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April 2009 Supervisor's Update

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Hard to believe April is already behind us. The month ends as America and Arizona deal with a potential Swine Flu pandemic. I'm concerned but confident. We in the county continue to watch the situation closely and are prepared to act quickly and decisively.

This month I was able to meet with Arizona State Trust Land Director, Mark Winkleman. I've known Mark for a number of years and it was good to talk about the multiple State Trust Land issues throughout District Two and Pinal County. We spoke at length about the potential closing of Mountain View Road in Apache Junction. You'll be happy to know we are working on a solution with AZ State Trust Land and the City of Apache Junction ensuring the road remains open for the foreseeable future.

The Arizona Department of Transportation Director, John Halikowski, and I also met this month to discuss the future of our state-funded roads. We spoke at length about the East-West freeway (SR-802) running from the US 202 to Florence Junction, in addition to the North-South freeway running from AJ to Interstate 10. Both projects remain on the forefront of transportation needs within Northern Pinal County.

Governor Brewer and I also met twice this past month and talked briefly about our Public Health programs, as well as the critical Resolution Copper project in the City of Superior. It's good to see our Governor understands that Pinal County is no longer an afterthought. We are definitely a player in the future of our great state.

The Greater San Tan area's schools had a couple interesting learning exercises this month; one positive and one less than positive. Though both were productive.

J.O. Combs Middle School had a public meeting on April 7th to discuss the recent bomb scare. I was very pleased to see the public and the School District interact in a positive manner. Thank you to all who attended. I'm

confident our schools are more prepared and ultimately safer due to the public process.

On April 3rd, I witnessed an amazing drunk driving accident demonstration in the San Tan Foothills High School parking lot. The simulation used two crashed cars with student actors and our public servants in action. Our PCSO hauled one impaired driver to jail while Rural Metro Fire prepped an injured passenger for a helicopter that landed in the school's parking lot. Finally, the fire fighters ripped the top off one of the cars to extract an injured passenger. The demonstration culminated in over 400 students watching the Junior Class President being laid on the ground and a sheet placed over his simulated lifeless body. What a powerful message to send to our young people. One stupid mistake can have huge ramifications...

Finally, I had the honor of attending an Arizona Partnership for Immunization Award Ceremony. Pinal County was recognized for our outstanding accomplishments in the field of youth immunization. I was so proud to see our men and women recognized for making a difference in the lives of our citizens.

This month's employee in the spotlight is Ms. Gail Bradford of Pinal County's Public Health Department. Gail is the cornerstone of the County's Immunization Campaign. Her efforts have made a huge impact on the safety and health of all of our citizens. Way to go, Gail!

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