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New Supervisors Spotlight: Supervisor Woody Cline, Gila 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 Woody Cline

County: Gila County

District: 3

Birthdate: July 18

Family: Supervisor Cline lives in Young, Arizona with his wife Letha and his three daughters. He is a fourth generation Gila County resident, and his wife is a sixth generation resident.



Occupation: Supervisor Cline was born in Globe, and grew up in Young, Arizona from which he is the first resident to be elected to the Board of Supervisors. He spent almost 20 years with the United States Forest Service mostly working in fire and range management (even spending a few years on hotshot crews and in aerial firefighting), which has allowed him the great opportunity to travel all around Arizona and various other states. Supervisor Cline is also a local small business owner, and has been a licensed real estate agent since 2004.

Civic organization involvement: As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Cline also serves on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board, Board of the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties, Correctional Officers Retirement Plan Local Board for Sheriff's Office Dispatchers, Gila County Board of Health, San Carlos Apache Partnership Steering Committee, and Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties. He is also the 2016-2017 President of the Gila County Cattle Growers, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Cattle Growers Association.

Best piece of advice received: Supervisor Cline fondly remembers to this day words of wisdom that he received from his cousin. Though not a politician, his advice was sound. He told Supervisor Cline, "Now that you're in office, there is one thing that you need to be aware of. There are going to be guys like me who are nice and will tell you the things you want to hear, but they will also have alternative intentions." Never have truer words been spoken.

Inspiration to run for county supervisor: Running for county supervisor is something that he had considered for many years. Though ultimately deciding not to run in 2012, in 2016 Supervisor Cline threw his hat in the ring because he felt that his wide range of expertise and experiences could be of service to the county and its constituents. Supervisor Cline explained that the race was a long and busy one, but that he enjoyed the process immensely and relished the opportunity to meet so many great people along the way. He also noted that even though he has had moments of frustration and disappointment, he continues to enjoy meeting various people,

learning about local programs and services, offering support to the constituents, and most importantly doing what is best for Gila County.

Favorite place in Gila County: For Supervisor Cline, his home is his number one favorite place, but he also loves the uniqueness of his county. He explained that Gila County offers a diverse range of elevations and terrains, and whether it be the high pines, the lower country, or even the sandy desert; Supervisor Cline loves it all.

Most admired Arizona political figure: Growing up in a very small community like Young where his graduating class consisted of about 4 or 5 students, the memory of Barry Goldwater speaking at his graduation has stuck with Supervisor Cline the most over the years.

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Supervisor Thompson Appointed to Arizona State Transportation Board



Navajo County Supervisor Jesse Thompson was appointment by Governor Doug Ducey to the State Transportation Board and was confirmed this week by the Arizona State Senate.

Supervisor Thompson shared, "I am a lifelong Arizonan who has spent the last 24 years serving the people of Navajo County and our region." He also discussed his passion for transportation, stating "Through all my years of service, transportation has always been one of my highest priorities. I believe in the value and importance of a quality transportation system for commerce, getting our kids to school and quality of life."

The Senate Transportation Committee unanimously recommended confirmation of Supervisor Thompson's nomination during a hearing on February 28 and this week the full State Senate confirmed his nomination.

With the confirmation process complete, Supervisor Thompson will begin representing Apache, Coconino and Navajo Counties on the State Transportation Board until his term ends on Jan. 16, 2023.



The State Transportation Board is granted policy powers and duties in addition to serving in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation. The board is responsible for establishing a complete system of state highway routes and has the final authority on establishing, opening, relocating, altering, vacating or abandoning any portion of a state route or state highway, including establishment of parkways and historic and scenic roadways.

For more information on the State Transportation Board, please [click here](#).

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Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Presents to House Committee

On Tuesday, Supervisor Jason Whiting presented to the House Committee on Energy, Environment & Natural Resources as a representative of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (EACO). During his presentation, Supervisor Whiting shared information with the committee members on catastrophic wildfires and their effects on city and county watersheds, as well as promoted the importance of forest restoration which offers a number of benefits including the stabilization of Arizona's forest ecosystems, restoration of grasslands that support ranchers and wildlife, and the development of local jobs.

EACO is a non-profit organization that was created in 1993 in response to Presidential Executive Order 12372 related to federal programs affecting the custom, culture, and economic well-being of the counties. Over the years, EACO's mission has evolved into the planning and implementation of specific environmental programs that impact economic development in eastern Arizona counties. These programs include forest and watershed restoration, energy, water, recreation, threatened and endangered species, infrastructures, public lands, and natural resources planning.



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Governor's Office Briefs Managers



On Friday, Matt Clark and Mara Mellstrom, Policy Advisors for Governor Ducey's Office, spoke at the County Managers' meeting. They discussed the Governor's local government initiatives and the importance of collaboration and communication between the state and local governments. Clark and the Managers discussed the importance of the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and the upcoming ADOT Omnibus bill, which among other things will enable ADOT to sign a memorandum of understanding with the federal government allowing the state to take responsibility for much of the environmental work that is a prerequisite for any large public works project.

Mellstrom discussed the Governor's efforts to rollback regulations through his RedTape.AZ.Gov website. By going to the website, interested parties can submit information on regulations they believe are overly burdensome or misconceived. Mellstrom explained that stakeholders are crucial to this process, as evidenced by the Governor's instruction to agency heads that they are to conduct stakeholder meetings monthly. Governor Ducey wants all interested parties to come together and devise practical, mutually beneficial solutions to problems the state faces.

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Session Snapshot

Today marks the 61st day of the 53rd Legislative Session.

There are only two more weeks left of regular hearings in both chambers to hear the remaining bills that originated in the opposite chamber. With the end of committees in sight, folks down at the Capitol are starting to speculate as to when a budget proposal might get introduced and when the session will adjourn sine die. Last year the Legislative Session ended on May 7, 2016 and the year before that, legislators finished working on April 3. Needless to say legislators, staff and lobbyists are hopeful this year will also wrap up before the heat of summer hits the State Capitol.

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.

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International Women's Day: Celebrating Women in Arizona Politics

If you haven't already heard, the month of March is officially designated as Women's History Month, an important month when the extraordinary achievements of American women are recognized and honored. March 8 also marks International Women's Day, a day when women across the world are recognized for their successes without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic, or political. The day also provides an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, looking ahead to the potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.



The state of Arizona has a long and important history of influential women who have not only positively impacted our communities, but who have also helped to better the state, and in some cases, the entire country. The significance of women in Arizona's political history began well before its entrance into statehood. Rachel Emma Allen Berry made history in 1914 when she was the first woman elected to the Arizona House of Representatives, and the very first woman in the United States to be elected to a State Legislature. Francis Munds of Prescott was also selected to serve in the Arizona Senate that year, in addition to five other women being elected to county offices across the state. Sandra Day O'Connor also played a vital role in Arizona as the first female Majority Leader of the Arizona State Senate, and is most known for later becoming the first woman to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.



Most notably, Arizona's "Fab Five" (*pictured*) helped to solidify Arizona as a political trailblazer. Almost 90 years after Arizona women were given the right to vote, five women were elected to serve in the state's five most important government positions. In 1998, Jane Dee Hull was elected Governor, Betsey Bayless was elected Secretary Of State, Janet Napolitano was elected Attorney General, Carol Springer was elected Treasurer, and

Lisa Graham-Keegan was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction. To this day, the “Fab Five” remain the greatest number of women to serve in a state’s highest elected offices at any given time. In 2017, Arizona continues to lead the way having elected 35 women to the state Senate and House of Representatives, making up almost 39% of the State Legislature, and proudly ranking Arizona #3 nationwide for the number of women legislators serving at the legislature.

Visit [here](#) if you are interested in finding out more information about Women’s History Month, and [here](#) to check out special Arizona Public Media programming throughout March.

Sources: [Arizona State Library](#), [United Nations](#), [The State Press](#) & [Wikimedia Commons](#)

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Military, Veterans & Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Transportation & Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Judiciary & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.

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