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Leading Buckeye

May/June 2010

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BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FROM THE CAPITOL

April 14, 2010

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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

The Second Regular Session of the 49th Arizona Legislature adjourned sine die on April 29th at 11:07 p.m. A handful of big issues dominated the 109 days, notably the budget and the immigration law enforcement bill.

BUDGET

State government in Arizona is operating on 2004 income with 2010 demands. It has been difficult to address to say the least, and in most cases budget-related bills passed on a partisan basis. The Legislature passed a two-pronged budget in March, with and without passage of the tax increase. The possibility of an additional billion dollars in cuts rests with the voters on May 18th when the fate of the three-year one-cent sales tax increase is determined.

Even with a one-cent increase, agencies that receive general fund appropriations have been ordered to submit plans to find new funding sources for operations. Some of these agencies currently generate revenue sufficient to fund their operations, but those monies go into the general fund and may be appropriated as need is determined by the Legislature.

The fiscal year 2010/2011 budget also relies on voter approval for two referrals on the November 2010 ballot; one to repeal the Early Childhood Development Fund and redirect the existing resources; the other to sweep monies from the Land Conservation Fund. The voters approved the Early Child Development Fund in 2006. It imposed an 80-cent per pack tobacco surcharge to be used for early childhood development and health. First Things First, as it is commonly known, was the subject of much debate this year due to its substantial fund balance and how the program money can be used.

FUND PROTECTION; REGULATORY REFORM

On a positive note there are new laws protecting water resources funds and increased fees levied by the department of environmental quality. The purpose of the laws is to prevent the Legislature from simply sweeping funds collected for those specific purposes into the general fund and appropriating them for unrelated uses. In addition regulatory reforms were enacted that require evaluation of proposed regulations on business, seek to provide new opportunities for state contracts with private enterprise and require an agency to use a general permit for similar activities.

LUKE AFB

Of particular interest to the West Valley is Senate Bill 1410, sponsored by Senator John Nelson that allows state land to be exchanged for public land to assist in preserving and protecting military facilities.

JUST THE STATS....

Of the 1233 bills introduced, 352 were sent to the Governor. Brewer signed 338 and vetoed 14. In addition four measures were sent to the ballot.

Tour Spain
with
The Chamber!
See details on
Page nine!

Community Awards Banquet!

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Municipal Volunteer of the Year,
Debbie Driscoll



Municipal Employee of the Year,
Interim Police Chief, Mark Mann



Education Support Staff of the Year
Shila Tijerina



Education Volunteer of the Year
Julie Sullivan
Tomorrow's Winners



Community Service Award
Martha Gayle



Community Service Award
Hakeem Disu

Also honored
was
Educator of the Year
Jane Hunt



Buckeye Heroism Award,
Marcus Haynes
Buckeye Firefighter

Community Awards Banquet..

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chairman's Award,
Mr. Stephen Cleveland,
Manager, Town of Buckeye



Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year,
Brandon Mello, M & I Bank

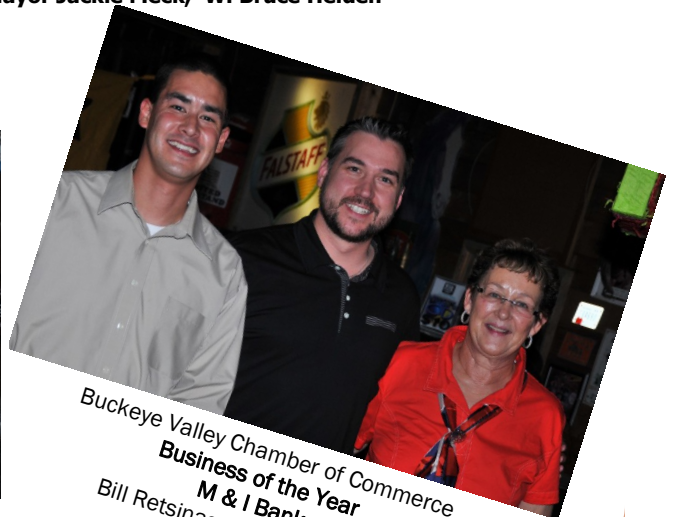


Citizen of the Year
W. Bruce Heiden
Dorothy Lockard, Mayor Jackie Meck, W. Bruce Heiden



Service Organization Member of the
Year – Linda Hardison, DAR

Right;
Deanna Kupcik,
Pres/CEO BVCC,
presents plaque
and gavel of office
to outgoing
Chairman of the
Board,
Todd Hornback



Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Business of the Year
M & I Bank
Bill Retsinas, center, Manager

Vacation Crime Prevention Tips...

Vacation Crime Prevention

As the summer months arrive, many of us are looking forward to a well-earned vacation. A time to relax with family and friends, visit tourist attractions or even just sit on the beach with a good book.. Whatever your vacation plans are, being the victim of crime is probably not one of them. While making your vacation plans you may want to consider adding these crime prevention strategies to your itinerary:

Secure your home when away

- Have quality locks on all doors and windows. USE THEM!
- Engrave all your valuables with your Driver's License number.
- Never leave a house key hidden outside of your home. A thief will find it!
- Make your house appear "lived in". Use timers for lights and radios. Have a trusted neighbor park their car in your driveway. Consider using a house sitter.
- Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers.
- Make sure that your landscaping is maintained in your absence.
- Leave trip plans and emergency phone number with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Some local police agencies offer Vacation Watch programs where officers will check your home. Call and find out!

On the road

- Never carry large amounts of cash. Use traveler's checks or credit/debit cards.
- If you have to carry cash don't display it openly.
- Keep a record of traveler's check and credit card numbers in a safe place in case they are lost or stolen.
- Have telephone numbers to call in case your credit card or checks are lost or stolen.
- Never advertise your vacation plans, travel routes or the amount of money you're carrying to strangers.
- Have your vehicle checked out by a mechanic before making a road trip.
- If your car breaks down, raise the hood and attach a white cloth to the car antenna.
- Carry a cell phone, water, food and a first aid kit.
- If you must leave your car keep all passengers together.

Sightseeing

- Ask for directions at your hotel or motel. They will often have maps available noting the best routes to the attractions you want to see.
- Select your guides carefully.
- Ask if there are any areas in town you should avoid.
- If older children go off separately, be sure they understand the importance of keeping track of time, returning promptly at appointed hours and personal safety.
- Trust your instincts...if you feel uncomfortable with an area or a person then go to an area where you feel safe.

Hotel and Motel Security

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phone.
- When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary-locking devices on doors and windows.
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry.
- Do not leave valuables such as jewelry, cash or credit cards unattended in your room.
- Arrange your belongings in your room so you will know if anything is missing.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area that is close to your room. Make sure that it is locked and that valuables are not visible.

Remember...Crime Prevention Needs Your Attention!

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Members...

New Members..

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Camping Tips

- Be aware of fire conditions. If campfires are allowed, build them only in designated areas and be extremely careful.
- Avoid camping alone in isolated areas.
- Park your vehicle so it will not be blocked by another vehicle in case of emergency.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency locations and phone numbers in case of accidents or crime.
- Avoid leaving your camping gear out in the open unattended.
- Avoid hiking alone at night.
- Use a chain and lock to secure propane tanks, extra fuel tanks, portable generators, spare tires, bicycles, etc.
- Always lock your camp trailer when you leave your campground.
- Install a locking device on your trailer and boat tow hitches to prevent theft.
- Before taking weapons with you, be aware of the regulations. In many parks and wildlife refuges, it is against the law to carry weapons.
- Report any suspicious activities and all crimes to the proper authorities - in parks, the park rangers; on private land, the police.

Ribbon Cuttings...and Congratulations

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Ambassadors and Town Dignitaries welcome **Store More, Self Storage**, 1596 S. Watson Rd, Buckeye and Heidi Norman, center.



The Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Welcomes three new Board members, elected at our April Luncheon.

Congratulations to:

Al Steen
Superintendent
Buckeye Elementary District

Ron Fleming
Manager
Global Water Resources

Mike Nalker
General Manager
Wal Mart Super Center

Paul J. Faith Recently Honored!

The law firm of **Faith, Ledyard, Nickel & Shelsky, PLC** is proud to announce its managing attorney and founder, Paul J. Faith, was recently named to the 2010 List of "Southwest Super Lawyers." Mr. Faith was also honored with inclusion in the 2010 national corporate counsel edition of "Super Lawyers" as a top real estate attorney and the 2010 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" in the specialty of Real Estate law. These publications honor the top 5% of attorneys in Arizona and nationally.

Mr. Faith and the firm of Faith Ledyard, Nickel & Shelsky, PLC were also recently honored with a listing in the 2010 Martindale Hubbell "Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers." Only the top 5% nationally of attorneys and law firms with the absolute highest rating for skills and ethics are included.

Congratulations to the Chamber's Legal Counsel!

Mayor Meck and Chamber Ambassadors welcome **Kathy's Fancy Fried Chicken & More**, 7707 Hwy 85, Buckeye. Owners are Bart & Kathy Mayfield. Kathy is pictured center.



Spring Demolition Derby...

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Spring Demolition Derby, May 8, saw a record turn out of spectators all having a great "smashem, bashem" time!



First Place:
Jeff Chiles



Second Place:
Jason Skelly



Third Place:
Kalum Mosbrucker



Fourth Place:
John Shope



Fifth Place:
Tanner Smith



AZ Army National Guard
Climbing Wall



The Odyssey Preparatory Academy Choir
sang the National Anthem



Buckeye Union High School ROTC
Flag Presentation



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Special People...

BUCKEYE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Congratulations, Buckeye Leadership Academy Class V!



Back row forward, left to right, the **Buckeye Leadership Academy Class V**, celebrates Graduation!
Jim Berdick, Larry Laurita

Lisa Powers, Joshua Bujanda, Dena Mason, Robyn Stout, Larry Tracey, Steve Myers, Brandon Mello, Jon Price
Amy Hayslett, Hakeem Disu, Steve Miller, Phyllis Stuart, Sue Mros, Judy Monachino, Michele McCombs
Beth Ann Marrs, Kennedy Amughan Not shown: Curtis Beard and Allison Scheer.

Leadership Academy is a once-a-year class presented by the Buckeye Valley Chamber in conjunction with the Town of Buckeye. The 12 classes provide a precise overview of each department in the Town and the functions of the Chamber.



The **Buckeye Business Connection**, morning networking group of the Chamber, presents the first "Jim Calderone Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$500 to Daniel Malfavon, a senior at Buckeye Union High School. Shown left to right: Darlene Terry, Chairman BBC, Daniel Malfavon, Annie Jackson, representing her late husband. Jim was a dynamic, respected and much loved member of this Chamber, the BBC and the Ambassadors and it is truly an honor to be able to carry his name onward in this community.

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We will visit beautiful Madrid, the Royal Palace, the Water Gardens of the Palacio de Generalife, Cordoba, the Giralda Tower in Sevilla, the Santa Cruz Quarter, and so much more...



Please contact: Jan Hessel — jan@buckeyevalleychamber.org

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Membership Meetings...

July Quarterly Luncheon—July 21, 2010

**Sundance Active Adult Community Center
930 S. Sundance Pkway
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(NW corner Rainbow Rd & Yuma)**

**Sponsored by:
Mesquite Power**

**Topic:
Solar Power**

Please RSVP no later than July 19 623-386-2727 \$15

June Mixer ~

Please call the office if YOU would like to host the June Mixer!

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**his is the opportunity to showcase your business
in a casual, social atmosphere that
really promotes networking!**

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**If you missed the 79th Annual Community Awards Banquet and Past President's Dinner,
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Our host Roman Comer with Deanna Kupcik





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