

Supervisors Accept Audit Honors

They receive update on Copper Corridor

FLORENCE—The Pinal County's Office of Internal Audit is once again recognized by the Association of Local Government Auditors for their work in keeping county government working effectively and efficiently.

At Wednesday, June 16th's supervisors meeting, Internal Audit Officer Lori Stripling announced that the office's audit report of the Pinal County Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds earned the 2009 Knighton Silver Award in the Small Shop Category.

This is the second time the Office of Internal Audit has been recognized. Last year, the Internal Auditor's website was awarded a bronze medal by the Association of Local Government Auditors.

"This is a very high honor," Stripling said. "I'm pleased we have been recognized by our fellow auditors from across the country."

The Association of Local Government Auditors was formed in 1985 to support auditors working in local government. The association now represents 400 local government auditing or-



The Copper Corridor's new Mobile Visitor's Center is displayed in Florence in the Main County Complex parking lot.

ganizations. The Knighton Award was created in 1995 to highlight the best performance audit reports in local governments.

An audit report submitted for the Knighton Award is judged by five categories:

- Scope and potential for significant impact
- Persuasiveness of conclusions
- Focus of the recommendations on effective and efficient government
- Clarity and conciseness of

communication style, and

• Innovation
Stripling recognized Bill D'Elia, senior internal auditor and main author of the winning report, Kate Witek, internal auditor, and Jason Konrad, internal audit analyst, for their team effort at making this award possible.

Copper Corridor Annual Report to Supervisors

The parking lot outside of the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room was host to an exhibit of the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition's new Mobile Visitor's Center.

"When we purchased and renovated this trailer we kept the revenues in the state," said Bill Bolin, project manager for the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition. "We also put local people to work on it."

Liz Harris-Tuck, president of the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition, said that the Mobile Visitor's Center came about after it was determined that many of the towns within the coalition were too small to staff and support their own local visitor's center.

"When you do a project like this—you have an idea of what it will turn out like," Harris-Tuck said. "This one surpassed all of our expectations."

The Mobile Visitor's Center features a television, lighted panels that show different tourist attractions throughout the region and a paint scheme that recognizes the rich copper mining history of the area.

The Coalition is using the mobile unit and a new website to help to brand the area, Harris-Tuck said. (The soon-to-debut website will be www.DiscoverCopperCorridor.com.)

Chairman Pete Rios, whose district encompasses the copper corridor region, acknowledged that the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition works with limited resources but is able to make some significant gains due to partnerships.

"It's challenging to get people from different communities together," Rios said. "But this group, with its excellent leadership, has the communities coming together and its members are

Students Honored At Dinner

Resolution Copper hosts event



Pictured from left are Gabriel Serrano (Superior), Camille Lopez (Hayden), Vincent Velasquez (Superior), Janeane Mancha (Miami), David Salisbury, Rafael Carreto (Apache Junction), Jose Castellanos III (Superior) and Branden Shipley (Globe).

On Wednesday, June 9, Resolution Copper hosted a dinner to honor the 2010 scholarship and leadership grant recipients. The students represented Superior, Miami, Hayden, Apache Junction and Globe schools. Attendees included recipients, family members and school administrators, as well as Resolution Cop-

per staff who assisted in the candidate selection process. Resolution Copper President and CEO David Salisbury welcomed all attendees and congratulated recipients on their accomplishments. Each recipient was also given a laptop backpack. The group was treated to a dinner catered by Superior-based Jade Grill.

CAAFAs Honored By Chamber

Organization wins Nonprofit of the Year

Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce President Rustyn Sherer presents Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFAs) with the Nonprofit of the Year Award on May 20. CAAFA is an Apache Junction, non-profit domestic violence service provider. Since 1998, CAAFA has been serving Northern Pinal County and Eastern Maricopa County. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, safe home, legal advocacy, empowerment sessions, support groups, community outreach services and a youth violence prevention program. For more information about CAAFA, please visit www.CaafaAZ.org, or call (480) 982-0205.



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