

# Gila County



WINTER 2015

## Seasons Greetings

**Dr. Linda O'Dell, Gila County School Superintendent,  
To Sponsor Spelling Bee and Science Fair for Gila County Students in 2016**



2015 Gila County Spelling Bee at Payson High School



Dr. Linda O'Dell is pictured above at right with the 2015 Spelling Bee winners:

*(L to R) Kristopher Klindt, Miami - 4th Place; Chris Provideo, Globe - 3rd Place; Alayna Dinges, Tonto Basin, 2nd Place; and, Colton Justice, Payson - 1st Place.*

The 2016 Gila County Spelling Bee will be held

**Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.**

**at High Desert Middle School in Globe.**

This is a public event and everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support of the talented students as they compete to represent Gila County at the state competition March 19. Spelling bees are a great American tradition which provide an excellent way to promote and honor academic achievement and excellence. Bees help students improve spelling, increase vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them throughout their lives.



**Supervisor Pastor  
announces  
community meetings:**

Jan. 4 @ 1:00 pm      Jan. 5 @ 5:00 pm      Feb. 2 @ 5:00 pm  
Roosevelt Lake Resort      Tonto Basin School      Tonto Basin School

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Forest Service will also be present to provide updates and listen to citizens' concerns.

*See you there!*

NEWSLETTER

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:**

Friday, December 25  
Christmas



Friday, January 1  
New Year's Day



Monday  
January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday / Civil Rights Day



Monday  
February 15  
Presidents' Day



Contact us:

(928) 425-3231  
General Information

www.gilacountyaz.gov

## Spotlight on Proper Recycling

**BLUE** recycling bins for paper, newspaper, junk mail, magazines and cardboard can be found in Globe at Fry's, Gila County Courthouse, Broad Street across from VFW, Miami High School and 5 Globe schools. Other areas are: Tonto Basin, Winkelman schools, Hayden Town Hall, and Mt. Turnbull Sanitation Yard in San Carlos. Payson locations are Wal-Mart, Green Valley Park, Payson Regional Medical Center, Rim Country Middle School, Payson County Complex, the Water Department, and Pine schools.

**GREEN** recycling bins for plastic beverage bottles and aluminum cans are located in Globe at Fry's, North Broad Street across from the VFW, and at the lower Court House parking lot. In Payson bins are located Green Valley Park and Sawmill Crossing and accept plastic (both PETE and HDPE), steel and tin cans, and empty non-hazardous aerosol cans. (Contact the Town Hall for more information at 472-5103.)

Solid Waste Operations Manager Sharon Winters thanks the community for its participation in recycling and reminds everyone that Gila County Recycling can only haul clean **#1 plastic** to the recycling company — with two exceptions: plastic milk jugs and aluminum cans. There is a triangle with a number inside it on the bottom of a plastic container. That number is the grade of plastic. Most beverage bottles in clear plastic such as soda, water, and sports drinks are #1 which is an acceptable recyclable plastic. Bleach, fabric softener and laundry soap containers are #7, which can often leak and contaminate a bin and render its entire 1200 pound contents "un-recyclable."

Ms. Winters also reminds the community that improper disposal of **"sharps"** is also contaminating otherwise recyclable materials. "Sharps" include: Needles, Syringes, Lancets, and Auto Injectors. Sharps containers are available at the Gila County Health Department and, once filled, can be returned to the Health Department for disposal. The containers and the disposal is free.

A tremendous amount of commitment and energy is devoted to recycling in Gila County. We all need to do our part to ensure that the intended long term effect on our environment is achieved.



\*\* Please remember to flatten cardboard to save space in the bins. \*\*

- Payson ⇒ Human Society - 605 W. Wilson Court
- Humane Society ⇒ Town Hall - in front of Police Station
- Aluminum Can ⇒ Habitat for Humanity - RESTORE
- Collection Sites ⇒ Waste Management - 902 N. Chenault Pkwy

*\*Reduce\**



*\*Re-use\**



*\*Recycle\**

### 2016 SCIENCE FAIR TO BE HELD IN MARCH, 2016

Linda O'Dell, Gila County School Superintendent, has announced that the annual Gila County Regional Science Fair is the perfect opportunity for our County's young scientists and engineers to showcase their talent and ingenuity. This year's event will be held at **Payson High School on Thursday, March 3**. Dozens of volunteers from Gila County serve as qualified judges for the various categories of competition. Judges not only score the projects, but also provide valuable feedback to the students and inspire them to continue their academic endeavors in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** fields. The public is invited to view the student projects from noon to 3 p.m. in the Longhorn Gym. An awards assembly will be held at 2 p.m. in the Payson High School auditorium to recognize the students.



Students are shown here at the 2015 Gila County Regional Science Fair. There were 93 projects from 138 students; 27 received top honors and qualified for the State Science and Engineering Fair, with 12 receiving state honors: Alyssa Boerst, Shelby Dixon, Amanda Branch, Meghan LaBadie, Novally Reid, Bladimir Benitez, Braedon Lombardo and Alex Hagan from Rim Country Middle School; Abby Cleary of Julia Randall Elementary; Anthony Charles Patten of Rice Elementary; Jerusha Paine of Pine-Strawberry; and Taylor Wilson of High Desert Middle School.





## Gila County Elections Department

Eric Mariscal, Director

### Presidential Preference Election

Voter registration deadline:	February 22, 2016
Early Voting Begins:	February 24, 2016
Sample Ballots Mailed:	March 11, 2016
Last Day to Request an Early Ballot:	March 11, 2016
Last Day for Early Voting:	March 18, 2016
PPE Election Day:	March 22, 2016

### Voter Registration

For information on how and where to register to vote, or to request an Early Ballot, call the Gila County Recorder's Office at (928) 402-8740. To check the status of your registration online, visit <http://voter.azsos.gov> or to register to vote online, go to [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com)

### Contact Information

Secretary Of State (Elections) website:  
<http://www.azsos.gov/election>

Secretary Of State (Elections)  
Telephone Number:  
(602) 542-8683

Gila County Website:  
<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov>

Gila County Toll Free Telephone Number:  
(800) 304-4452

### Who can register to vote?

Any United States citizen, who is a resident of the State of Arizona and Gila County who will be 18 years of age on or before the next state general election can register to vote. The "state general election" is the election that occurs in November of an even numbered year.

### Once I register to vote am I required to submit a new registration form for each election?

No. Once you have submitted a valid registration form, you are only required to submit a new registration form if you change your residence address, change your name or wish to change your political party affiliation.

### I have registered as an independent. Can I vote in a Primary Election?

Yes, currently Arizona is an "Open Primary" state. Independents may vote for candidates of recognized parties in a Primary Election. The only exception to this is the "Presidential Preference Election".

### Where do I Vote?

If you are not on the Permanent Early Voting List you will receive a Sample Ballot about 10 days before the Election. Your polling place location information will be printed on the Sample Ballot.

### What are the hours of the Polling Places?

Polling Places are open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Gila County Elections  
5515 S Apache Ave.  
Suite 900  
Globe, AZ 85501  
(928) 402 8709



The bikes are here!



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### Santa's Helpers:

This program is made possible through the generous donation of money and/or time and effort.

Capstone Pinto Valley  
AZ Dept. of Corrections  
Merle's Automotive  
Mike Wolf, Certified Bicycle  
Al Nader & Independent Riders

Gila County:  
Board of Supervisors  
Recycling & Landfill Mgmt.  
Engineering/Signage  
Injury Prevention Program



*Pictured L to R: COIII McLean, D.O.C.; Anna Petty, Capstone Mining; Don McDaniel, Gila County Manager; Shelley Vuksanovich, Gila County Engineering; Captain Martin, D.O.C.; Sharon Winters, Solid Waster Operations Manager; Lt. Shaw, D.O.C.; Michael Scannell, Deputy County Manager; D.O.C. Bicycle Crew; Supervisor Mike Pastor; and, Supervisor John Marcanti.*



## Gila County 2015 Service Awards



### 5 Years

Andrade, Zackery C  
Bryant, Laura M.  
Cottrell, Patrick J  
Cruz, Jessica L.  
Davies, Beth A  
Dooly, Larry A  
Duarte, Ruben J  
Flake, Jordan D  
Friestad, Jeremy S  
Gore, Cate A  
Lemon, Michael  
McCoy, Carl  
McDaniel, Don E., Jr.  
Rhyne, Kendall  
Scales, Gary  
Shapiro, Howard  
Toumberlin, Danielle  
Wilckens, Lisa J  
Williams, Charlotte A

### 10 Years

Boyer, Jay W  
Bradway, Deborah A  
Buzan, Scott L  
Campbell, Shawn T  
Cruz, Anna G  
Fagan, Carol L  
Hill, Julie M.  
Keegan, Michelle D  
Levario, Catherine R  
Martin, Tommie C  
Mata, Adrian L  
Nenninger, Gerald W  
O'Dell, Linda L  
Perez, Johnnie A  
Perez, Stephanie M  
Seibert, Mathilde M  
Tarango, Tiffney R  
Wellington, Cheryl A  
Williams, Stevan S

### 15 Years

Carlson, William H  
DalMolin, Bianca  
Gonzales, Ruben F III  
Heppler, Cheri A  
Lavin, Fred L  
Leon, Mary H  
Lord-Joerns, Kathleen A  
Modglin, Lisa M  
Rasmussen, Maria C  
Stratton, Kaycee L  
Ybarra, Michael J

### 25 Years

Baxley, Travis W  
Bondurant, Denice M.  
Johnson, Michael L  
Scott, Julie F  
Yeoman, Emma

### 30 Years

Garcia, Ramon J  
Pratt, Bertina  
Puhara, Donna  
Salcido, Arthur Q

### 35 Years

Gonzales, Martha H

### 40 Years

Casillas, Ruben O



*Thank you for your service!*

Each year the Board of Supervisors honors Gila County employees who have reached 5-year milestones. The Board feels that it is important to recognize the dedication of County employees, as well as the experience and knowledge that each one brings to his or her position.