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Dear Coconino County Residents,

What a fantastic winter it has been in Coconino County. After last year’s extremely dry and dangerous winter that sparked forest fires by this time, we gladly welcomed a record snowfall and above average precipitation.

As we head into spring and summer, the Board of Supervisors will carefully consider the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. We will carefully weigh competing priorities, while keeping taxes low and making investments in our future.

Through this process, the Board will continue our commitment to forest health as the threat of catastrophic wildfires and the ensuing floods remain the County’s number one health and safety risk. We will also consider further investments in the 2020 Census because an accurate count will bring back huge opportunities in grants and federal funding to many communities in Coconino County. The pending closure or sale of the Navajo Generating Station near Page and the impact it will have on our County is also a consideration for the year ahead. Also, the Board will look at further investments on how to best align the services we provide citizens with our current and future facilities.

The budget process will also include many discussions on how to properly fund criminal justice and social service programs. Did you know that over 50 percent of the County’s budget is spent on justice services? From the Sheriff’s Office and the County Jail to the County Attorney and Public Defender, the Judges and Court Staff; Adult Probation and other services, the County funds a role in almost every aspect of the system.

Thus, the County is always looking at ways to keep people out of the system by providing them with the tools necessary so they don’t enter it again. It’s a huge strain on the tax payers when these resources could be spent on roads and education. Investing in programs that curb recidivism will result in long-term savings.

The 2019 Spring Report to Citizens focuses on some of the County’s efforts to use innovation and data-driven methods to reduce costs and improve justice outcomes.

For example, the Board recently appointed Dr. Marie Peoples as a new Deputy County Manager to oversee County departments working in the areas of criminal justice. She is also overseeing the recruitment for a new director to lead the County’s health and human services to enhance the customer experience and improve community impacts. Dr. Peoples will also continue to work with partners from across the County, including the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, to collaboratively engage with other jurisdictions on identifying shared resources and providing a regional approach to justice reform.

These are just a few of the key services we are highlighting in this issue. We strive to provide the best possible services to ensure the best health and safety for the residents and visitors of our County.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Report to Citizens. We welcome your questions, ideas and comments throughout the year. Please go to our website at coconino.az.gov to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors
Chairman Art Babbott, Vice-Chair Lena Fowler, District 2 Supervisor Liz Archuleta, District 3 Supervisor Matt Ryan and District 4 Supervisor Jim Parks.

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C.H.A.C. took great pride in hosting of the 5th Annual César B. Chávez Breakfast this past March. The event celebrated diversity and communication with community members and leaders. Purple Heart Veterans who have served their country, pioneer community leaders and outstanding students were also recognized at this year’s event.

Members of C.H.A.C. also participated in cultural events throughout the year with Killips Elem. School, NAU Hermanas United for Change, Nuestras Raíces and with other community partners to celebrate “Dia de los Muertos.” They contributed to “Todos Unidos: The Hispanic Experience in Flagstaff” via the AZ Historical Society and the Pioneer Museum. They also drove and walked in the “Holiday Parade of Lights” with the Inter-Tribal and African American Councils.

C.H.A.C. ’s goal is to expand diversity to a distinctive level of unity in the diverse communities of Coconino County. See the Coconino County website for more info on C.H.A.C.

Coconino County has two other Advisory Councils: the African American Advisory Council and the Inter-Tribal Advisory Council. They all have events throughout the year to highlight their cultures. To learn more about them, go to www.coconino.az.gov or call Diversity Council Coordinator Susie Garretson at 928-679-7135 or email her at sgarretson@coconino.az.gov.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Public Meeting Schedule

Meetings take place in the Board of Supervisors Chambers on the first floor of the Coconino County Administrative Building at 219 E. Cherry Ave. in Flagstaff and can be live-streamed at http://www.coconino.az.gov/1589/BOS-Video-Stream.

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Greetings, County Residents!

Chairman and Supervisor Art Babbott, District 1

Our economy is transforming and changing at an incredibly rapid pace. Innovation, technology and generational shifts are driving significant changes in our region. Sectors of traditional bricks and mortar retail operations are contracting while e-commerce continues to expand. These trends will have important long-term implications for our communities as changes in large retail, malls and other economic sectors intensify. The Board of Supervisors has been engaged in reviewing and reforming the County Zoning Code over this last year so we can anticipate and proactively support and plan for the economy of tomorrow.

Although these dynamics bring challenges, they also provide opportunities to align zoning regulations with a changing economy. More and more people want “live-work” opportunities. Small startup technology, 3-D printing and custom manufacturing businesses are increasing and often have less impact to residential areas than conventional retail operations. Autonomous vehicles will have significant impacts to parking requirements and transportation infrastructure in the years ahead.

In Coconino County, which has incredibly creative and hardworking entrepreneurs, home based business and cottage industry opportunities will be vital to the next generation. Providing expanded opportunity in our commercial and industrial zones will be critical towards building a diverse and strong economy into the future. Cultivating and developing a strong forest industry sector to serve regional forest restoration objectives is imperative if we are to make our forest ecosystems resilient to megafires, drought and climate change.

From autonomous vehicles to custom manufacturing; from agricultural opportunities to forest industry development; from food manufacturing to drones and robotics; my goal is to embrace opportunity while valuing and protecting the characteristics that make Coconino County special. I invite you to reach out and contact my office should you have comments, concerns or observations. Ababbott@coconino.az.gov or 928-679-751.

Supervisor Matt Ryan, District 3

There are so many areas in which we strive to fill needed gaps and to support our communities.

In District 3, we have two projects involving planning and coordination with the community.

We adopted the multiagency Joint Land Use Study, which provides recommendations to help coordinate land-based planning around Camp Navajo and the Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station. Both the City of Flagstaff and County are moving updates forward to incorporate new mitigation technologies such as LED’s into their respective lighting ordinances.

The County approved an 80-acre acquisition of private land (the entrance) into Rogers Lake Natural Area. This was achieved by using federal money provided by the Army and Navy in exchange for placing a conservation easement over 80 acres for the Navy. A similar conservation easement also placed over all but 20 acres of the Frontiere property for the Army and National Guard to act as buffers for these installations.

The Bellemont Area Plan was approved by the Area Plan Committee and presented to a large turnout by the community in an open house format. The plan is proceeding to the County Planning and Zoning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors for approval. Recommendations to find a solution to coordinate mail delivery is proceeding, while development plans are moving forward.

In each case, plans were created by their respective communities and are living documents that are already implementing recommendations. These are examples of addressing local needs and engaging communities to meet the needs of citizens.

Supervisor Liz Archuleta, District 2

There are many exciting collaborations and projects unfolding in District 2 as winter fades and we head into spring and summer. I’m pleased to have this opportunity to share two specific projects I’m working on.

This last year, I was able to help fund the restoration of the Habitat Gardens surrounding the Environmental Education Center. These are living classrooms for K-12 environmental education programs, community education programs, teacher workshops and the site for weekend activities at the Center for families to enjoy. Next, I’m looking to fund repainting of the mural wall at the center, which will show the many layers of diversity in our County and also fund playground equipment featuring musical instruments.

I’ve also been working hard to ensure an accurate and complete count for the 2020 Census. The County is investing in the Census because the number of people in our County determines where resources are allocated for schools, roads, and social services. It is vital that we get every person who resides in Coconino County, including children and students, to be counted. I’ve been instrumental in bringing stakeholders from across the region together for a “Complete Count Committee” so we can start the education effort. Please look for more information on the Census in the next year and help us spread the word on this community wide effort.

I’m once again honored to serve you in our wonderful County. If you would like to get on our newsletter mailing list, then please contact my office with your email address at tmunoz@coconino.az.gov or call at 928-679-7152.

Supervisor Jim Parks, District 4

Happy Spring! The spring thaw has set in and snow is melting away rapidly. Stock tanks are full, and water is running everywhere. Horses are losing their winter coats and baby calves are hitting the ground on local ranches. Upper Lake Mary is running over the dam and the Lower Lake and Mormon Lake are looking like lakes again. It looks like we are going to have a great spring this year. The normal everchanging weather cycles returning a wet cycle, after a drought cycle, to our Arizona (high) desert just as it has for thousands of years.

We did have a significant snow fall event in late February, with a 40 inch snowfall measured at the Flagstaff Airport, and over 60 inches reported at Forest Lakes on the Mogollon Rim. The snowplow crews and emergency services worked around the clock to make sure roads were open and passable as soon as possible. The storm was touted as the most snow to fall in the shortest amount of time since 1915. However, many storms in the last 40 years have dropped more snow than this storm, most notably the winters of 1967-68 and 2010. Then, of course the winter of 1991-92, when the runoff of both Upper and Lower Lakes Mary went over the dams and we had water flowing over the top of Lake Mary Road, which flooded the Lake Mary Meadows subdivision behind the dam. This year’s storm was significant, but it wasn’t as bad as some past winters in overall snow levels. Happy Spring!
Vice-Chair and Supervisor Lena Fowler, District 5

Greetings! With the new year and new energy, economic development in our region continues to be a focus of my work. We recently hosted our annual Colorado Plateau Economic Development Symposium in Page to discuss our region’s economic growth and opportunities. The symposium ended with a call to action to create a regional Economic Development Alliance and Foundation supporting this entire region. With the support of the Board of Supervisors, I am also working on a request to Congress to authorize federal funding to minimize the socioeconomic impacts from the closure of the Navajo Generating Station.

Another collaborative effort is extending the Grand Canyon National Park Service North Rim season. Earlier this year, Coconino County released an Economic Impact Study conducted by Northern Arizona University’s Alliance Bank Economic Policy Institute. The study shows that if the North Rim were open an additional four weeks a year, then it would result in an additional $14.3 million in economic growth and support an additional 183 jobs in the region.

Trails are important community amenities that help to spur economic development. For this reason, I established the Regional Trails Alliance to identify, connect and eventually map the existing trails in the region for all users. Studies show trails enhance economic activity by building new businesses and creating jobs. It’s important to direct visitors to identified and signed areas, which keeps them informed and safe, while creating a healthy individual, family and community.

My office continues to offer services in requesting Arizona Birth Certificates, scheduling Spring/Fall Flagstaff Justice/City court hearings and offers year-round FREE tax preparations. For more information on these services or to sign up for my weekly E-blast, please contact my office at 928-283-4518. We are happy to be of service to you.

DR. MARIE PEOPLES appointed Deputy County Manager

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a concept to help improve outcomes for shared populations, identify efficiencies and best practices, model cooperation and enhance customer connections. As part of this process, the Board determined that the person hired to fill the vacant Deputy County Manager position would guide the critical County functions of justice, human services and health.

Dr. Marie Peoples was appointed Deputy County Manager in November 2018. Dr. Peoples had served as the Coconino County Public Health Services District Chief Health Officer since 2013. In her new role Dr. Peoples collaborates with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, County criminal justice and health and human service departments.

Dr. Peoples began her career as an abuse therapist within Missouri’s correctional system and has worked within several of Missouri’s prisons with a variety of offender demographics and rehabilitative programs. In addition, she has worked for the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri Department of Mental Health and served as the director of a county health department in Missouri.

Dr. Peoples holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration, a master’s degree in sociology and criminal justice, a master’s degree in public health and a Ph.D. in public health epidemiology. She is also a recipient of the Gabe Zimmerman Award.

“I’m honored to continue my career at Coconino County as the Deputy County Manager and to be a part of this innovative and strategic vision,” said Peoples. “I’ve enjoyed my time leading the Health District and look forward to continuing to work with the extremely professional and excellent staff there along with those who serve our most vulnerable populations in justice and social services.”

County reimagines service delivery with one health and human services Department

The County has initiated a realignment and integration of the Career Center, Community Services and Health District into one health and human services department. The goal of the department realignment is to strengthen customer connections and enhance service delivery by providing greater synergy among programs and services.

Service realignment planning is underway and reconfiguration of the existing building to support the new service design will follow. The administrative home of the department will remain at 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff.

Director of Special Initiatives Kim Musselman is leading the department realignment and the process of recruiting a new Director who will oversee the integrated department.

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School Resource Officer's Function Within the School?

The Flagstaff Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) can be seen throughout the day at various schools within the Flagstaff Unified School District. Officer George Schorman is tasked with maintaining a safe environment for students and faculty so that they may achieve their full potential. Numerous studies indicate that students who reported feeling safe in school are more engaged in class, have higher academic achievements and lower rates of absenteeism, truancy and behavioral issues. Likewise, faculty who feel safer in school can direct their focus on academics, (as opposed to dealing with behavioral issues), which contributes to their ability to focus on supporting students learning. Officer Schorman works with staff, students and the Flagstaff Police Department to help create and maintain a safe, secure and peaceful school environment.

SROs fulfill a variety of roles within the school system. For example, Officer Schorman helps to prevent and respond to school-based crimes; teaches the Project ALERT curriculum to 8th grade students and provides safety and security for students and faculty while promoting a positive school climate.

Project ALERT is a program aimed at building skills related to the resistance of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure. The curriculum includes instruction-based videos as well as role playing so students can practice their own ways to say “no”.

Officer Schorman not only provides safety and education as part of his duties as an SRO, he is also a law enforcement officer. His duties include dealing with trespassers on school grounds, off-campus crimes reported by students, deterring on-campus violence and criminality, patrolling school property and making arrests when necessary.

“The kind of relationships police forge with teachers and students, rather than the number of arrests they make, promotes school safety.”
—American Civil Liberties Union and Citizens for Juvenile Justice

Officer Schorman works with administration and students to proactively focus on early intervention of criminal behavior rather than address the behavior in a reactive manner. This allows for school discipline to occur prior to the need for a student referral to the juvenile court system.

Our goal to build positive relationships with students, while collaborating with educators and other professionals, helps SROs to proactively address school safety issues and divert at-risk students from the juvenile justice system. This, in turn, contributes to the overall success of students and faculty.

For more information about our SROs and program contact Sergeant Charles Hernandez II at 928-679-4108.

The 54th Legislature for the State of Arizona

The 54th Legislature for the State of Arizona is underway, and lawmakers are making progress on legislation that provides resources or policy changes to make better outcomes in the criminal justice system, public health and social services. Coconino County elected officials and staff are working with legislators on advancing these issues.

In 2018, the Legislature made significant improvements in these systems by passing large parts of the Fair Justice For All legislative package proposed by the Arizona Supreme Court. This session’s work does not have the same volume as last year, but significant, bipartisan bills are moving through the system.

Rep. John Allen (R-Scottsdale), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is taking the lead on restoring the civil rights of those who have completed their sentences successfully. A felony conviction in Arizona strips the convicted of the right to vote, hold public office, serve on a jury or possess a firearm. House Bill 2080 would automatically restore the civil rights of a person not previously convicted of felony after final discharge of their sentences to be eligible to apply for restoration of rights. People who committed felonies would need to wait for at least two years after final discharge of their sentences to be eligible to apply for restoration of rights. Then, a judge would make a final determination, and the proceeding also allows the victim of the crime to make a statement on the restoration of rights. Those convicted of dangerous offenses may not apply for restoration of their rights under the bill.

The bill has passed the House and at the time of this publication is now pending in the Senate.

Coconino County has been a leader in helping those involved in the justice system overcome barriers to employment. In 2017, the County adopted a “Ban the Box” resolution which instructs the HR department to not ask about the arrest and/or conviction status of a job-seeker until the candidates is selected for an interview. This legislature is now debating the same law as Senate Bill 1437, authored by Sen. Martin Quezada (D-Glendale), which would implement this law statewide for employers with over 15 employees. The bill passed the Senate 17-13 and is pending in the House at the time of this publication.

Mental health issues are not going unnoticed in this Legislature. Senate Bill 1468 would require school districts, charter schools and Arizona teacher training programs to include suicide awareness and prevention training. The bill, authored by Sen. Sean Bowie (D-Phoenix), is intended to help teachers and school officials identify indicators of suicidal behavior and to help prevent childhood suicides.

Justice is at the center of our government mission. It is critical work that demands much of our state and local spending to administer. Supporting changes to the law helps improve the system by both fairly addressing crimes and by helping to restore the offender to good standing and employment in society. The restoration of a person who made poor choices to get in the system saves not just them, but all of us.

For more information about Project ALERT, please visit www.ProjectALERT.com
Providing Coconino County Inmates a **FRESH-START**

The Sheriff’s Office continues its commitment to provide criminal justice reform through inmate education and life skills training. The goal is to provide positive, life changing opportunities to help break the cycle of recidivism.

In partnership with Goodwill Industries of Arizona, the jail has rolled out the Fresh Start Re-Entry Program. Fresh Start is a voluntary, 7-week program that educates inmates with life skills and opportunities for positive self-development and employment upon release. People maybe familiar with the success of the Jail’s Exodus Program, which combines substance abuse treatment with integrated classes in a group therapy model. Like Exodus, Fresh Start uses cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT). CBT is a process which guides participants to better understand their thoughts, feelings and behaviors. It encourages commitment to change, provides a trusting and supportive environment, fosters interactive learning and lets inmates practice newly acquired skills.

Most Fresh Start participants are residents of the County who need help connecting with resources, treatment programs, basic living needs and job placement assistance to help them break the cycles of incarceration. If additional room is available, non-residents, who may end up in Coconino County due to court ordered reasons, are considered for the program. In 2018, the program assisted over 200 people in custody, and over 80 graduated from the program.

Fresh Start is provided in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Northern Arizona. The program builds upon many of the job skills, career training, health, family, life skills and well-being classes that are offered to the general inmate population. Inmates in the program attend classes led by the Fresh Start Team. Once released from custody, Goodwill Industries continues to assist graduates by connecting them with resources for basic workplace needs.

The success of the Fresh Start Re-Entry program is due to the efforts of a dedicated team of program coordinators, educators and community liaisons. Several of the team members are staff of the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office.

The first two weeks of Fresh Start classes are spent on developing cognitive life skills. After that, one week is dedicated to each of the following topics: parenting, anger management, substance use intervention, employment readiness and maintenance. The final week focuses on “Real Colors,” which discusses personality traits and communication skills.

Each portion includes worksheets and a class circle. During class circles, participants discuss the worksheets and each person is provided an opportunity to speak on their own personal experiences within the topic. Participants receive a certificate of completion for each week’s subject. After the 7-week period, a graduation ceremony is held. Graduation hats are worn, certificates are conferred and warm words are shared with the graduates by their fellow participants and facilitators.

Other classes are also offered each week. Every Wednesday, a volunteer from Parenting Arizona offers classes. Volunteers from the Literacy Center also visit on Thursdays teaching classes on reading, vocabulary, current events, art and poetry. On Fridays, the Peaceful Revolution teaches Meditation and Yoga. Friday afternoons are set aside for guest speakers. These speakers are usually program graduates who share their stories of success, determination and how the program helped them.

Each month, staff from the County Health District offer classes on hygiene and sexually transmitted diseases. They also teach a Food Handlers Course.

Once a person re-enters the community, the Sheriff’s Office contracts with Goodwill Industries to provide out-of-custody services. Continuing education is available for those seeking their GED, certifications and licenses needed for job placement. While the Goodwill Career Center is open to all members of the community, some of the services described are only available to members of the Fresh Start Re-Entry Program as part of Goodwill’s collaboration with the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office. Individuals sentenced to the Department of Corrections can also qualify for out-of-custody assistance.

**“I alienated every person I loved or loved me. I gave up on life and was full of self-pity. I was never more alone…I am able to face reality & maybe help others accomplish the same thing.”**

**“…holding myself (accountable) for my useless choices is one of the biggest behavior changes I’ve made here in the Fresh Start Re-Entry program…The point is I want to change and use it in life so I never come back. The pattern is broken I can honestly say. I’m not coming back!”**
A Path to Prosperity Extends Through Page

Entrepreneurship is a proven pathway for people to build income, independence and financial security for themselves, their families, employees and communities. Rural entrepreneurs start businesses at higher rates than their urban counterparts and have higher five-year business survival rates. These businesses play a vital role in rural areas, creating roughly two-thirds of new jobs and supporting the economic and social wellbeing of their communities.

County Community Services started its Basic Business Empowerment (BBE) and Individual Development Accounts (IDA) match saving grant programs 12 years ago because, out of the 70 percent of Americans who want to start a business, only 10 percent follow through due to lack of knowledge and capital.

Recently, Community Services held its 12-week BBE course for 14 participants in Page.

Participant Erin Cranston started a small espresso business in Page in April 2017. When her BBE training ended last December, Erin and her business partners Kim and Jeramie opened Philadelphia Baking Experiment. Erin’s former BBE classmates frequent the shop, including Charlotte Nockideneh, owner of a tour guide business.

“IT was delicious, and I was happy that she got her business going.”

The bakery was recently featured in the Lake Powell Chronicle and has a well-designed website and extensive following on Facebook.

“I think one thing all the (BBE) participants agreed on was the fact that our Facilitator (SBDC Director Diana White) took the time and effort to drive up here to teach this class,” Cranston said. “We really appreciated that and now I’m aware of how much a business class could help our area.”

She currently is looking into applying for participation in Community Services’ IDA Match Saving Grant Program for small businesses and continues to improve her partnership bakery.

Spring, summer and fall BBE courses, capped at 15 participants, are offered annually in Flagstaff. BBE will be offered again in Page this fall and has been proposed for Williams next spring. Plans for a distance-delivered BBE training are being discussed to serve participants County-wide.

If you have basic computer skills and access to the internet, plus a business start-up or expansion idea, then please call or email Program Manager Scott Neuman (928-679-7463, sneuman@coconino.az.gov).

Coconino County Community Services: Senior Recertification Program

In August 2018, Coconino County Community Services / Social Services (CCCS/SS) implemented a new Senior Recertification Program (SRP). This program serves residents of Coconino County who are 60 years or older, disabled and meet income eligibility. CCC/SS provides utility bill assistance to those eligible people who find themselves in crisis by using funds from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program enables seniors to receive a yearly utility assistance of $800 to use toward electric, gas, wood or propane for five years. After initial eligibility is determined, seniors can quickly be recertified each year (up to four additional years) with a review of household size and income.

As of March 13, 2019, CCC/SS, has served 178 households resulting in 264 people benefitting from the program.

For additional information or to see if you qualify for the SRP, please contact Community Services at 928-679-7453 or sharlos@coconino.az.gov

Nellie began receiving housekeeping services from the CCC/SS in 2012 after a domestic violence incident that landed her in the hospital. She was also diagnosed with multiple health issues and has significant difficulties in mobility requiring the use of a wheelchair and cane.

Living on a very limited income, Nellie learned about the SRP from her Homecare Community Aide. She was then deemed eligible and began receiving utility assistance in February 2019. The SRP has provided a level of relief and support which she truly appreciates and is extremely grateful for.

MC regularly volunteers and has lunch at the Montoya Senior Center, which is run by the Coconino County Community Services (CCCS) Senior Nutrition Program. In FY19, CCCS staff found out that she was in a bad living situation due to harassment and eventually she was sleeping in her car. CCCS gave MC moving funds to relocate her into a safer living situation and, because she was also eligible for the SRP funding, she got $800 towards her electric bill. With the assistance provided, she was able to purchase both food and auto insurance. This year, MC also attended a CCCS Financial Empowerment course to give her tools to help her with money management.

Erin’s former BBE classmates frequented the shop, including Charlotte Nockideneh, owner of a tour guide business. After buying a birthday cake, Charlotte said, “It was delicious, and I was happy that she got her business going.”
Prescription Drug Misuse Education, Prevention and Response

The Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD), in partnership with community stakeholders, launched the CCPHSD Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program in 2018. The program is funded through a grant from the Arizona Department of Health Services and focuses on the following strategies to address opioid use disorders in Coconino County:

- Improve prescription drug disposal
- Promote new prescribing policies
- Improve community and first responders’ access to Naloxone
- Increase community awareness
- Increase the number of referrals to substance abuse treatment

Free Naloxone Distribution Program

Naloxone is an easy-to-use, life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of overdose from heroin or other opioids, including morphine, methadone, codeine and other drugs derived from the poppy plant. Community members can receive free Naloxone kits which includes overdose response education & training.

Free Deterra

Deterra is a drug deactivation system that neutralizes drugs effectively, safely and quickly. Deterra is available for free at the CCPHSD Clinic Office, Health and Community Services Building, 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff.

Opioid Crisis Response Program

The CCPHSD Opioid Crisis Response (OCR) Program team works to reduce opioid overdoses by connecting people to treatment and support services. The OCR provides:

- Peer support & case management
- Referrals to treatment
- Referrals to support services
- Tips & tools to help you stay safe and prevent overdose
- Free overdose reversal drug, Naloxone

CCPHSD will continue to monitor and track substance use trends and to use these findings to collaborate with public health partners to enhance and expand services for substance abuse, suicide prevention and behavioral health.

Call for more information: 928-679-7267.
In an emergency, call 911.

Oral Health

The CCPHSD Oral Health Program provides Preventive and Emergent Care Vouchers for adults aged 19 and up with no insurance and household income below 201 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or adults 21 and up with AHCCCS and household income below 201 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Participating individuals must be current Coconino County residents.

Preventive Care Voucher: Preventive Care Vouchers are designed to assist adults in obtaining preventive dental care.

Emergent Care Voucher: Emergent Care Vouchers are designed to assist adults in obtaining care for dental emergencies. The program provides vouchers, which are like money, to be used at participating dental offices throughout Coconino County.

Services are available in:
Flagstaff: 928-679-7355
Page: 928-645-3206
Williams: 928-856-2100

A New Medical Examiner’s Office being a Reality

The CCPHSD Medical Examiner’s Office facility is one of only three accessible Medical Examiner services in northern Arizona. The current facility, built in 1979, has exceeded its capacity, and efforts toward securing an updated facility became a priority.

Through collaboration with Coconino County Facilities Management Department, County leadership and CCPHSD staff, a new location in east Flagstaff was secured.

Construction began in September 2018. The new state-of-the-art facility will include:

- Increase in cooler capacity from eight to 24 decedents
- Large autopsy suite to accommodate two simultaneous examinations
- Improved exterior access to the facility
- Larger administrative area to more adequately house staff
- These improvements will help to better serve Coconino County and the neighboring jurisdictions, which rely on these services.

The new CCPHSD Medical Examiner’s Office facility is located at 4402 E Huntington Dr. Flagstaff, and is expected to be completed in May 2019.

LOCAL PARTNERS ARE WAGING A BATTLE ON FOOD INSECURITY

Many school children are offered breakfast and lunch during the school year. But where do children receive meals when school is out for summer break? The USDA established the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. When school is out, SFSP provides free meals to all kids and teens, 18 years and younger. Children can eat at any site, anywhere in Arizona and proof of income or residency isn’t required.

The program began in 2016 when the Coconino County Health District joined St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD), the Hunger Free Alliance and the Grand Canyon/Tusayan Wellness Coalition to expand the current Summer Food Service Programs in Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon.

The coalition aimed to increase participation by reducing barriers like transportation by opening new sites in Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon communities. Increasing the number of sites would allow children to walk or bike to sites, which would increase their access to healthy meals and fun activities. The opening of new sites increased participation by serving 2,567 (6.7 percent) more meals served in 2018.

Working with the Grand Canyon/Tusayan Coalition, the SFSP was expanded to two new sites for lunch at local parks in Valle and Tusayan.

CHPD staff assisted in promoting the Summer Café Meals within these communities, volunteering at sites, serving meals and facilitating fun activities for the kids & teens.

The program will be back for another great year in 2019. More information about the Summer Food Service Program is available at https://www.azhealthzone.org/summerfood.
Q&A:

with Clerk of the Superior Court

VALERIE WYANT

The Clerk of Superior Court serves as the official record keeper and financial officer for the Superior Court. The Clerk satisfies more than 500 state statutes and Court rules:

- Provide the public, court, media and the legal community access to all records of the Superior Court in Coconino County.
- Attend each Superior Court session to record the actions of the court.
- Be the first stop in initiating a Superior Court action in civil, criminal, juvenile, probate, adoption or domestic relations matters.
- Collect and disburse court-ordered fees, fines and victim restitution in an expedient manner.
- Receive, distribute and preserve official court documents.
- Store exhibits for all court cases.
- Issue and record marriage licenses.
- Act as Probate Registrar handling informal probates for the Court.
- Act as jury commissioner to establish a pool of jurors for trial in Superior Court, Justice Court and federal cases, and for grand juries for the Superior Court and State Court.

One of the most misunderstood processes about the Courts is jury selection. If you’re curious about how the process works, then please see these frequently asked questions and answers:

Q. Why is jury service important?

The United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution guarantee all people, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or economic status, the right to trial by an impartial jury. Justice ultimately depends on a large measure upon the quality of jurors who serve in our courts.

Q. Who is entitled to a jury trial?

Generally, any person charged with a criminal offense or any party to a civil case has a right to a jury trial. All parties are equal before the law and each is entitled to the same fair treatment.

Q. How are prospective jurors selected to be summoned for jury service?

Jury service is not voluntary, but is a civic duty imposed upon all citizens by statute. You do not need any special skills or legal knowledge to be a juror.

Each year, prospective jurors are selected randomly from the County’s master jury list, which is created by merging name lists provided by the Arizona Motor Vehicle Department and the Coconino County Elections Department.

Q. I received a jury questionnaire. What is this?

Twice a year, the Jury Commissioner receives an order from the Presiding Judge instructing that enough persons be randomly selected from the master jury list and be mailed questionnaires to determine eligibility to qualify as prospective jurors for the following six months.

Generally 12,000 qualifying questionnaires are mailed out from mid-April through the end of May and again from mid-October through the end of November.

You have the option to respond to the questionnaire either in writing or online.

Q. Is jury service mandatory?

The United States Constitution and the Arizona State Constitution guarantee the right to trial by jury. Failure to attend as directed may be subject to penalties provided by law; A.R.S. § 21-223.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 21-201; All Coconino County residents are obligated to serve as a juror unless they:

- Are NOT a United States Citizen;
- Are NOT a Resident of Coconino County;
- Are UNDER 18 years of age;
- Have been convicted of a felony and their civil rights have NOT been restored.
- Have ever been declared mentally incompetent or insane by a Court of Law.

Q. How do I request to be excused from jury service?

Prospective jurors, otherwise eligible to serve, may be excused from jury service only for extreme hardship, or if they are at least 75 years of age. All requests must be submitted to the Jury Commissioner’s Office in writing prior to the prospective juror’s service date as explained on the jury questionnaire.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 21-336 a Prospective Juror who is scheduled to appear for jury service may postpone the date of their initial appearance for jury service two times only, by contacting the Jury Commissioner by telephone or in writing.

A third request for postponement may be subsequently approved only in the event of an extreme emergency that could not have been anticipated at the time the initial postponement was granted.

Q. Can my employer prevent me from serving as a juror?

State law (A.R.S. § 21-236) prohibits an employer from discharging or in any manner discriminating against an employee for taking time off to serve as a juror if the employee, prior to taking time off, gives reasonable notice to the employer of the requirement to serve as a juror.

Q. I received a jury summons. What is this?

A jury summons directs you to appear for a specific Court at a designated date and time for jury duty. Summons for jury duty are randomly selected by the jury software.

When you receive a Superior Court summons, it will instruct you to call a recording the night before you are scheduled to report to ensure that the trial you are summoned for has not been cancelled.

Please remember that failure to appear for a jury summons could result into being summoned back to court to explain why you didn’t appear and face possible sanctions by the
Jurors that are selected to serve on a jury should dress comfortably, but appropriately for a courthouse. The temperature in the Jury Assembly Room and in the courtrooms can be unpredictable, so you are encouraged to dress accordingly. Shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops, midriffs, halter tops and flip flops are NOT PERMITTED.

Q. Are jurors paid for their service?
Jurors that are selected to serve on a jury shall be paid the statutory jury service pay which is $12 per day plus mileage. All jurors are eligible for a round-trip mileage allowance. The number of miles for each juror is calculated based upon where the juror lives, using the juror’s residential zip code. Jurors who serve on trials lasting longer than five days may be eligible for additional compensation from the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund. Details about how to apply for this compensation are provided to jurors on lengthy trials after they have been selected for the trial.

Q. Parking and Transportation
Included in your summons will be a pink parking slip which will allow you to park in the spaces around the courthouse that normally require a fee to park.

You may show your jury summons to Mountain Line transportation driver and receive a free bus ride to and from the courthouse.

Q. What may jurors wear to jury service?
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Q. How late will I be at the courthouse?
The Court’s normal hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prospective jurors should arrange to remain the entire day. Additionally, child care is not provided and it is inappropriate to bring your children to jury duty.

While the jury selection process may seem intimidating when you receive the summons, most agree that providing this important civic duty is an enriching, educational and an unexpected bonding experience. If you have any questions regarding jury service or have any other need, then we encourage you to contact the Clerk of the Court to answer those questions the best we can.

>>> Questions? Please contact the Clerk of Superior Court’s Office, Jury Clerk 928-679-7616 or for all other inquiries 928-679-7600

CHANGES TO COCONINO COUNTY COURTS

Recently there have been many changes with the courts in Coconino County.

At the end of December, Judge Jacque Hatch retired as the Division 1 Superior Court Judge. Judge Hatch was a longtime employee with the Public Defender’s Office prior to becoming a judge. She served our community as a judge for eight years.

In addition to Judge Hatch’s retirement at the end of December, Judge Mark R. Baron retired from the Fredonia Justice Court. Judge Baron served as the Justice of the Peace for the Fredonia Precinct for 17 years. He also served as the Presiding Justice of the Peace for Coconino County from 2011 to 2012, and from 2015 to 2018.

On Feb. 28, Judge Margaret McCullough retired from the Superior Court bench after serving 25 years as the Juvenile Court Judge. For the last 14 years, Judge McCullough served as the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge.

Judge Ted Reed was sworn in as the Division 1 Judge on Jan. 1, 2019 taking over for Judge Hatch after her retirement. Judge Reed had been serving as a judge pro tempore for eight years in Division 6 and has been a Recovery Court judge for many years.

In addition to Judge Reed, Judge Fanny Steinlage was also sworn in on Jan. 1, to become the Division 6 Judge, which was vacated by Judge Reed. Prior to becoming a judge, Fanny Steinlage served as a Deputy Public Defender for 14 years.

Also, on Jan. 1, Judge Serena Cutchen was sworn in to become the Justice of the Peace for the Fredonia Precinct. Judge Cutchen previously served (and is still serving) as the Magistrate of Fredonia.

On March 1, 2019 Judge Angela Kircher was appointed to take over for Judge McCullough as the Juvenile Judge. Prior to becoming a judge, Angela Kircher served for 10 years as an attorney in juvenile delinquency cases with the Coconino and Maricopa County Attorney’s Offices.

In the coming months, Judge Mark R. Moran will be stepping down as the Presiding Judge of Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court will be appointing a new Presiding Judge. Long-time Court Administrator Gary Krcmarik will also be retiring this year. He will be replaced by Deputy Court Administrator Sharon Yates.

Court leadership is excited with all the new changes and looking forward to providing outstanding service to the citizens of Coconino County.
Kudos for County Snow Removal Team during Record-Breaking Snowstorm

This winter the Public Works Road Maintenance Team received numerous compliments from residents for their efforts during snow removal operations, especially during a three-day snowstorm in late February that broke a single-day snowfall record set in 1915 for the Flagstaff area with 35.9 inches and dumped up to four feet of snow around the County.

“Terrific job on the County roads in my area. Thank you!”

“You folks rock!”

“These hard-working folks are saviors and deserve respect and appreciation.”

“Thank you so much for braving the elements & keeping us safe!”

“Thank you for your hard work keeping the roads safe to drive.”

“Thanks to all of you who put yourselves at risk to keep our roads open.”

“Thank you. Can’t say it enough!”

Capital Projects for Spring 2019

Mormon Lake Road Reconstruction Project

The $9.5 million Mormon Lake Road Reconstruction Project includes the mill, overlay and widening of the entire 9.8 miles of roadway along the western shore of Mormon Lake. Tree clearing operations for upcoming shoulder widening were completed this winter and construction will get underway this spring.

The project, which is slated to be finished this fall, is CFL’s third project along the Lake Mary Road Corridor that will complete a network of multimodal lanes, which is crucial for tourism and recreation in the area. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/MormonLakeRoadProject

Townsend-Winona Road Pavement Repair Project

The Townsend-Winona Road Pavement Repair Project will repair the deteriorated four-mile stretch of Townsend-Winona Road between U.S. Highway 89 and Rio Rancho Road. This section of roadway was severely impacted by freeze/thaw cycles that created numerous potholes along the roadway during the winter.

The Townsend-Winona Road Pavement Repair Project is an emergency maintenance project. The cost of this project will impact the County’s chip seal and pavement preservation projects that had been scheduled for this spring.

Townsend-Winona Road will remain open during the Townsend-Winona Pavement Repair Project; however, traffic control will be in place and drivers can expect delays during construction. Traffic control and construction information will be posted on the project’s web page at www.coconino.az.gov/TownsendWinonaProject. Information also will be available on Facebook by “Liking” Coconino County Roads.
New Assistant County Engineer Nick Hall

Last November Public Works welcomed Nick Hall as the new Assistant County Engineer. As Assistant County Engineer, Nick leads the Engineering Division’s design team that includes a right-of-way technician, engineering technician/CAD designer and surveyors. A Professional Engineer (PE) and certified Road Safety Professional (RSP), Nick utilizes his knowledge of traffic control devices, road design, traffic analysis and pavement preservation management to help the department develop and manage pavement preservation and Roads Capital Improvement Plan projects.

A Phoenix native, Nick is a graduate of ASU. He previously worked for Yavapai County and FNF Construction.

DID YOU KNOW?

Coconino County, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, conducts an annual green waste burn at the Willard Springs Transfer Station each fall to reduce its 15,000-cubic-yard stockpile of pine needles, tree trimmings and other green waste before the next year's fire season. The burn, which is continually monitored, goes on until late winter or early spring depending on the weather.
**Flood Control Update**

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Repairs to off-forest flood mitigation measures in the northern portion of the Schultz Flood area get underway this spring. The Brandis Way Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) infrastructure was damaged by unprecedented monsoon flooding on July 18, 2018 during the greatest recorded storm to ever hit the 2010 Schultz Fire scar.

According to the National Weather Service, this was a 1,000-year storm event that produced total rainfall of up to 5.9 inches measured by area rain gauges. Two-hour rainfall amounts of 4.5 inches or greater were measured at three of these gauges. This was over double the intensity of rainfall and the level of rainfall that occurred after the Schultz Fire on July 20, 2010.

Although the flood mitigation measures performed exceptionally well during this storm, repairs are necessary to restore them to optimal functionality before the 2019 monsoon season. For more information please visit [www.coconino.az.gov/SchultzFloodInformation](http://www.coconino.az.gov/SchultzFloodInformation).

**Kachina Village Improvement District Update**

Under the direction of the County Board of Supervisors, the Kachina Village Improvement District (KVID) is working to return governance of the utility to the residents of Kachina Village and establish a local Water Board to provide leadership for KVID. This effort is the culmination of a long process to secure the future of KVID.

It has always been the intention of the County to convey the utility back to the residents of Kachina Village once a plan for KVID’s successful future was in place. Over the last several years, KVID has conducted a comprehensive assessment of its infrastructure, completed a master planning process and developed a financial plan to ensure the continued fiscal health of the utility. Additionally, KVID has implemented a new rate structure, approved in June of 2018, which not only supports the operations of the utility but also allows for investment to replace its aging infrastructure. KVID’s governance transition is a key part of this process, the goal of which is to put the governance of the utility into the hands of the community it serves. KVID deserves leadership that is solely dedicated to the utility, and it is important that the decision makers of the utility come from Kachina Village.

KVID staff will be returning to the Board with the goal of having a public hearing this spring to make the final decision. Initially, KVID’s Board of Directors would be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. These five appointees, who would assume responsibility for governing the utility on July 1, 2019, are being selected from an Advisory Committee composed of 14 residents and ratepayers who helped KVID evaluate its financial plan, rates and governance transition. Future members of the Board of Directors would be selected by local election and come from residents and property owners in Kachina Village.

It is important to note that day-to-day operations at KVID and the utility’s current management team remain unchanged while work continues towards this governance transition. KVID is committed to delivering the same quality service to Kachina Village residents during and after the transition.

For more information please visit [www.kachinawater.com](http://www.kachinawater.com).

**Public Works Adds Fourth Senior Operator to Maintain Navajo Nation School Bus Routes**

Last year Public Works added a fourth full-time Senior Operator to its Navajo Nation school bus route maintenance team. This additional Senior Operator reduces the total mileage each team member must grade, which increases routine grading efficiency and coverage along these routes.

Navajo Nation school bus routes are key elements of an overall transportation system that supports daily lives and the economy of the Nation. The quality of school bus routes on the Navajo Nation affects school district costs & children’s safety.

Maintaining Navajo Nation school bus routes is a core County service. Proposition 403, the County’s Road Maintenance Sales Tax that was approved by 60 percent of Nation voters in November 2014, allowed the County to increase the miles of Navajo Nation school bus routes it maintains by 30 percent to the current 286 miles and increase the number of Operators.

**Forest Restoration Update**

The County’s Forest Restoration team continues to build partnerships with local industry, non-government organizations and government agencies to support accelerating restoration efforts that will protect County communities and forest resources from catastrophic wildfires and post-wildfire flooding.

Last fall, several County Supervisors and the County’s Forest Restoration Director met with U.S. Senator Jon Kyl, Undersecretary of Agriculture Jim Hubbard and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Deputy Chief Chris French to tour restoration activities near Flagstaff and discuss the critical need to increase the pace of forest restoration in Coconino County. This winter, Forest Restoration Director Jay Smith facilitated meetings for the Coconino County Industry Partnership to discuss issues that are affecting the progress of restoration with the USFS and Congressman Tom O’Halleran.

The Forest Restoration team is currently working with the National Forest Foundation and the Kaibab National Forest to move forward with forest restoration operations on the steep slopes of Bill Williams Mountain. A request for information was sent out in February 2019 to prospective industry partners for 300 acres of steep slope thinning. Work is expected to begin as early as fall 2019.
The Parks & Recreation Health Connection

Parks and Recreation plays a vital role in community health. Coconino County has a variety of parks, trails and open spaces that can help contribute to peoples’ quality of life and provide an outlet to connect to nature and to each other.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), “Public park and recreation agencies create healthy communities and play a fundamental role in enhancing the physical environments in which we live.”

Think of the places you enjoy visiting and why. Is it because there are plants and green spaces, or views and open spaces? Is it to get outside and move? Is it to learn a new skill?

Coconino County Parks & Recreation (CCPR) offers six County parks and two natural areas where everyone can enjoy a variety of accessible outdoor physical activities like walking, hiking, biking, watching wildlife, learning new skills or enjoying a special event.

But what about the mental effects parks and recreation have on your health and wellness? Another article from NRPA highlights how parks, green spaces, natural surroundings and programming classes that engage the mind and body can help to improve mental health in a variety of ways. There are studies that show this from both rural and urban participants.

This year, CCPR staff met with local parks and recreation organizations from Fredonia, Flagstaff, Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, Page, Sedona and Williams as a part of the Master Plan process. They learned about the many programs, partnerships and initiatives those agencies are engaging in. Wherever you are in Coconino County, there are opportunities to participate in activities – to make a healthier you!

To find out more information on upcoming events, not only at Coconino County Parks & Recreation, but also County-wide, check out our Facebook Page. Facebook.com/CoconinoParksandRec

REFERENCES:
COCONINO COUNTY

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Parks & Recreation held 27 Master Plan community meetings last fall and a survey this winter. Thank you to everyone who participated! The department is now preparing the Draft Master Plan document, and it will be available for review this summer. Once the plan is released, people will be encouraged to review and offer opinions on the draft. Check the website at Coconino.AZ.Gov/Parks/MasterPlan for easy ways to review and comment on the draft Master Plan.

FRONTIERE AT ROGERS LAKE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Located adjacent to Rogers Lake County Natural Area and with views of the San Francisco Peaks, Frontiere at Rogers Lake is now available for special events. The site may be reserved for overnight or day use, May 1 – Sept. 30. Visit FrontiereAtRogersLake.com to learn more about this special events venue and to book reservations.

THE FORT TUTHILL MILITARY MUSEUM

The Fort Tuthill Military Museum opens for the season on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, and will be open Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. through the summer. This year, the Museum will feature a traveling exhibit, “Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation’s Armed Forces” from June 28 – July 21. Visitors can view this special exhibit during regular Museum hours.

The exhibit reveals the remarkable history of Native American veterans through art, photography and written essays. The exhibition was produced by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and was made possible by the generous support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Visit FortTuthill.org for more information and ways to support and volunteer at the Museum.

Upcoming Events

Check out our website for upcoming programs and special events. Overland Expo WEST returns to Fort Tuthill County Park May 17-19, and the Flagstaff Pro Rodeo is at the park June 27-29. For a complete list of events, including youth summer camps, check out Coconino.AZ.Gov/Parks and click on Calendar.

The Pepsi Amphitheater at Fort Tuthill County Park kicks off the 2019 season with a new music festival May 25 & 26, the Grateful Festival. Visit PepsiAmp.com for tickets and upcoming shows!

Save the Date

2019 Coconino County Fair, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2 at the Fort Tuthill County Park Fairgrounds.

Join the Fair community and submit a Fair exhibit this year! There are 20 Fair departments, from Floriculture to Fine Arts, with entries due in early August. CoconinoCountyFair.com
NAU: SERVING COCONINO COUNTY FOR 120 YEARS

Achieve60AZ: 60% by 2030

NAU is committed to helping Arizona achieve its goal for 60 percent of Arizona residents to have a college degree or certificate by 2030. To do this, higher education must be accessible and affordable. NAU continues to serve primarily Arizona residents, and our students are increasingly reflective of the state’s population. Our graduates also tend to stay and work in Arizona.

NAU is a key contributor to the attainment goal for 60 percent of Arizonans to have a certificate or college degree by 2030.

40% of NAU freshmen are first-generation college students*

27% are earning their degrees at statewide campuses or online*

67% of NAU students are Arizona residents*

Our long-standing partnerships with the state’s community colleges and our established online education program make NAU degrees accessible and affordable throughout Arizona, with 20+ statewide campuses and 200+ online and statewide degree programs.

The Value of NAU in Coconino County

2,000 clinical hours are contributed annually by NAU nursing students through a Northern Arizona Healthcare / NAU partnership

4,000+ patients are served annually on a sliding-scale fee basis by NAU’s Dental Hygiene Clinic

6,000 kids a year receive healthcare screenings through NAU’s Kiddie Clinic, Project Zero, and others, including dental hygiene, speech, and language

19,500+ jobs are supported by NAU throughout Coconino County

$1.96 B of Coconino County’s economic activity is generated by NAU

Approximately 33% of the County’s gross regional product stems from NAU’s economic impact

700 hours of patient care are also provided by NAU nurse practitioner students each year

400+ NAU College of Education students provided more than 100,000 hours of assistance in local K12 classrooms through student teaching and practicum experiences in 2018

Economic Contribution of NAU To Coconino County

NAU: SERVING COCONINO COUNTY FOR 120 YEARS

The Value of NAU in Arizona

24,000+ jobs throughout Arizona are supported by NAU

100,000+ NAU graduates reside in Arizona

>84% of NAU’s 2017 resident baccalaureate graduates are employed in AZ

$2.6 B is generated annually for the Arizona economy by NAU

43% 60%

2018 2030 GOAL

* in FY 2019

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Strengthen Workforce through Partnerships: A Success Story for Local Residents

Collaboration and strategic partnerships in Coconino County are key to improving workforce growth. These partnerships benefit businesses, communities and customers through the strength and contribution each brings.

The Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician (CAMT) course has just completed its fifth successful year through a partnership with:

- Coconino County Career Center
- Arizona DES Vocational Rehabilitation
- Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona
- Coconino Community College and
- National Apartment Association.

This partnership has been built and supported through the ARIZONA@WORK network of community partners.

Earning a CAMT National Certification has put close to 100 unemployed Coconino County residents on the road to success. To support these students, the Coconino County Career Center provides full scholarships for course tuition plus additional funding for tools as they begin their new career. Graduates also work closely with a Workforce Specialist to ensure their continued success.

Careers with a CAMT Certification include apartment and building maintenance, hotel/motel maintenance and property management. The 90-hour intensive course includes college classes, work readiness and a job fair, that introduces new graduates to local employers looking for qualified maintenance professionals. Employers have been impressed with students’ trade knowledge, the CAMT National Certification and the additional certifications in EPA608, PEX and OSHA.

Success stories are created every day:

- A young man coming out of the justice system was able to secure full-time employment and can support his family.
- A dad moved his family to Arizona and wanted to enroll in the certification program so badly that he was willing to sell his vehicle. The Coconino County Career Center and its partners were able to ensure that his tuition was paid without him selling his car.
- After moving from California to get out of a lengthy commute, a student showed such promise that he was hired by an employer at the job fair. His new career has grown and now he oversees multiple apartment complexes and the maintenance staff.
- After losing his job when his employer shut the doors, a student was first to enroll. He graduated top of his class and was able to secure employment immediately.

Participants in the program also include women looking for a new career and finding success. One example was a mom and daughter taking the same class together.

The CAMT course is held every year with classes offered in Flagstaff and Page. The Flagstaff program is offered in early spring and the Page program is offered in May. You can contact the Coconino County Career Center at 928-679-7400 for more information on this and other workforce programs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 COCONINO COUNTY SUSTAINABLE BUILDING Awardees

--- 2019 Awardees ---

- Tinycamp, Darin Dinsmore
- Bass Residence, Stilley Tulloss Design Build Group
- 908 Hereford, Williams Area Habitat for Humanity
- Tomaso Getaway, Green Mountain Construction
- O’Leary Suites, AHC Construction LLC
- (big) TINY Home, Sabé Homes
- Tears of Joy, Owner-Builders John & Beth Fagan
- Lucky Dragons Ranch, Owner-Builders Veronica & Brad DeVries
- Noll Residence, Stilley Tulloss Design Build Group
- Ryan Historic Home Preservation, Good Oak Enterprises
- Foam Sweet Home ADU, Owner-Builder Tim Clark with Hope Construction
- Fox Residence ADU, Owner-Builders Aaron & Kellianne Fox
- Boehmer Residence, Stilley Tulloss Design Build Group

For more information contact the Coconino County Sustainable Program 928-679-8850 or aacheson@coconino.az.gov
Changes at CCC help student learning experience

A makeover shop for the benefit of students interested in the construction trades. A simulation laboratory now operating for the benefit of students wanting to be nurses, paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Start a college career online, or get immersed in art.

Coconino Community College (CCC) has been busy responding to student and community needs, and the college is a flurry of activity in recent months.

“So many wonderful things are happening across all of Coconino Community College’s locations,” said President Dr. Colleen A. Smith, Ph.D. “We will always remain dedicated to helping students in all our communities realize their educational goals.”

Here are some highlights:

$1 million to CCC Construction Program

Thanks to a $1 million grant awarded from the Del E. Webb Foundation, Coconino Community College’s Construction Technology Management (CTM) Program will be getting a makeover to help the College meet construction industry demands in Coconino County for skilled trade workers.

“The news about the grant to enhance our construction program will mean so much to our students and employers in our region,” said CCC President Smith. “Our communities have been sharing with us the need for a trained workforce in various areas, and the construction industry is at the top of the list.”

“The Del E. Webb Foundation was honored to give this award to the Coconino Community College Construction and Mechanical Trades program,” said Dr. John B. Lees, president of the Del E. Webb Foundation board. “We feel this project will provide long-term benefit by meeting a critical need, not only in the community but in all of northern Arizona as well.”

The funding, to be received by the CCC Foundation, will serve several purposes: Renovate the current CTM facility at CCC’s Fourth Street campus; expand existing CTM classes; and add in-demand programs like Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Technology, Welding Technology, Electrical Technology, Solar and Wind Technology and Electronic Drafting.

SimLab Operational

The Medical Simulation Lab, or SimLab, at the CCC Fourth Street campus offers nursing, paramedicine and EMT students a chance to experience medical issues they might encounter in real life.

The SimLab, which is set up very much like a clinic or hospital, is equipped with four mannequins that can talk, show vital signs and offer a variety of medical scenarios to students.

In a recent Arizona Daily Sun article, David Manning, Paramedic and EMT instructor at CCC, said, “The mannequins are able to function pretty much as a real patient ... The idea is, when a paramedic goes in to deal with a patient, the evaluator is not going to be there for information, so they have to get all of their information from the patient.”

The SimLab was built with the assistance of CCC’s Construction Technology Management students. Ken Myers, CTM Faculty at CCC, said that a large group of students spent a semester designing and building the space. Instead of costing $30,000 to build using outside construction work, the students were able to get that cost down to less than $4,000, with much of the funding from a variety of local organizations.

The SimLab was made possible with funding provided by Northern Arizona Healthcare Foundation, Capstone Health Fund, Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff, Molly and Joseph Herman Foundation and the McClanahan Family Unrestricted Fund.

Begin Your College Journey at Home

Coconino Community College is now offering students the possibility of beginning the first year of their college journeys from the comfort of their homes.

CCC’s Arizona General Education Curriculum certificate, called AGEC-A, fulfills the lower-division general education requirements at all three state universities. It is now fully available online.

This certificate is perfect for students who live in more remote locations, where commuting to a campus can be challenging. Additionally, CCC backs up the online learning with a variety of support (like advising and tutoring help) to keep students moving forward on their educational goals.

College Credit

CCC’s new Supplemental Online Instruction program helps rural high school students get access to Dual Credit courses that interest them.

By allowing eligible high school students to enroll in online college courses and including a high school instructor to supplement the class with hands-on activities and labs, students have a much better online learning experience.

The students are able to master the concepts in class while getting familiar with online instruction, which will serve them well as they venture into higher education after graduating high school.

Adult Ed Classes, More in Page

Enrollment began Jan. 30 for Adult Education classes at CCC in Page, and this year’s offerings at CCC in Page also include several noncredit Community Education classes and talks on a variety of topics.

New adult education classes (GED, English language acquisition) are Monday and Wednesday, noon to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

CCC Page also has several Educational Talks (ED Talks) planned for the spring. Topics include: Better Service Series, focusing on visitors from different cultures, Archaeology of New Zealand and Rock Art. Noncredit course topics include: Honky Tonk Dance, Beginning Excel, Dog Training & Care and Critical Computer Skills.

For more information about Page offerings, call 928-645-3987.

Art Installations Go Up

Artistic expression is blooming at CCC’s Lone Tree campus, where art installations have been going up since February.

The first was the Faculty Art Exhibit, which ran through mid-March. The exhibit showcased the work of CCC’s Fine Arts Department faculty – painting, drawing, photography and ceramics. The purpose was to let students and others see what CCC’s faculty do as artists themselves.

The exhibits conclude with the Student Art Exhibit, which began in April immediately after the Lunar Dreams Exhibit, and runs through the week before Commencement on May 10. Students will showcase their work in a variety of artistic media.

And finally, don’t forget CCC’s monthly ED Talks at the Fourth Street campus. Also CCC hosts a lunch lecture series on the third Wednesday of the month through July.

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