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## Navajo County Appoints New Manager

This week, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors appointed Glenn Kephart as the new Navajo County Manager. He had been serving as the interim county manager after his predecessor, Jimmy Jayne, left to serve as the Coconino County Director of Special Initiatives.

Kephart joined the Navajo County team in June 2016 as the public works director. Prior to joining Navajo County's team, he was the public works director for the City of Coral Gables, Florida and was previously the public works director for the City of Tempe, Arizona. Kephart is originally from Pennsylvania where he received a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University and worked 14 years as an engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in addition to previously working as a carpenter. He is currently a registered professional engineer in both Florida and Arizona and has a master's degree in public administration. Kephart has proudly served the public for nearly 30 years in leading teams to provide high quality services, infrastructure maintenance, and quality of life improvements for the communities he has served.



CSA extends our congratulations!

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## Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee Met this Week

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Public Safety met this week to hear presentations from multiple state agencies and private organizations regarding their education and workforce development efforts. The meeting focused on specific populations including veterans, transitioning inmates, high school students, and individuals seeing unemployment services.



Colonel Wanda Wright, the Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services presented on the locations throughout the state where there are veteran's services offices and discussed some of the training programs available to veterans and employers who want to employ veterans. In addition, she discussed an event planned for Veteran's Day week called [HeroZona](#).

Charles Ryan, the Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections discussed the current inmate population in Arizona and the efforts being made to reduce recidivism rates including reentry centers, employment centers and a medically assisted treatment program for individuals with an opioid addiction.

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## Flu Season is Here: Get Your Flu Shot!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. It is strongly recommended that everyone 6 months old and older get a flu shot each year.

The following groups should get a flu vaccination because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications, including:

- Pregnant women
- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Children with special healthcare needs
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
  - Health care workers
  - Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
  - Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

Flu symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, congestion, runny nose, headaches and fatigue. Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes and can cause death.

For more information on where to get your flu shot, please [click here](#).

**Sources:** [Coconino County Public Health Services District](#); [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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## EPA to Hold WOTUS Hearings

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army will hold ten teleconferences to hear from stakeholders regarding recommendations to revise the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The teleconferences will run throughout the fall on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

To learn more about the hearing schedule, including how to sign up for the teleconferences, please [click here](#).

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