



Gloria Soto, program coordinator with Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department, talked about Community Development Block Grant applications and a home-repair program during the meeting of the Western Pima County Community Council. WPCCC councilors in the photo are Arlene Dreeste, Mel Ortega, Adrian Vega, Freeman Fry, Lil Jones, Tina West, and Andrew Sisk. Out of the camera's view are councilors Paul Vasquez and Ken Freese.

Grants, deputies, & school were WPCCC topics

The January meeting of the Western Pima County Community Council was held last Thursday with topics of discussion including Pima County community-development block grants, local Pima County Sheriff's Department deputies, Ajo Unified School District, the local theater group, and a street-beautification project. New WPCCC councilors Mel Ortega and Adrian Vega were introduced.

The WPCCC roster at the beginning of 2014 records Paul Vasquez as District 1/Downtown representative, Ken Freese for District 2/East Side, Lil Jones for District 3/Midtown, Carol Yokum for District 4/Gibson, Andrew Sisk for District 5/Five Acres, Mel Ortega for District 6/ Why, Freeman Fry for District 7/ Lukeville, Adrian Vega for District 8 at-large, Tina West for District 9 at-large, Arlene Dreeste for District 10 at-large, and Tony Montes for District 11 at-large.

Jones will serve as WPCCC chair, Fry as vice chair, Sisk as secretary, and Dreeste as treasurer.

The first presenter of the meeting was Gloria Soto, program coordinator with Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department. Soto talked about her department's mission, which is to provide resources that strengthen communities and improve the quality of life for residents through programs of affordable housing, community and rural development, and community planning and revitalization.

Non-profit applications for Community Development Block Grant's Emergency Solutions Grants – which are funded by the federal Housing & Urban Development agency – are due in Soto's office by end of the day February 14. Request-for-proposal applications may be mailed to Pima County CDNC, attn: Gloria Soto, 2797 E. Ajo Way, Third Floor, Tucson, AZ 85713. Grant application instructions may be viewed at <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=24903> online.

Examples of CDBG public facilities-improvement projects in Ajo have included efforts at the Curley School, in the Plaza, and at Desert Senita Community Health Center. Soto explained that, while applications are due in February, grant funds don't become available until October. Those awarded grant funds will be notified in May. She said normally the grants are awarded as a 1-year contract.

The home-repair program is another aspect of Soto's office. Homeowners who occupy their residence and meet income- threshold requirements may apply for grant money any time of year to repair or weatherize a home, but not for any beautification projects, noted Soto. She said there is a waiting list for this program but sometimes a request may be moved up the list, for instance if an air-conditioner installation is needed due to homeowner health. More than one home-repair issue may be requested in the application but issues should be prioritized.

Questions about non-profit grant applications may be addressed to Soto at 520-243-6751. Questions about the home-repair program may be addressed to Jesus Duran at 520-243-6787.

Sgt. Michael Seeley of PCSD Ajo District gave an update on local deputy activities. He said there was one arrest for DUI over the New Year holiday. Two deputies are leaving Ajo mid-January and transferring to Tucson. One officer from the Buckeye area may be returning to PCSD in Ajo around the same time.

Regarding the status of the 12 local residents who were arrested in a drug sweep in September, Seeley said warrants had been re-issued and most of the defendants have already complied by attending a court session where a number of them explored plea deals. Seeley added that deputies "picked up a couple" of the arrestees from the sweep who had not attended a mandatory court date. He said no one from the group of 12 has left the area or is otherwise eluding law enforcement.

Responding to an observation that often the same names keep appearing in the Sheriff's Log in the local newspaper and how long might it take before repeat offenders are incarcerated, Seeley said the courts sometimes don't sentence to incarceration individuals for various reasons, or a case may be plea-bargained to lesser charges or possibly dismissed due to an error in a police report.

Regarding a question about cleaning graffiti at a ramada along the main road in town, it was noted that ADOT would be the organization to contact. A question was asked about property rights when county workers prune plants in the strip of land near a roadway. Seeley said he was aware that plants could be pruned or removed if they obstructed a motorist's view.

Dr. Robert Dooley's report on AUSD activities is the topic of a separate article on page 10 of this issue.

In the call to the floor, Tracy Taft said progress is being made on renovation work in the Plaza. She noted that the Christmas Eve event was "beautiful."

June Nickell said the theater group with Ajo Council for the Fine Arts will be performing three one-act plays at the Dicus Auditorium January 17 and 18.

Fry gave an update on a highway-beautification project he is leading. He said a used-tire shop is being painted a light green. He has received 130 gallons of donated paint and people are now calling him for beautification requests instead of the other way around. He said the former plant nursery along the main road has been cleaned up and will be maintained.

After the meeting, Tony Vargas of TRWS at Ajo Landfill said a record 80+ vehicles visited the landfill on Thursday and "the recycling and all is going great!"

The next WPCCC meeting is set for February 6.

County won't remove snakes but local women still will

Pima Animal Care Center has announced that PACC ended its snake-removal service in Ajo on January 1.

Due to its remote location, Ajo was the only community in Pima County where snake-removal services were offered by the county. The risk of responding to venomous snake calls was considered enough of a problem for PACC employees – whose mission is to enforce rabies laws, investigate animal-abuse complaints, and provide shelter for abandoned pets – that the service has been terminated.

"We've been wrestling with finding that balance between protecting public safety and protecting the safety of our employees, who really were never intended to be experts in herpetology," said Kim James, manager of PACC in Tucson. "I ask for the community's understanding as we continue to refine the core services we offer."

Ajo residents Debbie Morrow and Catrina Vargas, who are local PACC employees, have agreed to continue to respond to snake-removal calls on their own time for a small fee.

"There's a need for it so that's why we're going to continue to do it," said Morrow. Morrow and Vargas may be called for snake removal at 620-228-2495.

A wildlife-removal specialist may also be found through a directory maintained by the Arizona Fish & Game Department by visiting www.azgfd.gov/w_c/urban_rehab_relo.shtml online.

'Fast & Furious' gun discovered at shootout site

An early morning shootout on December 18 in a Sandy Beach resort complex in Puerto Penasco, better known in the US as Rocky Point, involved a gun from the US operation known as "Fast & Furious," according to CNN. Rocky Point, a popular destination in Mexico on the Sea of Cortez, is approximately 100 miles south of Ajo.

The incident at the Bellas Sierrita resort in which five alleged cartel members died came as Mexican government officials attempted to capture a top Sinaloa drug-cartel lieutenant.

US officials reportedly told CNN that at least one AK47-style gun that could be traced to the failed scheme was found at the scene. The now-defunct "Fast & Furious" program began in 2009 and was run by the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Its agents allowed low-level weapons purchasers to cross the US/Mexican border in an attempt to expose drug-trafficking routes. The agency ultimately lost track of some weapons, including two found at the scene of the killing of a US Border Patrol agent in 2010. ATF has acknowledged that weapons from the operation will likely continue to turn up at crime scenes.

AUSD school board to meet next week

The Ajo Unified School District board has its study session meeting Tuesday, January 14, and will meet in regular session Wednesday, January 15. Both meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. No agendas were available when the newspaper went to press.

Meetings are held in the board meeting room on the AUSD campus. All meetings are open to the public.

The school calendar and other information can be found at <http://ajoschools.org> online.

Second Saturday will include art, chimes, farmers

Free for the community, Second Saturday events on January 11, includes things to do throughout the day and into the evening.

The Farmers' Market will be held in the Plaza from 9 to 11 a.m., and up to a dozen artists will show their artwork.

At 10 a.m., those interested in a guided tour of the Plaza and Curley School should meet at the flagpole in the Plaza.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Clay Studio in the historic Manual Arts Building on the Curley School campus will be open for those interested in a visit.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument will offer a free, guided tour of the historic Bates Well Ranch beginning at 1 p.m. A 10-seat passenger van is available on a first-reserved, first-served basis. Contact the monument at 387-6849 to make reservations. Participants will meet near a sign for the event on the south side of the Plaza. Others may carpool or meet to follow the van.

From 2 to 4 p.m., an art workshop will be led by artists Mike Henrichs and Karen Sucharski. The event will take place in the foyer next to Repeat Performance and participants will be able to make a ceramic chime, and there is a one-per-person limit.

At 4:30 p.m. interested participants are invited to meet at the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge visitor center parking lot for a sunset tour of Childs Mountain. A grill will be available for those who want to cook their own food. Reservations are required by Friday, January 10, at noon. Call 387-6483.

For more information, call the International Sonoran Desert Alliance at 387-3570.



Paula Revello

Paula Adele Blow Revello, 76, of Globe, died December 26, 2013.

She was born and raised in Ajo, and was graduated from Ajo High School. She attended the University of Arizona and was graduated with a degree in music education.

She married John Revello and moved to Globe in 1959. They purchased Rainbow Flowers in the '70s and became an established business in the community. "Her commitment and dedication to those who supported the shop for nearly 40 years gave her purpose and a sense of gratitude," said her family. "She truly enjoyed being with her family and close friends and we have many memories to cherish. She was a loyal and passionate Diamondbacks fan and she will keep cheering them on from heaven above. We will all remember her kind and loving heart."

Mrs. Revello is survived by her daughter & son-in-law Terri & Barry Young; by her son & daughter-in-law, John & Jeannie Revello; by her grandchildren Kyle, Katie, Jack, and Charlie; and by her brother Bryan Blow & sister-in-law Lonell Blow.

Family and friends gathered at the Revello home in Globe on January 4 to play respects.

Arrangements were by Lamont Mortuary in Globe.

Kathleen Jose



Kathleen Agatha Jose, 29, of Ventana Village, died December 23, 2013, in Hospice Family Care.

She was born December 26, 1983.

A homemaker, she enjoyed arts & crafts kits, making necklaces & friendship bracelets, listening to music, and reading books. "She was an outgoing person full of laughter," said her family. "She will be dearly missed."

She was preceded in death by her father, Patrick Daniel Jose.

She is survived by her mother, Julie Miguel, and her brothers, Chris Jose and Lane Jose, all of Ventana Village.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 3, followed by all-night vigil at the family home in Ventana. Burial was in Ventana Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Mt. View Chapel & Crematorium of Casa Grande.



Due to personnel absences, the Sheriff's Log will not be available until mid-January when several weeks will be combined.

Charles Nixon



Charles Edward Nixon, 82, died in Casa Grande on December 23, 2013.

He was born May 28, 1931, in McCurtain, Oklahoma, to Pauline (Poole) & Clarence R. Nixon, the oldest of five siblings.

He worked for Creasier Coal Mine in Oklahoma as a teenager. In 1944, he, his parents, and siblings moved to Ajo where he worked for Phelps Dodge in the crusher until he retired in the 1980s.

In Ajo, he attended the Assembly of God Church (also known as the Rock Church) until he and his mother moved to Eleven Mile Corner in the Coolidge area. There, he joined the Coolidge First Assembly of God Church. He never married.

He is remembered by his family for playing pranks on people and for his music. He taught himself to play guitar and it was common for family and friends to gather at his house on weekends for jam sessions. He joined a Casa Grande group called The Desert Country Musicians. He often sang harmony with his sister and his favorite was "Sweet Beulah Land". "Charles had such a God-given talent!" said his family. "He could play guitar like a professional but he chose to use that talent for the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain."

Mr. Nixon was preceded in death by his parents, by his brother Ray Nixon, and his nephew Johnny Ray Nixon.

He is survived by his brothers, Darel Nixon of Spiro, Oklahoma, and Johnny Nixon of Kingman; by his sister, Shirley Woodard of Coolidge; and by his 12 nieces and nephews.

Services were led by Pastor Betty Miller at First Assembly of God Church in Coolidge on Monday, December 30.

Arrangements were by Cole & Maud Coolidge Chapel.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(never known to fail).

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this my necessity (make request).

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (3x's). Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen.

This prayer must be said for 3 days. The request will be granted. The prayer must be published.

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Rick Tallon



Richard "Rick" Tallon died December 30, 2013, in Phoenix.

He was born August 3, 1944, on Staten Island, New York, to Tommy & Irene Tallon.

He married Sandy Johnson in 1986.

Mr. Tallon was a meat cutter/meat supervisor until he retired in 2001. He then worked for his brother-in-law in construction until he fully retired in 2006. He was a winter resident of Ajo and also had a home in Kuna, Idaho.

He enjoyed camping, jeeping, woodworking, reading, and water-skiing. He was a member of the American Legion and Elks.

Survivors include his wife Sandy Tallon; his children & their spouses, Scott & Dyan Tallon, Molly & Eric Richey, Brent & Sarah Johnson, and Greg & JoLyn (Stone) Johnson; his grandchildren, Ashley, Grant, Dominic, Stefani, Christian, Christian, Kinsey, Christopher and Kyle; and his brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Sherri Tallon.

A graveside service will be held on at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 13, at the Kuna Cemetery in Idaho. Following will be a celebration of his life at the community center in Kuna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Remembrances may be left online at www.AccentFuneral.com.

Services are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home, of Meridian, Idaho.

Frank Krznarich

Rosary and viewing for Frank Krznarich, who died in a vehicle accident on December 26, will be held Thursday, January 9, at Phoenix Memorial Park & Mortuary, 200 W. Beardsley Road in Phoenix. Visitation will start at 5 p.m. and the rosary at 7 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 3801 E. Greenway Road in Phoenix, at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 10. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. in National Military Cemetery of Arizona at 23029 W. Cave Creek Road in Phoenix.

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<h3>Ajo Federated Church</h3> <p>101 Lomita Avenue 387-6033 Pastor Jeannie Morago Sunday Worship10:45 a.m.</p>	<h3>Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church</h3> <p>USA 400 Palo Verde Church 387-7374 Stated Supply - The Rev. Robert Johnston Adult Bible Study Sun. .9:45 a.m. Sunday Service.....11 a.m.</p>

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Frisco is a 5-month-old, female, mixed reservation puppy, says Pima Animal Care Center staff, and she is shy at first but appreciates affection. For more information about Frisco and other pets in need of homes, call PACC at 387-7502.

Quitobaquito tours are being planned at Organ Pipe Cactus

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument has scheduled tours to historic Quitobaquito. The opportunity to visit the historical area will help visitors understand the history and cultural significance of Quitobaquito, according to acting Superintendent Matt Vandzura. The tours are scheduled for 8 a.m. on February 14, 21, 23 & 28, March 2, 7, 9, and 14.

Anyone wishing to reserve a seat on the van should call 520-387-6849, extension 7302, for reservations. The number of available seats is limited, so reservations are required. No personal vehicles are permitted on the tour. A National Park Service van will transport visitors to Quitobaquito with a park ranger who will provide a guided tour of the area. Participants should arrive at the Kris Eggle Visitor Center no later than 7:45 a.m. The tour will leave the visitor center after a safety briefing. The van will return at approximately noon. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult.

The walking tour will last approximately two hours and go through the historic area over uneven ground. Participants should bring snacks, water, sunscreen, brimmed hat, and wear sturdy shoes. People may bring binoculars and cameras; however the van does not have storage capacity so large camera bags and tripods will

not fit. All participants will be required to go on the walking tour and stay as a group with the park ranger.

For more information about recreational opportunities at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument visit www.nps.gov/orpi or call 520-387-6849, extension 7302.

Free youth movie is this Friday

Area youth between the ages of 8 and 17 are encouraged to meet at Ajo Baptist Calvary Church, 740 Rocalla, for a free screening of the movie "Clue", followed by a game Friday, January 10, at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Youth of Ajo.

Correction

Robert Sorrels says he knew that STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics but his fingers erroneously typed Science Technology Electronic Mathematics when he submitted information for a caption for a picture of STEM fair posters that appeared last week. The newspaper staff didn't catch it either.

Street paving concern appears unfounded

Concern about street paving on the east side of Ajo was recently expressed to the *Ajo Copper News* from an east-side resident who said he had heard a disturbing report from a work crew supervisor finishing up sewer-line installation in the area.

The supervisor reportedly said the streets would only receive a 1-inch overlay with no preparation work such as grinding away the old, cracked surface. He added that all the road cracks would reappear in less than a year.

An inquiry to Freeport-McMoran's director of external communications, Eric Kinneberg, revealed more to the story.

"The contractor performing the sewer-main replacement is scheduled to complete an initial phase of street paving only," said Kinneberg. "Another company is contracted to complete the paving to Pima County standards, which is expected to occur in the summer of 2014."



WEATHER REPORT

TEMPERATURES	Max	Min
Sunday, Dec. 29	64°	42°
Monday, Dec. 30	67°	43°
Tuesday, Dec. 31	71°	44°
Wednesday, Jan. 1	71°	45°
Thursday, Jan. 2	73°	45°

Weekday weather information provided by Freeport-McMoran.

For the week, expect sunny skies, highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s according to *weather.com* online.



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10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Drop by Clay Studio in historic Manual Arts Building, Curley School Campus
1:00 PM Guided tour of Bates Well on Organ Pipe. To reserve free van seat call 387-6849 Ext 7302; meet van at noon in Plaza, follow, or carpool
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Art workshop "Let's Make Noise!" with artists Mike Henrichs and Karen Sucharski, at the Plaza, in the foyer next to Repeat Performance
4:30 PM Sunset tour of Childs Mountain, meeting at Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center parking lot. Reservations by Friday, Jan. 10 by 12 noon, 387-6483

FOR MORE DETAILS CALL ISDA 387-3570



Having fun with a little resistance seemed to be the order of the day for Fit Camp participants Angelica Hernandez and Joe Rivera, using the inner tube, and Natalie Judd, pulling the weight sled, while Dayna Blackburn and Julie Crowder ran with their teammates and instructor Kristin Burgess, at right, called out support.

Fit Camp is a metabolic conditioning class designed to burn fat and build muscle, noted Burgess. She said members meet for about an hour three times a week to work out on five exercise stations. A teamwork session, such as outdoor resistance training, is held at the end of each class.

"The workouts are geared toward every level of fitness and age group," said Burgess. "They're adaptable, with a partner doing it with you, so there's no chance of intimidation; you just work at your level and accelerate from there. Come check us out. Today is a great day to get in shape!"

To learn more about Fit Camp, call Ajo Fitness at 387-5540.

Thank You! From the Angel Wish Program:

To Mary Garcia from Pima County Community Services, Ajo Resale Store, Kord M. Klinefelter, Ajo Border Patrol Station Agents and Personnel, Desert Senita Community Health Center Personnel, Life Enrichment Organization, The Volunteer Christmas Wrappers Kathi Sikora, Edel Bailey, Karen Galliazzo, Linda Mulherin, and Brenda Oehlerking. Charlie Tapp who helped distribute Angel Tags, Gina Browne for delivering the Angel Gifts and participants who picked up Angel Tags and continue to support this program. Without your support the program would not be a success!



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Raiders in Salt River Shootout

By Robert Sorrels

The boys' basketball team played four tournament games Friday and Saturday. Coach Brian English told his team, "Think of it as practice with referees." While they were winless, Ajo played two games well, coming close to a win in one and had excellent defense in another.

Salt River 50, Ajo 32

This year Ajo routinely "gives away" an early lead. Against Salt River they stumbled to 34-9 at the half, then came out with an excellent 2nd half, outscoring the Eagles 23-16. Playing a full game continues to challenge. Josiah Nez led Ajo with 11, Jacob Lewis 9, while Felix Corona and Charlie Tapp combined for 12.

Sequoia Academy 46, Ajo 40

Ajo faced the tall Academy front line and fell behind 18-10 at the half. They stormed out in the 3rd, closing to 27-26. The 4th was tightly fought, but despite Corona's three 3s they couldn't take the lead. Corona led all scorers with 15 and Nez had 13. The team shot a dismal 28% from the field and amazingly wasn't awarded a single foul shot.

Gilbert Classical 51, Ajo 21

Ajo spent the night in Phoenix. Some team members made it a holiday while others focused on the games to come. It showed at 9 a.m. when they, in English's words, "Came out like they weren't there to play." After a dull 1st, Gilbert obliterated Ajo 24-0 in the 2nd quarter. The Raiders never recovered. Corona led with 12 points. Mario Coronado scored his first varsity basket.

Tonopah 63, Ajo 35

Saturday afternoon, the Raiders faced their old foe that'd beaten them twice last year by 60+ points. This game was far more intense than the score suggests as Ajo stayed close into the 3rd. Finally Tonopah's superior height and size wore the Raiders down, and they won going away. Ajo put four freshmen and a sophomore on the floor for the last 5 minutes. Nez led the Raiders with 18, Corona had 12, and four others scored.

So what was learned? "We have to learn to play tournament ball," English noted. "Some players came along for a night on the town while others gave maximum effort. We need to run our man-offense better. We have shown that we can play defense so we can build on that."

RAIDER OF THE WEEK

By Robert Sorrels

The Raider of the Week column should resume next week as Ajo High School sports start after the winter break.

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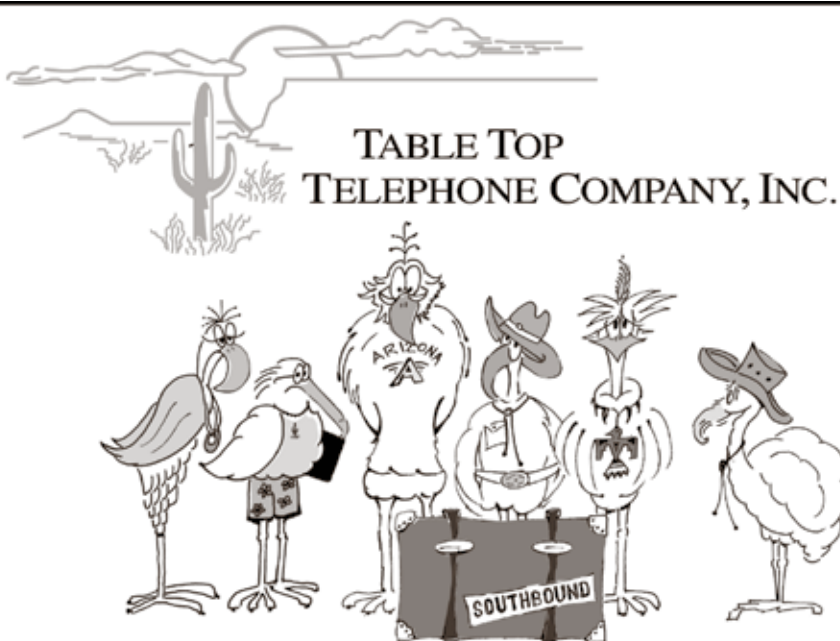
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A vet's life will be topic of author's talk at library

Veterinarian Dr. Kristen Nelson will talk about her book *Coated With Fur: A Vet's Life* at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, at the Ajo-Salazar Branch Library. She is the third of this season's authors in the series of talks sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

"The book celebrates the deep bond between animals and humans, and chronicles the triumphs and trials of a young woman owning her first animal practice," says Carolee Kohn.

"Dr. Nelson decided at 4-years-old that she wanted to be a veterinarian," noted Kohn. "Since then she has worked with an injured duck by setting up a 'hospital' for the duck by having blankets, food, and water for the duck and dressing the duck's wounds; untangling a snake stuck in a doorway; and caring for a drug-sniffing canine officer."

The author has 24 years of veterinary practice experience, including being emergency room veterinarian and medical director of a private hospital. Originally from Minnesota, she relocated to Arizona in 1977 and treats dogs, cats, and exotic animals in her practice in Scottsdale. She served on the Animal Health Committee of the Phoenix Zoo, discovering some serious health issues with the animals and ultimately becoming a whistleblower over the zoo's treatment of the animals.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine, completed a small-animal internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City, and had additional surgical training at Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She has also taught surgery to veterinary students.

She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Arizona Veterinary Association and the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians. She's been the subject of articles in *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Ladies Home Journal*, and the *DisneyFamily.com* website. She

Library is busy with programs

Upcoming library activities include a diabetes-education program, and an author talk.

On Thursday, January 9, at noon, the O'odham Language study group will meet for lunch prepared by instructor Terri Neblina. The study group has now moved to Thursdays.

On Saturday, January 11, at 11 a.m., Friends of the Library will present author Kristen Nelson.

On Tuesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m., Mary Kehl, a certified physician's assistant will educate participants about diabetes. This program is a Change 4 Life series in partnership with the library.

Ongoing programs include the learning lab from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and the Ajo Community Garden meeting on Tuesday, January 14, at 5:30 p.m.

More information about library activities can be found in the library's ad on page 11 in this issue.



has also been the subject of many radio and television interviews and received numerous awards and commendations.

Nelson has a new book coming out in February 2014, *Coated With Fur: A Blind Cat's Love*. She also has the website <http://veterinary-creative.com> on-line.



Date: Thursday, January 2

Bowlers: 10 (5 women, 5 men)

Women's High Series:

Marilyn Ortega, 423

Sandy Schroeder, 360

Women's High Game:

Marilyn Ortega, 167

Men's High Series:

Roy Johnson, 462

Mike Dixon, 373

Men's High Game:

Roy Johnson, 170

Splits: Dave Duncan, 3-10

Next Bowl: Thursday, January 9, at 1 p.m. This is an informal league - no handicaps, no formal teams, just fun, say the organizers.

Forms available

The Ajo Copper News has developed forms for items such as births, obituaries, engagements, weddings, and graduations. The staff then writes the article using the information listed on the form. They encourage the use of these forms because important information is less likely to be left out.

Other people prefer to try their hand at writing. These pieces are edited to fit standard newspaper format and style.

Forms may be picked up at the newspaper office at 10 Pajaro; requested by writing to the Ajo Copper News, PO Box 39, Ajo, AZ 85321; or requested by e-mail to cunews@cunews.info online.

Letter to the editor Nice or Naughty?

Editor:

My sincere compliments to the person who wrote this article in last week's Copper News, very well-written, and it explained about the untold hours of work involved that most of us don't take into consideration; the perfection of the sleigh, the beautiful lights and not to mention the hours the Rotarians spend raising funds all year for the Christmas Eve treats at the park. Too bad, some individuals still find faults.

Every so often, there are letters to the editor to complain of one thing or another, using this as an excuse to blame town changes on our newcomers and winter visitors. (re: G Munoz's complaint on Xmas tree lighting tradition/last week's paper) The majority of these people are hard workers and donate hours of their precious time fixing, cleaning and remodeling (using their own money to purchase light fixtures and other replacement parts) in the downtown area for our enjoyment. These people are the reason Ajo is still alive with wonderful stores, gas stations, Elks Lodge, ChuChu club—to mention a few. Jobs also generate due to these people, including yours and mine.

I'm glad the tree was lit the night of the Christmas program December 14. It must have been beautiful and memorable for participants and audience. Unfortunately, I didn't attend, but would have loved it, tradition or not. Ajo is for everyone and so is the beautifully decorated annual Christmas tree, compliments of Ajo Rotarians and Charlie Tapp's decorating ability. As ridiculous and childish as it sounds, add me to your Santa's naughty list.

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Agents at the US Border Patrol Ajo Station donated gifts for the Angel Tree program sponsored by Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation. Agents Aaron Salas and Kelly Graham are shown here with PCNRPR staffer Lucila Malvido.

"On December 21, Ajo Station agents were fortunate to be part of the Native American Christmas party hosted by the Hia-Ced O'odham District," said community relations agent Vicente Paco. "This spectacular event was held at the Curley Auditorium with more than 150 (tribal) members present. Gifts donated by the Ajo Border Patrol Station agents and staff were warmly received by the children." USBP photo



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Reporter's PCSD ride-along was eye-opening

Nine-year veteran Pima County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jeremy Olsen wasn't sure where Ajo was located when he filled out an application to work as a law-enforcement official, so he went ahead and checked the box marked "Ajo" on the form, thinking it was somewhere around Three Points near Tucson. He chuckles about it today, but says he's glad he checked that box. Olsen not only served his three-year commitment with Ajo District, he has more than doubled it. And he has no intentions of leaving.

"When I first arrived for duty in Ajo I thought, 'Oh my, this is a small town, and three years here is going to seem like forever,'" he said. "But I came here with an open mind and it wasn't long before I realized there are a lot of good people here. You can always run into someone you know. It's also easier to save money because there's no Wal-Mart or expensive restaurants here. A bonus is that my family likes it here, too."

Some deputies will keep their families in Tucson or elsewhere and commute to Ajo for shifts, noted Olsen. He said he starts "going crazy" after just one day away from his family, so the choice to relocate here was easy. He added that his two oldest children attend the local public school, and the family tries to participate in and support the community whenever possible.

"There's more to it than that," Olsen admitted to *Ajo Copper News* reporter Mike Mekelburg, who was doing a one-day ride-along as part of the PCSD's Citizen Observer Program. "I've had positive role models in my life so I've always wanted to be one for others. In a smaller community like this you can make that happen. I and some of my co-workers help out with youth events like the bicycle repair days in the park primarily to be role models. Over the years I'll often see the same people day in and day out, and then I won't see them for a long time because I find out they turned their life around, and that is just an awesome feeling, and I like to think being a good role model had a hand in that."

It was still early in the shift when the radio crackled with news that a purse had been stolen from a car at a gas station. Video-camera footage was being reviewed by one of the deputies on the shift, and the name of a well-known petty offender came over the air. Olsen knew the areas the suspect frequented and headed in that direction. Within minutes he spied a man in an arroyo who fit the description from the video.

After initially denying any involvement, the suspect admitted to the theft. It was a class-4 felony arrest that took less than an hour to solve.

Deputy Brad Gill, who interviewed the suspect and did much of the legwork on the case, used the incident to illustrate why he prefers duty in Ajo.

"Here you can see a video of someone and know who it is just by the way they walk," said Gill. "And you can track them down because you know where they hang out. In a lot of big cities, a case like this might never get solved because law enforcement doesn't get a chance to know all



Deputy Jeremy Olsen patted down a suspect fitting the description of a man caught on video stealing a purse from a sedan at a gas station. Olsen said the small-town-familiarity factor helped deputies quickly resolve the case.

the frequent offenders, and usually doesn't have time to follow up on most cases anyway. The enjoyment for me is knowing information and applying it to bring about an effect, just like we did with this case. In a place like Ajo you can make a difference. You can see the tangible effects of what you do. It's definitely an appealing part of the job."

The extra time to do follow-up investigations can lead to interesting developments, noted Olsen. He said his proudest moment in solving cases began with a seemingly minor complaint of ID theft in the area.

"I started doing some poking around online and making some phone calls," said Olsen. "I issued subpoenas for bank records and kept finding names I had never heard of. The case grew to approximately 20 victims across three states. It took me about a year to get it ready for prosecution. The case was presented to the Arizona Attorney General's Office due to the fact that most of the victims resided outside of Pima County. The case resulted in a successful conviction."

The remainder of the shift was interspersed with patrolling streets and traffic stops, usually along the highway. Understandably, the majority of traffic stops involved excessive speed. Olsen has a policy about writing citations for speeding: he generally resorts to them only when a verbal warning will not suffice. He said that a warning often works better to slow motorists down than a citation.

After pulling over one vehicle and discovering the driver was a police officer from another community, Olsen pointed out something an untrained eye might miss.

"He rolled all his windows down for the traffic stop so I was able to see the occupants in the vehicle," he said. "The best interactions we have with the public during traffic stops are when people are honest and compliant. Anyone who says you shouldn't talk to the cops is incorrect. Many interactions we have with the public, involving various types of situations and conversations, have positive results."

Toward the end of the shift we

rolled into the station for a roll-call meeting with the oncoming crew. Sgt. Kori Tevere shared a story about solving a string of burglaries several years ago, due primarily to a tip from a local resident about a stolen gun. She reiterated the benefit of keeping up good communications with the local populace. Olsen mentioned the Neighborhood Watch groups.

"If someone looks out of place, let us know," he said. "Never feel bad for calling us."

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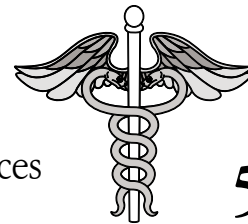
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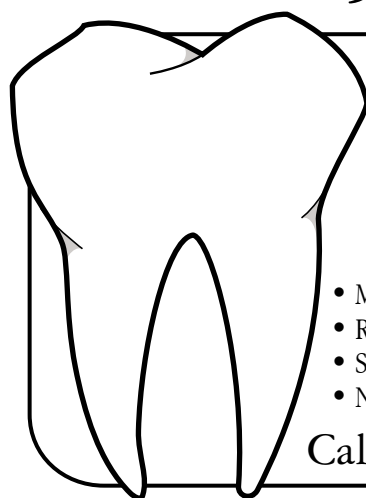
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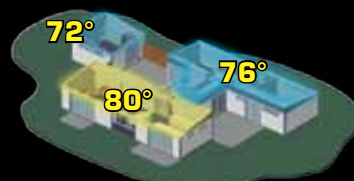


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- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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PCAO reported on 2 victimless crimes in Ajo

The Pima County Attorney's Office reported on two Ajo area residents, recently involved in narcotics crimes, to the local victimless-crime watchdog committee known as the Ajo Neighborhood Association.

Linda Rhea was arrested on October 14 under statutes 13-3407A2 and 13-3407A1 for possession of dangerous drugs for sale and possession of dangerous drug methamphetamine. According to PCAO, Rhea entered a plea agreement on January 2 and sentencing is scheduled for February 3 in Superior Court in Tucson.

Keith Hood was arrested on December 16 under statute 13-3405A, possession of marijuana.

It is the function of the Ajo Neighborhood Association to relay reports from PCAO to local media so residents have the opportunity to comment on how victimless crimes have an impact on individuals or the community.

Statements of impact may be given to ANA liaison Dave Godfrey by calling 387-5079, or to Victim Services Division advocate Norma Gomez by calling 387-3664. Statements may be read in court.

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AUSD testing, STEM fair, grant were all included in WPCCC report

Dr. Robert Dooley, Ajo Unified School District superintendent, reported on school news during the January meeting of the Western Pima County Community Council, noting that school principal Brian MacKenzie was celebrating his birthday at the time.

One student in the senior class at AUSD was recently nominated to attend the US Naval Academy by Congressman Raul Grijalva's office, according to Dooley. He said the student is also applying at the Coast Guard Academy.

Fall high school AIMS testing results have been received by the school. AIMS stands for Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards. Seniors must pass the reading, writing, and math tests to be eligible to graduate. Dooley pointed out that test augmentation formerly was a way to pass the AIMS. The augmentation of test scores included the test score, student academic grades, availing themselves of tutoring opportunities, and having taken the test during all possible administrations of the AIMS. This augmentation, he said, is no longer available to students, so success on the test is imperative for graduation. At this time, only one high school senior is in danger of not graduating due to AIMS results, noted Dooley. He put that in perspective by saying that two years ago at least a dozen students were in this situation.

Dooley said he compliments the teaching staff for the improved pass rate. He said he visits classrooms as often as he can and he is proud of what he is seeing there.

Students from third to sixth grade participated in a STEM fair earlier in the school year, involving Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Dooley noted that winners at the local fair will advance to the county level and possibly to state. He said students did well with developing and testing a hypothesis in the various categories of the fair.

The new school bus was in the shop for a fluid leak recently but otherwise it's being described as "gorgeous," said Dooley. He said a Freeport-McMoRan grant of \$145,000 paid 80% of the cost. The bus includes DVD players for students to watch language course videos, or related National Geographic videos while on a field trip, or tapes of opposing teams while enroute to a game.

In-house MAP testing began January 6, said Dooley, to measure academic progress. The tests serve as a diagnostic tool to gauge student strengths and needs in core classes.

Responding to a question about the expiring school improvement grant, Dooley said AUSD will be losing at least \$900,000 when the grant expires this school year and "it is going to be very trying." He said that with other economic priorities becoming pressing, education in the state "is not going to get anything this year." He indicated that the school would pursue all of its revenue streams to try to mitigate the loss of the grant money. Dooley said AUSD has done "excellent things" with the school improvement grant, hiring highly qualified teachers and career counselors along with obtaining technology resources for the school. He said there have been no staff raises since the recession began several years ago.



Wednesday, January 8

Distribute report cards
Early release, 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 9

HS Basketball, Paradise Honors, away, all teams, 4-5:30-7 p.m.
Junior High Basketball, Pathway, home 4/5:30

Saturday, January 11

Junior High Basketball, Legacy Casa Grande, away, 11a.m/12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

HS Basketball, Tohono O'odham, away, all teams, 4-5:30-7 p.m.
School board study session, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Early release
School board meeting, 5:30 p.m.



All meals are provided with milk & fruit.

Wednesday, January 8

Sliced Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Mixed Veggies

Thursday, January 9

Chicken Alfredo, Bread Sticks and Salad

Friday, January 10

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Emily Mekelburg sported cold-weather running gear along with a satisfied smile and thumbs-up at the finish line of the BCS Half Marathon in College Station, Texas, recently. She completed the race in 3 hours and 9 minutes, noting that "most of it was at freezing temps." Emily is the niece of *Ajo Copper News* reporter Mike Mekelburg.



By M. William Mekelburg
Exploding toilets happen

The headline might make one wonder what this article has to do with a gardening column, but read on, ye of little faith.

I ran into an old friend recently who was back in town to oversee the remodeling of a house he had purchased long ago. Not a happy story, it turns out the latest renter of the house had moved on so the residence was empty over the summer when a toilet exploded, flooding the inside.

Correcting my friend as he related the story to me, I said he must mean the short waterline that goes to the toilet burst open, which is not an uncommon phenomenon. No, he said, it was the toilet bowl itself. And, he added, he was made aware during the telling of his story around town that his was not the only house in the area to experience an exploding toilet. Apparently, exploding toilets happen.

The point here is that houses left unattended, especially in the summer, should ideally have all water shut off to the structure.

The concern then becomes how to irrigate plants in the yard that are on the opposite side of the house from the water source (i.e. water meter). It's simple enough to have an outdoor faucet (hose bibb) to feed a hose or irrigation system on the side of the house near the meter, but often the source for water on the far side of the house runs through the house, meaning water valves to the house need to remain on. Which can lead to a catastrophic flood inside, as indicated above.

There is no easy solution for properties with this dilemma. Basically, a waterline and/or irrigation tubing has to be run around the house to connect the front yard with the back yard, thus allowing the valves to the house itself to be shut off.

It's a pricey project, especially since there's no easy digging around here. However, the cost of routing water around a house is nothing compared to a flood.

Events calendar



For safety reasons, maximum participation for library programs is 40.

January Art Exhibit

Faye Gustafson paints what she knows and her inspiration comes from many of her own experiences as well as the rich stories from the cowboys, American natives, homesteaders and ranchers who have passed through her life. The vibrant colors in her oils are executed in a realistic manner that comes from the cowboys' uncluttered lifestyle.

Learning Lab

3-5 p.m.

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

At these drop-in sessions for all ages, get one-on-one assistance on many topics.

Jan. 8

1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Random Readers

At the January meeting Random Readers will discuss "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. At the February meeting they will be discussing "Queen of America" by Luis Albert Urrea. Copies are available for checkout.

Jan. 9

Noon

THURSDAY

O'odham Language Study Group

"Our language is our culture: Speak it to keep it alive." O'odham youths or anyone not fluent in the O'odham language or those who want to learn how to read and write it are encouraged to attend.

Jan. 11

11 a.m.

SATURDAY

Friends Author Series: Kristen Nelson

Kristen Nelson grew up on a farm in Watertown, Minn., where she developed a deep love for animals of all kinds. Her first book, "Coated with Fur: A Vet's Life," is set in a Minnesota veterinary practice and chronicles a young woman's experience as the owner of a start-up clinic. Presented by Friends of the Salazar-Ajo Library.

Jan. 14

10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Change 4 Life: Diabetes Education

Diabetes Education: Where do YOU start? Join us for diabetes education and tips! Program will be conducted by Mary Kehl, certified physicians assistant (PA-C), Desert Senita Community Health Center. The Change 4 Life series is a partnership between DSCHC and the Salazar-Ajo Library.

Jan. 15

10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Peopling of Ajo

Local historian Sue Rutman uses federal records from the first census of southwestern Arizona (1860) to the 1920 census to illustrate how Ajo is an example of the melting pot that defines the United States. Hear about the migration of people to Ajo, where they came from and what they did, and about Ajo's transformation from a migrant population to the community it is today. **The program will be repeated at 2 p.m.**

Jan. 16

10 a.m.

THURSDAY

OSIRIS-Rex Project

An official with the OSIRIS-REx project will discuss how the spacecraft will travel to a near-Earth carbonaceous asteroid (101955) Bennu, study it in detail and return a sample (at least 60 grams or 2.1 ounces) to Earth.

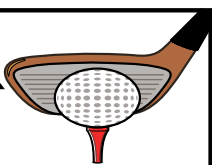
ONGOING PROGRAMS

Learning Lab	3-5 p.m.	Mon.-Thurs.
O'odham Language study	Noon	Thursdays
Random Readers	1:30 p.m.	Wed., Jan. 8
Friends of the Library	1 p.m.	Thurs., Jan. 9 Ajo
Community Garden	5:30 p.m.	Tues., Jan. 14
Ajo Garden Club	10 a.m.	Mon., Feb. 3

Call 387-6075 for more information.

Ajo Community Golf Course

GOLF



By Greg Burton

This week the Two Person Best Ball tournament dominated the golf news at the Ajo Community Golf Course as 15 teams slugged it out for some pretty good prize money. Blake Ford & Camilo Arias took the low score on the front nine, shooting a 29. Mike & Patty Taylor took the back nine with an amazing 28. (That's 7 under par for nine holes!). In the overall scores, Noe Jerez & Manuel Luna took third with a 64. Reggie Scott & Jeff Schmidt took second on the 5th playoff hole, and Ford & Arias hung on with a net 63 to win the overall.

Pro-Am winners Friday the 27th were Frank Milene, Mike Taylor, Lynda McGarry, and Paul Barnhart. Second went to Reggie Scott, Wayne McBride, Dustin Mendez, Joe Gonzalez, and Carol Peek.

Couples play on New Year's Day was lots of fun with nine couples playing for all the money. McBride & Shawn Doremus took first and Bill & Paula Doremus took second. Thank goodness golfer Norma Steckel & her husband George took third or the Doremus family would have taken all the money.

Men's Skins had 12 players out Monday night and for the first time in years there were no skins won. To win a skin a player must win a hole with the lowest score. This week all nine holes resulted in ties. So there were no skins. Very unusual with 12 players but then again lots of unusual things happen during and after the Men's Skins game. If you like to play with a good bunch of guys and share some very "stimulating" conversation, bring your clubs and come on out Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

Our next event is our steak-fry

on Saturday, January 11. Bring your own meat, and barbeque with us over the Mesquite Grill. We provide the fixings - you bring the meat and utensils. We start cooking about 4:30 p.m. It's a fun cookout and all are welcome. You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy a nice dinner at the golf course Saturday night. Please call for reservations.

The Fiddlers are coming—January 30 through February 3. Lots of great music, dances and food, and even arts and craft vendors this year. Call 387-5011 for information.

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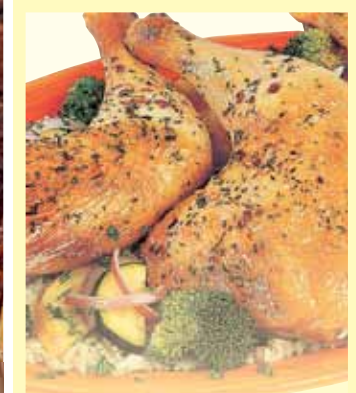
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 Carne Asada Burritos **\$5.99 ea**

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