of Winkelman and Jesse Leetham of Globe, Lillian Martinez of Dudleyville and Shelbi Lindesmith of Globe.

During the graduation there are several awards given out to local leaders. This year the Pete Rios Leadership award was awarded to Maria Munoz. Maria is an instrumental leader throughout the Copper Corridor. She is an Academic Advisor for CAC where she travels throughout the Copper Corridor to help local students transition into higher education. She is the Vice Mayor of Hayden and is the treasurer of the CCEDC.

“Maria is a leader that everyone can count on,” said Mila Besich-Lira as she presented the award. “She is more than a leader – she is a friend, a sister and a daughter that many people depend on.”

A new award this year was the Magallanez Family HLI-Alumni Award. This award was named in honor of the family of Max and Elizabeth Magallanez. Elizabeth and her family have been active participants in the HLI-Copper Corridor program. This year’s HLI-Alumni Award was awarded to Mike Montiel. Mike was recognized for his ongoing support of Veteran advocacy throughout the Copper Corridor and his efforts in developing a school garden at the elementary school in Superior. The Magallanez family was also very honored to have an award named after their family.

The 2018 HLI-Copper Corridor program will be held in the Globe/Miami area and will begin in late September. Applications will be open in the spring for the 2018 class. For more information on the HLI-Copper Corridor program, contact the CCEDC at 520-490-8433.