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From the Capitol Times

Tax cut bill zips through House, heads to Senate

By Jim Small - jim.small@azcapitoltimes.com

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The House of Representatives has approved a bill to stimulate economic development by cutting taxes and creating new incentives for businesses, despite complaints from critics that the measure was rushed through before it could be understood completely.

Democrats who opposed the bill said legislative budget staff hasn't even had a chance to analyze what impact the tax cuts would have on the state's general fund. They said the bill was a "corporate bailout" because large companies will benefit most from the incentives and tax cuts.

It also will hurt homeowners by shifting more of the property tax burden to them because of the business property tax cuts, said Rep. Tom Chabin, a Flagstaff Democrat.

"It is very clear that homeowners today cannot sustain this kind of burden," Chabin said.

But House Speaker Kirk Adams, who sponsored H2250, said the effects of the property and income tax cuts are "virtually none" in the immediate future, as they are phased in over several years beginning in 2011. He disputed the idea that the bill was rushed through.

"It's been in the making for months and months," Adams said.

The House approved the bill Jan. 28 by a 34-25 margin. It was opposed by all Democrats and Phoenix Republican Doug Quelland. The bill now moves to the Senate.

The vote on the House floor came three days after it was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee. Democrats on the committee attempted to prevent a vote on the bill, but a motion to hold it until a fiscal analysis was complete was voted down.

Republicans said the bill would create an environment that would attract businesses.

"Arizona is not competitive (with other states)," said Tucson Republican Frank Antenori. He pointed to states like Texas, Florida and Ohio that have very aggressive incentive policies and low taxes designed to attract manufacturing and high-tech jobs. (con't on page 7)

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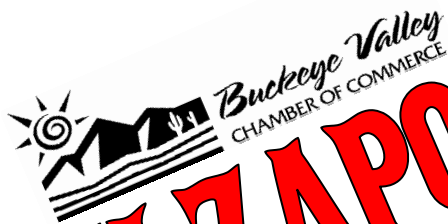


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- Feb 9 Federal ID Theft
- Feb 16 Buckeye Police Chief Bob Daniels
- Feb 23 Economic Development, TOB



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New Dental Plan.....!!

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SecureCare Dental Member Benefit Program

BUCKEYE VALLEY Chamber of Commerce is introducing a new Triple Choice chamber dental insurance program for members. Enrolling effective March 1st, 2010, the new dental insurance program will help chamber members save money, while offering more competitive employee benefits.

The dental insurance program is for member businesses that have been in business at least 12 months and enroll at least 2 or more full-time employees. Employees may select from three fully-insured plans. No employer contribution is required.

Dental plans for the program are administered through SecureCare Dental.

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Dental Program Advantages

Did You Know Your Buckeye Valley Chamber Dental Insurance Program covers:

- Composite (white) fillings on molars as standard?
- Four cleanings for patients with certain gum surgery?
- Two cleanings anytime during the calendar year?
- Orthodontia (braces) for adults and children immediately?
- Prior coverage credit for time spent on a previous group plan?
- Pediatric care with no age limit?
- Root canals and gum procedures as Basic services?



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Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Member



Open Enrollment

March 1st, 2010

April 1st, 2010

Plan Benefits...

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SECURECARE DENTAL
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Your Chamber Member Benefit

Introducing The Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Dental Insurance Program

Your family's dental health is important to your Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC), because quality dental care can improve your overall health and wellness. For instance, regular dental care can prevent gingivitis (gum disease) which is linked to heart disease and diabetes.

As a result, the Buckeye Valley Chamber is offering its members a dental insurance program with three plans. You decide which plan fits your budget and healthy lifestyle!

The Copay Plan

- 100% coverage after copays
- No annual maximum
- No in-network waiting periods
- Extensive dentist network
- Best used in in-network

The PPO Plan 1

- 100% coverage for cleanings, exams and x-rays
- High annual maximum
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The PPO Plan 2

- 100% coverage for cleanings, exams and x-rays
- Freedom to see any dentist
- High annual maximum

More Standard Highlights

- National dentist network
- Easy online enrollment
- White fillings covered on all teeth
- 4 cleanings covered with periodontal surgery
- All plans cover adult and child orthodontia.

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Upcoming ...



February, 2010

For information on town hall hours, click "Calendar" on home page

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Buckeye Business Connection	3	4	5 NSPRA	6 TOB Archery Program NSPRA
7 NSPRA	8	9 Buckeye Business Connection	10 District 6 Candidates Forum	11	12	13 TOB Archery Program BOSS Health Fair
14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S	15	16 Buckeye Business Connection	17	18 CHAMBER MILL IRON MIXER	19	20 TOB Archery Program Yard Sale
21	22	23 Buckeye Business Connection	24	25	26	27 TOB Archery Program
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Town of Buckeye to Host Yard Sale – Heritage Park Fundraiser

The Town of Buckeye's Community Services Department is sponsoring another yard sale from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Heritage Park, 809 N. First St.

Ten-foot by 20-foot spaces can be reserved at a cost of \$20 each by contacting Lindsay Yanko, 623-349-6602 or lyanko@buckeyeaz.gov. Applications are also available on the town's website, www.buckeyeaz.gov, or can be picked up at Town Hall, 530 E. Monroe Ave.

Firearms, weapons or alcohol cannot be sold at the yard sale.

All proceeds from the sale of vendor spaces will go toward the design and construction of Heritage Park.

Buckeye's Passport Services, Human Resources Department Moving to Town Hall

The move from the Alice Charman Municipal Building on Ash Avenue to the new three-story facility at 530 E. Monroe Ave. is effective Monday, Feb. 1.

Passport services will be located on the first floor of Town Hall, where job information and applications will also be available.

Passport applications are processed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday – appointments are recommended and can be made by calling 623-349-6254.

Passport book fees are \$75 for age 16 and older and \$60 for age 15 and under. Passport card fees are \$20 for age 16 and older and \$10 for age 15 and under. Checks or money orders should be made out to the U. S. Department of State for those fees.

The Town of Buckeye's processing fee is \$25, with payment by cash or money order.

Members...

Renewals...

Katy Bruehl
Brian & Christy McAchran
Buckeye Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Christine Fryer Insurance Agency
Farm Bureau Insurance—Dorothy Lockard
Haul-A-Way
Kathryn Tracy, Accountant
M & M Portable Toilets
Main Street Lofts at Verrado
Richard LTD.
Stillpointe Early Education Services
West Valley National Bank

The Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce and Verrado Assembly are hosting a

District 6 Candidates Forum

**Wednesday, February 10th
From 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm,
At Verrado High School
20050 W. Indian School Road
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

**Candidates at the forum will be;
Dave Rioux
Eric Orsborn**

Tax Cut Bill con't

Arizona has based its economy on the housing industry for decades, Adams said. That makes the state particularly vulnerable to economic swings.

"It's well past time that we get serious in this state about attracting jobs," he said.

Click here to read our main story about H2250 (Jobs dilemma — government or private sector?) (<http://azcapitoltimes.com/blog/2010/01/28/jobs-dilemma>)

Main Points of the GOP Jobs Bill (H2250):

- Cuts the business property tax assessment ratio from 20 percent to 15 percent over five years, beginning in 2012
- Phases out the state equalization property tax rate over four years, beginning in 2011; it would be completely gone by July 2014
- Cuts the corporate income tax rate from 6.97 percent to 4.5 percent over four years, beginning in 2011
- Cuts the individual income tax rate by 10 percent over four years, beginning in 2011
- Doubles the amount of time a business can pay reduced property taxes in an Enterprise Zone from five to ten years
- Creates a new Arizona Job Training Program for employers who will create new high-wage jobs. Funding for the program will come from a portion of the withholding tax revenues from new high-wage jobs
- Creates the Arizona Opportunity Fund, which allows the state to award grants to build infrastructure or otherwise attract high-wage jobs to the state. It will be funded by money appropriated by the Legislature federal stimulus money
- Creates the Arizona Quality Jobs Program, which would provide quarterly cash rebates to companies that bring new high-wage jobs to Arizona. It would be funded by a portion of the withholding tax revenues from new high-wage jobs.

Member Showcase...

Correction!

In the last newsletter, we ran this profile on Bradys Enterprises. My Apologies to Keith Sauder for listing the business phone number incorrectly! Please make a note of the correct phone number!

Bradys Enterprises

Bradys Enterprises is a Buckeye AZ information technology repair and consulting company. They provide computer repair, installation and networking services to home and business. Services cover desktops, servers, laptop repairs & upgrades, and new systems installed and configured.

Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via mobile SmartPhone with e-mail.

Keith says: "no computer jargon, I promise to speak easy to understand English during diagnosis, explaining solutions and solving the problem."

Keith provides residential and commercial, onsite and pickup repair services.

Training is also available; "helping you learn" new software or electronic devices!

Keith Sauder
Bradys Enterprises
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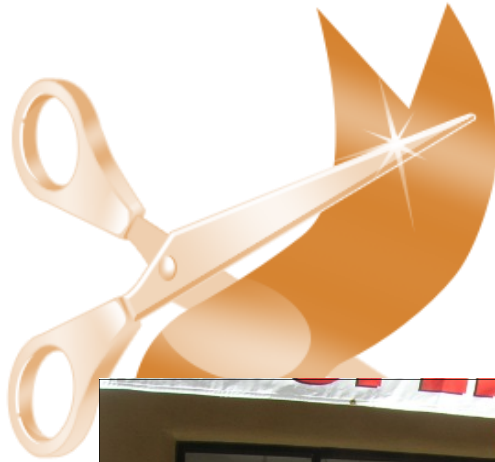
She has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and is a former Internal Revenue Service Revenue Agent.

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Ribbon Cutting...

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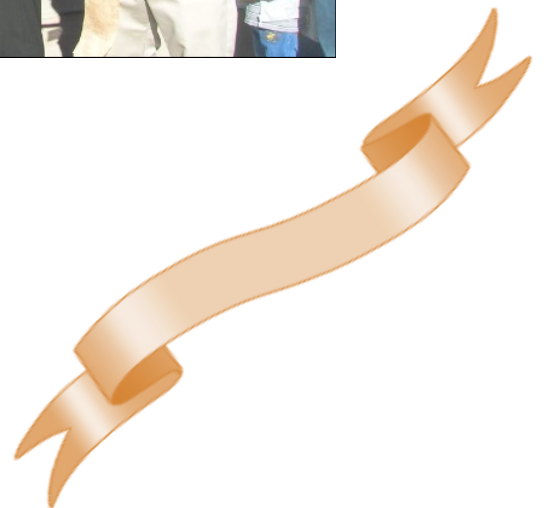


Mayor Jackie Meck, Councilman Brian McAchran, Ambassador Chairman Brandon Mello and Ambassador Dena Mason assist with the ribbon cutting for the new Express Care Pharmacy on Miller Road, behind Checker Auto Parts. Pictured center are Brian and Jackie, Pharmacy Managers



If you would like to have a Ribbon Cutting, Grand Opening, or Ground Breaking ceremony, contact the Chamber at 623-386-2727

If you would like to host a mixer or sponsor a quarterly luncheon, please let us know!





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When: Saturday, April 17th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Where: Estrella Mountain Community College
NWC Dysart Rd. and Thomas Rd
3000 N. Dysart Road
Avondale, AZ 85323-1000**

January Quarterly Luncheon

Our speaker was Dean Martin, the Treasurer of the State of Arizona. This was a very successful event: interesting information was passed along and many questions answered.

The Chamber Board wishes to thank Farm Bureau Insurance, Dorothy Lockard for their generous sponsorship of the January Luncheon!



Dorothy Lockard welcomes members



Dean Martin, Treasurer, State of Arizona
Guest Speaker

At the luncheon, our Board Chairman, Todd Hornback, made an impromptu request for donations to the Red Cross to aid victims in Haiti, and in under 15 minutes, we collected \$259! Way to Go, Buckeye Valley Chamber members!

SPECIAL THANKS TO: EagleTail Ranch Horse Adventures (623-670-4917) for their "door prize" donation of a Two Hour Trail Ride for Two!

Membership Meetings...

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April Quarterly Luncheon

To Be Announced

February Mixer

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