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Isaiah DeJong-Pedro was among 336 graduating seniors at Maricopa High School's commencement exercises May 19.

William Lange

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ON THE COVER: Justice of the Peace Lyle Riggs has been the face of change at Maricopa/Stansfield Justice Court since coming into office in the midst of a court scandal. See Page 22. Photo by Jake Johnson



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It's been a spring of achievement in Maricopa and the fulfillment of the promise that hard work pays off.

In this month's issue, you'll see local students who earned their high school diplomas, a regular rite of spring. But that's just the beginning.

The Maricopa/Stamfield Justice Court staff toiled for two years to overcome a "catastrophic" financial situation and case backlog – and a sullied reputation. Now that the Arizona Supreme Court has finally returned control of the court to the local level, Justice of the Peace Lyle Riggs explains the process that led to that much-anticipated achievement.

If goal-setting is the key to achievement, the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce is on course. New Director Sara Troyer has set up objectives for streamlining the organization while getting it up-to-date to be appealing to potential members and retaining current members. The chamber still faces serious challenges, one of which is a demand for records of the internal processes of the board.

Achievement is all the sweeter for overcoming challenges. Jim Shoaf learned that over the past 13 years after he started the Mountain View Community Church Food Bank out of his back yard. In this issue, find out why he was named the chamber's Volunteer of the Year and the Maricopa Business Council's Nonprofit of the Year.



Meanwhile, the food bank at F.O.R. Maricopa has been feeding 500 families a month and welcomes more food banks to help with the goal of feeding everyone in need. Adding to its normal worries is a pending overpass project that will impact the building.

In case you missed it, Maricopa's own Nikki Black is the new Mrs. Arizona International. She bases achievement not on beauty and poise – which she has in abundance – but on wanting to make a difference. You can learn more about her and her platform in these pages.

Read about these and other achievements inside.

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History

Early Education

The first Maricopa school in 1912 was a small house north of the railroad tracks. The school had 10 children and one teacher. By 1914, local men and women built a red brick schoolhouse south of the tracks. It also served as the gathering spot for community activities. Fire destroyed the school in 1953.

Photo courtesy of Maricopa Historical Society



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About a stabbing that left a man in critical condition

Valentina Aragon

Loren... Thanks for instructing me to never answer the door unless we know who it is or that it's someone we are expecting! This is crazy!

About an e-cigarette explosion that seriously burned a teenager

Jim Baker

It doesn't belong in your pocket anyways. They put it in their pocket then sit on it. The pen snaps in half where the battery meets the cartomizer tank and shorts out the battery and causes the explosion. That's why I won't get the new ones. I use a lanyard and none of the cheap batteries.

About two reported runaways

Cheryl Wall

I truly feel for the parents and the young adults involved. I'm a grandma to 15 beautiful children and when I was about the same age as these young people I ran away with my boyfriend because our parents were going to stop us from seeing each other. When they said that, they may as well have packed our suitcase for us!

About a local intervention program

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About Maricopa's concealed-weapons debate

Vincent Manfredi

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**JUNE
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Palo Verde
Open House**

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June 1-4

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Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Road

3
**Childcare & Babysitting
Certification**
5:30-9 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

CPR & First Aid Basic Training
5:30-9 p.m., Copper Sky
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4
Indoor Skydiving
8 a.m., leave from Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
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Blvd.

**Movies Under the Stars: Hotel
Transylvania 2**
6:30 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment
Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

June 5-11

5
Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of
Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road,
Suite 106

6
Camp Sol – Summer Camp
9 a.m.-noon, Maricopa
Elementary School
18150 N. Alterra Pkwy.

Summer Fun & Fitness
1-5 p.m., Maricopa
Elementary School
18150 N. Alterra Pkwy.

Summer Fun & Fitness
1-5 p.m., Saddleback
Elementary School
18600 N. Porter Road

Ventriloquist Chuck Field
2 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Maricopa Community
Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

7
**Coffee with Friends of the
Maricopa Library**
1:30 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

**Palo Verde Regional
Park Open House**
4:30 p.m., Central Arizona College
– Maricopa Campus
17945 N. Regent Drive

**Maricopa City Council
Work Session**
6 p.m., Maricopa City Hall
39700 W. Civic Center Plaza



**JUNE
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“Next to
Normal”**

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Plein Air Oil Pastel Class
6:30 p.m., Central Arizona College
– Maricopa Campus
17945 N. Regent Drive

Maricopa City Council Meeting
7 p.m., Maricopa City Hall
39700 W. Civic Center Plaza

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Mobile Vinyl Recorders
5:30 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

**Maricopa Unified School District
Governing Board Meeting**
6:30 p.m., District Office
44150 W. Maricopa-Casa Grande
Hwy.

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Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Road

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**Maricopa Community Theatre
presents “Next to Normal”**
7 p.m., Maricopa High School
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

11
Boater Safety Instructor Course
6:30 a.m., leave from Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

Coffee with the Chief
8 a.m., Copper Sky Police
Substation training room
17985 N. Greythorne Drive

Vote Yes, Maricopa, Car Wash
9 a.m., AutoZone
20886 N. John Wayne Pkwy.

**Maricopa Community Theatre
presents “Next to Normal”**
2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Maricopa High
School
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

June 12-18

12
Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Maricopa Chamber
of Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road,
Suite 106

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Reptile Adventures
2 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

Swim Lesson Level 1
4 p.m., Copper Sky Aquatic Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

**Maricopa Children’s Theatre
Summer Camp**
6 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Maricopa Community
Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m., Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Road

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Primary Candidate Debate

8 a.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
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Movies Under the Stars: Star Wars – The Force Awakens

6:30 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

Maricopa Community Theatre presents "Next to Normal"

7 p.m., Maricopa High School

June 19-25

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Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite 106

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Step's Junk Funk/Desert Dance Theater

5:30 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m., Maricopa Community Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board Meeting

6:30 p.m., District Office
44150 W. Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy.

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Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m., Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Road

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World's Largest Swim Lesson

9 a.m., Copper Sky Aquatic Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

June 26-July 2

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Native American Basketball Invitational

9 a.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite 106

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Lovely Buttons the Clown

2 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m., Maricopa Community Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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1. The season ended for the 2nd Saturday Maricopa Market on May 14 with more Produce on Wheels goods at Copper Sky.
2. Maricopa Historical Society revealed a new Reflections display at the Maricopa Public Library May 12 to recognize the history of the Maricopa Fire Department. On hand were former chiefs Eddie Rodriguez (left) and Don Pearce (center) with MHS President Paul Shirk.
3. Maricopa Fire Department participated in the Tortosa Homeowner's Association End-of-School Carnival - and enjoyed some treats, too.
4. Friends and family of Diana Schalow helped her mark the 25th birthday of her daughter Angela Russo on May 10, two weeks after Angela disappeared.
5. Margarita Dominguez with Max, 3, enjoy the first Mother-and-Son Dance presented by DSPA Gems May 14.
6. Nutrition Director Suzette Moe explains the Wellness Policy at Maricopa Unified School District during a board meeting May 11.

Photos by Raquel Hendrickson



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Maricopa mom wins Mrs. Arizona International crown

By Raquel Hendrickson

Having a platform is more important to Nikki Starks Black than pageantry, which is why she agreed to be a last-minute entry in the Mrs. Arizona International competition.

On May 7, the Maricopa teacher and mother of two won the title.

"It's pretty amazing," said Black, a teacher at Camino Montessori.

Black's best friend is Kara Washington. Last year, Washington was Mrs. Arizona International.

When one of this year's contestants dropped out a week before the competition, Washington called Black.

Black said she had never participated in a pageant before. The format of the Mrs. Arizona International competition was her selling point for participating.

"This one is platform-based, so immediately I said I'm passionate about teaching and children and why not try to use this platform to

start talking about those issues and helping in any way I can," she said.

The competition was judged 50 percent on interview, 25 percent on fitness and 25 percent on evening gown. Black said she wasn't terribly nervous about the process because she had watched Washington through the pageant last year. Both Washington and pageant director Monique Wilhite gave her tips to mentally prepare.

"With all this support around me, within a week, I competed and I won," she said. Black won the fitness portion as well as the interview.

Her husband Dion was given the crowning duties at the pageant, held at Halle Heart Museum. Their daughter Isis is 8 and son Dion is 6.

They moved to Maricopa from "deep Mesa" in 2009 when Nikki was pregnant with Isis. She started as an assistant at Camino Montessori two years ago and was a co-teacher this year. Next year, she gets her own classroom as a "lower elementary" teacher.

"We're excited for her," said Camino



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Nikki Starks Black, a Montessori teacher in Maricopa, was named Mrs. Arizona International in competition in May.

Montessori Director Judy Webster.

Black said she wants to build a coalition of veteran teachers who want to share ideas and help new teachers or just have "a different way to handle something going on in the classroom."

She said she received that as a Montessori teacher, but others do not, so she would like to give all that same opportunity for support and resources.

"I don't mind getting out there and speaking about it," Black said.

She next goes for the Mrs. International title in Jacksonville, Florida, on July 22-23. [@](#)

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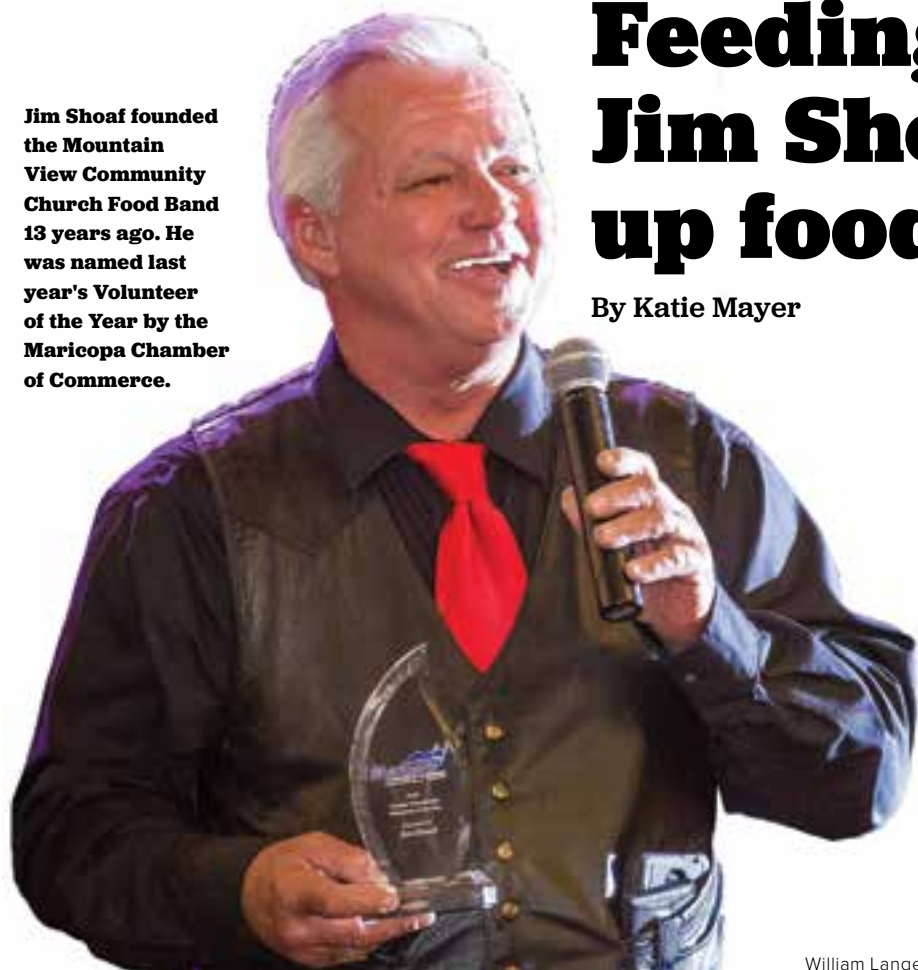


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Jim Shoaf founded the Mountain View Community Church Food Bank 13 years ago. He was named last year's Volunteer of the Year by the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce.



William Lange

Feeding Faith: Jim Shoaf serves up food and hope

By Katie Mayer

with his son, who lived in Kentucky, and the pair “patched up the sorrows.” But then tragedy struck and David was killed that fall in a car wreck.

“It was terrible,” Shoaf said. “My hair went gray overnight.”

Shoaf and his wife Alice received their son’s remains on a Thursday and shortly after received a call that a truckload of food was coming in.

“My wife said, ‘What are we going to do?’ so I asked the Lord, and that day, the truck came in with 133,000 roses inside,” Shoaf said. “I made a whole lot of women smile as I handed out the roses.”

He added, “We had the funeral on Sunday and gave out food and roses on Saturday.”

The timing of the roses and the hope they brought to both the Shoafs and those they served reminded them that they needed to keep doing the work they believed in.

Shoaf accepted a job as a school bus driver with Maricopa Unified School District, where he continues to drive today. The district has become a food pick-up location for those who visit his food bank, while the students have given hundreds of volunteer hours and raised spare change.

“I greatly appreciate (Shoaf’s) work for MUSD,” said Steve Chestnut, district superintendent. “Jim is also a tremendous asset to Maricopa, because of his excellent volunteer work providing food to needy families.”

Many supporters of Shoaf’s food bank said they choose to support it because Shoaf places no restrictions on who can receive assistance. He also finds ways to support people in need of other items, locally and in other states, and even other countries. If there is a way to help, it’s safe to say Shoaf will find it.

“If someone needs food, no matter what their stature was last week, if they are in need of food, he is willing to get it for them,” said Chris Cahall, owner of American Family Insurance and supporter of Mountain View Community Church Food Bank, which also utilizes F.O.R. Maricopa’s resources.

When Jim Shoaf was just a boy, he gravitated toward the kids that his peers often picked on or disregarded. His best friend had mental disabilities, and Shoaf regularly protected a fellow student in special education who was often the target of bullying.

“I don’t like to see people hurting,” Shoaf said. “It always bothered me.”

It still does.

Today, many Maricopa residents know Shoaf by his silver pickup truck and trailer — often seen carrying food — and hope — to those in need.

“Everybody knows who it is,” said Loree Thompson, who volunteers with Shoaf. “He is the food bank guy.”

Shoaf founded the Mountain View Community Church Food Bank 13 years ago out of his backyard and has grown it into a critical community resource with two locations and up to 40,000 pounds of food each weekend it opens.

Earlier this year, the Hidden Valley resident was named 2016 Volunteer of the Year by the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce. His food bank also received recognition as 501(c)(3) of the year by the Maricopa Business Council.

“Jim is very compassionate, very loving and very caring,” said Renate Chamberlin,

a longtime local community volunteer, who presented the chamber award to Shoaf. “He’s somebody you want in your corner because he won’t let you down.”

Although Shoaf has always “had a calling” to help others, it was when he was at his lowest that he found the strength to raise those around him.

About five years ago, Shoaf lost his longtime job with UPS and was left unemployed in his mid-50s. A man of deep Christian faith, he trusted God, but couldn’t understand why it happened.

“I was sort of angry with God because I worked hard, I was good to everybody and I (still) lost my job,” Shoaf recalled.

Then Shoaf suffered an even greater loss. After years of battling addiction and even serving jail time, Shoaf’s son David finally turned his life around during the summer Shoaf was out of work. Shoaf reconnected

Cahall and those like him are critical supporters for the food bank, which faces a new challenge of obtaining enough food to feed those in need, Shoaf said.

In recent months, discount food stores bought up much of the food Shoaf could formerly purchase, making it hard for him to obtain the quantity of food at the prices he used to pay. His longtime model at the food bank has been that a needy family is asked to donate \$10 to receive \$40-\$50 worth of food. Since most families cannot afford the donation, Shoaf gives them the food anyway and is able to rely on the support of donors in the community and at the church to make up the difference.

But with food prices rising due to the demand of the discount stores, he is in need of more support from Maricopa’s business community.

“I’m going to start asking the businesses for support,” Shoaf said. “I know if I can get the right sponsors to donate in Maricopa, I know I can compete with the dollar stores.”

To help bridge the gap in the short term, Shoaf has gotten creative at finding ways to obtain food. He gathers extra food from



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stores in town and collects donations. He even donated \$1,000 of his own money to buy 350 turkeys over Thanksgiving. The money he donated was also enough to obtain 250 hams for Christmas and a case of chicken.

“We still have trouble paying the bills at

The Mountain View Community Church provides 40,000 pounds of food the weekends it is open.

the food bank,” Shoaf said, “but we get them paid somehow.”

Shoaf, a father and grandfather, said he couldn’t do much of what he does for the community without the support of his wife of 38 years. Together, the couple does more than just feed the hungry — they feed their hearts.

“Food banks carry a stigma,” Shoaf said. “We try to make it a friendly experience and carry the food out to their cars and talk with them. ... I know about their husband with cancer and little girl who has had heart surgeries ... we take the time to get to know them.”

He added, “There are a whole lot of people out there who just need somebody to show them they care and I’ve spent my whole life doing that.”

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Coffman wins Mother of the Year; now vote for Dad

The readers have spoken.

Guadalupe "Lupe" Coffman has been chosen Mother of the Year in InMaricopa.com's online contest.

Coffman is the mother of four children. "She teaches them to keep on moving forward and your family is most important in this life. She is a role model for all of us," friends who nominated her said.

Even when a motorcycle accident nearly killed her husband Brandon last year, leaving him with a spinal cord injury and requiring many surgeries, Lupe stayed strong and



Raquel Hendrickson

positive for the children and her husband. The financial, physical and emotional strain on the family was carried on her shoulders, and she still found time to craft with the kids.

Another winner last month in the Best Shake in Maricopa contest was **The Green Zone Nutrition**, an Herbalife distributor and fitness center.

"Thanks to everybody who voted for us," co-owner Jeanette Jones said.



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Lupe Coffman has faced many challenges and is now Maricopa's Mother of the Year.

Jeanette Jones shows off a winner in the Best Shake in Maricopa contest.

The Green Zone serves up a wide range of flavored shakes, and the triple chocolate was the big winner for the contest.

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Pinal County Supervisor District 4 Vitiello v. Smith



Rich Vitiello

Age: 51

Hometown: Massapequa Park, New York

Residence: Maricopa

Years in District: 11

Family: Wife Joann Vitiello, mother Ann Vitiello, four daughters and sons-in-law, six grandchildren

Education: Farmingdale (N.Y.) High School

Professional background: Sales, marketing and product management. Retired after 27 years in worldwide sales and marketing for the sporting goods and cycling industry; now employed with AutoNation Honda in Chandler.

Why are you running?

I am concerned with the current supervisor's approach to issues. I want to be sure that my children and grandchildren are not burdened with debts that cannot be repaid because of political mismanagement. Change is needed to improve on what we have to move forward into the future successfully.

What are the biggest problems facing Pinal County?

1. Public safety. Our sheriff's office, county attorney and other public safety resources are underfunded and understaffed. We are losing people and not being able to fill positions due to budget cuts and other issues. An across-the-board budget cut is not the proper way to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money. I would work with each department

to look at their budget to help eliminate wasteful spending.

2. Economic development. We have a flawed system for economic development — our neighbors to the north and south have been successful in attracting and retaining business enterprises. We need to take a page out their playbook and work with other business groups, foundations and agencies to improve our situation.

3. Flood control. Homeowners should not be burdened with increased insurance and other costs due to their desire to live in our county. There are several different agencies working separately on flood control concerns. The county should have a coordinated effort to effectively work with all agencies so that tasks may be streamlined and costs may be lowered.

How will you use your position to bolster economic development in District 4?

I will utilize my 27 years of international business experience to seek out and work with others to advance prospects for business expansion and relocation. I look forward to working as part of a team with business groups, foundations and agencies to bring more jobs to Pinal County.

How do you foresee the Board of Supervisors dealing with the state 1-percent cap?

The cities and counties need to work with the state Legislature for a working consensus to make efforts to balance the state budget without deficits being placed upon the backs of local governments. Without a resolution, the services provided under the current and future budgets will have to be examined harshly for adjustments or cuts.

How will you gauge District 4's opinions of issues while in office?

I plan to meet with residents at the existing county-owned facilities or at community meeting rooms within the district on a regular basis. My personal stand on issues is tempered by the needs of my constituents. I will listen to my constituents for their input remembering that I am their representative.

What personal traits do you possess that make you the best person to be District 4 supervisor?

I believe in doing the right thing for my family and community. I believe that government needs to be transparent and we need honest representatives who will use their position for good and not be self-serving. I believe that I have the personal integrity to be the effective, honest representative of District 4.



Anthony Smith

Age: 63

Hometown: Too many moves.

Maricopa has my heart.

Residence: Maricopa

Years in District: 13

Family: Nancy (wife), five grown children in blended family with seven grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of Science, Purdue University

Professional background: Project Management Professional

Why are you running?

Pinal County is the first in the state to recover all jobs lost to the recession. We have cut our unemployment rate in half and increased our annual job growth rate to an amazing 5.6 percent. If re-elected, I will continue this path to prosperity and position us for even greater growth.

What are the biggest problems facing Pinal County?

1. The majority of our workers leave the

county each day to work in another county, making for an unsustainable economy. The good news is that we have a pipeline of new capital investments greater than \$16 billion. As an active partner with the City of Maricopa's leadership team, we coordinate our economic development efforts for the purpose of landing more jobs in Maricopa or within a short commute.

2. Our network of roads is congested and incapable of sustaining anticipated population growth. To ensure future growth, I've partnered with Maricopa and others on critical projects such as the 347 overpass, widening SR 347 from 4 to 6 lanes and actively involved in planning for the new Interstate 11.

3. Our county's financial health has suffered from the effects of the great recession, bad contracts approved by the previous board and millions of dollars swept annually by the state to balance their budget. In the past three years, we've taken huge steps to regain our fiscal health by reducing the size of county government to match a post-recession economy, renegotiated or cancelled bad contracts and lived within a balanced budget. If re-elected, I will demand we continue these sound fiscal policies and actions.

How will you use your position to bolster economic development in District 4?

The pipeline of projects I mentioned earlier could add approximately 6,000 new jobs all within a 40 minute drive from Maricopa and located in Pinal County. I'll continue working to ensure we land as many of these new projects as possible and help make Maricopa a major job market.

How do you foresee the Board of Supervisors dealing with the state 1-percent cap?


The 1-percent cap is a limit provided to residential property owners to protect them from excessive taxation. I'm against a fix that shifts the tax burden to sales or secondary property taxes. My idea is to focus on reducing the tax rate by rewarding taxing authorities that lower their tax rate and penalizing those that raise their tax rate.

How will you gauge District 4's opinions of issues while in office?

To hear from our citizens and solve problems, I hold meetings in five areas of District 4. By going directly to the people, I believe I deliver a higher level of service. I will continue to listen and represent the concerns

of constituents making sound decisions that benefit all District 4.

What personal traits do you possess that make you the best person to be District 4 supervisor?

In the decades that I spent in the project management profession, I learned the importance of being accountable, action-oriented and doing what you say you will do. I used these same principles when I was mayor of the City of Maricopa and continue to use them today as your county supervisor. 

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What MUSD budget override means to students

By Jamie Cluff

The Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board approved a 10-percent, seven-year override that will be on the Nov. 8 ballot, with the additional tax projected to be \$132 per year on a home with an assessed value of \$100,000. This override would allow the hiring of up to 47 K-12 teachers in 2017-18 to reduce the large class sizes and provide expanded academic programs for students. It would also provide more technology for instructional purposes.

The issue of money is not what matters in this override proposal. What's at issue is

students, the community and MUSD being able to provide the best education they can for their youth.

"Since it is a Saturday, and I am not at work, I can tell you that I think it should pass," an MUSD staff member said at the March 19 Salsa Festival while a group of community members gave out information asking people to vote yes.

The students at Maricopa High School had a lot to say about the proposal once they learned how it affected the school. Shelby Hanks, who graduated in May, said, "Even though I won't be here, I saw the effect this year of too many students coming in and not a lot of teachers to counteract it, so the class sizes were big... I definitely think it should pass."

When asked, most students didn't even know what the override was.

"I'm sad that we don't have that now," MHS incoming sophomore Alexius Karr said after she was informed of the details.

Carter Petty, a junior at MHS, explained why he thinks the override should pass: "Large classes take away the interpersonal student-teacher relationship."

"It will give new opportunities to Maricopa [Unified School District]," incoming senior

Crystal Galavan said about the \$500,000 that would go toward the instructional technologies.

The override would allow the district to hire 47 new teachers to spread around its nine schools. Butterfield, Maricopa, Pima Butte, Saddleback, Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Elementary School would each get 2-4 teachers for class size reduction. Maricopa Wells and

I wish it had come sooner

— Anna Cardinal, MHS student

Desert Wind Middle School would get one teacher for class size reduction and one teacher for expanded academic programs. MHS, with 1,850 students, would receive five teachers for class size reduction and four teachers for expanded academic programs.

"I wish it had come sooner," said Anna Cardinal, an incoming junior who, if the override passes, would experience the benefit her senior year.

Jamie Cluff is a student at Maricopa High School.

Override campaign changes approach to voters

By Raquel Hendrickson



Raquel Hendrickson

Teachers and technology have been top selling points for the "Vote Yes on the Override" campaign in Maricopa.

City Councilman Vincent Manfredi is chairman of the campaign, and he, too, emphasizes the need for more teachers and tech. Raising taxes is not his modus operandi. Maricopa Unified School District's proposed budget override would increase what taxpayers give the school in property taxes by \$11 per month on \$100,000 of assessed value.

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come out and help at events.

"We have to explain it differently than it used to be."

This time, he is using some insight gained from his time on the city council as selling points. The link between a strong school district and a community's economic development was part of that insight.

"A good school system is like a magnet," Manfredi said. "Communities with good school have less crime and more economic development."

He said it is a reflection of the community as a whole. If people looking for a home are drawn to Maricopa because of its three-time win as best suburb of Phoenix, one of the first things they look at is the school system.

With around 1,300 students being bused out of Maricopa every day to override-rich schools in Kyrene and Tempe, MUSD has difficult competition and fewer resources. Still when the state passed out letter grades, MUSD raised its rating from a C to a B.

"There are so many benefits to neighborhood schools," Manfredi said. "It's all about community pride."

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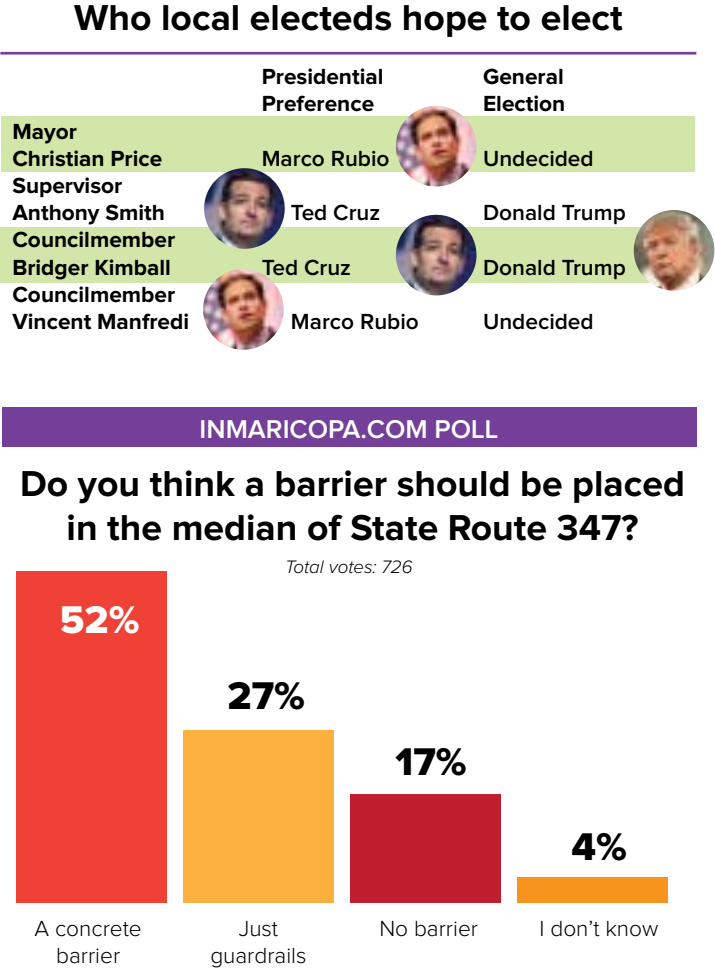
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"I dove deep into the budget," he said.

Through his work with the MUSD Budget Committee, he became convinced the district had cut all the fat, was down to bare bones in administration — "Some of those people are doing two or three jobs," he said — and classes were burgeoning.

"Twenty-five is OK in a class," he said. "But some classrooms have 30 to 35 kids. That's not good."

As proposed, the override would give the district funding for 47 more teachers and \$500,000 in instructional technology. Seven of the teachers would be for a proposed

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Overpass

Overpass will change or displace food bank

Story and photos by
Raquel Hendrickson

"We have to get prepared for what the future looks like for us."

When Wendy Webb talks about the plans of F.O.R. Maricopa, the founder and director of the food bank has to use a lot of question marks. The pending railroad overpass on State Route 347 is a big part of that uncertainty.

Webb does not know if F.O.R. (Food, Opportunity and Resources) Maricopa will have to move or will simply have its access changed dramatically. Relocation seems highly likely, and the nonprofit's board is looking at options.

F.O.R. Maricopa has a 10-year lease with Pinal County for the building it occupies at 44625 W. Garvey next to Maricopa Fire District administration buildings, the Park & Ride parking lot and a county air-quality monitor.

It is also next to John Wayne Parkway. The building was a sheriff's office substation and jail before Maricopa incorporated. F.O.R. Maricopa put about \$100,000 into the building to fit its needs.

"My understanding is that they do have to help get you into something similar that you can afford," Webb said. "There doesn't appear to exist anything like that that I'm aware of."

Webb asked former mayor Kelly Anderson, who recently finished his tenure on the State Transportation Board, to try to get more recent estimates from the Arizona Department of Transportation.

"So far, it's still pretty general because the plan is in flux," she said.

In their design for the overpass, ADOT engineers are working off a so-called



Andy Buckband, above, unloads food behind F.O.R. Maricopa, which may or may not be in the path of a planned overpass. Executive Director Wendy Webb, left, has been trying to find options if the food bank has to move.



Alternative H approach while trying to avoid as many businesses and homes as possible. A most recent concept shows the MFD buildings being spared along with the food bank.

"We still have to have business access, so I think that might be one of our biggest challenges," Webb said. "If we are saved, how do you get to us?"

ADOT personnel called Webb to discuss the organization's needs. "We've spoken in generic terms," she said. "We don't really know. I don't think anybody knows. I think it probably changes weekly."

Despite the uncertainty, F.O.R. Maricopa

is looking at options in case it has to move.

"We've been out there looking for land," Webb said. "We found on the back side of McDavid behind the high school there is some property there that is really not that far out for us and it's owned by some investors. So we did talk to two investors to see if they would be willing to parcel out three acres for us so we would have enough room for parking. They said they were open to discussions."

The board is also looking into land that could become available as a result of construction work at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, owned by the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

"They're trying to figure out what they don't need in the future and would that be something they could give us for a temporary place to live until we could afford to build or whatever," Webb said. "We're still working with them to see what they think they'll have available. It was a lovely surprise. I had no idea."

F.O.R. Maricopa is not banking on either of those possibilities. But Webb has confidence the food bank's most reliable supporters will step up to help once a plan is finally in place.

"We're trying to come up with options to make the costs as low as possible in case there is no place for us to go," Webb said.

Close vote for Prop. 123; Prop. 124 passes easily

It was a close one.

In the early counting, fewer than 8,000 votes separated approval of Proposition 123 from disapproval in the May 17 Special Election. By the end of the week, however, that margin spread to nearly 2 percentage points.

The election had a statewide turnout of almost 28 percent. There were two questions on the ballot.

If the canvass holds up for Prop. 123, it is expected to provide \$598 million to Arizona schools over the next two years by increasing the annual distributions from the state land trust permanent funds for schools. It is a settlement of so-called inflation litigation against the state Legislature. A Superior Court judge said the state owed schools \$1.3 billion.

Pinal County voted in favor of the settlement 54 percent (26,461 votes) to 46 percent (22,922 votes).

Maricopa Unified School District Superintendent Steve Chestnut said he expected the vote to be close. If canvassing proves it passed, MUSD expects to receive around \$1.25 million in June. That will be worked into the 2016-17 budget, with a vote probably at the June 22 meeting of the board.

Prop. 124 had an easier time getting voter approval. It passed by a margin of 70 percent to 30 percent.

It amends the Constitution to allow a compounding cost-of-living adjustment for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

More than two-thirds of Pinal County voters voted in favor of the proposition, 68 percent (32,864 votes) to 32 percent (15,692 votes).

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Proposition 124

Yes	718,696	70% ✓
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Major cleanup gives Justice Court fresh start

By Raquel Hendrickson

Jake Johnson

Lyle Riggs was sworn in as justice of the peace in January 2015 but his court was under the control of Superior Court until April this year after an audit launched an investigation into his predecessor.

Lyle Riggs called it “an amazing team effort” involving judges, clerks, other court staff and elected officials.

But because Riggs wears the robe and is the centerpiece of the courtroom, he is the face of a major reversal at the Maricopa/Stanfield Justice Court. Now that the state has officially handed back local control of the court, Riggs is also truly in charge.

The Arizona Supreme Court returned control April 27. To celebrate, court staff partied with an appreciation luncheon.

“In terms of the core function of the court, money’s being handled correctly and cases are being managed correctly,” Riggs said. “In terms of how I operate the courtroom, I think the staff is much more cohesive. I think they’re happier from when I first got here.

“There is a better teamwork, and I think they have a better vision of what we’re trying to accomplish as a court.”

Riggs was elected justice of the peace in 2014, in the middle of scandal at the court. An audit by an independent firm of both the Justice Court and the Maricopa Municipal Court in December 2013 began an investigation into mismanagement and even the misplacement of more than \$155,000. The audit showed the court did not make daily deposits, and the ensuing investigation brought more alarming details to light.

The courts share a building on Wilson Avenue. For more than 10 years, since incorporation, they also shared a judge — Scott Sulley.

In the wake of the troublesome audit, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch had Sulley reassigned. Berch’s order described the financial record-keeping as “broken down” and the court as “ceas(ing) to function properly in several key areas.”

Pinal County Superior Court Presiding Judge Stephen McCarville, who was responsible for reassigning Sulley, told the Commission on Judicial Conduct he felt he could not trust Sulley with any judicial duties. The commission found 400 final disposition reports unprocessed and stacked throughout the office.

It wasn’t just a financial mess. Accusations surfaced of bad behavior in court ranging from rudeness to ethnic bias to keeping warrants

active after fines had been paid. The commission heard Sulley was not only leading an untrained staff, but he was also not allowing them to get proper training and even telling them to do things incorrectly. It was a spreading black eye for Maricopa.

Sulley was later entirely removed from the bench and then disbarred.

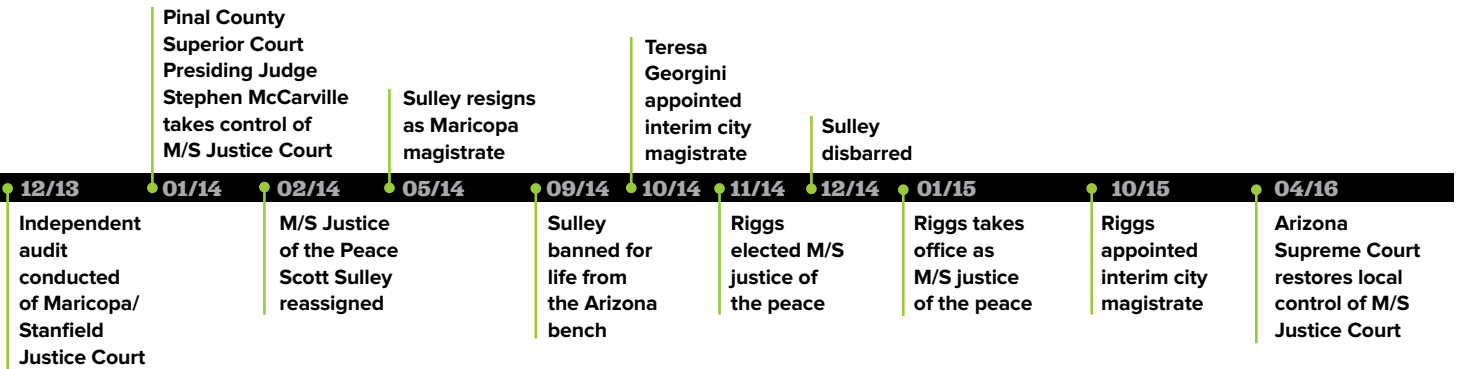
Administrative Director of the Courts Dave Byers called the financial situation at the local court “catastrophic.”

In January 2014, the Supreme Court gave McCarville control of the Maricopa/Stanfield court. That remained the case until April 27 of this year.

“I have not experienced any situation similar



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to those in the Maricopa Justice/Magistrate Court but have been told by the Arizona Supreme Court that it has occurred in other jurisdictions," McCarville said. "Thankfully, I have only been the presiding judge for three years so I am hoping this is my only experience with this situation."

McCarville appointed interim judges while sending over experienced clerks and court staff to scour the justice court and municipal court financially. They worked overtime and weekends processing neglected reports and uncovering the misplaced funds.

"That's a lot of work — too many years of backlog and problems and issues," Mayor Christian Price said. "This is a court you can now trust completely. I really appreciate all the work that's gone into it — a lot of Saturdays and a lot of late nights and early mornings."

County Supervisor Anthony Smith praised staff for its hard work to get the court "back on the right track and re-establish the integrity we expect in our court system."

The county did foot the bill for staff to complete the endeavor.

Riggs waded into that massive effort when he took office in January 2015. He had no chief clerk at the time. Several staff members were only interim. Though there was turnover from the Sulley court, there were four clerks who stayed.

Riggs said there was personal satisfaction in that for him, and their experience in the Sulley court was invaluable as others worked to straighten out files. Two other clerks have been hired from Casa Grande.

"I've been here a year and a half," Riggs said. "I've never had a full staff that's been fully trained."

One clerk just started in May to fill out that staff. Riggs estimated it takes a brand new clerk three to six months "to really get up to being fully productive."

He said the court's goal now is keep everybody on staff and trained and happy.

Riggs said when he came in he sat down with each staff member individually. "At that point, I told them, 'The past is the past. You're starting with a clean slate. Prove to me you can do the job.' And they responded."

Possibly the greatest challenge Riggs faced was "instilling in staff the notion that our mistakes have real impacts on real lives. If we don't cancel a warrant timely, and someone gets arrested when they shouldn't have, that's real impact. If we suspend someone's driver license mistakenly, that's real impact."

"I think part of the disconnect was the sense that part of the work wasn't necessarily that important and that it didn't really matter."

His staff now has a vision of what the court should be and pride in their work, he said.

The court was given a 61-page Action Plan to check off as it came into compliance. It still has outstanding items to complete. Though the direct oversight of Superior Court has ended, McCarville left the justice court a to-do list: Demonstrate correct financial management; demonstrate correct case management.

The court crossed the threshold for both in July and was monitored until April. Riggs said his court has hit the financial filing deadlines every time.

McCarville said both the Supreme Court and Superior Court will visit the M/S Justice Court over the next few months, and a final audit has been planned for July or August.

Riggs also keeps on eye on Supreme Court guidelines for case resolutions.

For instance, the Supreme Court determined 85 percent of driving-under-the-influence cases should be resolved in six months. Ninety percent of civil traffic violations should be resolved in three months.

Riggs said the M/S Justice Court is not quite there yet, but he watches those numbers closely. Speedy resolution is better justice, he said. And

there are lingering cases from the Sulley years to still be processed.

"We're still seeing a lot of old cases that there's no way to resolve them until the defendants actually come in," Riggs said. "So those will hang around for a while."

“What we’re being told is there is a higher level of trust. People feel like they’re being heard.” — Judge Lyle Riggs

One of the changes initiated at the Maricopa/Stansfield court was how duties were assigned to clerks. For many courts, clerks are assigned to a desk with specific duties. At the M/S court, they put three desks together and assigned clerks as a team.

"Because the cases don't come into us evenly," Riggs said. "One day you might have a whole bunch of civil traffic cases, so that clerk is overwhelmed, but the other clerk has a little bit less to do. Now we're saying, 'You come help the civil traffic clerk.'"

Judicial office supervisor Luis Lopez is "outstanding," Riggs said. "I am thrilled with my staff. They do great work. They all know they still have to improve, and they're all committed to it."

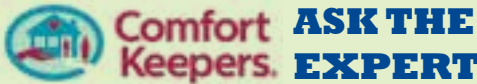
The collaboration between Superior Court, Board of Supervisors, city council and the local courts "has been a really good example of what government entities can do when they decide to come together," he said.

"What we're being told is there is a higher level of trust. People feel like they're being heard. And they feel like they're being treated fairly."

Having been JP for nearly 18 months, he can see how easily cases can get out of hand.

"We are a high-volume court," Riggs said. "And if you don't stay on top of things day to day, it stacks up really fast. If you don't have staff that's well trained, it starts to stack up. I don't know how it got started — I wasn't here — but based on what we've seen, you can't put cases aside and say 'I'll get to them tomorrow.' Because when you do that, the next day's cases get added to that. Pretty quick you're overwhelmed."

See the Action Plan at InMaricopa.com



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Surviving Arizona's Summer Heat

Q I am a Senior (over 65) and have just moved to Arizona to be closer to my children. I've heard Arizona can be brutal in the summer. What tips can you give me on how to survive the heat this summer? (ANN)

A Arizona's Heat can be deadly. Approximately 30-50 Arizonans die each year due to summer heat. A large proportion of deaths are among the elderly, age 65 and over.

Who is at Risk?

Everyone is at risk but especially people age 65 and over, people with heart disease or high blood pressure, those taking certain medications for depression, insomnia, or poor circulation, and people who are overweight are among those at greater risk.

How can you protect yourself from the effects of the extreme heat? Make sure you stay hydrated. Dehydration can lead to increased incidences of confusion. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine which worsens the effect heat has on your body. Try to substitute Electrolyte drinks such as Propel (sugar free), Gatorade (sugared) for some of your water to help preserve the balance of electrolytes in your body. Electrolyte imbalance can also lead to dehydration.

A couple of good tips in regards to hydration are 1) drink before you become thirsty as thirst is a warning sign of dehydration and 2) you hydrate now for later. If you begin to hydrate now for now, you're probably dehydrated already.

Avoid strenuous activity on very hot days and limit your

activities to the coolest part of the day. If you have to go out, wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Make sure you rest often in the shade. Stay in air conditioned areas, if possible, go to a publicly air conditioned area in the hottest part of the day. Always wear a hat and sunscreen when outside. UV treated clothing also helps protect your skin from sun.

Finally, try to have a buddy system where relatives, neighbors or friends check on each other with regularity. Let someone know if you are going out and approximately what time you plan on returning. Then check in upon returning.

Finally, be smart whenever you go out in the heat and enjoy your new home in Arizona now that you are close to your family!

Maricopa resident Rev. Sherielyn Curry operates companies specializing in senior services: Non-medical in-home care (Comfort Keepers), education and awareness (Covenant Family Services), and transitional housing for seniors (Solace Place). For more information, to schedule a free home visit, or to ask her a question, contact her at MaricopaAZ@ComfortKeepers.com or 480-659-9201.

The Problem with Calorie Counting – Part 2: ‘Calories Out’

By Aaron Gilbert

My fitness tracker is telling me I must burn at least 600 calories during each Longevity Athletics training session this week to lose three pounds! Okay, let's do this! Hold on there ... unfortunately, it's a little more complicated than that.

Let's explore three reasons why daily activity tracking and exercise counts can be problematic.

1 Calorie-burn estimates are not precise.

The calorie burn figures you see in articles, online calculators and fitness trackers are based on averages with large margins for error. Popular methods include:

Direct Calorimetry – Scientists use a hermetically sealed chamber to measure energy burned. It's the most expensive method, and rarely used because of it. Margin of error: up to 3.3 percent.

Indirect Calorimetry – Gas exchange measurements are taken to estimate energy expenditure. This is the preferred method behind all of the calorie burn estimates you see. Margin of error: up to 45 percent!



Aaron Gilbert

Consumer Fitness Trackers – Most are off by about 30 percent for total daily calorie expenditure. For aerobic exercise, popular devices show error rate between 9 and 23 percent. One such device, the MyZone MZ3 Physical Activity Belt, used exclusively at Longevity Athletics, will provide the least amount of error with the accuracy of an EKG monitor.

2 Individuals burn calories uniquely and variably.

Many factors affect the true calories burned during exercise and rest, including:

Genes – A single variation in what's called the FTO gene can cause you to burn 160 fewer calories per day.

Epigenetics – External factors affect how genes are expressed. For example, in mice, when a mother eats more of a specific nutrient during pregnancy, her offspring burn 5 percent more calories a day. Human studies indicate similar outcomes.

Sleep – Sleep deprivation for a single night has the potential to decrease calories burned that day by 5-20 percent.

3 What and how much you eat influences how many calories you'll burn

For example, in response to overeating, your metabolism increases. However, some people's metabolism will adapt and burn more than others'. In a laboratory setting, a group of individuals consumed 1,000 more calories than they needed per day for eight weeks, and at the end of the study some gained as little as 1 pound while others gained as much as 10 pounds.

You'll burn more energy digesting some macronutrients than others. For example, by way of digestion, you'll burn 20-30 percent more of total calories from protein, 5-10 percent from carbohydrates, and 0-3 percent from fats.

Tracking calorie intake and calorie output is unreliable. Until science comes up with a better way, let's keep it simple with committing to eating the right foods, in the right amounts, at the right times, while engaging in the World Health Organization's recommended 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity per week.

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Submitted

Ice pops can be made healthier and tastier for your summer cool-down.

Juicy ice pops a healthy summer treat

By Claire Bullivant

The heat is on! Here are my tips and tricks for trying to stay cool and healthy in an Arizonan summer.

My next business venture is bottled cold pressed juices. As this magnificent cold press juicer was being delivered, I stumbled over a recipe book on ice pops. I started to get excited. "What if we could have cold-pressed juice ice pops? And how about turning our fresh fruit smoothies into ice pops?"

I'm going to share some of my research so you can create your own and have a ready-made batch of healthy cool deliciousness on hand all summer.

An obvious rule is that the healthier the substance you start with, the healthier the ice pop is going to end up. For freezing juices, the

pinnacle would be raw, organic cold-pressed juice, and then home centrifuged juice; all the way down to store-bought juice made from concentrate.

Whatever you freeze, add some simple syrup, honey or agave to it. The more sugar in the substance, the softer the product will be when frozen. If you put too much sugar (or alcohol) in the pop, it will not freeze hard enough.

That brings us on to boozy pops! A whole topic in itself, which I have the awful job of researching over the next couple of months!

If you like a creamier pop you can blend fruit with coconut or almond milk, kefir, milk or cream. Again, the same rule applies — whipping cream isn't going to have fewer calories when frozen, so choose wisely. Add chia or muesli or whole pieces of fruit. Yum!



Claire Bullivant

“Whatever you freeze, add some simple syrup, honey or agave to it. The more sugar in the substance, the softer the product will be when frozen.”

If you find a winner recipe, email it to clairejbullivant@gmail.com. If we decide to manufacture it, we'll give you a prize and try to work your name into the name of the ice pop.

Claire Bullivant is the owner of Bead and Berry Coffee House.

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Maricopa development updates

Maricopa City Council adopted a new General Plan and Land Use Map, “Planning Maricopa, Shaping Our Community,” at a May 17 meeting. The 10-year general plan will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot for voter approval.

Plans for a Circle K at the corner of Honeycutt Road and Porter Road continue through the review process with the Maricopa Public Works Department. It would be the company’s third location in the city and the first gas station not on John Wayne Parkway.

Also working through the review process are the plans for Culver’s restaurant at the southwest corner of John Wayne Parkway and Edison Road. It is scheduled to open in November.

The city has also received a pre-application from Big 5 Sporting Goods as the company explores the possibility of locating in Maricopa next to Walmart.

Public Works plans to start construction on the Edison Road extension in July. Contract negotiations are in progress. The work will connect Edison to State Route 238 to serve the future Estrella Gin Business Park.

New business licenses issued in Maricopa

The following licenses were issued April 16-May 15:

Commercial: Alexon Design Group, Fierro Contracting, Jordan Law, Kecia Philpot Farmers Insurance, Ketalog Inc.

Home-based: Frank’s Lock & Service, Master Kut Landscape, Olive Care Homes, Rileyhoo, Tiempo Home Services, TJ’s Shaved Ice, Tutorvercity

Out-of-town: Arizona Sign & Maintenance, Electric Blue Entertainment, Gerdau Reinforcing Steel, Monster Signs, Pride Group, Western Utility Contractors

Great Wall, Papa Murphy’s, Spoons correct health violations

The Pinal County Department of Environmental Health made several inspections of Maricopa food establishments between April 13 and May 15 and found just three of the 40 inspected to be short of “excellent” in food safety.

Papa Murphy’s was marked down to “satisfactory” for not having hot water in hand-washing sinks, having no food handler or food manager cards and no test strips for its sanitizing solution. Spoon’s Café was cited for having a non-working deep fryer and a refrigerator unable to hold temperature, and for having undated food in that refrigerator. Great Wall also was nicked for lack of date markings and having uncovered items in the refrigerator and freezer.

EXCELLENT [No violations found]

- Aliberto’s Mexican Food
- Bashas’
- Bashas’ Bakery
- Bashas’ Deli
- Bashas’ Starbucks
- Brooklyn Boys Italian Restaurant
- Butterfield Elementary School
- Children’s Learning Adventure
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- Cilantro’s
- Desert Wind Middle School
- Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
- Fry’s Marketplace
- Fry’s Marketplace Bakery
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- Fry’s Marketplace Sushi

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- Secondary
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- Walmart
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- Walmart Deli

SATISFACTORY [Violations corrected during inspection]

- Great Wall Chinese Restaurant
- Papa Murphy’s Pizza
- Spoon’s Cafe

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT [Critical item noted during inspection cannot be corrected immediately, requiring follow-up inspection]

- None
- UNACCEPTABLE [Gross, unsanitary conditions necessitating the discontinuation of operations]
- None

MetroPCS store local family’s 6th location

Story and photos by Raquel Hendrickson



Norman and Balsam Cholagh have opened a MetroPCS store in Maricopa, but it is not their first. They have other locations in Phoenix, Tempe, Avondale and Goodyear, all opened while the Cholaghs have resided in Maricopa.

Their sixth location, at 44400 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite 108, represents “a new opportunity in a new market.”

MetroPCS is a prepaid wireless service that operates off the T-Mobile 4G network. It started as General Wireless in 2004. It merged with T-Mobile in 2013.

“We offer the customer a good data plan and service for a cheap price,” Norman Cholagh said.

“It’s the only prepaid plan with unlimited data,” Balsam Cholagh said.

The Cholaghs moved to Arizona from Michigan 10 years ago and moved to

Maricopa eight years ago. Norman worked as a Realtor and then for GoDaddy, doing both simultaneously for a while.

The Cholaghs joined MetroPCS in 2014. Norman said he hopes to open another location in Maricopa within five years.

The addition of MetroPCS to the city’s wireless market gives Maricopa more variety, he said.

The Cholaghs have three children, all attending school in Maricopa. The family-oriented, small-town atmosphere is what drew



NORMAN CHOLAGH

- AGE: 39
- BUSINESS: MetroPCS
- NATURE OF THE BUSINESS: Prepaid wireless service
- BUSINESS LOCATION: 44400 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite 108
- HOMETOWN: Detroit, Michigan
- MARICOPAN SINCE: 2008
- FAMILY: Wife Balsam, three children
- LIKES MOST ABOUT MARICOPA: Family friendly
- LIKES LEAST ABOUT MARICOPA: One way in, one way out

them to Maricopa. Balsam said the creation of Copper Sky was “a big, big thing” for family life. Norman has also been impressed with the close relationship of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the city of Maricopa as both try to grow revenue.

He said while the city still does not have all of the amenities of its larger neighbors to the north, he is confident it will happen.

The Cholaghs worked for a month on their new storefront, taking over space previously occupied by a school. The Maricopa location opened May 17.

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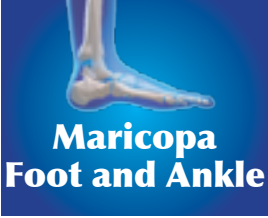
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New chamber leader sets goals

By Yvonne Gonzalez

The Maricopa Chamber of Commerce is rebuilding with its sixth director in eight years.

Its newest executive director is a 2013 graduate of Maricopa High School who says she's focused on retaining members, streamlining operations and improving the chamber's image, among other goals.

"The more up-to-date and fresh we are, the more appealing we'll be to the community," said Sara Troyer, formerly the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship marketing and programs development director. "A lot of what I'm trying to do is really strip the chamber down and build it back up."

Troyer is pursuing a certification in nonprofit management and a bachelor's degree in public administration online at Southern New Hampshire University.

Troyer said since her April 1 start at the chamber, she's been working on streamlining office processes and finding areas to save money.

Chamber members are now able to take discounted or free business development classes at the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship, she said, and chamber events get more participation.

The chamber is working to get member feedback on services. Troyer said a recent survey found successful networking events were a top priority among members.

She said the chamber is working to design programs that fit what most members want.

"We can't do everything for everyone, but we can make connections to place them with someone that offers them," she said.

The chamber added six members in April. Annual dues above standard membership recently rose to \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 annually for various levels.

"We never want to raise our dues again," Troyer said.

Troyer said retention has been better in the last two months compared to years past.

"All the people who were going to renew in the last two months, we've retained 95 percent



Raquel Hendrickson

of them," she said, noting previous numbers as low as 60 percent.

Troyer is the youngest and latest in a string of leaders for the chamber.

Theresa Kingery became the executive director in 2006. She and four board officials resigned at the end of 2010.

The job was unfilled until March 2012 when Maricopa business owner Jim McMichael stepped in as president.

By September of that year, McMichael agreed to resign at the request of the board. He said at the time that there were philosophical

differences with board leaders who asked him to step down.

The role was again vacant after interim president John Kennedy was arrested in December 2012 on charges of burglary and stalking.

The chamber board hired Dave Moss as its president and Lewis as the chief operating officer in May 2013, shortly after the city pulled \$40,000 from annual chamber funding.

Online tax records for that year show no payments for Moss, but Lewis earned \$40,000 from the chamber.

Chamber member questions hiring process

By Yvonne Gonzalez

Business owner Kimberly Diedrich said she and other members of the City of Maricopa Chamber of Commerce were met with resistance when they asked the board for records related to the executive director search.

Diedrich, whose husband Carl was a finalist for the position, said ads for the job posted on Indeed.com and Facebook listed requirements for applicants like holding a bachelor's degree or five years of executive experience.

She filed suit May 20 in Pinal County Superior Court.

The board said in an emailed statement it kept the membership informed throughout the process. The

executive director was chosen using "generally accepted human resources practices ... and also complied with confidential hiring requirements."

There were 27 other applicants for the position, according to Diedrich.

She said she supports Troyer in her new role, but noted there may be more of a learning curve compared to other candidates who could have hit the ground running.

Diedrich said her main concern is that the board adheres to its bylaws and rules of operation.

"There may not be any impropriety, but it appears as though there is," she said.

Troyer was hired after a two-month search to replace Marla Lewis, who served as the chamber's lead executive for less than three years.

Lewis declined to comment in an email other than to say she was "aware of the campaign (Diedrich) is working on."

Sara Troyer has been streamlining since stepping in as director of the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce.

Tax data show revenue in 2008 reached \$214,702, and then decreased sharply for three years to less than \$95,000 before starting an upswing in 2012. There was a slight drop in revenue from 2013 to 2014, according to the most recent data available.

Revenue hasn't exceeded \$120,000 since 2010.

Troyer said she's lived in Maricopa for 12 years, and while the recession played a role in the slump, she said politics may have played a role from 2009 to 2012.

"I'm sure that some of that was due to unhappy people or people who were just sick of the politics," she said.

She said she wants to move forward from that history.

"I know that the reputation at the time was not the best," she said. "I don't know the extent of that."

Lewis was the president and chief executive officer when she resigned earlier this year.

Troyer said Lewis built great momentum for the chamber heading into 2016, and she wants to keep that going.

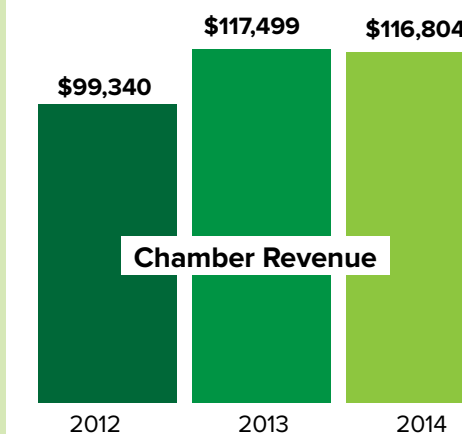
"2016 will be a great fiscal year for us," she said.

Salaries for 2016 will account for about \$44,000 in expenses for the chamber.

Troyer and bookkeeper Christy Fette are the only paid employees, with Troyer working 40 hours per week and Fette putting in about six hours each week.

Troyer says she's working to update the website in her spare time, also a cost-saving measure.

"I code; I'm able to build the website myself," she said. "I've been doing that on my evenings and weekends so we can save a lot on hosting fees. It's been a lot of work, but I think it's going to be helpful."



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Above: Maricopa staff celebrating summer with a Luau Party.



Right: Desiree Tilbury, Clinical Pharmacist in Charge

Summer Travel Tips

You've got your bags packed, and your plane ticket, a hotel room, and a car are all booked for your trip. You're completely ready, right? Actually, you might have forgotten something.

Did you see your doctor before heading out on your vacation? Whether traveling domestically or overseas, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highly recommends seeing a physician at least four to six weeks prior to takeoff. There are so many factors that can affect the outcome of a trip, from the diseases common in your intended destination, the length of your trip, to even your planned activities and your own personal medical history (both past and present).

A general physical is a good idea, especially if you might be planning to participate in physical activity that you do not perform regularly. These factors also greatly depend on your age and any chronic

health issues. And if you happen to get sick at the time of your intended trip, it is advisable to consult your doctor about your options — and if you are fit for travel. Seeing your doctor before a trip will also ensure that your prescriptions are up-to-date and filled.

And if traveling by plane, it's always advisable to keep medications and health-related items in your carry-on instead of your luggage. That way in case of a luggage mix-up, you are not separated from your medications for long. And if you have one, it's always a good idea to keep a medical alert bracelet or necklace on you while you are away from home.

But your physical condition isn't the only thing you should consider when going on vacation.



"So much depends on where you're going," says Sun Life's Director of Nursing Marion Levett. "And it's so important to do your research and be prepared."

If traveling overseas, vaccines are a major part of planning your trip, Levett explains. "And each country is different."

For an extensive list, visit the traveler's health website: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list. There, you can choose any country in the world, and then pick which kind of traveling you are doing (whether it's with children, on a cruise ship, or just visiting friends and family), as well as what kind of traveler you are (if you are pregnant, have immune-compromised health issue, or have a chronic disease). The site will give you all of the information you could want, from suggested and required vaccines and medicines, tips on how to stay healthy, a travel packing list, travel health notices, and ideas on what to do after your trip if you've contracted an illness.

There are also other day-to-day factors to consider, such as whether the water is safe to drink, Levett added, or even what latitude the location is in. If you have respiratory problems, traveling to locations at higher latitudes should be an issue to talk about with your doctor.



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She also indicated that travel health insurance can be helpful, to be on the safe side. And putting together a basic first-aid kit is never a bad idea. Items Levett suggests should be in every traveler's kit are:

- Spare pair of glasses/contact lenses
- Needles or syringes, insulin, or blood sugar testing supplies (for diabetics)
- Extra inhaler
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Tweezers
- Antihistamine
- Antacid
- Motion sickness medicine
- Cough drops/suppression or expectorant
- Decongestant
- Mild laxative
- Mild sedative or sleep aid
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Topical antibiotic cream
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Benadryl
- Bug repellent/insect bite treatment
- Altitude sickness medicine
- Antifungal/antibacterial ointments
- Bandages (several sizes), gauze and tape
- Antiseptic
- Aloe gel (for sunburns)
- Moleskin or mole foam for blisters
- Oral rehydration salts
- Disposable gloves
- Cotton swabs/Q-tips
- Eye drops
- Elastic or compression bandage wraps for sprains
- Scissors/safety pins
- Digital thermometer

While these items can help with basic health concerns, every location has its unique landscape and wildlife that can adversely affect us if we are not prepared. "So plan ahead, and don't wait until the last minute," Levett advises.

To schedule your pre-travel checkup, visit www.sunlifehealth.org, or call (520) 568-2245



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Conquering Maricopa's compact soil

By Betty Beeman

Compacted soil is the major reason some of the trees, shrubs and plants fail to do well in our area. Calcium carbonate (caliche) is lime, a basic component of cement, and is found all over Pinal County. We also have a high salt content in our soil.

How do you know if you have compaction problems? A simple



Betty Beeman

way is to dig a hole. Using a pick and a shovel, dig one foot deep and as wide as you feel will give you a good reading. Then fill the hole with water and time how long it takes the water to sink into the ground. Most soils should drain within 30 minutes to two hours. If it takes longer than six hours do not plant anything at that site.

Buying top soil or using planting mix in a raised bed is an easy way to get around compact soil problems.

Don't be tempted to use compacted soil to container garden or fill your raised beds. Plants need a light porous soil to obtain the air and water necessary for growth. To provide a healthy environment for your plants you must have good drainage, proper fertilizer and at least six hours of sunlight daily.

Another way to overcome compaction is to have top soil brought in or build a raised garden and fill it with planting mix from a garden center. You can have it delivered from a nursery, though this can be costly.

Pinal County has an average yearly rainfall of five inches, so the need to deliver water consistently and wisely becomes priority No. 1. Mulches, placed on top of the soil, around the plants are the easiest way to avoid fluctuating soil moisture levels. Biodegradable mulches such as straw, alfalfa hay, dried leaves and compost block surface evaporation while suppressing weeds and making important contributions to the soil's supply of organic matter. Plants suffer permanent damage with inconsistent watering.

Monthly Gardening Tips

Protect young citrus trees from sunburn by painting trunks with latex paint mixed 50/50 with water.

Check your drip system because the heat may cause the hoses to become soft and your drip emitters could pop out.

Potted plants may need to be watered twice a day. Keep pots out of hot direct afternoon sun to avoid cooking the roots. If your pots are on a patio, consider placing them on a wood pallet or other structure so that air can move beneath the pots and prevent direct contact with the cement.

It's not too late to plant to plant daisies, hollyhocks, marigolds, salvia and sunflower, or transplants of cantaloupe, watermelons, pumpkin, winter and summer squash, eggplant and okra. ☞

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MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD



41902 W. Almira Drive

Raquel Hendrickson

The most expensive home sold April 16 through May 15 was in Glennwilde Silver Oaks. The three-bedroom home sold for \$285,000. It has a private, salt water pool on a 9,000-square-foot lot. It was on the market 106 days, listed at \$299,000, and fetched a price 5.2 percent higher than its last sale in 2013.

Date sold: May 4
Purchase price: \$285,000
Square feet: 3,047
Price per square foot: \$93.53
Days on market: 106
Builder: Morrison
Year built: 2007
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2.5

Community: Glennwilde
Features: Upgrades throughout, private pool, three-car garage, two pantries, extended kitchen, large master suite, bonus room
Seller's agent: Jennifer Bingham, Realty ONE Group
Buyer's agent: Jennifer Bingham, Realty ONE Group

LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD



45753 W. Amsterdam Road

Raquel Hendrickson

The least expensive home sold April 16 through May 15 was in Maricopa Meadows. The three-bedroom, two-story home went for \$106,450, nearly 20 percent lower than its price in 2015. Sellers went nearly \$9,000 below the asking price.

Date sold: April 22
Purchase price: \$106,450
Square feet: 1,992
Price per square foot: \$53.44
Days on market: 34
Builder: Unknown
Year built: 2006
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2.5

Community: Maricopa Meadows
Features: Covered patio, two-car garage, loft, BBQ area, shady front yard
Seller's agent: Colleen Bechtel, Keller Williams Legacy One
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ENERGY AND MONEY-SAVING TIPS OF THE MONTH

Summer Savings Tips

- Set your thermostat at as high of a temperature as comfortably possible.
- Install and set a programmable thermostat.
- Avoid heating your home with appliances such as your oven; consider using an outdoor grill instead on a hot day.
- Use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home when taking a shower or bath.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Clean or replace filters on your air conditioner once a month or as recommended.

Source: Energy.gov

Did you know

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Maricopa home sales April 16 - May 15, 2016. Source: Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service

Subdivision	COE*	List Price	Sold Price	Price/Sqft	Address	Approx Sqft	Beds	Baths	Pool	DOM*
Acacia Crossings	5/9/16	192000	192000	73.48	45290 W Miramar Rd	2613	5	3	Private	12
Acacia Crossings	4/22/16	168900	168900	67.34	45383 W Gavilan Dr	2508	5	3	None	217
Acacia Crossings	5/17/16	148900	147000	83.8	44701 W Paraiso Ln	1754	4	2	None	177
Acacia Crossings	4/27/16	150000	145000	102.69	45150 W Gavilan Dr	1412	3	2	None	41
Acacia Crossings	4/22/16	145000	140500	99.43	45066 W Balboa Dr	1413	3	2	None	8
Acacia Crossings	4/28/16	124900	124900	99.36	20787 N Ancon Ave	1257	3	2	None	9
Alterra	5/10/16	219900	220000	66.6	17437 N Marina Ave	3303	4	3.5	Private	34
Alterra	4/29/16	214000	197000	86.66	45347 W Windrose Dr	2273	3	2	None	48
Alterra	4/26/16	179900	179900	79.15	45239 W Desert Cedars Ln	2273	3	2	None	35
Alterra	4/26/16	169900	162000	61.95	44823 W Desert Garden Rd	2615	4	3	None	89
Alterra	4/28/16	134900	134900	93.42	44823 W Horse Mesa Rd	1444	3	2	None	58
Cobblestone Farms	4/26/16	290000	275000	70.74	44392 W Copper Trl	3887	5	3	Both	74
Cobblestone Farms	4/25/16	219999	215500	83.49	44276 W Vineyard St	2581	5	3	Both	81
Cobblestone Farms	4/29/16	169900	165000	90.26	44141 W Pioneer Rd	1828	3	2	Community	69
Cobblestone Farms	4/19/16	159900	155500	101.7	44087 W Venture Ln	1529	3	2	Community	64
Cobblestone Farms	4/29/16	153900	153900	91.11	44559 W Bella Trl	1689	3	2	None	177
Desert Cedars	4/22/16	249900	249900	70.85	44328 W Yucca Ln	3527	5	3	Private	10
Desert Cedars	5/10/16	240000	240000	68.03	44313 W Mescal St	3528	5	3	Private	6
Desert Cedars	5/3/16	209999	205000	58.12	44120 W Mescal St	3527	4	3	None	86
Desert Cedars	5/12/16	141900	137000	87.09	18351 N Soft Wind Dr	1573	3	2	None	70
Desert Cedars	5/3/16	135000	120000	50.56	43995 W Buckhorn Trl	2373	3	3	None	85
Desert Passage	5/16/16	186967	183000	75.28	40910 W Mary Lou Dr	2431	3	2.5	None	61
Desert Passage	4/18/16	139900	135000	94.8	40160 W Mary Lou Dr	1424	3	2	Community	6
Glennville	4/22/16	299000	285000	93.53	41902 W Almira Dr	3047	3	2.5	Community	106
Glennville	5/17/16	210000	210000	93.25	42516 W Avella Dr	2252	4	2	Community	103
Glennville	4/29/16	207900	205000	62.1	42449 W Rosalia Dr	3301	4	3	Community	49
Glennville	4/20/16	164900	163000	74.29	41315 W Granada Dr	2194	3	2.5	Community	32
Glennville	5/5/16	159900	156000	77.26	41174 W Laramie Rd	2019	4	2	Community	144
Glennville	4/22/16	159500	155000	76.73	18312 N Jameson Ct	2020	3	2	Community	51
Glennville	5/6/16	154900	154900	94.97	42521 W Somerset Dr	1631	3	2	Community	75
Glennville	5/16/16	145000	145000	90.45	18235 N Calacera St	1603	4	2	Community	60
Glennville	5/10/16	150000	143800	112.16	41203 W Capistrano Dr	1282	3	2	Community	35
Homestead	4/29/16	259900	259900	102.68	20610 N Lauren Rd	2531	4	2	Private	44
Homestead	4/26/16	265000	254600	59.89	41022 W Hopper Dr	4251	4	2.5	None	79
Homestead	4/29/16	249900	250000	82.07	40747 W Novak Ln	3046	4	3	Private	10
Homestead	5/13/16	199975	202000	90.33	21039 N Danielle Ave	2236	5	2.5	Private	509
Homestead	5/4/16	195000	192500	76.15	41299 W Brandt Dr	2528	4	3	Private	46
Homestead	4/25/16	200000	191000	111.76	41427 W Brandt Dr	1709	4	3	Private	5
Homestead	4/22/16	173900	173900	112.05	39938 W Walker Way	1552	3	2	None	79
Homestead	4/20/16	169900	169900	68.1	40095 W Thornberry Ln	2495	4	3	None	28
Homestead	5/9/16	171900	168900	108.83	40029 W Walker Way	1552	3	2	None	148
Homestead	5/16/16	169900	164500	89.25	41104 W Thornberry Ln	1843	3	2	None	6
Homestead	5/2/16	169900	155500	62.29	40181 W Sanders Way	2496	4	3	None	1
Homestead	5/13/16	149900	149900	85.02	41348 W Walker Way	1763	3	2	None	56
Homestead	5/3/16	145000	142750	93.54	40306 W Coltin Way	1526	3	2	None	78
Homestead	5/16/16	149900	140000	95.5	41361 W Hopper Dr	1466	4	2	None	19
Homestead	4/29/16	137000	139000	82.89	41407 W Brandt Dr	1677	3	2	None	46
Homestead	5/5/16	135000	135000	80.5	40381 W Robbins Dr	1677	3	2	None	13
Homestead	4/29/16	131900	131900	104.51	40012 W Sanders Way	1262	3	2	None	6
Homestead	4/29/16	129000	129000	87.99	40020 W Hayden Dr	1466	4	2	None	32
Maricopa Meadows	4/22/16	206000	206000	70.04	45479 W Dutchman Dr	2941	5	2.5	Private	140
Maricopa Meadows	4/25/16	170000	170000	61.63	45611 W Barbara Ln	2758	4	2.5	None	212
Maricopa Meadows	4/29/16	159975	162950	89.43	45574 W Ranch Rd	1822	3	2	None	31
Maricopa Meadows	4/29/16	159900	160000	58.01	18819 N Madison Rd	2758	4	3	None	30
Maricopa Meadows	4/28/16	159900	159900	55.06	45554 W Dutchman Dr	2904	6	3	None	131
Maricopa Meadows	4/26/16	149990	154500	80.76	46079 W Starlight Dr	1913	4	3	None	26
Maricopa Meadows	4/22/16	143685	140000	63.38	45778 W Windmill Dr	2209	4	3	None	155
Maricopa Meadows	5/16/16	129850	135000	93.29	46011 W Sheridan Rd	1447	4	2	None	83
Maricopa Meadows	4/21/16	134900	131327	89.52	45986 W Guilder Ave	1467	3	2	None	38
Maricopa Meadows	4/28/16	124900	125500	102.87	46152 W Sheridan Rd	1220	3	2	None	5
Maricopa Meadows	4/22/16	115000	106450	53.44	45753 W Amsterdam Rd	1992	3	2.5	None	34
Province	4/26/16	248218	244000	132.97	19714 N Flamingo Rd	1835	2	2	Community	84
Province	5/3/16	224500	224900	130.75	20221 N Riverbank Rd	1720	2	2	Community	166
Province	5/9/16	219900	217000	138.12	42051 W Dorsey Dr	1571	2	2	Community	74
Province	4/29/16	215604	215604	137.85	42222 W Cribbage Rd	1564	2	2	Community	144
Province	4/29/16	219900	207000	130.76	42884 W Kingfisher Dr	1583	2	2	Community	139
Province	5/17/16	179000	176000	102.14	42151 W Cascade Way	1723	2	2	Community	107
Province	4/27/16	147500	140000	118.85	42006 W Dorsey Dr	1178	2	2	Community	115
Rancho El Dorado	5/11/16	250000	240000	131.65	22388 N Goles Dr	1823	3	2	Private	34
Rancho El Dorado	5/3/16	234900	234000	101.25	42215 W Little Dr	2311	3	2	Private	25
Rancho El Dorado	5/13/16	224900	224900	92.4	43314 W Oakland Ct	2434	3	2	Private	50
Rancho El Dorado	4/19/16	225000	219900	76.2	21384 N Karsten Dr	2886	5	3	Private	37
Rancho El Dorado	5/16/16	222900	216500	112.81	42251 W Little Dr	1919	3	1.75	None	96
Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	219900	216000	101.36	22508 N Reinbold Dr	2131	3	2	None	77
Rancho El Dorado	5/13/16	219995	212995	77.06	21634 N Liles Ln	2764	4	2.5	None	535
Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	220000	210000	96.46	40902 W Bedford Dr	2177	3	2	None	176
Rancho El Dorado	5/11/16	208000	209750	95.16	22456 N Mulligan Dr	2204	3	2	Private	306
Rancho El Dorado	5/17/16	189800	195000	68.95	22237 N Kingston Dr	2828	4	2.5	None	122
Rancho El Dorado	4/21/16	189900	189900	112.7	42595 W Bunker Dr	1685	3	2	Private	73
Rancho El Dorado	5/6/16	196500	185000	87.92	21765 N Backus Dr	2104	4	2	None	198
Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	184900	184900	85.8	22142 N Caven Dr	2155	4	2.5	None	116
Rancho El Dorado	5/16/16	189900	184000	85.34	41905 W Michaels Dr	2156	4	2.5	Private	4
Rancho El Dorado	4/27/16	179500	178000	92.75	43571 W Hillman Dr	1919	3	2	None	111
Rancho El Dorado	5/10/16	183000	175000	86.76	21346 N Klock Ct	2017	4	3	None	10
Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	178500	173000	75.94	42319 W Colby Dr	2278	3	2.5	Private	105
Rancho El Dorado	4/26/16	175000	165000	72.4	42267 W Michaels Dr	2279	3	2.5	Private	73
Rancho El Dorado	5/17/16	159900	159900	87.9	42538 W Hillman Dr	1819	3	2.5	Private	11
Rancho El Dorado	5/13/16	164900	158000	68.34	43797 W Baker Dr	2312	4	2.5	None	13
Rancho El Dorado	5/9/16	154000	154000	70.48	42574 W Hillman Dr	2185	4	2.5	None	72
Rancho El Dorado	5/5/16	157000	152500	66.47	43748 W Wade Dr	2294	4	2.5	None	91
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Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	149900	149900	98.16	42651 W Michaels Dr	1527	3	2	None	3
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Rancho El Dorado	5/2/16	149450	145000	94.96	42683 W Colby Dr	1527	3	2	None	51
Rancho El Dorado	5/2/16	149900	144000	107.38	43273 W Chisholm Dr	1341	3	2	None	31
Rancho El Dorado	5/3/16	139900	141500	72.52	43731 W Colby Dr	1951	3	2.5	None	5

Subdivision	COE*	List Price	Sold Price	Price/Sqft	Address	Approx Sqft	Beds	Baths	Pool	DOM*
Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	141500	141500	83.87	43784 W Rio Grande Dr	1687	4	2	None	91
Rancho El Dorado	4/26/16	137900	136900	91.81	42634 W Michaels Dr	1491	3	2	None	80
Rancho El Dorado	4/27/16	134900	134900	93.68	21826 N Braden Rd	1440	3	2	None	41
Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	128900	130900	98.94	43778 W Carey Dr	1323	3	2	None	38
Rancho El Dorado	5/13/16	129900	129900	105.01	42381 W Desert Fairways Dr	1237	3	2	None	4
Rancho El Dorado	5/2/16	139900	127500	95.07	43367 W Rio Bravo Dr	1341	3	2	None	10
Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	100000	112000	66.47	43994 W Wade Dr	1685	3	2	None	137
Rancho Mirage Estates	5/9/16	209995	196000	63.3	38045 W Montserrat St	3096	4	2.5	None	35
Rancho Mirage Estates	4/28/16	125000	125000	81.01	38177 W Merced St	1543	3	2	None	48
Santa Rosa Springs	4/28/16	165150	165150	90.99	17193 N Rosemont St	1815	3	2	None	63
Senita	5/16/16	225000	219000	67.55	18849 N Shelby Dr	3242	5	2.5	Private	55
Senita	5/13/16	214900	214900	55.09	43879 W Maricopa Ave	3901	7	4	None	16
Senita	5/13/16	209000	209000	53.58	43955 W Maricopa Ave	3900	6	3.5	None	43
Senita	4/27/16	179900	175000	78.72	18861 N Toya St	2223	3	2.5	Private	63
Senita	5/5/16	180500	164500	44.86	43194 W Maricopa Ave	3667	5	2.5	None	49
Senita	5/13/16	159900	156000	80.49	19475 N Toya St	1938	4	2	None	57
Senita	4/28/16	159000	153000	63.09	43458 W Magnolia Rd	2425	4	2.5	None	43
Senita	4/21/16	154900	153000	68.89	43353 W Cowpath Rd	2221	4	2.5	None	52
Senita	4/21/16	150000	150000	67.53	18763 N Toya St	2221	4	3	None	35
Senita	5/5/16	150000	150000	82.6	18355 N Toya St	1816	3	2	None	68
Senita	5/17/16	150000	148500	66.86	43284 W Arizona Ave	2221	4	3	None	32
Senita	5/3/16	139900	140000	91.38	19450 N Braden Rd	1532	4	2	None	18
Senita	4/27/16	139900	137500	61.9	18807 N Wilson St	2221	4	2.5	None	48
Senita	5/16/16	139900	136000	67.56	19082 N Comet Trl	2013	4	2.5	None	85
Senita	4/27/16	134900	132000	86.04	18847 N Toya St	1534	3	2	None	19
Senita	4/22/16	139000	130000	71.58	43230 W Jeremy St	1816	3	2	None	33
Smith Farms	4/25/16	154900	150000	79.87	40165 W Tamara Ln	1878	4	2	Community	55
Smith Farms	4/28/16	145000	150000	73.31	40286 W Peggy Ct	2046	3	2.5	Community	88
Smith Farms	4/29/16	149900	145000	77.16	18431 N Celis St	1879	3	2	Community	50
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Sorrento	4/27/16	140000	140000	63.01	37323 W Amalfi Ave	2222	4	2.5	None	14
Sorrento	5/6/16	139900	137000	63.72	36844 W Leonessa Ave	2150	3	2	None	83
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Tortosa	5/10/16	205000	183000	94.97	36466 W Alhambra St	1927	4	2	Private	37
Tortosa	4/29/16	159900	166000	64.09	19478 N San Marin St	2590	4	3	None	124
Tortosa	5/10/16	169000	165000	70.24	35969 W Marin Ave	2349	4	2	None	98
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Tortosa	5/12/16	139999	136500	61.1	19084 N Toledo Ave	2234	5	3	None	69
Tortosa	4/21/16	130000	130000	84.74	36605 W Santa Maria St	1534	4	2	None	11
Tortosa	5/17/16	130000	130000	64.58	18932 N Toledo Ave	2013	4	2.5	None	75
Tortosa	4/28/16	135000	127000	65.16	36576 W Nina St	1949	5	2.5	None	61
Tortosa	5/17/16	129930	127000	97.54	35733 W Velazquez Dr	1302	3	2	None	104
The Lakes at Rancho El Dorado	5/11/16	195000	196500	87.64	21801 N Bolivia St	2242	4	2.5	Private	47
The Lakes at Rancho El Dorado	5/5/16	202995	195375	109.27	41561 W Elm Dr	1788	3	2	None	19
The Lakes at Rancho El Dorado	5/2/16	142500	139000	102.51	41284 W Cahill Dr	1356	3	2	None	58
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/27/16	238000	230000	108.9	43392 W Mccord Dr	2112	4	2	Private	71
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/21/16	237958	225000	65.39	43239 W Lindgren Dr	3441	5	3	Community	53
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/19/16	219900	219900	73.37	43586 W Oster Dr	2997	5	3	Both	260
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	215000	210000	82.29	43187 W Griffiths Dr	2552	3	2.5	Community	140
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	199500	198000	58.24	43218 W Lindgren Dr	3400	5	2.5	Community	193
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The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	189999	188000	79.39	20753 N Ryans Trl	2368	3	2	Community	36
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The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	179000	179000	80.16	20326 N Pepka Dr	2233	4	2	Community	130
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/6/16	178000	178000	86.7	44425 W Bailey Dr	2053	4	2	Community	47
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/5/16	179200	175000	75.95	44007 W Snow Dr	2304	4	2.5	Community	210
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/16/16	179000	173000	107.78	44026 W Mccord Dr	1605	4	2	Both	33
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/6/16	169900	167500	72.79	44252 W Kramer Ln	2301	3	2.5	Community	12
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/22/16	164900	164900	78.41	43605 W Caven Dr	2103	4	2	Community	43
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/28/16	168900	164500	80.16	44417 W Eddie Way	2052	4	2	Community	22
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/16/16	164900	163000	62.57	44188 W Palmen Dr	2605	4	2	Community	32
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	5/6/16	164995	162000	99.39	44245 W Lindgren Dr	1630	2	2	Both	80
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/18/16	154900	145000	75.63	44164 W Cyndee Dr	1917	4	2	Community	66
The Villages at Rancho El Dorado	4/29/16	144900	144900	88.84	44086 W Roth Rd	1631	3	2	Community	98

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1. Maricopa Unified School District hosted its annual Art Walk May 5.

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2. Karate Charlie students had the annual Karate Demonstration at the Performing Arts Center May 14.

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3. Students in elementary, middle and high school art classes had a chance to win ribbons at the juried MUSD Art Walk. *Photo by Raquel Hendrickson*

4. Maricopa High School music students earned scores of "Excellent" in spring competitions. *MUSD photo*

5. Baseball players have had a ton of fun in this spring's minors/majors division of Maricopa Little League. The season winds up June 4.

Photo by Stephanie DeLong

6. Leading Edge Academy presented the musical "Annie Jr." on May 18.

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7. Members of the Maricopa Youth Council reported to the city council on May 10.

8. Students from Santa Rosa Elementary gave their school's academic update to the MUSD governing board on May 11.

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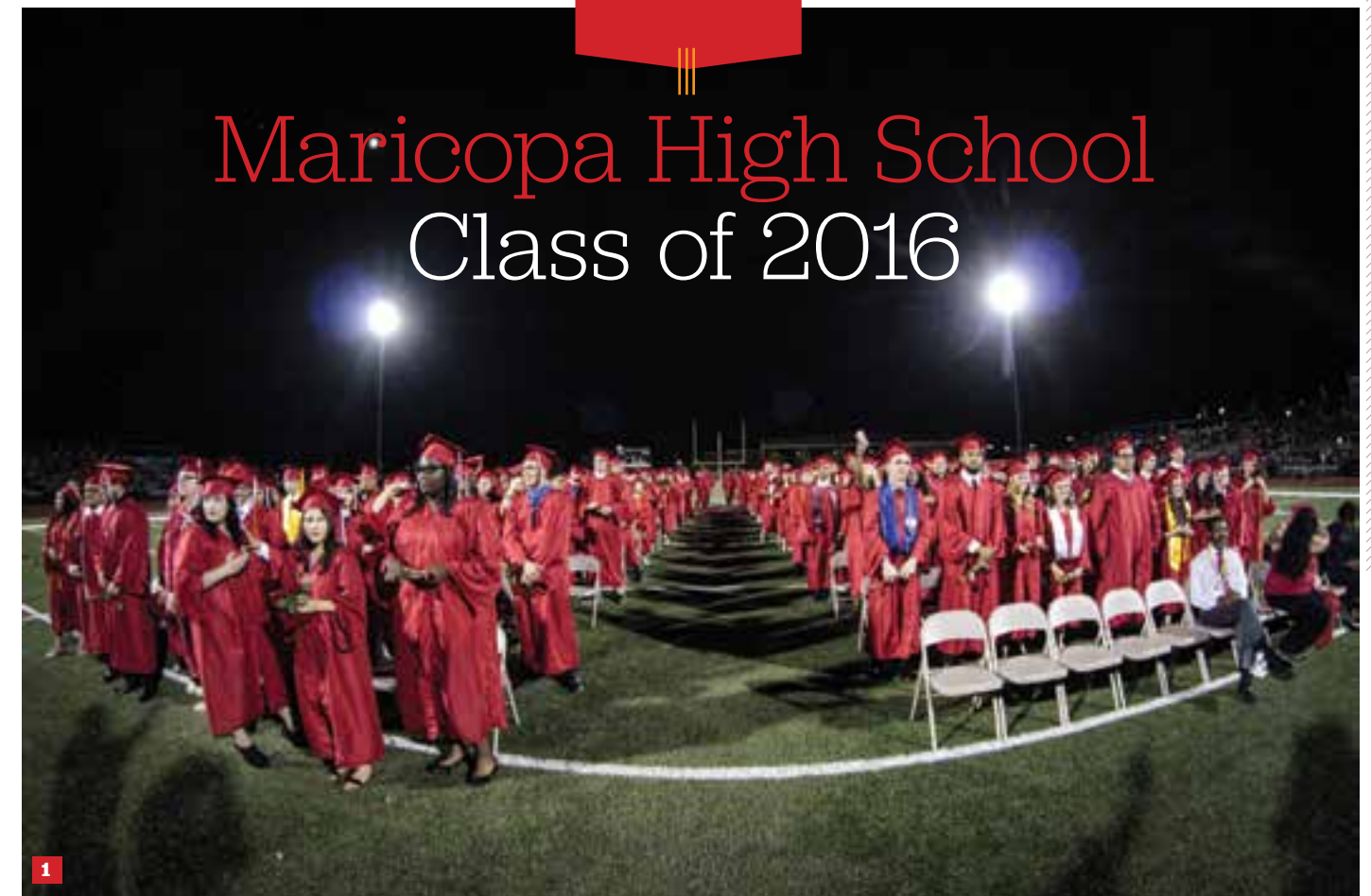


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1. More than 300 students graduated from Maricopa High School in ceremonies May 19. It was the largest class ever for MHS.

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2. Robert Miguel, chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, was a guest speaker 30 years after his own graduation from the school. His daughters Jasmine and Yasmin were among the graduates this year.

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3. Mayor Christian Price spoke of respect and responsibility.

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4. Graduating seniors took their places on the football field at Ram Stadium.

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5. Quiet tribute was paid to one class member who has passed on.

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Maricopa High School

Class of 2016



Monashia Akins Margarita Alvarado Christian Alvarez Ricardo Gomez Alvarez Jesse Araiza Annely Arriola Thomas Aviles Cristina Bandin



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Kalea Duran Drake Dutra Taylor Dymond Bailee Eaton Tajai Edwards Luis Elizondo Reanna Eriksen Marissa Escandon



Ganella Esposito Gianni Esposito Alyssa Estrada Laura Estrada Emily Fabian Randon Fawcett Jr. Jocelyn Figueroa Lopez Torrent Fischbach



Leandra Fleming Aileen Florez Barraza Kyla Freeman Denise Galache Elizabeth Gallon Christian Garcia Fabian Garcia Geovana Garcia



Siena Garcia Jennifer Gastelum Tyler Getz Kaylee Gilman Taylor Gollubier Jose Gonzales Sydnie Gonzalez Aaliyah Gordon Jabbaar



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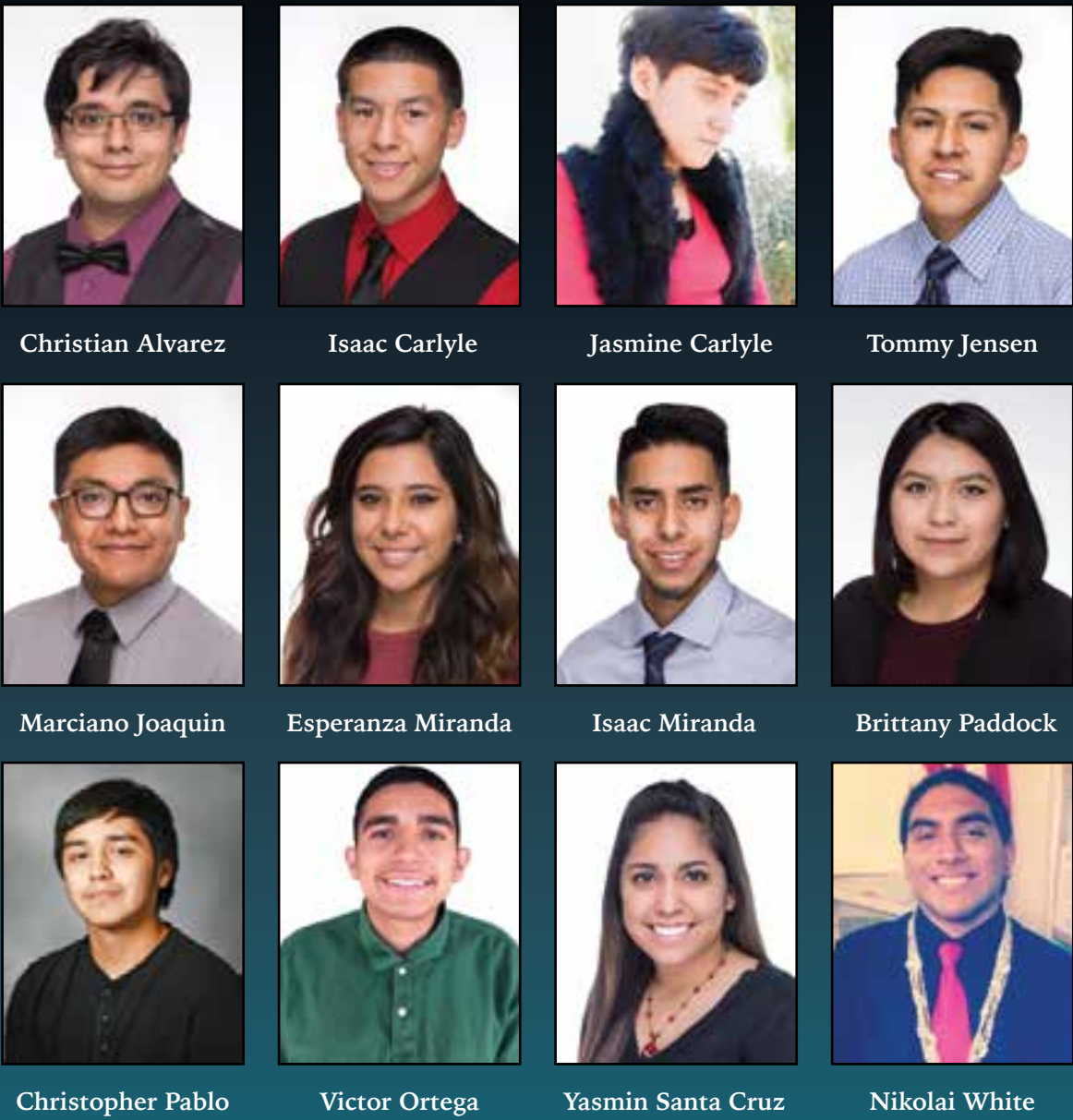
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Cristaly Betancourt-Sanchez

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Track and field

The Maricopa High School track & field team ended its season with senior running Jada Wright reaching her goal of returning to state competition. In the 800-meter run, she placed 14th in Division II with a time of 2:23.96. That was off her school record, which was 2:22.63.

2016 MHS Best Finishes Boys

Event	Student-athlete	Time/Distance	Meet
100-meter dash	Phillip Austin	11.50	Nike Chandler Rotary
200-meter dash	Phillip Austin	23.21	Red Rock Invitational
400-meter dash	Longman Pyne	52.60	Nike Chandler Rotary
800-meter run	Jesse Gaines	2:04.65	Last Chance Invitational
1600-meter run	Jesse Gaines	4:49.83	Southeast Valley Championship
3200-meter run	John Blodgett	10:38.85	Hohokam Invitational
110-meter hurdles	Kenneth Oliver	17.45	Maricopa Twilight Meet
300-meter hurdles	Jonathan Childers	49.46	Maricopa Twilight Meet
4x100-meter	Relay team	43.72	Southeast Valley Championship
4x400-meter	Relay team	3:32.48	Maricopa Twilight Meet
4x800-meter	Relay team	8:35.28	Last Chance Invitational
Long jump	Phillip Austin	21-2.25	Southeast Valley Championship
Triple jump	Kenneth Oliver	40-10	Last Chance Invitational
High jump	Xander Benitez	5-6	Hohokam Invitational
Pole vault	Sam Coles	9-0	Maricopa Twilight Meet
Shot put	Dillon Cunningham	39-7	Maricopa Twilight Meet
Discus	Charles Worden	111-2	Maricopa Twilight Meet
Javelin	Dillon Cunningham	133-11	Hohokam Invitational

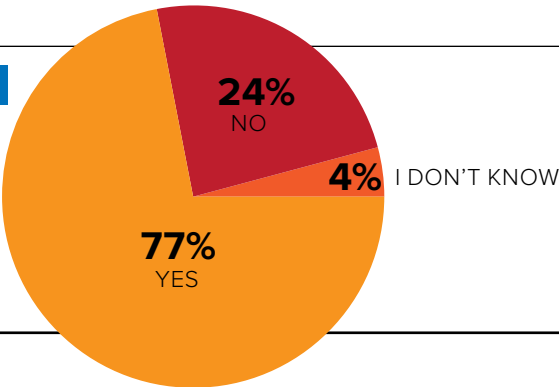


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Should all parents at a school be notified when a student makes a death threat against any student?

Total votes: 296



Girls

Event	Student-athlete	Time/Distance	Meet
100-meter dash	Alayja Reynolds	13.50	Becky Mathews Invitational
200-meter dash	Alayja Reynolds	27.90	Southeast Valley Championship
400-meter dash	Shannon Coutre	2:02.13	Southeast Valley Championship
800-meter run	Jada Wright	2:22.63	Southeast Valley Championship
1600-meter run	Megan Carr	5:41.63	Southeast Valley Championship
3200-meter run	Megan Carr	12:06.66	Last Chance Invitational
100-meter hurdles	Jennifer John	18.25	Maricopa Twilight Meet
300-meter hurdles	Daniela Gracia-Rios	53.27	Maricopa Twilight Meet
4x100-meter	Relay team	53.38	Southeast Valley Championship
4x400-meter	Relay team	4:16.41	Southeast Valley Championship
4x800-meter	Relay team	10:35.24	Maricopa Twilight Meet
Long Jump	Aisawan Chanpraphag	13-9	Red Rock Invitational
Triple Jump	Maylee Von Axelson	28-1.5	Becky Mathews Invitational
High Jump	Italy Brookshire	4-10	Nike Chandler Rotary
Pole Vault	Aisawan Chanpraphag	5-11	Maricopa Twilight Meet
Shot Put	Mysia Hudson	34-1	Southeast Valley Championship

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Systems of evaluating teachers have pitfalls

By Murray Siegel

As parents look ahead to the upcoming school year, they may wonder how to tell if the new teachers will be the right ones for their child. You can go online and see ratings for doctors and restaurants, but how are teachers rated?

There are two primary methods to assess the abilities of a teacher. An administrator can observe the teacher and using a specific assessment tool, provide a rating for the teacher. The second method commonly used is to base the teacher's evaluation on the test scores for that teacher's students.

Both of these methods have serious flaws. An instructional observation tool focuses on certain teaching techniques, such as proper introduction



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of the lesson, engaging students, linking parts of the lesson to each other, providing students with a summary of what should have been learned. Unfortunately, the content of the lesson may not be evaluated since the evaluator may not have sufficient knowledge of the subject being taught.

For example, a high school physics teacher is observed by an assistant principal who was a teacher of foreign language and who has little scientific knowledge. Another example might be a fifth grade teacher being observed by the principal, whose teaching career was accomplished teaching first grade.

Using student test scores to appraise a teacher's performance is similar to evaluating a physician based on the health of the doctor's patients. The patients are told to stop smoking, eat right and exercise more, but they

refuse to listen, and they suffer from serious health problems. Students might come from dysfunctional homes, where the child does not get sufficient nutrition or sleep, or there might even be physical abuse present. With students such as those, it would be grossly unfair to evaluate the teacher based on student performance.

What would be an effective method to evaluate classroom teachers? In China, Japan and Korea, teachers work in teams, working together on lesson preparation and observing each other on a regular basis. The observations lead to critiques which lead to improved teaching. The school year in these Asian nations are much longer than our school year, yet teachers spend less time teaching, since they are involved in team meetings and observations. To use a method such as this would require hiring more teachers. So, we must ask ourselves, "Which is more important — having exceptional teachers or lowering property taxes?"

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