

Happy New Year 2018

Superior Court of
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2017 Adoption Day Pinal County



On November 18th there were 65 adoptions finalized at the Superior Court in Pinal County. Adoptions took place every 15 minutes and once they were finalized families were able to celebrate with various activities, including a reception and family photographs.

Our Court joined communities nationwide to celebrate National Adoption Day. This event is part

of a national effort to call attention to the more than 100,000 children waiting in the foster care system. Every year more than 4,000 adoptions are finalized as part of National Adoption Day.

The local event is co-chaired by Pam Burke and Donna McBride of the Juvenile Court Services Department, who worked with the committee for nine months to make the day a success. In all, 126 volunteers from 17 agencies were involved in Adoption Day. These agencies include: Our own Court including Juvenile Court Services and the Clerk of the Court, the County Attorney's Office, Department of Child Safety, the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Shanker Law Firm.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2018 Adoption Day, please contact Donna McBride at DMcBride@courts.az.gov

Adult Probation News

Helping the Community



In the Apache Junction Adult Probation Office, Officers worked with probationers to complete community services hours by taking part in the Apache Junction Adopt a Street Program.

Shout out goes to Officers Chad Mullen, Alexis Cueto, and Ryan Burgin for helping the community and helping probationers meet their community service hours.

The Florence Adult Probation Office had a booth at the Coolidge and Florence G.A.I.N nights. G.A.I.N. which stands for "Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods" that includes evening events focused on promoting awareness and highlighting the importance of police-community partnerships as well as citizen involvement in law enforcement's efforts for a safer Arizona.

The Casa Grande Adult Probation Office participated in the October Silent Witness Anti-Crime Night. The event is geared toward educating the community about law enforcement and how their roles effect the public.

In addition to these events, the Casa Grande Adult Probation Office arranged for probationers to complete community service hours by assisting in Electric Light Parade clean up and the CG Ride for the Warrior event.

Court Administration News

Fire Drill

On November 17th the Superior Court building conducted a full emergency evacuation drill. The Presiding Judge, Court Administration, Court Security

and the Pinal County Office of Emergency Management spent approximately six months planning and preparing in advance of the drill. Local agencies that provided assistance included PCSO, Florence Police Department, Florence Fire Department, Pinal County Facilities, Risk Management and Emergency Management. Although there has never been a full emergency evacuation drill conducted in the Court building, the drill progressed smoothly and the Court was provided feedback to improve performance for the next drill. Be prepared, the next drill could happen anytime. Juvenile.

Juvenile Court Services News

Kids at Hope

Recently the Juvenile Court Services Department was awarded a prize and featured on the "Kids at Hope" Facebook Page for participating in the Kids at Hope Week. Juvenile Court Services celebrated Kids at Hope Week November 6-10th.

Juvenile Court Services has adopted the Kids at Hope philosophy that "all kids are capable of success....with no exceptions." Staff received incentives and daily emails. During the week, staff and youth participated in a group treasure hunt and other activities. Youth participated in painting "Hope Rocks" and created vision boards

that were later presented along with life goals.

Representatives from the Arizona Office of the Courts (AOC) were on site to participate in the festivities and were gifted "Hope Rocks" by the youth.

Justice Center Youth Assist Local Veterans

Superior Court Judge Delia Neal reached out to youth at the Youth Justice Center requesting their assistance with a special project supporting local veterans progressing through the Veteran's Court. The youth were asked to make paracord bracelets of different colors with each color representing a veteran's progress within the court.



Judge Neal even took time out of her busy schedule to visit with the youth and personally thank them for making the bracelets. During her visit, she explained the deeper meaning of the bracelets as a representation of the veterans special achievements and mile-stones accomplished in Veteran's Court. The Youth Justice Center sends a special thank you to Judge Neal for taking the time to meet with the youth and for providing them an

opportunity to help support local veterans. Youth in our Justice Center will continue making bracelets, working in collaboration with the Adult Probation Department and the Veteran's Court to support Pinal County Veterans.

Conciliation Court News

New Employee Joining Our Team

Conciliation Court is adding a new team member in January 2018, please be sure to say hello if you see our new employee.

On January 11, 2018, Conciliation Court is hosting a Best Interest Attorney training at the Town of Florence Community Center. The Best Interest Attorney training consists of rules, do's and don'ts, and covers the statutes for Best Interest Attorneys.

Court Human Resources News

New Employee Orientation

Court Human Resources has now successfully completed four New Employee Orientations for the Superior Court. This past year Court HR has assisted the various departments of the Court with hiring a total of 59 employees, including promotions. If you happen to see a new person in the halls, please welcome them to the Court.

Court HR would like to thank all who have provided feedback and help with the New Employee Orientation.

We look forward to assisting all the Court departments in 2018!

NeoGov - Perform

In the next few months Court HR will be rolling out a new program to help automate employee appraisals. Our hope is to streamline the appraisal process, provide our employees real time feedback using the system and make it easier for department managers to track the status of year end evaluations.

Supervisors responsible for administering appraisals may appreciate some of the features that include the ability to 'drag and drop' feedback into the appraisal as well as automated assistance with verbiage.

News You Can Use

On January 1, 2018, Arizona state law increased minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour. Court HR is sending updated employment law posters out to each of your departments.

On January 1, 2018, the federal law increased the mileage reimbursement rate by 1 cent per mile. Be on the lookout for new forms from County Payroll.

Don't Forget!

W-2 Forms will be sent out soon. Please ensure that your address is

updated with County Human Resources. If you need assistance finding or submitting revised address update forms you can always call Court HR and we can help!

Upcoming Pinal Family Events

Munch and Music

Bring your lunch to Padilla Park on January 10th from 11 am to 1 pm. For more information call (520) 868-7589.

Mother Son Dance

January 19th from 6pm to 8pm. You must pre-register for this event; the cost is \$12.00 per person. Call (520) 868-7040 for information on registration.

Iddie Biddie Kiddies

January 16 through February 22, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Library; cost is \$35.00. This event teaches children 3-5 years old the alphabet, shapes, numbers, and includes many more fun activities.

Old Town Cornhole Tournament

January 27th at Padilla Park.

For more information call Beebo at (520) 868-7586.

Upcoming Wellness Events

Weight Watchers

Begins at the end of January, you can email Pat Shriner for more information and to register at Patricia.Shriner@PinalCountyaz.gov

January Yoga Classes

January 18th in the Agave Room at the Public Health Department.

January 24th at the BOS overflow at the Old Courthouse.

Email Pat Shriner for more information

Pinal County Chili Cook-off and Wellness Fair

Mark your calendars for January 31st at the Old Courthouse. More information will be sent out from County Human Resources, but if you can't wait or want to register for the chili cook off you can email Pat Shriner at Patricia.Shriner@PinalCountyaz.gov

Noon Time Walk

Take a walk and relieve some stress! For more information you can email jacquelyn@ecollinsandassociates.com

Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE! February 15th, from 8am to 3 pm in the Ironwood Room at the old Courthouse.

Contact Red Cross at (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: PinalGovt to schedule your appointment.

Prostate Cancer Screening

February 27th, 9 am to 1 pm. Please call (480) 964-3013 or (800) 828-6139 to schedule your appointment.

Conciliation Court
Service Awards
1 year: Shawn Harper
10 years: Tracy McElroy



Adult Probation Department
Service Awards
10 years: Laura Hurtado



Court Administration
Service Awards
1 year: Apolonio Fernandez, Ashley DiMuzio
10 years: Cheryl Gerhard, Sandalee Moring

Juvenile Court Services
Service Awards
1 year: Joann Smith
5 years: Marcos Rabago, Andrew Rubalcava, Susan Patterson
10 years: Sara Woelfel
15 years: Stacie Blackburn
20 years: Celia Allen, Pamela Burke

Court Department Updates: New Hires, Promotions and Service Awards for the months of October, November, December

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Updates!



Judges and JA's received training on the eBench program in preparation for the January 5, 2018 implementation of civil case eFiling. Court Administration's Court Services Division thanks each of you for your participation, questions and receptiveness to the new process.



Judge Karl Eppich (pictured above) Judge Karl Eppich was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two. Judge Eppich was with the Superior Court in Pinal County since 2014, where he served as the Presiding Family Court Judge.

KUDOS CORNER



Congratulations to Katrina Solis (pictured above) for completing the Arizona Court's Supervisory program this year!



Adult Probation Officer Matthew Hemelstrand (pictured above) at the Casa Grands's Ride for the Warrior event.