

The Communicator

Navajo County's Employee Newsletter

Merry Christmas

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County Employee's Son Wins Wrestling Tournament

Congratulations to Matthew Bollin on winning the White Mountain Wrestling Tournament in his weight class of 98 lbs. Matthew is a 7th grader at Winslow Jr. High school and the son of John and Tina Bollin (Health Dept.). See *photo at right*.



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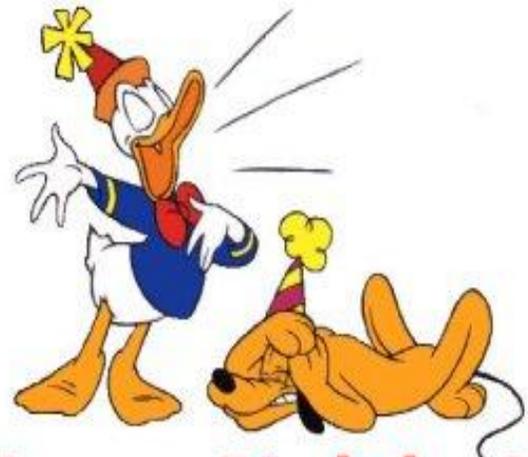
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Birthday Reminders

- December 1 – Anna Heward (Assessor), Joe Montoya (Juv. Detention), Johnathan Roes (Elections)
- December 2 – Keith Caldwell (Adult Probation), Beverly Wilson (Juv. Probation)
- December 3 – Dwayne Peterson (Jail Operations)
- December 4 – Nathan Christensen (Sheriff), Matthew Gomben (Jail Operations), Laurette Justman (Recorder)
- December 5 – Susan Lefevre (Public Works)
- December 6 – David Antonini (Superior Court), Violet Nez (Health Dist.), Amy Stradling (Health Dist.), Galen Wilkes (County Attorney)
- December 7 – Daniel Healy (County Attorney), Darlene McDaniel (Jail Operations), Diana Serna (Public Fiduciary), Filipe Tausinga (Jail Operations)
- December 8 – Richard Chavez Jr. (Adult Probation), Jonicia Turley (Jail Operations), Paul King (County Attorney), Alberto Peshlakai (Public Works), Mary Tyler (Health Dist.)
- December 9 – Mary Goodman (Adult Probation), Julie Heal (Public Works)
- December 10 – Spencer Johnstun (Public Works), Holly Nelson (W.I.A.)
- December 12 – Gerald Brownlow (B.O.S.), Darrin Foshee (Jail Operations), Sabrina James (Recorder), Thomas Peterson (Sheriff)
- December 13 – Lupe Bray (Public Fiduciary)
- December 14 – Darlene Davis (Superior Court), John Lamb (Superior Court), Joel Ruechel (County Attorney)
- December 15 – Daniel Deets (Sherrif), Deborah Gilman (Jail Operations), Jose Lerma (County Attorney), Leslie McCarty (Sheriff), Jesse Thompson (B.O.S.)
- December 16 – Katrina Allan (Juv. Detention), Jack Arend (Sheriff), Ricky Denton (Public Works)

Birthday Reminders

- December 18 – Gloria Bushnell (Pinetop Justice Court), Ryan Slone (Sheriff), Garret Williams (Sheriff)
- December 19 – Jacqueline Koon (Treasurer), Jeffery Lineberry (I.T.)
- December 20 – Marc Russell (Clerk of the Sup. Court), Mary Springer (Admin.), Clayton Thompson (Adult Probation), Albert Warren (Jail Operations)
- December 21 – Jason Moore (County Attorney), Fred Peterson (Snowflake Justice Court), Montana Slack (Public Works)
- December 23 – James Despain (Public Works)
- December 24 – Debra Despain (Jail Operations), Christian Starns (Fac. Management), Jonnel Szentgyorgyi (Health Dist.)
- December 25 – William Barnard (Public Works)
- December 26 – David Widmaier (Pinetop Justice Court)
- December 27 – Jeanine Carruthers (Public Works), John Larsen (Public Works), Arthur Starns (Fac. Management), John Swanson (Admin.)
- December 30 – Nathan Solomon (Sheriff)



Happy Birthday!!
(I promise I won't sing...)

County Employees Participate in Progressive Dinner



On November 23rd, County Employees participated in the 1st Annual Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a success. Special Thanks to Manny Hernandez (Treasurer) for carving the turkeys.

Birth Announcements



On November 11th, Tallin Johnson was born to Skyler and Mari Johnson of Taylor. Weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz., Tallin is the Grandson of Irene Hunt (Health Dept.)



On November 26th, Alyssa Lee Caldwell was born to Emily Payne and Nathan Caldwell. Weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz., Alyssa is the Granddaughter of Janet Payne (Assessor)

County Smile



TradeZone

- Dawn Wilson of the Public Defender's Office is collecting "Box Tops for Education" for her 10 year old son Cody. If you have any box tops with the symbol pictured below on them, please send them to her. These box tops raise money for the schools.



Do You Know?

Congratulations to Michelle Dahl (County Attorney) for being the first to email the correct response (George Smiley) to last month's trivia question. This month's question is found below.

- ❖ Which community in Navajo County was formerly known as Allen's Camp?

Send your response to:
johnathan.roes@navajocountyaz.gov

County Departments Participate in Holiday Parades

A number of departments participated in holiday parades around the county. To the right are pictures of the various floats.

Sheriff's Office Float



Public Works Float



NCSO Participates in DUI Press Conference

The DUI task force kicked off its holiday campaign today. The campaign is focused on heightened drunk-driving enforcement efforts across Arizona in coordination with the holiday season - when many Arizonans enjoy "spirits" while spending time with friends and family.

The campaign falls under Governor Jan Brewer's "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" initiative to detain suspected drunk drivers and severely punish those convicted of DUI offenses. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is organizing the collaboration of the Department of Public Safety, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, as well as Mesa and Phoenix Police Departments.

A press conference was held at the State Capitol to announce the 2010 Holiday Enforcement Program. Members of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office were also present and participated in the press conference. The goal of the press conference was to educate the public on the dangers of drinking and driving and to educate the public on the harsh consequences that would come if they do choose to drink and get behind the wheel.

The Motto of the campaign is "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed."

Among the guest speakers were Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, and Phoenix Police Chief Jack Harris. The Director from the Department of Corrections, Charles Ryan attended as well..

When speaking with The Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (Alberto Gutier), Deputy Jahns was told that Mr. Gutier would personally approve the Navajo County Sheriff's Office for two INTOXILYZER 8000's. These machines are beneficial in Alcohol related crimes such as DUI. The Navajo County Sheriff's Office has been in need of this investigative tool for some time now. The news that the Sheriff's office would be approved for these machines was proudly reported back to Chief Weems.



NCSO Deputy Garret Jahns, GOHS Director Alberto Gutier, DOC Director Charles Ryan



Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio speaks at the DUI Press Conference.

RETIREMENT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDERS

HONORABLE JUDGE TOM WING'S RETIREMENT

PLACE: SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 1 COURTROOM

TIME: DECEMBER 14TH, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

JUDGE WING HAS BEEN WITH NAVAJO COUNTY FOR 33 AND 1/3 YEARS WHICH IS 1/3 OF A CENTURY! HE STARTED HIS TIME HERE JULY 11, 1977 WHERE HE WORKED IN THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE UNTIL HE WAS ELECTED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, DIVISION ONE, ON NOVEMBER 16, 1992. WE WILL HAVE APPETIZERS, DESSERTS, AND DRINKS-

BRING YOUR MEMORIES AND STORIES OF THE PAST 33 YEARS!

EVELYN MAREZ'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

PLACE: SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 2 COURTROOM

TIME: DECEMBER 15TH, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

AFTER 29 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO NAVAJO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE, EVELYN IS MOVING ON AS THE NEWLY ELECTED HOLBROOK JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

BARBARA HUNT'S RETIREMENT

PLACE: CODE TALKERS ROOM (HOLBROOK COMPLEX)

TIME: DECEMBER 16TH, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING BARBARA'S 21 YRS. WITH THE RECORDER'S OFFICE.

CONSTABLE RAY BROWN'S RETIREMENT

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM (MCNEIL COMPLEX)

TIME: DECEMBER 16TH, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING RAY'S 20 ODD YEARS WITH NAVAJO COUNTY.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: HON-DAH RESORT AND CASINO (PINETOP-LAKESIDE)

TIME: DECEMBER 18TH, 5:00 P.M. – HAPPY HOUR, 6:00 P.M. – DINNER

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS 2010!!

Cliffrose Ranch & Rescue

In conjunction with a IDA: a non-profit 501(c)(3)

***\$20 certificates
for Hon-Dah
Casino for
\$10!!!!***



Once again Hon-Dah Casino is helping us out by offering \$20 certificates for \$10, this time on the night of the December 18th, 2010! Contact Gina (with the Legal Defender's Office) to sign up and we will have a \$20 certificate waiting for you at the casino. Simply take it to a cashier and receive your \$20 in cash. Simple! The hitch? The casino requests that you stay for at least 4 hours that night. A perfect excuse to listen to music, gamble or just visit with friends for a little while longer.

**For ticket information contact Gina
(928)-243-2827**

Please sign up before December 15th so that we have time to get enough certificates!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

Cliffrose Ranch and Rescue is a not-profit horse and livestock rescue located east of Snowflake on Concho Highway. We have been rescuing horses in Navajo County for 5 years. We currently care for over 15 horses that were abandoned, abused or had owners who could no longer care for them. Our goal is to rehabilitate these horses and find them new homes and provide permanent care for those who cannot be adopted.