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November 2009 Supervisor's Update

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The holidays are upon us. Where did 2009 go? November was a month of successes for the county and our citizens as we continue to look to the future.

Pinal County held a number of H1N1 immunization events throughout the county. I was very proud of the entire process. Everything was handled professionally and with personal attention. Thanks to the hundreds of county employees and volunteers who quite possibly saved the lives of many of our citizens. Allow me to point out the fantastic leadership demonstrated by Mr. Tom Schryer, the Pinal County Public Health Services Director. You make us all proud!

Veteran's Day is always a busy time for me. I'm honored to have the opportunity to thank and represent my fellow veterans. Great job throughout all our communities with multiple Veteran's Day celebrations!

The county observed the *Annual Safety Roadeo*. I was skeptical of the event at first. What are all these employees doing on our time? The event turned out to be very productive and demonstrated our county's commitment to safety. There is no doubt we could all use a reminder to be careful and to work smart.

I had the distinct pleasure to speak to the ASU Air Force ROTC class this month. With over 200 cadets, there is nothing more invigorating than engaging the future leaders of our military. If anyone ever tells you our kids don't get it any more, drop in on our ROTC kids.

Speaking of future leaders, I had the pleasure to meet with a gentleman running for U.S. Congress. Dr. Paul Gosar is a breath of fresh air as we encourage our best and brightest to take the challenge and to run for office.

This past month we finally passed the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan! Huge thanks to the thousands of citizens, county staff and my fellow Supervisors for working together to approve a plan that works to move the county forward in a well-thought-out manner.

My fellow elected county officials gathered together this month to discuss the county's strategic plan for 2010. We

are the only county in Arizona that brings all its elected officials together to work towards the common goal of guiding and growing their county.

San Tan Valley continues to develop. The borders of potential incorporation received a vocal approval from the various neighboring municipalities. The county website has the most up to date map. Visit www.pinalcountyaz.gov and scroll across the top of the page to the San Tan Valley tab.

The City of Maricopa recently met with a group of San Tan Valley citizens to discuss some of the facts, pros, cons and concerns of incorporation efforts. Look for a dedicated educational outreach throughout the community in the coming months. Look for news on the county website and in the San Tan Valley Today newspaper and website, www.santanvalleytoday.com.

One of the biggest issues we continue to deal with throughout the county is our limited communication. With few papers, no dedicated TV, our size and diversity, it is critical we explore every option to disseminate news and information. To that end, I have been given the opportunity to host a radio show to discuss issues affecting Pinal County. If you haven't found it yet, check out www.KQCKlive.com! KQCK AM1510 is an internet-based station that plays music 24 hours a day. Last weekend they had over 20,000 listeners. Simply click on the "Listen Now" button at the top of the page and enjoy.

The Bryan Martyn Show is scheduled for every other Wednesday night from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to call in with your questions/concerns. I'm happy to talk about anything from Pinal County, to the Cardinals, to Afghanistan. Tune in December 2nd, 16th, and 30th and see what happens. www.KQCKlive.com

This month's employee of the month was easy. Mr. Tom Schryer did an amazing job with the H1N1 immunizations. Congratulations and Great Job!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

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