

County Updates

Apache County

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Cochise County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in November!

Coconino County

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Gila County

For upcoming GCLP events and opportunities visit gilaazlp.org.

Graham County

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First Nations' Education

A (Very) Brief History of Government Overreach and the Cost to Indigenous Peoples

By Sheila Reid-Shaver

This past summer the topic of First Nations schools hit the news with the gruesome discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves being uncovered as well as stories about thousands of indigenous children just vanishing from Canadian residential schools. No matter how one looks at this piece of Canadian history, it is dark and repugnant. This tragedy was a result of the Canadian government and their interference in the lives of indigenous people which resulted in the elimination of thousands of native children. Furthermore, it is worth noting the crimes against indigenous people do not stop north of the border. The United States had its own way of schooling Native Americans, but with different results...or did it? For that let's take a trip down Old Indian School Road.

The Phoenix Indian School opened as a grade school in 1891 on 160 acres of land between Central Avenue and Seventh Street and was operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In the early 1900s this was an attempt by the federal government at assimilation of Native people as their children were forced to attend school away from their own homes, family, and community. The idea was to assimilate the Native American students into western culture. Why? This quote might shed some light on the topic, "It's cheaper to educate Indians than to kill them." That quote was from Indian Commissioner Thomas Morgan who was

speaking about the establishment of the Phoenix Indian School back in 1891. At that time boys and girls were prescribed what the US government saw as a "proper education". Expert government bureaucrats decided for native students the best route to success. In the early days of the Indian school, boys learned business skills, and girls learned domestic skills. The assimilation efforts also included choosing new names, cutting their hair, and forbidding them to speak in their native tongue.

In just a few years the student population grew, and the Indian school expanded to include high school aged students. Without a doubt it proved to be an excellent source for cheap labor in the Arizona economy. If assimilation and education equal cheap labor, one can say the efforts were a success.

Later under the direction of two notable superintendents, Phoenix Indian High School provided some enlisted and drafted servicemen. This transition was a perfect fit for some because in the earlier days of the school, the students wore uniforms and marched to and from class which began at 5am. Of course, this new military workforce was made possible because of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. Cheap labor was needed inside and outside of Arizona.

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La Paz County

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Maricopa County By Brandon Slayton, MCLP Chair

On September 8th, the MCLP held a County Committee Meeting and elected Scott Ullery and Charles Ross to the 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair, respectively.

Mohave County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in November!

Santa Cruz County

If you are interested in helping establish a Santa Cruz County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Pinal County

Tom Deaton,
PCLP Chair
We are looking for additional officers to help grow the Pinal County LP. Sean Stinson recently became Secretary. Please reach out to us at pinalcylp@gmail.com!

After the failing economy of the Great Depression and a couple of big wars, the gears shifted, and a slightly different path was taken for the Native Americans. The curriculum was updated a little by the experts. Boys started learning math and science and girls typing and cosmetology. Also, there was a bigger focus on English literacy by this time due to complaints that the Native Americans' English skills were not up to par. At what cost was all this prescriptive curriculum to their own language and culture?

Without a doubt in the later years of Phoenix Indian Schools, one can find personal success stories among the graduates. Despite any of what was carried out in the name of education, many alumni went on to college, or open their own business, and take on jobs in the Phoenix area. Some returned to help their communities back home. Undoubtedly, the strong spirit of many of our Native Americans managed to rise above their circumstances.

Another important piece of history that changed education for the Native American is the activism of the late 1960s and early 1970s, as well as tribal nations' complaints about the

Indian schools which led to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975. This act gave back a certain degree of control to the tribes and allowed schools to start coming back to their own communities. What is more in 1978 Congress passed and the President signed the Indian Child Welfare Act giving Native American parents the legal right to refuse their child's placement in a school.

The Phoenix Indian School closed in 1990 as public schools were built on reservations. What results and impact are observed today? How do tribal parents feel about the education their children receive today?

Alex Flores, Chair of the Navajo County LP affiliate and founder of the Libertarian Party First Nations Caucus stated, "The rights of First Nations to educate our own children has been infringed upon for over a hundred years. Many First Nations weren't allowed to have their own schools. Children were sent to government boarding schools until the signing of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act in 1975. This has created a cultural progress gap, making the need to

be allowed to educate our children as we see fit all the more important. For too long the culture and identity of many have been all but lost due to these re-education efforts. The right to educate our own children in our own ways and traditions helps to bring our culture forward into the future in a way that honors our heritage and respects the ways of our ancestors who came before us."

Certainly, Phoenix Indian School may not have a gravesite like Canada, but the damage done by "experts" and their assimilation efforts left its mark. Strain on finances, families, and confusion continue to be part of life for Arizona's Indigenous people. The Native American way of life has been altered in many ways. The Native languages, culture, and traditions tend to be devalued. The customs and culture of First Nations are not considered essential in the United States. However, thoughts of them may have surfaced to the forefront during this past Monday because October 11th has been designated Indigenous People's Day;

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Sponsor the 2022 AZLP Convention!

The AZLP is excitedly planning the Annual Arizona State Committee Meeting & Convention occurring January 15 - January 17 in Tucson, and with 2022 being the 50th Anniversary of the AZLP is going to be more special than ever before. We're so excited to be welcoming Spike and Tasha Cohen and we are planning an entire weekend of festivities including a gala, a whiskey tasting, a comedy show, and more.

However, events like this can be expensive, and to make sure our operations run smoothly and we are able to have a fantastic weekend,

we are seeking event sponsorships. With venue rental, catering, parking, and more, a sponsorship individual or business sponsorship will bring us closer to having the perfect event.

We have set up tiered sponsorship packages including advertising opportunities, accommodation discounts, sponsor gifts, and more!

If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact fundraising@azlp.org to further discuss our sponsorship packages and learn more about the Annual AZLP State Committee Meeting & Convention.



Huge thank you to everyone who participated in the 9/11 End the Damn Wars Rally!

October 8th, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a presidential proclamation declaring October 11th to be a national holiday.

Conversely, the Arizona Libertarian Party supports Native American people every day along with their right to educate their children as they see fit. We recognize that Indigenous American parents know what is best for their own children and have the right to educate them by homeschool, public school, charter, or private schools. This does not mean separate institutions, or a special curriculum designed by "experts" and bureaucrats. It means that everyone, including Native American parents, are the experts and know what is best for themselves and their children. Year round AZLP and the Libertarian Party First Nations Caucus are listening to the indigenous people of Arizona

(and nationwide) to address their needs.

Today you can see a portion of the Phoenix Indian School Historic District which is registered with the National Register of Historic places at Steele Indian School Park on Old Indian School Road in Phoenix. Apart from this, there are 183 Bureau-funded elementary and secondary schools; 53 BIE-operated, and 130 tribally controlled under BIE contracts or grants nationwide.

***If you are interested in supporting the Libertarian Party First Nations Caucus visit firstnationslibertarians.org.*



Candidate Invitation By Andi De Bellis

The AZLP would like to extend an invitation to all LP candidates running for political office within the state to showcase themselves in future issues of the AZ Liberty Report. For further details on how to get featured in the next issue of this newsletter, please send an email to newsletter@azlp.org.

We are excited to raise awareness of all the candidates in Arizona eager to bring the libertarian philosophy to policy making at various levels of Arizona government.

Not yet a candidate but interested in learning more about running for office? Reach out to Tyler Smith at tyler.smith@azlp.org.

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Navajo County By Alex Flores, NCLP Chair

NCLP meetups are held the last Saturday of every month, 6pm, at Licano's in Show Low. Business meetings are held electronically on a quarterly basis. Links are provided for all those expressing an interest to attend, either through social media or by email.

Navajo County has a special election being done 100% by mail this upcoming November. Please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org for additional information.

Pima County By Dru Heaton, PCLP Chair

The PCLP is experiencing the pains of rapid growth. An increased interest in local activism has refocused the efforts of the chair's libertarian messaging. While collaborating on single issues of liberty are welcome from any and all county residents, the PCLP board working hard to refine strong libertarian messaging for outreach as the efforts of our increasing numbers of PCMs is being directed towards outreach in the precincts of LD 10.

PCLP monthly meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at our new HQ!

Delegate Deadline: Become a National Member by Halloween!

One of the things that determines how many delegates each state gets to send to the National Convention every two years is how many Bylaws Sustaining Members (BSM) a state has. The more national members a state has, the more delegate spots they are allotted.

You can become a BSM for the next 12 months and guarantee you are counted toward your state's delegate allocation by going to LP.org/join, filling out the form, checking yes to the Member pledge, and donating \$25 or more by October 31st.

This year National is also running a competition among the state parties. The state that has the largest percentage increase in BSMs between October 1 and October 31 will be declared the winner! Help AZLP take the winning title!

Have an idea or want to contribute to the next issue?

Reach out to us at newsletter@azlp.org

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Yavapai County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in November!

Yuma County

By Howard Blitz,
YCLP Chair

The YCLP held its October meeting Monday, October 11th. Discussion at this meeting centered around obtaining more libertarian registrations, participation at the Yuma County Fair, and the new mapping tool released by Yuma County for the community to submit supervisorial and community college district boundary suggestions.

Our next meeting will be November 1st.

Upcoming Events

- **Yavapai County Monthly Meeting**
Sunday, October 17th, 1PM
22830 W AZ-66, Seligman, AZ
- **Pima County Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, October 19th, 7PM
5546 E 4th St, Tucson, AZ
- **Gila County Monthly Meeting**
Wednesday, October 19th, 6PM
312 S Beeline Hwy, Payson, AZ
- **Maricopa Precinct – Pinal County LP Happy Hour**
Friday, October 22nd, 7PM
49237 W Papago Rd, Ste 7, Maricopa, AZ
- **AZLP Think Tank: Education**
Saturday, October 23rd, 10AM
Online
- **Navajo County Monthly Meeting**
Saturday, October 23rd, 6PM
573 W Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, AZ

To see more events and upcoming volunteer opportunities please visit:

Events Calendar-

azlp.org/get-involved/events

Volunteer Portal-

tinyurl.com/azlpvolunteer

