By Julie Alfio

The Tucson Epitaph

Recent changes made by town officials in Tombstone have resulted in a significant decrease in the amount of marijuana seized by the city.
**UA South leader addresses plans for Cochise campus**

By Kate Harrison

The Tombstone Epitaph

On Jan. 11, Jim Shockey, an associate dean in the College of Agriculture, Heritage, and Natural Resources at the University of Arizona, visited Tombstone to talk about Cochise campus plans.

Q: How do you plan to build stronger collaborations between Arizona State University and Cochise County and brand campus programs?

Jim Shockey is the new campus executive director of the University of Arizona at Cochise. He explained how the two universities can benefit from each other.

A: We want the faculty to be part of the broader community. We want to make sure that the connections to the main campus and the local community might not easily be able to be made. But we do that, so hereinafter, we are committed to having a local component.

We would like to have a greater emphasis on psychology on main campus and a greater emphasis on a psychology on Cochise County.

We would like to propose courses in both directions.

We have courses on the campus here that are different than the ones on the main campus. We don’t want to make them more similar. We want them to be different.

When would you expect to see the courses?

We do expect to see courses over time, it’s conceivable the mission of UA South could change.

What are the challenges unique to Cochise County that higher education may face?

We think Cochise is unique both in its size and its cultural diversity.

What is the urgency of students here?

We think students here are motivated by a different feeling of a sense of urgency.

How will you work with students?

We will do that, and we’ll also be working with the faculty.

What are the differences in the university commitment to Cochise County?

We think the students here are very interested in the arts and humanities.

Do you foresee changing curricular offerings here?

We think we would have a wider variety of courses.

Does your South offer an equal opportunity to students?

We think we do.

How would you measure the success of Cochise County?

We think we would measure success by the number of students who complete degrees.

What would you do to make up the gap in funding?

We think we would make up the gap in funding through state support.

**UA South at a glance**

- UA South is a branch campus of the University of Arizona, located in Tombstone.
- UA South offers degree programs in various fields such as business, education, and health.
- The campus is known for its strong connection to the local community.

**UA South in focus**

- UA South is one of the many branch campuses throughout the state of Arizona.
- The campus is dedicated to providing quality education to students in the region.

**Tombstone to watch**

- Tombstone is a historic town in Cochise County, known for its rich history andghost towns.
- The town is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world.

**Borderland**

- Drug cartels are frustrated by border patrol

**Budget and everything will cost**

- munications to students and the public.
- The college is working with the Cochise College Foundation to raise funds for scholarships and other programs.

**Editorial Policy**

- The Epitaph encourages letters to the editor, but reserves the right to edit for length and style.
- The Epitaph reserves the right to publish or reject any submitted material.
Rescue poses’ gets important communication upgrade

By Taylor Reod
The Tombstone Epitaph

Pages may seem to belong in the Stone Age when compared to modern technology. It’s funny what the Cochise County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue have been using for the past 25 years. “That’s all going to change next month when their new Internet-based communication system goes into effect,” said Johnny Aguilera, dispatcher for the Cochise County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue (“Cochise SAR”). “This new system will change the way we communicate,” said Aguilera. “We have received a grant from the federal government that will pay for this new system.”

Detroit’s IMCOM, the Coordinating Center for Information Management and Communication, has announced the development of a new IMCOM Video Conference Network. The new system will allow for the sharing of video conference information and resources with other agencies, government entities, and organizations. This will enable the sharing of information and resources, improving communication and collaboration among agencies.

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Courthouse closure threatens town’s history

By Kyle Sandell

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Separating fact from fiction in one of the West’s most enigmatic towns may soon get a whole lot harder. A fixture for more than 120 years, the historic courthouse has come close to its doors to the public.

The Courthouse’s impending closure is one of the state’s plan to close 13 state parks in accordance with an $8.6 million budget mandate.

Run by the Arizona State Parks system, the Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park is one of more than 20 individual exhibits that contribute to the many different facets of Tombstone’s storied past. Sightseers can read about figures such as Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and会员 of the O.K. Corral Gang. They can also see an attorney’s office and examine documents as they appeared in the 19th century.

Visitors from the world over have made the iconic venue a central part of their Tombstone experience. Frederick Schoemehl, editor of the Tombstone Tramper, a historical journal, said it’s “a real and some state of affairs when selections is to close this facility, in central to Western history.”

Built in 1882 at a cost of $50,000, the Tombstone Courthouse stands as a sobering memorial to the true history of a town that has built its reputation on fiction and myth.

“The courthouse, with its exhibits and photos and artifacts, helps to make it all real,” said West, among others.

Park Ranger Art Austin and staffs held by the Courthouse as the cumulative memory of the first community in southern Arizona. It served as the county seat and housed the sheriff’s recording room and beautiful superscriptions in its buildings. Documents are still carried out at the courthouse.

The Courthouse is presently a tourist attraction, however. Researchers interested in Tombstone or Cochise County can easily access the collections. Some of the documents held by the Courthouse can be used by researchers, and are therefore subject to freedom of information laws. Additionally, many of the other documents are still relatively new and subject to attorney-client privilege or other restrictions.

It’s the economic impact of closing one of Cochise County’s biggest tourist attractions that could prove to be most costly. Tourism brought in more than $7.2 million in fiscal year 2007, making it one of the most costly. Tourism brought in more than $7.2 million in fiscal year 2007, making it one of the most costly.

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Ben Traywick is a Tombstone historian and author who mightily utilizes the Courthouse to researchers. “I just wrote a story about Chandler Mill Rauch and all the photographs and all the information came out of the Courthouse,” Traywick said. “They have an enormous amount of information about Tombstone, and the stories, and it’s a shame to see it go because it’s very good research.”

Traywick said that he has always considered the Courthouse to be one of the five biggest attractions that Tombstone has to offer. He said he would “love to see the information be put where people can’t use it.”

The community seems to agree, as Tombstone has not yet given up hope that the courthouse might remain open.

According to Don Taylor, president of the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce, the City of Tombstone, along with the Chamber, are negotiating with the state to keep the Courthouse open.

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