

The PAYS ON NEWS™

Out with the OLD, in with the TRUE.

EVENTS:

OCT. 22, 2022

Payson Aero Fair

9AM till 3PM for more information go to www.paysonaerofair.com

OCT. 24, 2022

Payson Tea Party Meeting starts at 6:30PM at Ponderosa Bible Church 1800 N Beeline Hwy. Doors open at 6:00.

OCT. 27, 2022

Payson Town Council Meeting starts at 4:30 pm at Town Hall 303 W Beeline Hwy.

AFTER the COUNCIL MEETING:

WORK SESSION FOR ALPINE HEIGHTS

This is a PUBLIC meeting to discuss the illegal division of an HOA Lot by the Town of Payson. HOA Boards are encouraged to attend. Due to the expected large turnout for this meeting the ToP refused to move it to a larger venue. The people are NOT being given the opportunity to be heard, please attend this meeting and demand our constitutional rights!!

OCT. 29, 2022

ROCK THE PARK

Starts at 10AM till 2PM at Green Valley Park. Help Northern Gila County Community Drug Task Force keep kids off drugs. They need your support.

OCT. 27, 2022

Payson Town Council Meeting starts at 4:30 pm at Town Hall 303 W Beeline Hwy. Stay up on what matters.

OCT. 31, 2022

Payson's Trunk or Treat Festival at Rumsey Park 400 N. McLane Rd. from 4PM-7PM

NOV. 8, 2022

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Vote at Expedition Church, Mt. Cross Lutheran Church or Church of the Nazarene. Fight for our Country!

Ignored ADA Requests Cost



By Steve Otto

October 13, 2022 - In my casual perusal of the agenda for the Payson Town Council meeting nothing initially raised any warning flags. [1] Call to the Public-check. B-1 Approve the minutes of meetings held May 5, 2022, and May 12, 2022. (A five month delay seems to be the Payson standard.)- Check. C-1 Town Manager report, everything is okey dokey. - Check. D-1 several where-as, and so resolved - Check.

Then they get to D-7, ADA Transition Plan, Progress Report [2], power point presentation, [3] and the report by consultants Kimley Horn titled "Town of Payson Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan." [4] I couldn't believe what I was hearing. In March of 2022 a Payson resident

named Mark Davies emailed many candidates for town government and Michele Nelson at the Roundup with his experience trying to get the Town of Payson to replace some signage and repaint some handicap parking spaces at Green Valley Park. Mr. Davies felt it would cost less than \$200.00 to make the repairs. [5]

July of 2020 Mr. Davies sent emails to all of the Payson Town Council, Town Manager, Parks Director, Nelson Beck, and others but received excuses and dismissive responses. [6] His final attempt at resolution of this matter was an email dated July 28, 2020, to Sheila DeSchaaf. Sheila responded, "I've shared your concerns with the new director. Parks has numerous unfunded maintenance needs and competing interests every year-with

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TRUE HISTORY OF PAYSON

By Angela. Godac

This is the letter that my mother wrote in 2003 to Stan Brown who wrote historical columns in the Roundup. She, and other long-time Paysonites used to get very upset with the way he would record things wrong! To the person who didn't know any better, his stories became fact. Often wrong, they became the "way things were". Here, Mother is setting him straight!

Angela (Taylor) Van Horn Godac

Angela is a 4th generation Payson Pioneer resident. She writes: I grew up in Flowing Springs on the East Verde River about 6 miles north of Payson. Mother told me that when my brother was about 4 years old (I wasn't born yet!) that he got sick with a high fever. She had him in the tub to bring down the fever and he had a severe seizure which badly frightened her and after she got him taken care of she told my dad that she just couldn't live like that anymore! They had to have closer access to a doctor than Cottonwood (3-hour drive) or Phoenix (half day drive). Those were their only options back then.

My mom said she met with some ladies in town (named in her letter below), who were of like mind, and well, the rest is history.

March of 2003

Dear Mr. Brown:

Since there are only four persons left who can corroborate what I am about to write, I felt that I should set the record straight. That is regarding the history of the Payson Hospital. There are so many hard-working and generous individuals who should not be left out of the history.

The Payson Junior Womens Club was formed in 1954, mainly because Payson was 100 miles in any direction from any medical help.

Pat Cline, Nora Surrent, Hazel Owens, Johnnie Cline, Leta Jean Haught and myself met at

Richard and Valda Taylor's rock house on Oak Street. Gladys Meredith joined shortly thereafter, as did Mary Holder. The group decided to join "The National Junior Women's Clubs".

The Senior Women's Club agreed to let us meet in their building on Main Street. We elected officers and at our first meeting we voted to somehow acquire a doctor and a medical facility.

We held numerous raffles, started a "Buck a Month" club, and began to create enthusiasm in Payson and outlying areas. Gladys Meredith felt that we could create interest by holding style shows. She taught the "so-called models" how to walk, turn, etc, etc. The Fair Department Store in Phoenix provided the clothes for our first show. The Oxbow Hotel allowed us to have the show around their pool. Porter's also provided us with their Western wear. Then we approached Goldwaters in Phoenix. These wonderful people astounded us with their enthusiasm and help. We went to Phoenix and spoke to Bob Goldwater who managed the store there and he was very interested and said that his secretary and her husband, who was their buyer, would bring the clothes to Payson with all of the accessories. How very kind and generous!

The morning of the show, the company's private plane landed with the buyer and his wife, Bob Goldwater's secretary. The show was a success—we made some money and Mary Vaughn Bishop modeled and looked absolutely beautiful! Her pretty red hair had been done by a hairdresser friend of Gladys Meredith's from Phoenix.

The Junior Women decided to take a chance on selling tickets to a brand new Ford. We talked Tex Earnhardt into letting us have the car. We sold and sold and sold tickets but the time for the raffle was drawing near. We still needed about \$300 to break even! We really worked hard to sell the tickets. We went to

Pine and even went to Heber. Miraculously, (WOW!) Bill Miller, our angel, came to our aid. All in all, we made \$150 on the raffle.

We had numerous raffles and style shows for several years with clothing from Goldwater's and Karrack's (?) Department Stores.

An M.D. from Phoenix decided to move to Payson with his family. They rented a house across the street from where Pat and Raymond Cline lived. The house had three bedrooms and Dr. Hardenbrook even delivered some babies in one of the bedrooms. He was a nice man and a good doctor but we could not provide him with any conveniences so they left after about a year.

After Dr. Hardenbrook left town, our angels appeared!!! Steve and Cindy Hathaway donated the land, and Jude Murphy and his wife, Alice, donated money and support. Don Manthe was especially helpful to us, as he was a pharmacist, the owner of our only drug store.

We formed a Payson Medical Board with the intention of building a medical facility. The board consisted of Jude and Alice Murphy, Steve Hathaway, Don Manthe, T.L. Meredith, Hazel Owens, and myself. Dick Flack, Ed Glascock, Louis Pyle, and Malcolm Pyle were members at various times.

The money-raising effort was too slow and too time-consuming, so Jude, Steve and I went to the Valley National Bank in Phoenix and borrowed \$25,000. Plans were drawn and we were on our way. As the Hathaways had already donated the land, the building of The Payson Clinic began. When completed, we had a laboratory, patient rooms, a reception room, a doctor's office and surgery room and a medical supply room. Hospital beds and tables were donated from Good Samaritan Hospital in the Valley. Marcus J. Lawrence Hospital in Cottonwood gave us an autoclave and an X-ray machine!

We interviewed several M.D.'s and decided on David B. Gilbert, M.D. who had just completed his internship in Phoenix. He, his

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this year being no exception. Late in 2020 the Town will begin updating our Corporate Strategic Plan, which establishes the priorities for annual budgeting. Given your professional expertise ..." [7]

Armed with a plethora of dismissive communications Mr. Davies filed an ADA Complaint with the US Department of Justice [8] and received a reply August 21, 2020, signed by Dana L. Jackson, ADA Mediation Program Officer. [9] Mr. Davies signed the mediation agreement with the Key Bridge Foundation. October 14, 2020, Key Bridge Foundation sent a letter to the Town Manager, Town of Payson citing complaint #20 DRS-08-03 2AZ295, Davies vs. Town of Payson: Green Valley Park. [10]

Someone from Payson Town Government had to sign the agreement to accept mediation by Oct, 23, 2020. Repeated Freedom of Information Requests have been filed with the Town of Payson as to who signed and approved the mediation agreement with Key Bridge Foundation but all have been returned marked, "Nothing Found". [11]

The mediation process took place in Sacramento, CA and Payson had legal representation for the hearing, but Freedom of Information Act requests for the lawyer's name and compensation to the lawyer came back with 'no information'. [12] Mr. Davies claimed Payson was responsible for \$11,000,000 in repairs to resolve the case.

Information regarding this case was made public March 2020 on KMOG's Forum radio show. People in a position of authority within Payson Town government who knew the details of this settlement repeatedly called the

reporting 'misinformation', or worse, plain 'false'.

The Kimley Horn's report shows in detail the nature of the **\$11,577,597** Payson has to spend to resolve the ADA issue. [4]

The Town of Payson, Mayor Tom Morrissey, the Payson Town Council, Sheila DeSchaaf and others owe Mr. Mark Davies and citizens of Payson a written letter of apology for denying the facts of his allegations. I applaud Mr. Mark Davies for shining a light on a subject the town of Payson wanted buried. He is truly a Payson Patriot.

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MAYORAL FORUM

By Dave Golembewski

I attended the Mayor Forum between Tom Morrissey and Chris Higgins. I asked a simple question 🙄. Will You support allowing We the Voters, Us, (We the People), to vote on our own grocery tax in the Town of Payson? I'm sorry I got a little agitated at the answers. I didn't ask for their opinions on whether they thought we needed the tax or not. We all know the bureaucrats can spend the extra money in a heartbeat. But my question was would they put it on the voters plate 🍷 and allow us (the peasants) to vote on our own taxation? 🙄 Don't they believe In "No Taxation without Representation?" Or do they think the elected officials are the representation? 🙄 I don't think our founding fathers meant to leave taxation up to the 7 Dwarfs or even the Payson Town Council. I think they meant For We The People to vote on our own Tea Taxes or Food Taxes which are just as Evil and regressive. So anyway after Higgins avoided my real question 🙄 I got agitated and asked him to answer my question. He finally said, no he would not be for the people voting. I already knew his answer as he's told us before that he votes for us after elected. It's called a representative form of government that Higgins believes in. We vote for him he votes for us. He's even told me before that people are not educated enough on the issues to vote on them. I say educate us and let us vote. But I have to give Mr Higgins credit for standing up and finally answering me with a No. That took courage as we now know how he feels about us voting on our own grocery tax, it was a firm No he wouldn't support us Voting on our own food tax. I'm sure Higgins is afraid 🙄 of our vote and less tax money to flounder like drunken sailors. Ps He was in the Air Force I believe 🙄.

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Anyway with all fairness Tom Morrissey is also for keeping the grocery food 🍌 tax but answered the question with the tax should have never been enacted without the vote of the people. In 2018 I ran against Higgins for Council after he voted to raise our sales tax without our vote. Chris has now claimed our state laws today forbid sales taxes to be raised without our vote. That's Great News but the grocery tax was enacted by the council not by the people and I take issue with that Taxation without Representation. And our sales tax would be 8.60% not 9.48% and our grocery tax would be 2% not 2.88% if it weren't for Mr Higgins voting for Us. I'm sure we are all grateful for his representing our vote. I pray 🙏 Tom Morrissey really truly believes in We The People and In the People Voting as the True Representative Form of Government. I have to Trust Morrissey & Higgins have already raised our taxes and just answered my question with a big NO. PS: Stay tuned: We the People will someday put the grocery tax on the ballot Ourselves and Represent Ourselves as We The Voters. 🙏🇺🇸 Dave Golembewski

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CO-VID JAB EFFECTS THE DNA



Ways to Reduce the Damage If You've Taken the Jab

As spike proteins spread through the population, graphene oxide and nano chemicals make it possible to more widely geo-engineer DNA with the jabs in the human population. This is being done to prepare humans for brain-computer interface (BCI) and digital biology. A Stanford University study found that spike proteins were still present in the body 60 days after the jab.

IMPORTANT: How can we reduce spike protein damage and repair our DNA? There are four ways to reduce damage

from spike proteins in the lymph nodes, to inhibit their binding to cells:

1. Block the entry of spike protein into the cell using Ivermectin, Suramin, Catechin, Curcumin, or Carpenter's Herb.
2. Neutralize free radicals using NAC, Vitamin C, and antioxidants. (Zucchini squash is one of the best.)
3. Detox waste and toxins using intermittent fasting, exercise, and certain nutrients.
4. Deep cell repair with energy can repair DNA and remove genetic toxicity. The effects of positive energy on the DNA are major. When we adjust our thoughts, mindset, or spiritual intention, we can adjust the body's energy field and cleanse the body of harmful substances in a deep, holistic way, so that the body can recover faster.

A few recommendations from Dr. Zelenko's Protocol: contains Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), Zinc, Vitamin D3, and Quercetin. Take Zinc together with HCQ, and Vitamin C with Quercetin to optimize the delivery into the cells of the body. ★★★★★

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Gila County, Arizona

Protecting Our God-Given Rights.

WHAT'S GOING ON? - LORD HELP US



By: Jim Ferris

Starting with the Eric Holder's Fast and Furious gun running fiasco, Lois Lerner's blocking conservative organization applications for non-profit status, then the NSA's data gathering of private citizens, then Benghazi, then Hillary's illegal email server, then her 'paid for' fake dossier, then Hunter Biden's laptop, then calling January 6th an insurrection, now the Mar-a-Lago raid and you wonder why Americans don't trust government???. As an infamous politician would say - Come on, man!

Let's note a slew other current phenomenon that would come under the description of being totally lacking science, decency, ethics, and common sense:

- There are 57 or more different gender identities. Even the American Medical Association advises doctors not to specify a newborn's gender on their birth certificate - I guess they lost the ability to discern an infant's gender. If your dog has pups, do we wait till each pup chooses which gender they identify with before we make the grave error of assigning a poorly cited biological gender?
- Preschoolers have the maturity and wisdom to determine where they fall in this vast spectrum of gender identities and parents better seek gender transitioning health care or face having

their child taken from them. Think I'm kidding - look it up.

- Men can give birth. Show me just one man that has given birth and I will call them a birthing person.
- Sexually explicit children's books can be made available to your children in our public libraries. Yes, here in Payson. But don't say anything about it or the LBGTQ+52 will come after you and you will have no (well, maybe one) allies.
- If you go fishing without a license, you can be arrested, but if you enter our country illegally you get special social benefits (food stamps, money, free healthcare, free housing, and free transportation). These are benefits that your own children are not entitled to receive even though your taxes provide all these benefits for illegals - yes, illegals.
- You must show an ID to board a plane, cash a check, buy alcohol, check out a library book, but you do not have to show an ID to vote for our government leaders.
- The CDC and NIH can lie to us for two years, but if you don't take their fraudulent vaccine, you are kicked out of the military. And if you disagree with their lies you will be kicked off social media - cancelled! Just shut up and be compliant and obedient.
- If you sneak across our border as a military aged, camouflaged ninja

looking warrior, you are an asylum seeker. If you are a white male conservative standing on the Capital grounds, you are hunted down and arrested by a swat team, thrown into jail indefinitely with no bail, no trial. You are an insurrectionist. This is totalitarianism.

- Researchers at Boston University added a spike protein from the Omicron variant with the original Wuhan strain, which has an 80% kill rate. Fauci's dream come true - population reduction. How does that make you feel about your children's and your grandchildren's future?
- We are edging ever closer to nuclear holocaust. We have even lost our sensitivity to the horrors of a nuclear disaster. The greenies were all concerned about a nuclear environmental disaster when Trump was coming into office, but it is OK as long as it is Biden's policies creating natural disasters.
- More Christians are persecuted globally than any other group. We've labeled haters of certain groups as anti-zionists, homophobic, Islamophobic, but what are Christian haters called - Christainphobes? There's no term for Christian haters. Why is that? Could it be that it is acceptable to hate Christians?
- Reconcile this for me. I'm distracted as I drive down the road and miss an obscure stop sign. I hit another car driven by a pregnant woman in the intersection. She had some bumps and bruises but tragically she loses her unborn child. I will most likely be charged with reckless homicide. She was on her way to Planned Parenthood to have the baby aborted but I'm charged with reckless homicide???

How did we get here? Do you really believe the secular progressives, and

woke leftist are really the answer? Or do you mistakenly believe that Christian conservatives created all our problems?

Our only answer is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We got where we are today by walking away from Him. There are many believers that would say the same thing I just said. We could explain how we came to this realization (new birth) in so many ways. We could use science, human history, irrefutable truths in Scripture, or our personal testimonies, but if you are inclined to worship people or idols or find it is more gratifying playing God yourself, then there is little to nothing I or anyone could say to open your hearts to spiritual things. There are a lot of things regarding the realities of the physical world that people could say to you, and you would not believe, so how will you believe things of the Spirit, the unseen?

I find it very discouraging when people are so dismissive and accepting of actions and behaviors that I perceive as evil. If I went to a public high school and asked an auditorium of Juniors and Seniors to raise their hands if they think that man is naturally good, I would expect most all hands would go up – this is sad. If I went into a Christian school where students were properly taught the tenets of their faith, very few hands would go up. And my friends, that is the critical difference in self-awareness and self-perception.

If people are naturally good as taught in secular schools, then it would follow that students actions would always be altruistic and life supporting of others. And if a student behaves in a disrespectful and harmful way towards others then there must have been something negative in their environment that caused them to behave in a negative

way – they're not responsible. And there's no expectation of accountability. Therefore all we need to do is create a pure petri dish for children to develop and we have created Utopia – Hurray! We as enlightened humans can socially engineer this outcome. We don't need God!

However, if we understand that man is fallen and the "intention of man's heart is evil from his youth," (Genesis 8:21) then we need to instruct, discipline, and model what is good and acceptable to God. By what authority are we to discern what is good and evil? The Bible. Certainly not by feelings. What do you believe would produce a better person – someone that desires to please Jesus or someone that is taught their feelings are of the utmost importance and should be followed their own feelings?

Seriously. They're only a handful of people in this world that care about your feelings – several family members and maybe a close friend. Your therapist may care also because they don't want to lose you as a client. The other 7 billion people in the world just don't care. But they do care how you behave. Behavior is everything. We push self-esteem to the exclusion of self-discipline; feelings over behavior; diversity over right and wrong.

Look, I believe very strongly that if we, this nation, are not a God-centered people, then we will continue to decay just as Israel did in the Old Testament when they repeatedly abandoned God. Many Leftist (Democrats) want to pretend that our founding fathers were not men rooted in the Judeo-Christian faith and that their faith had little to do with the creation of our nation and the Constitution. But any serious and HONEST early American historian

knows how influential their faith was in creating this nation. The founders escaped the oppression they experienced from tyrannical governments and were cautious not to create a government with the same power of oppression they had fled from in Europe. We are ignoring the oppressive power of our government and seem to be oblivious to what the government is doing causing the gradual loss of our liberties.

I also believe current human nature yearns to be taken care of more than yearning for liberty. "If we give up Liberty for Security, we deserve neither and will lose both" Ben Franklin. Liberty is a value that needs to be taught and we are not teaching this value to our youth. When we have several generations that no longer possess this precious and learned value, it will be lost. The Founders rightfully named it the 'Liberty Bell' not the 'equity bell'.

And as we look back at all the insane things we listed above and are shocked at what we are experiencing every day; we know in our gut that we are headed toward tyranny. Scripture tells us that Wisdom begins with the fear of God. If you don't fear God, then you better fear government. It is big God - little government; or big Government - little god. It's your choice but we don't have much time.

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ESA AND HILSDALE COLLEGE MIRACLE FOR AZ FAMILIES

By Phil Mason

Education is where the attack on America and our Christian heritage began—and it is the battlefield on which we must engage the Left in defense of liberty and limited constitutional government.

In 2022 the Republican majority in the Arizona Legislature passed the **nation's first Universal Voucher Program called the Empowerment Scholarship Act** that provides \$7,000.00 per K-12 student. It is important to note that this preeminent answer to our failing public schools was passed despite the fact that **every Democrat voted against** parental choice.

This new law brings the dawn of a new day in defense of our Constitution and the traditional way of life for our families. It is miraculous that this unique option is available **NOW** for the first time to every family. This will create a sea change to restore America First traditional family moral and ethical principles across our state.

Constitutional Conservatives in the Arizona Legislature fought a daily battle against long odds to win this historic battle against huge odds to provide **Universal vouchers** earlier this year.

Thank all 47 Republican House and Senate members for passing this tremendous victory.

This week, Hillsdale College announced their commitment to fully

fund their Project to Defend Liberty providing - **FREE OF CHARGE** - their American Classical K-12 Curriculum for charter, private AND home school options. Their commitment to defend liberty nationwide will give students across the country the ability to learn Godly educational curriculum extolling the values that made America the envy of the world..

Hillsdale College refuses to accept one penny of government funding - even indirectly - by even refusing federal or state student grants or loans. **AZRA** is currently working diligently with our incoming legislators to increase the scholarship amount by requiring **ALL** tax dollars to follow the student to the educational preference of the parents. When enacted into law next year, that will more than double the current scholarship amount per student.

Arizona families are blessed that the Hillsdale College curriculum **and** the Universal Empowerment Scholarship comprehensive package is available so parents have access to the tools and financial means to protect our children - and state - from the evil progressive plague designed to destroy everything God created in 1776.

If you have a child/grandchild in a public school & do not remove them using these solutions, the life long damage will be your responsibility.



THINK ABOUT IT

By Barb Buntin

I am not for either candidate. But I do want the one that is most competent to prevail.

My take on Chris Higgins. Chris has been a town council member for 8 years. He had nothing to say about any of his accomplishments. Nothing, nada. If he had any he would have spotlighted them I assume.

How do you do that and run for mayor? Where has his focus been? He knows a lot of things. He knows what needs to be done. He knows all the excuses why things didn't get done. We don't have a pool or a splash pad or our roads fixed or needed repairs and improvements to Rumsey Park, etc. etc. Most of these problems were there when he first got on the council. Good job Chris!!

To be mayor, you must be a leader, and you must be proactive. Chris is a follower. Who is he following?

What about Tom? Tom has been engaged in the job as mayor. He has been in office for two terms, four years. He has been proactive and gets in front of problems. He has helped the homeless in Payson. He has worked with state and federal agencies, and officials to get things done. You choose.

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GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

By Doug Ardt

Protocol for Political Party Observers

The Gila County Department of Elections in their efforts to carry out Arizona election laws and procedures has established Protocol for Political Party Observers. These protocols are intended to provide guidance to observers and ensure that questions or issues are handled quickly and efficiently and that observers participate in the election process with minimal disruption to the voter, the polling place election board and elections staff.

Observer Appointments and Procedures

A.R.S. § 16-590 provides for the appointment of challengers and party representatives:

A. The county chairman of each party may, for each precinct, by written appointment addressed to the election board, designate a party agent or representative and alternates for a polling place in the precinct who may act as challengers for the party which appointed him.

B. At each voting place, one challenger for each political party may be present and act, but no challenger may enter a voting booth except to mark his ballot.

C. Not more than the number of party representatives for each party which were mutually agreed upon by each political party represented on the ballot shall be in the polling place at one time. If such agreement cannot be reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one in the polling place at one time for each political party.

The county party chairman must provide the Gila County Department of Elections with a copy of a signed letter of appointment for each party representative, designating the duties of the representative (as an observer, challenger, or to pick up poll list pages, or all three), no later than 5:00 p.m. two weeks before the election. The letters may be provided by fax to the attention of Gila County Elections at (928) 402-4319, or mailed, or hand delivered, to Gila County Elections at 5515 S Apache Avenue, Globe AZ 85501. The county party chair must sign each letter.

Each party representative must have the appointment letter in hand when entering the polling place and must show the appointment letter to the polling place Marshal who will direct them to the Inspector.

Each county chairman will notify the county elections office of the number of party representatives agreed upon for each polling place. If notification is not received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election, only one representative from each party will be allowed in a polling place at one time, except for the party representative arriving solely for the purpose of picking up the poll list pages.

If the challenger makes a Challenge:

Questions or concerns regarding the voting process or activities at the polling site or any challengers should be brought to the attention of the Inspector. If the Inspector is unavailable, call the Gila County Department of Elections at 928-402-8750 or 928-402-8708.

Observers should "observe" as quietly as possible. Observers may not: enter a voting booth, except to mark their own ballot; touch any ballot; approach any voter; disrupt the polling place; engage in protracted or political conversation; or interfere with the voting process in any way. Violators will be asked to leave the polling place.

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**PLEASE DO NOT MAIL
YOUR EARLY BALLOT IN,
WALK IT IN ON ELECTION
DAY OR VOTE IN PERSON
ON ELECTION DAY. STOP
the CHEATING!!**

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UPDATE ON THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCESS FOR MAYOR OF PAYSON

By Greg Friestad

The following is an update to an article previously published by the Payson News on 9/2/22 about the write-in candidate process in Payson.

On August 23, 2022 Barbara Buntin filed all the appropriate paperwork to register with the Town of Payson to be a write-in candidate for Mayor of Payson in the General Election. Arizona statutes require candidates to register with the appropriate agency before those write-in votes can be accepted and counted.

On August 25, 2022, Barbara received a letter from the town denying her registration as a write-in candidate for Mayor of Payson. The denial was based on the contract town attorney's interpretation of Payson code 30.07 (c) and ARS 9-821.01 (f). A follow-up request also received the same denial.

Many people do not agree with the Town's denial of Barbara's request to be a write-in candidate because they know that councilwoman Suzy Tubbs was elected as a write-in candidate. Contrary to the opinions expressed by the town, the associated codes have not changed since Suzy Tubbs was elected.

Payson code 30.07 (C) is a virtual copy of ARS 9-821.01(F) and both are written, as their titles state, to clarify the process for declaring candidates elected outright in the primary election or, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes, which candidates **(from the primary election can advance to the General election).** Again, these codes were written only to determine who won outright in the Primary or who advances to the General Election and **do not prohibit write-in candidates in the General Election.**

Based on **Contract** Town Attorney Jon Paladini's interpretation of these codes

there can never again be a write-in candidate for Payson mayor or council in the General Election. A contract employee is determining how the people of Payson elect their council and mayor and that just does not seem right, especially when the Town's past experience with Mr. Paladini's legal advice has been suspect. Please utilize the following link to a 911 call to hear some of that history when he worked in Prescott AZ. [\[HERE\]](#)

I ask all our readers to write-in Barbara Buntin for Mayor of Payson on your ballot as a protest vote. Your write-in vote will not be officially counted but town hall will hear the message loud and clear.



**A Special Invitation to
Our Friends & Neighbors
of Gila County
Join Us!**

Our next scheduled meeting is

October 30, 2022

3PM at 1000 N. Easy St.

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Gila County - Committee of Safety

For more information call:

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wife, Martha, and two young sons moved to Payson.

Dr. Gilbert rented a room in the clinic which he used as an office. He paid the Board rent for his office and started his practice. He had a Swedish nurse named Nellie Abt. The Board later applied for a license and then had an anesthetist from Marcus J. Lawrence come over once a week for scheduled surgeries.

We had built a Medical Facility, not a hospital. Later, we qualified as a hospital but we began as "The Payson Clinic".

The Junior Women's Club received great cooperation from the Seniors, namely, Anna Mae Deming and Valda May Taylor, for which we were so grateful.

The Junior Women's Club received the Sears Roebuck Community Service Award for their efforts and success with their projects, and Hazel Owens, Mary Holder and I went to Detroit, Michigan to receive it.

The Juniors had also put on the first Payson Rodeo Queen Contest.

Hopefully I have not omitted the names of those who were of such great help to us. Oh, yes, many kudos to Peggy and Bill Miller, now deceased, for their love, generosity and kindness.

Sincerely Yours,

Doris Taylor



NOT SO GREAT EXPECTATIONS

By Walt Noot

My lament about education is simply that I contend we expect way too little of our students. Work that is considered AP (advanced placement) worthy is what I consider minimally acceptable for a high school graduate. Since my student teaching days I have had an ongoing battle with teachers of other disciplines that don't insist upon proper grammar in the work they receive from students. I maintain that it is incumbent upon them to grade not only on content but also on the manner in which the information is presented. More alarming is the number of times I have witnessed even English teachers abusing the language. I suspect that the teachers of other subjects, in reality, don't themselves believe the argument that it isn't their responsibility to address grammatical errors. I assert that they themselves know they aren't proficient enough to do so and don't want to expose their inadequacy.

Unless there has been a drastic change in the tests given prospective teachers to attain certification, the TPE (Teacher Proficiency Exam as it was called when I took the test) does little more than to reveal you are able to read and perhaps balance a checkbook. Before a teacher is turned loose in a classroom he or she ought to be able to pass a much more stringent test that displays they have more than a rudimentary grasp of their subject matter. Additionally, since the world revolves around communication, I also believe the teachers of other disciplines should be required to verify their competency in the use of the English language.

When I hear complaints about education, said complaints generally address the lack of spending on a per pupil basis and low salaries for teachers. Let's keep in mind that our cost of living is lower than that of many states where comparisons are drawn. Furthermore, I contend salaries should have little to do with longevity in the classroom. Competence and ongoing education should be the corollary determining remuneration. Institutions that are turning out teachers ought to make it abundantly clear that this is not a profession that will make you wealthy. In my utopian meritocracy they could get rich but that will never happen with unions in the way and the basic structure of education funding.

I suspect my crusade to influence the adoption of tougher requirements for teachers and concomitant student expectations is futile. Typically, the greater the expectation, the greater the resultant performance.

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