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New Supervisors Spotlight: Supervisor Peggy Judd, Cochise County

With the county elections that occurred across Arizona in 2016, 18 new supervisors were elected to office. With the large number of new faces added to the roster of county supervisors, we would like to take the opportunity each week to introduce one of them, in alphabetical order by county, then district number.



Name: Supervisor Peggy Judd

County: Cochise County

District: District 3

Birthdate: May 25th

Education: BS, Anthropology, University of Arizona, 2003
Certification, Architectural Drafting, Phoenix Institute of Tech., 1981

Family: Supervisor Judd and her husband, Kit Judd, have been married for 36 years; have 5 children, and 14 grandchildren. She is a native Arizonan, having resided in Cochise County and the City of Wilcox her entire life.

Civic Involvement: Supervisor Judd is currently an active member of the Wilcox Rotary Club where she was recently elected to serve as President in 2018. She has also served in leadership roles on the Rex Allen Days, Inc. Committee and the Wilcox Parks and Recreation Commission over the past ten years.

Best Political Advice: One particular piece of political advice she received was about hard work and opposition. She noted that it has been her experience that when someone is trying to do anything of significance and importance, they will most likely receive some kind of opposition, and the more important that person's job is, the larger the opposition they might face. But for Supervisor Judd, she believes that adversity helps her become a stronger leader and to be more devoted to the causes that she is fighting for.

Inspiration to run for County Supervisor: Supervisor Judd is a former member of the Arizona House of Representatives, and served in the 2011-2012 Legislature. Although she greatly valued her time at the state level, her passion has always been about serving on the local level where she can make an even greater difference for the constituents of northern Cochise County. She has a zeal for her work, and hopes that she can provide the citizens of District 3 with the help and attention they need and deserve. Supervisor Judd stated that she saw herself as "a mayor and a grandmother," often at the same time, and that she is always ready to "lock arms and march down the road" with her constituents in order to make sure that they feel important and heard. Supervisor Judd believes she was born to be a supervisor and a representative of her community, and she hopes to serve them in the best way she can.

Most Admired Arizona Political Figure: When asked about a political figure in Arizona that she most admired, Supervisor Judd did not hesitate to say that she most respected current Arizona Senator and Majority Leader, Kimberly Yee. Supervisor Judd said that she enjoyed getting to know the Senator when they served as freshman legislators together in the House of Representatives, and explained that she was always impressed with Senator Yee's intelligence and strength as the first Chinese-American woman in the legislature. Supervisor Judd admires Senator Yee's hard work and dedication, not only to her community and to her role as an elected official, but also for her love of family and country.



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Gila Valley Leadership Class Visits State Capitol



Governor Doug Ducey, State Treasurer Jeff Dewit, and other Arizona state officials visited with 20 members of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce's Gila Valley Leadership Class XII at the Arizona State Capitol this week. The new leadership members participated in a series of lectures exploring issues relating to state and local government, they heard

a presentation from Lisa Atkins, Director of the State Land Department, and CSA's Executive Director Craig Sullivan spoke with them about the important role of Arizona's counties. The class also had a busy two days touring the state capitol and the Department of Health Services, learning more about the legislative process, and also had the opportunity to meet with Senator Gail Griffin, Representative Drew John, and Representative Becky Nutt from the Arizona State Legislature.

The Gila Valley Leadership Class brings together leaders from the Gila Valley area to enhance leadership skills, learn about area issues, and expand their professional network. Each year, the class convenes once a month to gain more in-depth knowledge of important community issues which include agriculture, mining, law enforcement, state and local government, and more.



For more information on Gila Valley Leadership, please visit their [website](#).

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The Success & Safety of Arizona's Wildland Firefighters

During the second CSA Board of Directors meeting of 2017, Linda Lind, the Arizona State Liaison from the USDA Forest Services, as well as Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth, and Kaibab National Forest Supervisor Heather Provencio, presented to the group on *The Success & Safety of our Wildland Firefighters*.



The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management provides resources for the prevention and suppression of wildland fire on State Trust Land and private property located outside incorporated communities. They offer services for fire prevention, urban and community forestry, forest stewardship, forest health, and utilization/marketing.

The presentation included information on the department's tireless work to safely achieve their objectives with the least firefighter exposure necessary, while promoting and building resilient landscapes, and maintaining relationships with the people they serve.



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E-Rate Fiber 2017-2018 Program Review



On Thursday, Mark Masterson and Milan Eaton of the Arizona Department of Education (AZED) spoke to the CSA Board about their E-Rate Fiber program. The program provides reimbursement to schools and libraries for purchases of internet services and web infrastructure in order to enable students in impoverished districts to access the internet. They discussed the challenges of getting internet infrastructure into Arizona's rocky, mountainous areas and some possible solutions to this problem.

Eaton said that while many rural areas do have internet access, access is often so slow that it is unusable. AZED has recommended bandwidth specifications that schools can use to decide how much bandwidth they need given their size and student population. Eaton acknowledged the skepticism that some county and school officials have expressed about similar technology programs in the past, but said that through competition and adequate resourcing this program will be successful.

The E-Rate Fiber program is scheduled to last two more years and will bring high-speed internet access to thousands of Arizona students.

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Session Snapshot

Today marks the 40th day of the 53rd Legislative Session. The final bill count is 1,054 bills and 99 memorials/resolutions. We usually have quite a few more bills introduced during each legislative session. In 2016 for example, 1,247 bills were introduced as well as 114 memorials/resolutions.

This week was the final week for bills to be considered in their chamber of origin, and the last day for committee hearings to hear bills from the opposite chamber is March 24. Next week is considered the crossover week when few committees are scheduled while each chamber takes to the floor to vote out a large number of their bills.

As always, our staff will continue to analyze and monitor each bill as it moves through the process and we will determine if it has an impact on our counties.

For more information on legislative deadlines, please [click here](#).

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CSA Legislative Update

CSA's legislative agenda continues to move forward. Please see below for a list of our bills:

- 1) [HB 2065 waste tire disposal: continuation](#) (Coleman), passed the House 59-0; Referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water.
- 2) [HB 2230 intergovernmental public transportation authority: taxation](#) (Shooter), passed House Transportation & Infrastructure, 8-0; also referred to House Ways & Means.
- 3) [HB 2258 county contributions: hospitalization: medical: repeal](#) (Thorpe), passed House Appropriations 11-2; passed House Health 7-2.
- 4) [HB 2332 property tax valuation appeals](#) (Campbell), passed House Ways & Means 6-2, awaiting Rules.
- 5) [HCR 2011 motor vehicle fuel taxes](#) (Campbell), passed House Transportation & Infrastructure 7-1; also referred to House Ways & Means.
- 6) [SB 1406 contributions: committed youth: repeal: committee](#) (Fann) passed Senate Appropriations 10-0, passed Senate Rules, awaiting Senate COW.

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Happy 105th Birthday Arizona!

While many people across the nation were devouring chocolate and professing their love on February 14, we Arizonans were celebrating a different kind of love; the 105th birthday of our great Grand Canyon State. Though Arizona's battle to gain promotion from territory to statehood was long and arduous (more than 50 years!), on February 14, 1912 then President William Taft signed a proclamation officially welcoming Arizona as the 48th (and last) contiguous state to be incorporated into the union.

To celebrate the day, there were events on the Capitol lawn, and the Arizona Capitol Museum hosted a one-day only pop-up exhibit in the Historic House Chamber featuring items used at the Arizona Constitutional Convention.

If you are interested in learning more about Arizona and its fascinating history, the Arizona Capitol Museum serves as a symbol of Arizona's rich history, featuring four floors, more than 20 exhibition areas, and even a museum store where you can stock up on all your Arizona themed souvenirs. The best part? It's free and there is plenty of parking available. Visit [here](#) for more information on location, hours, and current exhibits.



As we celebrate Arizona's 105th birthday this week, here are some fun trivia questions for you!

1. **Question:** What are considered Arizona's 5 C's?

Answer: In the early years of the state, Arizona was known for its 5 C's which served important roles in the state's economy, and still play an important role today. The 5 C's are: Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, and of course, Climate.

2. **Question:** What is Arizona's state motto?

Answer: *Ditat Deus* which is Latin for *God Enriches*

3. **Question:** What are Arizona's official state colors?

Answer: Blue and Gold

(Oh, and happy Valentine's Day too!)

Sources: [Understanding the Arizona Constitution](#), by Toni McClory, 2010 [The Arizona Board of Regents](#); <https://www.azlibrary.gov/arizona-almanac/five-c>, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.

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