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New Supervisors Spotlight: Supervisor Randy Garrison, Yavapai 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 Randy Garrison

County: Yavapai County

District: 3

Birthdate: November 13

Education: Supervisor Garrison is a graduate of Yavapai College, and earned his degree in business from Northern Arizona University.



Family: Supervisor Garrison and his wife, Debbie, were both born and raised in Arizona, and have a long family history in the Verde Valley. They have a beautiful daughter, Shelby, who will turn 20 soon.

Length of time in Arizona: Supervisor Garrison's lineage and connection to Arizona dates all the way back to the founding of Cottonwood in the late 1870's, and his family has played an integral role in the establishment of many important public/private community programs and buildings across the city.

Civic organization involvement: Supervisor Garrison has a very long list of civic organizations that he has been involved with over the years, including his service as Cottonwood City Councilman, and member of Cottonwood's Economic Development Council. As a very big supporter of and advocate for education, he has spent most of his years in public service as a member of various school governing boards, and as a committed member and Executive board member of local Kiwanis organizations. Supervisor Garrison stated that he has gained many new perspectives and ideas, as well as community ties, from each one of them.

Best piece of advice received: For Supervisor Garrison, his grandfather played a very influential role in his life. On his 13th birthday, his grandfather (a self-taught pilot and the first in the northern Arizona area to own a private airplane) began teaching him how to fly, and shared with him some life lessons along the way. His grandfather used to tell him to "step on the ball" (referring to one of the plane's navigation instruments), and explained that with all things in life, "you fly the plane, it doesn't fly you." From his grandfather he also learned the importance of a person making their own way in life, not letting circumstances dictate one's life course, and that one would do well by relying on their own sense and life experiences to guide them in life.

Inspiration to run for county supervisor: Supervisor Garrison discussed a wide variety of motivating factors that inspired him run for a seat on the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. He comes from a long line of local government servants, including his grandfather who served as a county supervisor back in the 1950's, and his father who served as city mayor and councilman for many years. His family was always serving the community in some way, and he knew that was also his future career path. Supervisor Garrison's passion for service, and commitment and dedication to the Verde Valley, as well as his involvement in the local business industry, were also

motivating factors for his campaign and ultimate election to office. His overall goal is to provide Verde Valley residents a strong voice in local government, to protect natural resources, while maintaining, recognizing and celebrating the unique and diverse communities that make up the region. He is passionate about increasing economic development, especially through promotion of the burgeoning wine community, and bringing all communities together (even those that are literally divided by mountain peaks) to foster vibrant and sustainable growth throughout the county.

Do you have a favorite book?: As with many county supervisors, he finds there is often very limited time to read for pleasure. He did note that he is a big fan of Stephen King novels, and that enjoyed reading *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig, and it contained numerous life lessons that have stuck with him.

Favorite place in Yavapai County: With his office views of Jerome on one side and Sedona on the other, and the great development that is occurring in the city of Cottonwood, it is very difficult for Supervisor Garrison to choose one particular area of Yavapai County that he would call his favorite. Though he has had many chances to leave the Verde Valley, it has always been home for him and his family, and always will be.

Most admired political figure: Barry Goldwater has always been a politician appreciated by Supervisor Garrison, but Theodore Roosevelt takes top billing as a political figure he admired. Supervisor Garrison explained that President Roosevelt was the type of politician who, if he saw something he wanted, went after it and didn't let the system get in his way. No matter the obstacles, he would figure out how to get the job done and get results. Supervisor Garrison appreciates that kind of "moxy" and the importance of serving and protecting all constituents and not just the vocal majority.

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Lawmakers Include Relief to Counties in FY18 Budget

Late last night and early this morning, both the Senate and the House passed out a \$9.8 billion dollar budget package which will be transmitted to the Governor next week.

County priorities were included in the budget as follows for FY18:

- Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF): Restores \$30 million of HURF to local governments. Importantly, this item is restored as an on-going item.
- The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC): \$8 million in relief for FY18.
- In-Lieu Lottery Appropriations: 10 counties remain in the baseline, and \$1.7 million was added to include Mohave, Yavapai and Pinal (\$550,000 per county). The additional revenue for the three counties is programmed as one-time funding.
- County Flexibility Language: Please note, county flexibility language is again included in the budget, which allows counties with a population below 250,000 in the 2010 decennial census to use any source of county revenue to meet a county fiscal obligation for FY 2018, up to \$1,250,000 of county revenue for each county. There are also additional flexibility allowances.



For the Joint Legislative Budget Committee outline of the entire state budget, please [click here](#).

In addition to the budget action, today marks the 117th day of the 53rd Legislative Session. Of the 1,079 bills introduced this year, the legislature has already passed 294 bills and Governor Ducey has signed 279 of them and vetoed five.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m., and the House adjourned until Monday, May 8 at 1:15 p.m. Leadership continued to state that they expect to *sine die* early next week.

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U.S. Congress Passes FY17 Budget & Secure Rural Schools Bill Introduced

U.S. Budget

This week, both the U.S. House (by a [309-118 vote](#)) and the U.S. Senate (by a [79-18 vote](#)) passed the FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill, which funds the government for the rest of the fiscal year (through September 30). The bill is expected to be signed. The budget contains full funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) at \$465 million, which is a 3 percent increase compared to FY2016.

For those having trouble sleeping, please [click here](#) for the full text of the legislation.

SRS Reauthorization Bill Introduced in U.S. Senate

On Wednesday, Utah Senator Orrin Hatch introduced [S1027](#) to extend the Secure Rural Schools program for an additional two years. Key elements of the bill include:

- Reauthorizes SRS payments for 2 years—retroactively, to make counties whole for their FY2016 payments and FY2017 (payment goes out in 2018);
- Clarifies the use of unelected title II funds;
- Eliminates the merchantable timber pilot requirement (note: this was never implemented by the Forest Service, and the Forest Service support its deletion);
- Clarifies, through a technical fix, the availability of funds per section 207(d)(2);
- Extends the time available to initiate title II projects and obligate funds for the 2-year reauthorization;
- Title II and III Elections: For the 2-Year reauthorization, there won't be enough time to go through the administrative process of the counties changing their elections and still getting their payments on time, so for reauthorization, the counties have to stick with their current elections.

Please [click here](#) for the full text of the bill.

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Feature: The Arizona Memory Project

Here at CSA, we are lucky enough to be located right next to the Arizona State Capitol and a wide variety of other important state departments and organizations. One such treasure that not many people know about, located just a few blocks away from CSA, is the Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State.

In 2006, the Arizona Memory Project (AMP) was established to provide digital access to some of Arizona's oldest and most important cultural artifacts. The AMP provides digital access to the wealth of primary resources in Arizona's archives, museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions. Visitors to the [website](#) will find some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and multimedia that chronicle Arizona's past and present, all of which have been contributed to the project by numerous Arizona institutions who continue to recognize the importance of cultural preservation.



Arizona Historic County Road Maps, 1883 – 1937

One of the newest additions to the AMP are [historic Arizona county road maps](#) dating from the 1880's to the 1930's. The collection includes maps of 14 out of the 15 Arizona counties, showing not only roads and trails, but also the extent of public land surveys, railroads, and a variety of other cultural features. Depending on the county, the maps may also show mines and associated mining activities, ranches and agricultural features, irrigation features such as canals and wells, or include annotations showing telephone/telegraph lines.

If you are a history buff, or someone who is just interested in the rich history of our great state, this is the place for you! The Digital Arizona Library is accessible online at any time, and the State Archives are located at the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building, 1901 West Madison Street, Phoenix, AZ. It is open to the public Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 pm, and closed on holidays.

Sources: [Arizona Memory Project](#); [Arizona State Library](#)

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NACo 2017 Aspire Awards Opportunity

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has launched its [2017 Aspire Awards: Creating Opportunities for County Employee Retirement Readiness](#). It honors and recognizes counties for innovative solutions and for promoting employee retirement savings.



To submit an application, please [click here](#). Submissions are due May 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

For additional information, please [click here](#).

Winners will be notified around the week of June 12, 2017, and the awards will be presented during the NACo Annual Conference in July.

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