



# COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA



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## Former Apache County Supervisor Jimmy Claw, Sr., Passes Away

This past weekend Apache County was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Jim Claw, Sr. on June 9. Mr. Claw was well-known in the community, having served two terms as an Apache County Supervisor, and spending more than 20 years as a member of the Chinle Unified School District Board. He was dedicated in his work for the Navajo Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, and the Rough Rock Community School.

Mr. Claw is survived by his wife, two sons, sister, brothers, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held on June 15 at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Chinle, Arizona.

On behalf of all of us at CSA, we wish the entire Claw family our deepest sympathies.



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## CSA Welcomes New La Paz County Administrator Ron Drake

The County Supervisors Association would like to congratulate and welcome Ron Drake who has recently accepted the position of La Paz County Administrator.

Mr. Drake comes to La Paz County with over 30 years of management experience in contract negotiations, fundraising, planning, public relations and sales management, including nearly 15 years in business development. Mr. Drake also has wide-ranging local government experience serving as the Mayor of Avondale from 2000 to 2006, where he helped transform the city into a hub of business by focusing on economic development and job growth.



Please join us in welcoming him!

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## CSA Staff Attends AACo Conference



This week CSA staff greatly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) 2017 County Leadership Summit and Marketplace. The Summit, held in Coconino County, was an outstanding event for county leaders from across the state to learn more about leadership, grants management, government real estate, and communicating with constituents.

This mid-year conference brings Arizona's elected county leaders of every office and every county together with their staff and state, federal, tribal, and municipal officials from across Arizona.

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CSA would like to thank AACo for inviting us to this productive event.

**Photo Source:** Coconino County

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## This Week in Arizona History

June 11, 2017 marked 149 years since the birth of one of Arizona's most well-known philanthropists and civic leaders: Maie Bartlett Heard. Born June 11, 1868, Maie spent her early years in Chicago, and in the mid-1890's she and her husband, Dwight Heard, moved west and settled in a little town called Phoenix. It was here in Phoenix where Dwight Heard became a successful rancher, president of the Arizona Cotton Association, and an active business man, buying what is now known as *The Arizona Republic* newspaper and publishing it up until his death in 1929.



Maie and her husband began their collection of Indian art with a simple Pima basket. After many years, the collection became so extensive that they built and endowed a small museum, the Heard Museum, which opened in 1929. In addition to being a collector and connoisseur of art, and curator of the museum, Maie dedicated her life to helping and caring for the community through her volunteerism, her foundation of The Welfare League, her donation of land for the building of the Phoenix Civic Center, and so much more. Maie received a number of accolades for her service to the community, and was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 1982.

**Sources:** [Arizona Women's Hall of Fame](#); [Heard Museum History](#)

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## NACo Webinar: Keeping Counties Moving

On June 21, 2017 , from 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm (EST), the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, *Keeping Counties Moving: Innovations in Infrastructure, Goods Movement and Vehicle Technologies*. This interactive webinar will explore how counties are improving transportation systems by working within and across megaregions to leverage technological innovations. Transportation experts will discuss national trends and current county projects in regional planning and autonomous and connected vehicle research, development, and deployment. This discussion will provide county elected officials and staff members a clearer picture of where the field of transportation is heading in the face of rapidly evolving freight infrastructure and vehicle technologies.

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