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June 2010 End of Month Supervisor's Update

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June was a relatively quiet month in Pinal County. The new council members of the Town of Queen Creek were sworn in. They are a great group of young, energetic professionals who will surely carry on where the last council members left off. I'm confident they will keep moving The TOCQ well into the 21st Century. Special thanks to former Mayor, Art Sanders. Art is a great man and Mayor Barney, the new mayor, has big shoes to fill.

Search and Rescue remains a big issue throughout Pinal County. The Superstition Mountains continue to claim citizens who underestimate her challenges and her unforgiving nature. This month, PCSO's Search and Rescue Posse signed an historic letter of agreement with The Apache Junction Fire District. Sheriff Paul Babeu and Chief Dan Campbell have joined forces in an effort to protect our citizens who find themselves in harm's way throughout Northern Pinal County.

Our Sheriff continues to make the headlines throughout Arizona and America. Senate Bill 1070 has created a much needed firestorm of attention on the illegal immigration issue and Arizona. Pinal County, although not on the border, is a major thoroughfare into Arizona. Our deputies often find themselves in harm's way as they encounter both drug and human smugglers. I applaud the efforts of Sheriff Babeu and our deputies as they push to make our county safer.

As we work through the colossal issues of the state budget deficits, we are forced to closely watch the programs that invariably end up on the cutting room floor. One of those programs is our State Parks System. We were able to keep the Lost Dutchman State Park open thanks to the efforts of our own citizens. Pinal County is dedicated to protecting our State Park System and this month I was selected to serve on the Arizona State Parks Board. It is a great honor and I look forward to representing Pinal County, Arizona and our irreplaceable State Park System.

The budget issues of the state manifest themselves in the shortfalls associated with the Arizona Department of Transportation. ADOT's budget continues to dwindle.

As America's second fastest growing county, our road infrastructure is critical to supporting the needs of our ballooning population. ADOT, our counties and municipalities must explore other options when it comes to funding our transportation needs. This past year our Legislature provided new tools in that fight. Arizona now has the ability to explore Public-Private Partnerships (P3). Pinal County has leapt to the front of the line in the exploration of P3 possibilities. Look for more discussion on P3 in the coming months.

Maricopa County, Pima County and Pinal County now find themselves working together as Arizona and the Sun Corridor begins to take shape. This past month, leadership from all three counties gathered to discuss the way ahead. Governor Brewer made an appearance and spoke of the critical need for cooperation in the region. I was especially pleased to hear nothing of individual counties. Let us hope that all three counties can continue to work together for the good of Arizona.

June was a great month for The Bryan Martyn Show. We had almost 200,000 listeners for Senate Candidate, JD Hayworth. It was a great show and I thoroughly enjoyed having JD in studio. Earlier in the month, we had a chance to get to know our own Sheriff Paul Babeu. Did you know he used to be an electrician? My good friend, State Treasurer Candidate, Thayer Verschoor spent time on the show. Finally, LD 23 Candidate, Steve Urie, did a great job introducing himself to over 100,000 listeners. Tune in every Thursday night from 6-8 pm at www.kqcklive.com.

The employee of the month for June is Mr. Steve Abraham. Steve has worked as a Senior Planner for Planning and Development for the past five years. Steve continues to diligently work through the myriad planning issues we face throughout the county. Thank you for all your work and your commitment to our citizens and developers. You make us proud!

Feel free to pass this along to your friends and HOAs. Don't hesitate to call or write with any questions or comments. Thanks!

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