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Celebrate Good Times

Autumn weather, Arizona-style, brings a lot of changes to Maricopa. Those changes come in the form of returning snowbirds, heightened activities and — every two years — political flocks.

So in October, there should be no one saying there's nothing to do in Maricopa.

City staff is stirring up a cauldron of events. Some are related to Stagecoach Days, an annual miscellany of endeavors that celebrate Maricopa. Others are as disparate as celebrating Halloween and bringing awareness to domestic violence.

And then there's the annual Maricopa Mud Run, as down and dirty as Maricopa gets to have a good time. City staff gave us a glimpse inside the creation of the popular 2-mile competition and share what will be new this year.

And it's not just the city. Local organizations are hosting plenty of events. That includes Church of Celebration's annual Trunk or Treat, which is making a dramatic change this year. See the details in our Youth section.

Be on the lookout for the arts and entertainment, too. Maricopa Arts Council is putting on a first-time gala of performing arts that involve instrumental and vocal music and dancing. The iconic masters of modern swing, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, are set to bring their unique sound to Harrah's Ak-Chin. Co-founder Kurt Sodergren tells us why the band added Maricopa to its schedule.

Maricopans will see lots of political action. With more voter attention on the ballot during a presidential election, local candidates come down to the wire as early voting begins Oct. 12 for the General Election. We have a rundown of the contested races and a sample of some of the candidates vying for seats.


Mo Sheldon takes us on a ride in one of the most "active" businesses around, Airparamo. His paramotors let customers "fly like a bird" in what he calls one of the best places in the world to do so.



In this month's edition, you will also meet an unconventional new preacher in town, find out what the local unit of the Salvation Army needs and catch up with Maricopa Appliance Repair's Gary Jamieson. Small-business owners can also learn about the Maricopa Business Expo.

Our health pros, Aaron Gilbert and Claire Bullivant, talk about food this month. So does our Master Gardener Betty Beeman, who knows a thing or two about citrus. Education columnist Murray Siegel writes about salary inequality, and guest columnist Bret Roberts shares his view of Maricopa Unified School District's proposed budget override, which will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Maricopa has lots to think about and lots to do this month.

Happy reading. 

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**On the opening of
a new restaurant
in Maricopa**

Jen Chaturvedi

Can't wait to support another Albertan! But we all know that Calgary is better! Lol

Shawn Solomon

I hope they fixed the food poisoning problem the ones in the metro had.

Jim N Cheryl Domenoe

Nice. Hope the food is as good as the decor.

Laura Siefker Armstrong

Yay, something besides pizza & fast food

Merry Grace

This Texan is sooooo happy!!!!

Tina Nilsen

Being a woman from the south this makes me so happy!!

Heather Tyler

Sounds and looks like a place I want to eat!

Ryan Fix

Thank you Jesus

Joe Carpenter

This looks like the Dickey's chain from Texas. I remember eating there years ago, it reminds me of Rudy's. The little BBQ place by NAPA was really good when we ate there a few months ago. Real homemade BBQ. I think the guy and woman that own it are from Chicago.

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- Do you know about Maricopa Proposition 415?



Kent Volkmer

William Lange

- Upset in county attorney election
- Iconic statue at Harrah's Ak-Chin removed

- Dickey's Barbecue Pit set to open Sept. 15
- Jack in the Box robbed at gunpoint
- 'Hit list' at MHS not tied to bomb threat
- Late field goal gives Maricopa Rams comeback win
- Lower inventory of homes for sale in Maricopa
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Oct. 1-8

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ATA Women's Self-Defense

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunrise TaeKwonDo
44400 W. Honeycutt Road

Mother/Daughter Mad Hatter Tea Party

1:30-4:30 p.m., Saddleback
Elementary School
18600 N. Porter Road

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Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Weekly Grief Support Group

1-2 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of
Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road,
Suite 106

Maricopa Historical Society Meeting

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

Bounce Boot Camp

6-7 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Quilting 101

9 a.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Basic Digital Photography

9 a.m., Central Arizona College
17945 N. Regent Drive

Coffee with Friends of the Maricopa Library

1:30-3 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

Maricopa Police Explorer Post Meeting

5 p.m., Maricopa High School
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

Maricopa Business Expo

5-7 p.m., Central Arizona College —
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City Council Meeting

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

Celebrate Recovery Large & Small Group Meeting

7-9 p.m., Maricopa Community
Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Harrah's Club 777 Toastmasters

3 p.m., Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
15406 N. Maricopa Road

State of the City Address

6 p.m., Maricopa City Hall
39700 W. Civic Center Plaza

Art on The Veranda Artist Reception

6 p.m., Maricopa Center for
Entrepreneurship
20800 N. John Wayne Parkway,
Suite. 108

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Narcotics Anonymous

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

7-9

M.O.R.E.E. Leader Training

5 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

Al-Anon Meeting

7 p.m., Community of Hope Church
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.

Flashback Friday at Luxe Lounge

10 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment
Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

8

American Legion Appreciation Celebration

2-6 p.m., Rotary Park
44150 W Maricopa-Casa Grande
Hwy

Oct. 9-15

9

Narcotics Anonymous

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

9-24

Pecan Pride for Stagecoach Days

Various restaurants

10

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Bounce Boot Camp

6-7 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Narcotics Anonymous

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

10-14

Fall Break Fun & Fitness Camp

1-5 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
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**OCTOBER
21-22**
Ham Radio
Conference

Submitted

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Desert Landscape Photography
9 a.m., Central Arizona College
17945 N. Regent Drive

Quilting 101

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

**Coffee with Friends of the
Maricopa Library**

1:30 p.m., Maricopa Public Library
41600 W. Smith-Enke Road

**Maricopa Police Explorer
Post Meeting**

5 p.m., Maricopa High School
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

**Celebrate Recovery Coffee &
Karaoke**

5-7 p.m., Maricopa Community
Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Small Group Meeting**

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Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Harrah's Club 777 Toastmasters
3 p.m., Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
15406 N. Maricopa Road

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

13-15

**MCT Youth Production "An Ideal
Husband"**

7 p.m., Maricopa High School
Lecture Hall
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

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Al-Anon Meeting
7 p.m., Community of Hope Church
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.

Young Country

8 p.m., Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
15406 N. Maricopa Road

Flashback Friday at Luxe Lounge

10 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment
Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

15

Shutter Shot Photo Contest
Midnight, anywhere in Maricopa

15-16

Reavis Ranch Hike
8 a.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center,
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

Oct. 16-22

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

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Weekly Grief Support Group
1 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of
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Halloween

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Bounce Boot Camp

6-7 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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Desert Landscape Photography

9 a.m., Central Arizona College
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Quilting 101

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Narcotics Anonymous

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

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AI-Anon Meeting

7 p.m., Community of Hope Church
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.

Flashback Friday at Luxe Lounge

10 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment
Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

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State Amateur Radio Convention

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

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Maricopa Mud Run 2016

8 a.m., Copper Sky Regional Park
55345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Performing Arts Gala

7 p.m., MHS Performing Arts
Center
45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

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Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Bounce Boot Camp

6-7 p.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Mysterious Mansion Mayhem Judging

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44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

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Harrah's Club 777 Toastmasters

3 p.m., Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
15406 N. Maricopa Road

Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board Meeting

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

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Narcotics Anonymous

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

27-29

MCT Production "Passing Strange"

7 p.m., Maricopa High School
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

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Flashback Friday at Luxe Lounge

10 p.m., UltraStar Multi-tainment
Center
16000 N. Maricopa Road

29-30

Fossil Creek Backpacking

8 a.m., Copper Sky
Multigenerational Center
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Silent Heroes Golf Tournament

1 p.m., The Duke at Rancho El
Dorado
42660 W. Rancho El Dorado

Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Weekly Grief Support Group

1 p.m., Maricopa Chamber of
Commerce
44480 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite
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Maricopa Trunk or Treat

6-10 p.m., various locations

Narcotics Anonymous

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1911

TRAINS AT THE FRONT DOOR

The changing skyline of Maricopa is evident in historic and modern photos of the same stretch of railroad tracks. In 1911, the depot was much closer to the water tower than today's Amtrak station. Also note the hotel immediately south of the tracks. This is a section of the city's skyline that will look very different in the near future with the planned overpass.

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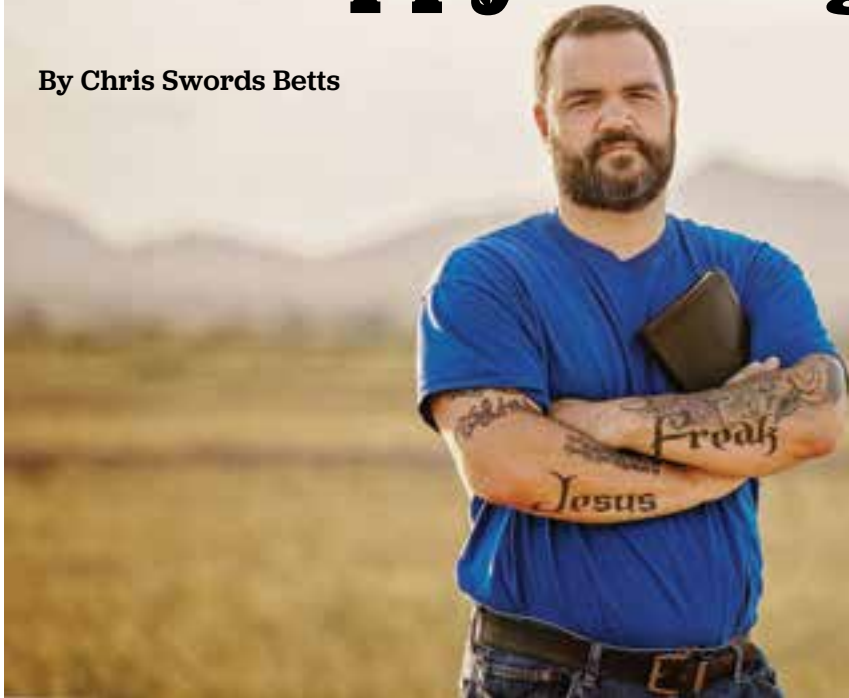
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Waypoint's long search for new pastor has happy ending

By Chris Swords Betts



Matthew Aviles has been an enthusiastic and unconventional new pastor for Waypoint Church.

Anita McLeod

Waypoint Church received its new pastor, the Rev. Matthew Aviles of Missouri, with a warm welcome this summer.

With his tattoo-adorned arms, including the name “Jesus” prominently displayed on his right forearm, Aviles may not be your typical vision of a Baptist minister. But this Harley-riding pastor has definitely won over the hearts of his congregation, who accepted his leadership in a unanimous vote.

“We love him,” said church member Theresa Henderson. “He jumped in, and he’s part of the family.”

For Aviles, it feels like he has been in Maricopa forever.

“The church has just embraced our family,” he said.

Waypoint’s search for a new pastor was a year-long process. Aviles’ journey in that process began with several phone and Skype interviews and culminated in a visit to the church in April.

Aviles had submitted his resume to another church in California, as well as one in Tucson. However, it wasn’t long before he knew where he needed to be.

“When I first started talking to Waypoint, it was just home,” Aviles said. “I felt like I was talking to people I knew my whole life.”

Aviles said his goals for Waypoint include helping the congregation become spiritually mature and growing discipleship. He would also like to see Waypoint do some international missionary trips.

“What I love most about him is his enthusiasm,” said member Laura Ruiz. “Not just to preach, but the outreach to the community. It’s just lit a fire for everyone.”

The church meets in Maricopa Elementary School and is looking to obtain its own building. Leadership has begun viewing existing buildings, and building a new structure is also in consideration. Aviles said they will do “whatever God has planned.”

While Aviles spent a lot of time at church in his youth, it wasn’t until he was in college that faith became a part of who he was.


“I grew up in church,” Aviles said, “but I didn’t have a relationship with Christ until my early 20s. I didn’t take ownership of my faith until then.”

After he’d made some mistakes in college, Aviles said an old friend called him out of the blue and led him to the Lord.

Upon graduating with a degree in elementary education, Aviles started teaching school, but he felt something was missing. After many conversations with his pastor, Aviles began working as a youth pastor, and has continued off and on for the past 20 years.

Before leaving Missouri, Aviles felt his focus turning from the youth to the parents. He said his calling had shifted to lead and work with adults, teaching them the word of God and getting them involved in missions.

He said his life has developed through his love of learning and through being consumed by Christ.

Aviles earned his master’s degree in biblical studies in 2006, while teaching school and growing his family. He is currently pursuing another master’s degree in divinity. 

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Salvation Army unit seeks local volunteers

By Raquel Hendrickson

They are not just bell-ringers. The Salvation Army's service extension unit in Maricopa is most evident during the holidays when volunteers with trademark red kettles are outside major shopping venues. The money raised during that campaign stays in Maricopa to fund projects that help residents.

Right now, SA officials are striving to make the community more aware of their presence and their programs. A service extension unit (SEU) is a branch of the Salvation Army in communities with no resident Salvation Army. Their calling is to help residents in crisis find resources and temporary assistance.

"We try to help in any way we can," said Major Mark Davey, director of the SEU. "And they're really looking for people to help, especially at Christmas."

The Salvation Army offers emergency help



Raquel Hendrickson

for residents who can't pay their overdue utility bills. Locally, that involves Electrical District No. 3 and Global Water. They also provide clothing.

The SA also uses funds raised to sponsor underprivileged children at a summer camp in Heber.

"We feel like we're compelled to do it by the dictates of Christ to reach to anybody," Davey said.

In October and early November, the SEU musters in volunteers for its holiday programs. Among those is the Angel Program. Families


can apply to have their children's names included on the angel tree.





Donations of money and toys provide Christmas gifts for area families.

"We do need funding, but mostly in order to get that funding we have to have volunteers who would step up and bell ring for us during Christmas," said Jeannette Aird, the service extension regional coordinator for Southern Arizona. "That would be our highest need."

Last year, SEU volunteers gave Christmas gifts to more than 200 families. So, the SEU not only needs volunteers and donations, but they also need space for gift wrapping.

Maricopa Community Church (MCC) has accommodated the organization with space for Christmas packaging, but volunteers need a bigger area for the piles of toys and other gifts the generosity of Maricopa brings to the door.

The SEU also interviews clients by appointment at MCC to determine need and find resources. This is the quieter, lesser known aspect of the Salvation Army. 

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1. An exhibit of the works of Maricopa photographer Jack Jackson was on the walls of Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship in September.

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2. Legacy Traditional School hosted Maricopa Police Department and City of Maricopa Fire/Medical for a 9-11 commemoration on Sept. 9.

Raquel Hendrickson

3. Construction workers temporarily removed the iconic "Desert Oasis" sculpture from in front of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino for expansion work on Sept. 9.

Raquel Hendrickson

4. Maricopan Melanie Rapp donates during a blood drive on the Central Arizona College - Maricopa campus Aug. 30.

Raquel Hendrickson

5. After passing their probationary period, firefighters Steve Roembke and Jorge Del Muro were pinned Sept. 6 during a City Council meeting. Josh Eads was promoted to engineer and firefighter Michael Grant was recognized with this year's Public Safety Employee Award of Excellence.

Raquel Hendrickson



The override and why my perception has changed

By Bret Roberts

Having lived in Maricopa since January of 2009 I have seen the override placed on the ballot many times only to fail miserably each and every time. Why is this time any different?

This time it is very clear where the funds will be spent – up to 49 new teachers to reduce class sizes and \$500,000 for classroom technology to be specific. Although that in itself is extremely valuable information, for me it wasn't enough. I needed to overcome some negative perceptions I had come to believe before I could in good conscience get behind it.

In the past I was against the override for a couple reasons. The one that troubled me the most was I kept hearing rumors there was gross mismanagement of funds, which

naturally I could not support. Who would want to keep throwing good money after bad to try and fix a problem?

With that being said, I do have to admit that I had not taken the time to investigate these issues in the past. That has since changed, as well as my perception.

These negative perceptions all started for me back when our neighbors the Ak-Chin originally donated funds to MUSD and I heard rumors that they weren't satisfied with the results of their donation. After addressing this with MUSD's Superintendent Dr. Steve Chestnut (which, by the way, it bears mentioning the original donation took place in 2010 well before Dr. Chestnut's tenure started in 2012), I learned this was a first for both MUSD and the Ak-Chin.


Therefore it was an opportunity to learn for both parties. At that time neither one knew what to expect and has since gained a better understanding from the initial experience. Since then our neighbors have graciously donated again, and, from the information I've been given, both sides were more prepared and happy with the results.



Another reason that kept my support at bay was I kept hearing MUSD had a top-heavy administration. This was one more perception that has proven to be false. MUSD's administrative costs are actually 9.7 percent, which is below the state average of 10.2 percent.

When businesses look at Maricopa as a potential home they come with a list of things they are looking for, and top-rated schools are usually in the top three. Passing the override and helping our schools become "A"-rated will help in the economic development of Maricopa, and it is an opportunity to remove one of the major reasons a business might use as a factor to not choose our community.

Better schools equal more opportunity for economic development and higher property values. Businesses pay more in taxes than individuals, so the more businesses we attract the more opportunity for individual taxes to be reduced.

Oh, and let's not forget the benefit to the students. 

Bret Roberts is a Maricopa resident and constable in the Maricopa/Stansfield precinct.

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In the words of the candidates ...

Candidates for five races on the General Election ballot appeared at a debate at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center on Sept. 17. On hand were Paul Babeu, who is running for the Congressional District 1 seat against Tom O'Halleran, who did not appear; county assessor candidates Doug Wolf and Jacqueline Minto; state senate candidates Steve Smith and Ralph Atchue; state representative candidates Vince Leach, Corin Hammond and write-in Barry McCain (Mark Finchem was absent); sheriff candidate Kaye Dickson (Mark Lamb was absent); and city council candidates Marvin Brown, Bridger Kimball, Dan Frank and Julia Gusse.

MARVIN BROWN *City Council*



"I saw the films of the flood damage in 1983 and 1993, which was devastating. If we would have had the infrastructure

in place then the damage would have been devastating, so it [flood control] is extremely important."

CORIN HAMMOND *State Representative candidate*

"The job really is to appeal to the majority of our constituents, and I want to do that by focusing on our children, by focusing on our public education system, by focusing on all levels of education; kids care, K-12, community college, and JTED vocational training."



PAUL BABEU *Congressional District 1 candidate*



"When it comes to jobs in our economy, a core piece is regulation and taxation. I want a better way for

our country, and a better way means to simplify the tax code, and three main tax brackets."

JACQUELYN MINTO *County Assessor candidate*

"If elected, my priorities in office will be to protect taxpayers' rights and make the public more aware of their rights. I would also like to reopen communication with other departments because that was a big priority when I was chief deputy."



DOUG WOLF *County Assessor*



"We are at the lowest level of appeals in 20 years in our office; which means

our staff is doing a great job, and people are happy with the valuation they are getting in the mail in March."

BRIDGER KIMBALL *City Council*



"There are lots of homes currently in the flood plain or developments that are in the flood plain. We need to partner

with the developers to make sure that everybody has a seat at the table in moving forward to help mitigate the flood control issues that Maricopa faces."

VINCE LEACH *State Representative*

"If you have a problem with the top of the ballot, it doesn't matter what party you are, please vote down ballot. And if you really have a problem with the top of the ballot, flip that ballot over and start on the bottom because you have marijuana and you have minimum wage."





How will you vote?

The General Election is Nov. 8. Federal, state, county and municipal offices are up for grabs. For Maricopa voters, there will be four questions on the ballot – two statewide issues and two local issues.

KAYE DICKSON

County Sheriff candidate



"I brought something a little different than the male officers when I was out there on patrol and that's empathy. As a mother we tend to have that, we're born with that."

BARRY MCCAIN

State Representative Write-In candidate

"I believe as a representative we are not supposed to just go right along with party lines.



We have to do what's right for everyone. The problem with the legislature right now is that it has been along party line, and we suffer from it."

STEVE SMITH

State Senate



"...time and time and time again they [Arizona voters] tell you we're a Republican

state. That's what we want, and that's the leadership that we want. And I think that's what you'll see frankly from the top down. I think Donald Trump will win Arizona."

RALPH ATCHUE

State Senate candidate



"I think that the voters in Arizona are seeing that the state government is being run by one party and one party only. There is no give and take anymore in our state and I think voters are tired of that."

DAN FRANK

City Council candidate

"Economic development is one of our biggest issues, but



it's tied to the other two even bigger issues, that's transportation and the flood plains... Roughly 30 percent of developable land within the city of Maricopa is impacted by a flood plain. That's something we have to fix."

JULIA ROMERO-GUSSE

City Council candidate

"I have had conversations with both the fire chief and the police chief, they are hiring veterans. This is an excellent way to keep our



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Gary Johnson (Libertarian)
Jill Stein (Green)

U.S. Senate (Arizona)

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John McCain (Republican)*
Sheila Bilyeu (Democrat write-in)
Leonard Clark (Independent write-in)
Pat Quinn (Independent write-in)

U.S. Congress – District 1

Tom O'Halleran (Democrat)
Paul Babeu (Republican)
Kim Allen (Libertarian write-in)
Ray Parrish (Green write-in)

Arizona Senate – District 11

Ralph Atchue (Democrat)
Steve Smith (Republican)*

Arizona House of Representatives (elect 2)

Corin Hammond (Democrat)
Mark Finchem (Republican)*
Vince Leach (Republican)*
Barry McCain (Democrat write-in)

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Pinal County Assessor

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Pinal County Sheriff

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Maricopa City Council (non-partisan - elect 2)

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Ballot Measures

Arizona Prop. 205 (Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol)
Arizona Prop. 206 (Arizonans for Fair Wages and Healthy Families)
Maricopa Prop. 415 (Planning Maricopa – general plan update)
Maricopa Unified School District Question (10-percent budget override)

*Incumbent

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Arizona Senate

RALPH ATCHUE

PARTY: Democrat

AGE: 68

RESIDENCE: Eloy

HOMETOWN: Chicago, Illinois

FAMILY: Married with 3 children, 7 grandchildren

EDUCATION: BA

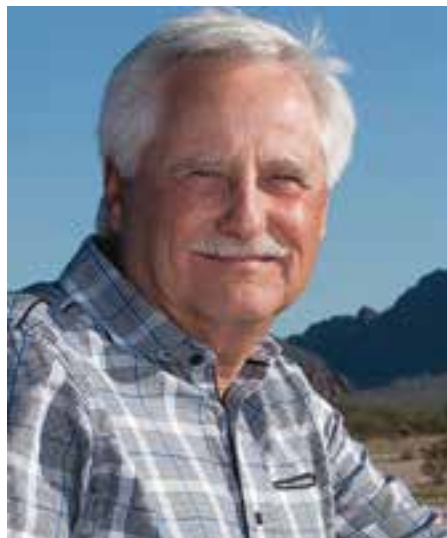
PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: 33 years U.S. Postal Service (Letter Carrier to Postmaster)

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Campaign volunteer since 1980s; LD11 Democratic Precinct Committee Person and Arizona Democratic Party State Committee Member since 2014

BIGGEST POLITICAL INFLUENCE: John Kennedy

What mechanism would you like to see the state use for funding education?

I support a full review of every tax loophole and break. They now total \$12 billion per year. Those deemed ineffective in driving economic growth should be eliminated.



STEVE SMITH

Did not respond

More candidate responses at InMaricopa.com.

Arizona House of Representatives

MARK FINCHEM

PARTY: Republican

AGE: 59

RESIDENCE: Oro Valley

HOMETOWN: Kalamazoo, Michigan

FAMILY: Married with 4 children

EDUCATION: AAS Criminal Justice

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: 21 years a Firefighter/Law Enforcement Officer (Ret.), 7 years Manager with Intuit Small Business Division, 8 years Realtor

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Supporter of pro-family, pro-life and pro-liberty causes and candidates, 1 term as an Arizona Representative

BIGGEST POLITICAL INFLUENCE: Thomas Jefferson and his work to frame a system of governance that the people would be able to control locally

What is the single biggest challenge Arizona faces and why?

Our state is facing a loss of political "checks and balance." The Republican-dominated state government has lost touch with the needs of the citizens. They have become obsessed with consolidation of power and control of every level of government, choking off compromise and voter involvement, even threatening cities if they pass local ordinances.

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What mechanism would you like to see the state use for funding education?

Every dollar spent on education whether federal, state or local comes from the taxpayers. The layered local, state and federal approach we currently have helps to flatten differences between districts. Local districts want to have local control [overrides], a mechanism that provides maximum voter control over funding.



What is the single biggest challenge Arizona faces and why?

Expanding our tax base, which ties back to the mechanism of public education funding. The use of federally controlled Arizona lands generates fees and taxes that are sent to Washington DC. Arizona doesn't receive those tax base dollars; we experience an economic opportunity cost of \$13.78 for every federal taxpayer dollar spent on land management. Transfer of the lands promised to Arizona at statehood were promised because they were intended to be used for generating viable, self sustaining tax base like all of the states east of the Mississippi River. This is a civil rights issue based on equal footing.

VINCE LEACH

PARTY: Republican

AGE: 68

RESIDENCE: Unincorporated Pinal County

HOMETOWN: Coloma, Wisconsin

FAMILY: Married, one son

EDUCATION: BS Political Science/History

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: 37 years sales/sales management/product development, current owner of small business



POLITICAL BACKGROUND: One term Arizona House of Representatives, many activities at state, county, school board and Central Arizona College

BIGGEST POLITICAL INFLUENCE: Constituents

What mechanism would you like to see the state use for funding education?

State land, federal land and natural resources

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that are plentiful in Arizona such as minerals and forests.

What is the single biggest challenge Arizona faces and why? Growing the economy, jobs and continuous growth are the fuels that drive the economic health of the State of Arizona.

CORIN HAMMOND

PARTY: Democrat

AGE: 31

RESIDENCE: Marana

HOMETOWN: Corvallis, Oregon

FAMILY: Husband David, daughter Summer, puppies Winston and Hazel

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in chemistry, master's degree in inorganic chemistry, Ph.D. candidate in soil and water chemistry
Professional background: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Louisiana State University, University of Arizona

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: I have been an active supporter of Democratic Party values for the past 13 years.

BIGGEST POLITICAL INFLUENCE: Elizabeth




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What mechanism would you like to see the state use for funding education?

Gov. Ducey promised Arizonans a Step 2 following the passing of Prop. 123 to improve

Arizona's national public education rankings. Arizona's budget surplus (taxpayer money) should be used to increase public teacher salaries to match national averages and fill the growing number of teacher vacancies in our schools.

What is the single biggest challenge Arizona faces and why?

Arizona legislators often work for wealthy special interest groups instead of working for the voters. I'm tired of these Big Brother-style legislators telling us what we can and can't do rather than asking what they should do. Our state legislators boast fiscally conservative records as they waste taxpayer money to pay for lawsuits against voter-enacted laws. Arizona taxpayers pay double for these lawsuits because we pay to both fight and defend our laws. It makes no sense. This friction weakens the voting power of individual Arizonans and strengthens the power of wealthy special interest groups from outside Arizona. 

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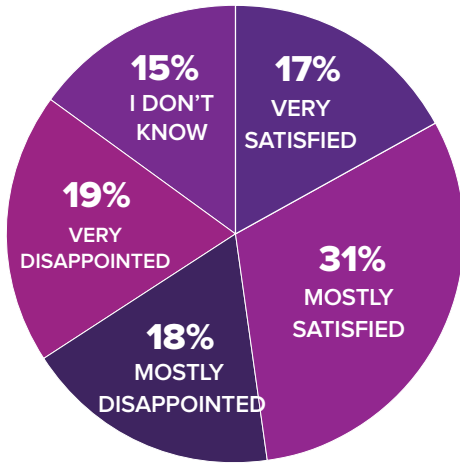
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Anthony Smith*	\$22,040	\$17,031
Rich Vitiello	\$11,020	\$10,639
County Treasurer (Rep.)		
Ted Gremmel	\$18,000	\$17,729
Michael McCord*	\$10,656	\$10,350
Sheriff (Dem.)		
Kaye Dickson*	\$24,965	\$20,902
Kevin Taylor	\$1,025	\$0
Sheriff (Rep.)		
Steve Henry	\$80,967	\$76,241
Mark Lamb*	\$40,327	\$30,947

*Primary Election Winner

Source: Pinal County

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How satisfied are you with the results of the Primary Election?



Total votes: 288

Source: InMaricopa.com poll Aug. 31-Sept. 11

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Health inspections nip new restaurant

All but one of the Maricopa eateries examined by inspectors from the Pinal County Health Department between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15 received scores of excellent. Li's Garden, newly opened to replace Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, was marked down to "S" for satisfactory for having cooked and raw foods uncovered in the refrigerators and freezer, improper cold holding temperature, unmarked foods in a refrigerator, lack of written procedures for items using time as a control and a prep table that was not working.

EXCELLENT [No violations found]

- Aliberto's Mexican Food
- Arby's Roast Beef Restaurant
- Butterfield Elementary School
- CAC-Maricopa Café
- CAC-Maricopa Culinary
- Copa Craze
- Crate Enterprises
- Helen's Kitchen
- Honeycutt Coffee
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- Legacy Traditional School
- Maricopa Head Start
- Maricopa High School
- Maricopa Wells Middle School
- McDonald's, 20700 N. John Wayne Parkway
- Saddleback Elementary
- Santa Rosa Elementary School
- Sequoia Pathway Academy – K-6
- Sequoia Pathway Academy - secondary
- Starbucks, Maricopa Station
- True Grit Tavern
- Walgreens
- Yogurt Jungle
- Zoyo Yogurt

SATISFACTORY [Violations corrected during inspection]

- Li's Garden

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



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LGI Homes donated funds toward the purchase of a new K-9 unit for Maricopa Police Department.

LGI Homes donates to K-9 unit for MPD

As Maricopa Police Department retired K-9 Casper from duty, the force was in need of a new K-9 to take on the demands of the job. LGI Homes, currently building in the Homestead community, decided to show the appreciation of their employees and new homeowners for the long hours and hard work that Casper and the rest of the MPD has provided by offering a "sizeable donation" for the department to purchase and train a new K-9 Unit.



Duane Copelan (left) and his guest watch their teams at Arroyo Grille.

NFL Sunday Ticket on screens at Arroyo Grille

Arroyo Grille at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes isn't just about golf. The restaurant is presenting the DirectTV "NFL Sunday Ticket" this football season.

"We are one of the only restaurants in town that has the ability to play every game on a TV," sales manager Devin Lowe said.


Sundays also include Game Day specials on drinks, beer and wine at Arroyo Grille, 48456 W. 238.

Maricopa Ace receives Pinnacle award

Maricopa Ace Hardware of Maricopa achieved designation as a "Pinnacle Performance Retailer" for its outstanding performance. Developed as part of Ace's long-term retail growth strategy, 20/20 Vision, Pinnacle Performance Retailing is laser-focused on Ace's customers.

The team at Maricopa Ace Hardware is one of only a few hundred Ace retailers to achieve this prestigious Pinnacle status. To achieve Pinnacle Performance Retailing, they successfully completed a number of key performance drivers that will help them provide a better overall shopping experience

in their local community.

"The team at Maricopa Ace Hardware is incredibly pleased to have earned the status as a Pinnacle Performance Retailing store for a fourth consecutive year," said Mike Richey, owner at Maricopa Ace Hardware. "What this means for our customers is that we are more committed than ever to providing our loyal shoppers, and Ace Rewards Members with the best possible retail experience; from customer service to product offerings and more, we're taking 'Ace helpful' to a new level." 

New business licenses issued

The following businesses applied for licenses to operate in Maricopa:

Commercial: King & Queen Clothing, Li's Garden, Sassy Auto Sales, SM Fiesta

Home-based: Do It Pro Per, Life Change Family Services, Melvin Mitchell, Poe Enterprises, Princess Themed Parties, Safeguard Midwest, Sno King, Steam Tech Food Equipment Service, Your Backyard Landscaping

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Meet local businesses at Maricopa Expo at Central Arizona College

The fifth Maricopa Small Business Expo will be hosted by Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship and Maricopa Chamber of Commerce at the Central Arizona College on Oct. 4.

The Expo (formerly Business to Business or B2B) showcases a wide variety of Maricopa businesses from health and wellness companies to culinary artists, home improvement, home décor, banking and Internet companies. The latest products, services and technologies will be touted by local companies.

The Expo is a "one-stop-shop" for busy business owners, professionals and individuals seeking cost-and time-effective ways to achieve greater productivity and efficiency while growing their bottom line. Visitors can learn about the latest offerings in the local marketplace while making connections with current and prospective vendors, along with a chance to win a Dell notebook computer.

The event is free and open to the public. Register online to win a Dell Laptop at <http://conta.cc/2bcDXEs> 

 See event wrap-up and photos at InMaricopa.com.



Raquel Hendrickson

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MUSD NEWS

MUSD Override proposal on November ballot

The Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board approved a 10-percent, seven-year override to be placed on the Nov. 8 ballot. If approved, the additional annual tax amount is projected to be \$133 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (\$11.08 per month for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000). If the override is approved, it will provide additional funding beginning in the 2017-18 school year and will fund:

TOSA will work with students on academic improvement and discipline issues. Pima Butte and Santa Cruz will share a TOSA.

3 Elementary Counselors – MUSD currently has no full-time elementary school counseling for general education students.

1 Elementary/Middle School Librarian – MUSD currently only has one certified librarian and she is assigned to MHS only.

Additional Instructional Technology

If approved, the override will provide \$500,000 annually for additional instructional technology for students. This is the plan for how \$500,000 in instructional technology will be allocated in 2017-18:

595 student laptops (\$544 each w/ tax & shipping) \$323,680

17 locked carts w/charging stations (\$1,530 each)..... \$26,010
1 tech support staff (salary & benefits) \$45,000
Computer Licensing \$45,000
Technology Equipment and Supplies..... \$30,310
Instructional Tech Pro Development for teachers..... \$30,000

For additional information, visit www.MaricopaUSD.org or contact Superintendent Steve Chestnut at (520) 568-5100 ext. 1004 or schestnut@mUSD20.org.

50 Additional Teachers, Counselors and Specialists

This is the plan for how these 50 additional teachers, counselors, and specialists will be allocated in 2017-18 (the first year that override funds would be available):

Elementary Schools – 24 teachers for class size reduction

Middle Schools – 4 teachers for class size reduction and 2 teachers for expanded academic programs

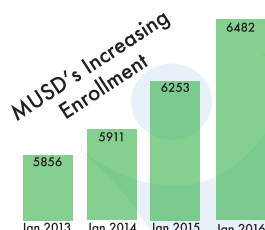
Maricopa High School – 4 teachers for class size reduction and 2 teachers for expanded academic programs; 7 teachers will be hired for a new alternative program. The program will be located in an existing MUSD facility.

2 Instructional Technology Integration Teachers – these positions are needed to make effective use of the additional instructional technology provided by the override.

1 Elementary Teacher on Special Assignment (.5 at Pima Butte, .5 at Santa Cruz). The

MUSD OVERRIDE 2016

The residents of Maricopa will vote on this proposed override in November 2016. If this override passes, it will provide MUSD with additional funds for the next 7 years. Here is a breakdown of the override.



Neighboring districts with voter approved overrides

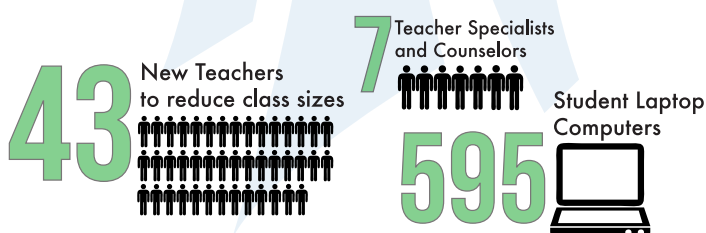
Casa Grande Union High School District-10%
Tempe Union High School District-10%
Casa Grande Elementary-10%
Chandler Unified-15%
Mesa Public Schools-10%
Queen Creek-15%
Tempe Elementary-15%
Kyrene-15%

WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

\$100K = \$11^{.08} a month

For a home assessed at \$100k, the override will cost the homeowner \$11.08 per month.

WHAT DOES IT PAY FOR?



The mission of the Maricopa Unified School District is to ensure all students achieve excellence by preparing them to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens who value innovation and global diversity.



Aron Rausch receives awards

MUSD recognized for excellent financial management

The Maricopa Unified School District is well known for excellent financial management.

For eight consecutive years, the district received a “Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the National Association of School Business Officials and the Government Finance Officers Association.

This recognition is given each year because the district’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report met the highest standards of both national associations. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of school district accounting and financial reporting given by these two organizations.

At the Governing Board meeting on Aug. 10, Director of Business Services Aron Rausch was congratulated and presented with both certificates. Many school districts in the state receive recognition from one of these organizations but only four or five school districts receive recognition from both. Mr. Rausch has been with the district since 2008. ■

ACT scores for Maricopa High School released

On Aug. 24, the 2016 ACT scores for Maricopa High School were released. MHS students scored above the state average on all four ACT tests — English, math, reading and science.

Students who are considering enrollment in higher education after high school take the ACT test as it is required by many colleges and universities as part of the admissions process. The ACT is designed to measure the skills needed for success in first year college courses.

“We are very excited that MHS students outperformed Arizona students on all four tests,” stated MHS principal Renita Myers, “Our teachers do an excellent job of preparing students for college and career.”

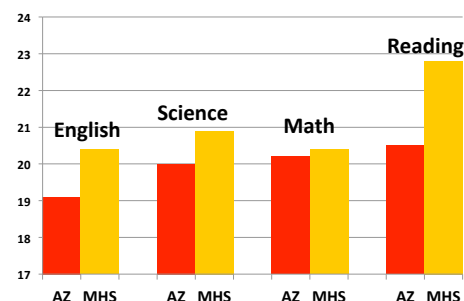
The staff at MHS works hard to help students plan for their future as part of the college and career preparatory focus of the school.

All ninth grade students take a “Freshman Seminar” class where they develop a four-year plan for high school and a post-high school plan. The name of this plan is the “Education Career Action Plan” (ECAP) and it is a requirement for graduation.

MHS offers 11 Advanced Placement classes, and four Central Arizona College classes on the MHS campus during the day – English 101, English 102, Mathematics 121 and Mathematics 151. The MHS Class of 2016 received 259 scholarship offers totaling over \$3.7 million (a new record) including: 73 to CAC, 29 to ASU, 19 to NAU, 12 to GCU, 20 to U of A, and four additional individual colleges and universities.

Maricopa High School has had three National Merit Scholarship winners since 2012. Two years of free college tuition is available for qualified MHS graduates. The Central Arizona College Foundation sponsors the “Promise for the Future Scholarship” for graduates of Pinal County high schools that have signed and submitted a contract during their eighth grade year. Students must graduate from high school with at least a 2.75 GPA. Recipients receive four semesters of free tuition currently valued at \$4,032. ■

2016 MHS ACT Results



MUSD showcased on ABC TV ‘Sonoran Living’

The Maricopa Unified School District was showcased on a recent Channel 15 ABC TV “Sonoran Living” segment. Mayor Christian Price was interviewed and he talked about the newly expanded blended learning program at MWMS.

The segment featured MWMS’s blended learning classrooms and teachers Robyn Rice, Joseph Szoltysik, Janell Hudson, and Jacque Witte. Santa Rosa teacher Nicole Cantrell’s blended learning classroom was also highlighted.

The segment was broadcast on August 23rd. This video segment was part of a series of similar videos highlighting the excellent quality of life in Maricopa and is part of the marketing campaign by the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance. ■



Interview of Mayor Price

Maricopa High School PSAT scores above national, state average

Maricopa High School recently received results from the Preliminary SAT Test (PSAT) taken by students last school year.

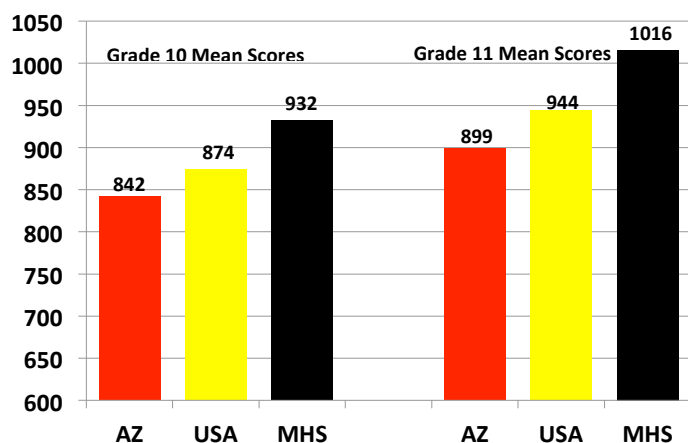
The PSAT tests students in English and mathematics resulting in a combined score. MHS had a record number of students taking the test – 117 sophomores and 128 juniors. Their average scores were above the national average and the Arizona state average.

The PSAT is a standardized test administered by the College Board and co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Approximately 3.5 million students take the PSAT each year (about half sophomores and half juniors) and scores determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Each year, approximately 8,000 juniors in the USA achieve scores in the top 99th percentile in their state and win National Merit Scholarships. It is not yet known if any MHS students in the Class of 2017 will receive a National Merit Scholarship. Maricopa High School has had three National Merit Scholarship winners since 2012. ■

2016 MHS PSAT

Math, Reading, Writing, Language



Santa Rosa Elementary commemorates events of September 11th

Santa Rosa Elementary held their annual commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001 with a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 9. The colors were presented by the Maricopa High School Air Force Junior ROTC color guard. The event was attended by officers from the Maricopa Police Department. "The purpose of this annual ceremony is to teach patriotism and respect for our country," stated Principal Eva Safranek; "We think this is a great learning opportunity for our students." ■

Evan Grace appointed to Governor Ducey's Youth Commission

At the end of the 2015-16 school year, Maricopa High School administrators notified Evan Grace, a sophomore at Maricopa High School, that they would be recommending him for inclusion on the 2016-17 Governor's Youth Commission.

After applying for the opening, obtaining a letter of recommendation from Mayor Christian Price, and then finally interviewing at the Capitol for the role, Evan was notified on July 12 that he had been selected.



The approval letter stated, "In recognition of your outstanding achievement, we are pleased to offer you an appointment to the 2016-2017 Governor's Youth Commission. The application process was incredibly competitive with a high volume of applicants for the number of available spaces. Given your dedication to service and demonstrated leadership skills, we are thrilled to count you among this select group."

Evan was formally inducted into the Commission on Aug. 6. Merry Grace, Evan's mother stated, "He cannot wait to represent not only Maricopa High School but all of Maricopa."

Evan is highly involved in the City of Maricopa as a volunteer for causes like Socks for Soldiers and Relay for Life. Last spring he received the "President's Volunteer Service Award" from the President of the United States. Evan also served as a member of the City of Maricopa Youth Council. MUSD is proud to recognize this outstanding student and community activist. ■



Senior Sarah Ledbetter receives STEM award

Sarah Ledbetter, a senior at Maricopa High School, was a delegate at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders that met June 29-July 1 in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

She joined students from across the country and heard Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research; was given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; was inspired by fellow teen science prodigies; and learned about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology. The theme of the conference was "Greatness Awaits," and it gave students the opportunity to hear from STEM leaders like John C. Mather, Buzz Aldrin, and David Wineland.

On Sept. 15, MHS Principal Renita Myers presented a "National Leadership Academies Certificate of Excellence" to Sarah Ledbetter as a result of her participation at the Congress.

Students nominated for this award must meet the all of the following criteria:

- 1) They aspire to become physicians, scientists, or technologists;
- 2) They possess leadership potential; and
- 3) They have a GPA of over 3.5. ■



Sarah Ledbetter receives award

MUSD enrollment hits a new high

Enrollment continues to grow in the Maricopa Unified School District. On Sept. 1 enrollment hit an all-time high of 6,581 students. A new enrollment record was reached at Maricopa High School that day with 2,106 students. Enrollment has increased 3.5 percent on average over the last four years. Davis Demographics and Planning recently completed a "Ten Year Student Population Projection Study" for the district. The study shows that MUSD is projected to grow to 7,400 students by the 2023-24 school year. ■



MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Varsity Football Fall 2016

10/07	7:00 p.m.	(A)	Apollo HS	Apollo HS
10/14	7:00 p.m.	(H)	Sunnyslope HS	Maricopa HS
10/21	7:00 p.m.	(H)	Raymond S Kellis HS	Maricopa HS
10/28	7:00 p.m.	(A)	Mcclintock HS	Mcclintock HS

Boys Varsity Golf Fall 2016

10/04	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Seton, Sierra Linda, Williams Field Southern Dunes
10/11	3:30 p.m.	(A)	Cortez, Williams Field, Combs Trilogy
10/18	3:30 p.m.	(A)	Seton, Glendale, Poston Butte Ocotillo
10/20	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Apache Junction, Wash, Pb Southern Dunes

Girls Varsity Golf Fall 2016

10/06	1:00 p.m.	(A)	Westview Invite
			Encanto g
10/10	3:00 p.m.	(H)	Marcos De Niza, Tempe, Metro Tech The Duke

Varsity Volleyball Fall 2016

10/03	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Sunnyslope HS
10/04	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Raymond S Kellis HS
10/10	6:00 p.m.	(A)	Apollo HS
10/11	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Ironwood HS
10/18	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Sunnyslope HS
10/20	6:00 p.m.	(H)	Raymond S Kellis HS
10/21	Tba	(A)	Florence Invitational
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South African immigrant growing family appliance-repair business

By R. Mason Callejas

For the last nine years Maricopa Appliance Repair has been offering on-site kitchen and laundry room appliance repair in Maricopa.

Owner and Rancho El Dorado resident Gary Jamieson, 35, wants not only to offer his community affordable, quick and reliable service, but with his eyes pinned to the horizon he also has high hopes of expanding his family-owned business.

"In the past year and a half we have added two technicians, and we hope to add more," Jamieson said. "We also are looking to expand into areas surrounding Maricopa such as Casa Grande, Eloy and Arizona City – all the way to Tucson."


Twenty-one years ago the Jamieson family also had their eyes on the horizon. Eager to get at a slice of the American Dream they immigrated to the United States from their home in Johannesburg, South Africa. Settling in the Valley due to the environmental similarities of their homeland, parents Peter and Ronelle Jamieson searched for a large, affordable piece of land and found it west of Maricopa.

About 10 years later the Jamiesons began to realize the area lacked a fast, reliable and reasonably priced appliance repair service.

"The nearest places that would service Maricopa would charge an arm and a leg just to set foot in the door," Gary Jamieson said. "Not to mention they wouldn't be available for a minimum of two weeks!"

And thus the family-owned Maricopa Appliance Repair, then Appliance Works LLC, was created. Two years ago Jamieson, happy with the progress they had made and with expansion on his mind, took the reins from his parents and hasn't looked back.

"We get to work with and meet so many interesting people," Jamieson said, "[people] we wouldn't have the opportunity to encounter if we were behind a desk."

Though at times "keeping it all organized and together proves challenging, my customers and their satisfaction remain my top priority." 



Submitted

Gary Jamieson is a native of South Africa who moved the United States as a kid. Two years ago, he took over the appliance-repair company started by his parents in Maricopa.

Gary Jamieson

PERSONAL

AGE: 35

HOMETOWN: Johannesburg, South Africa

RESIDENCE: Rancho El Dorado

EDUCATION: U.S. Air Force, architectural design; Le Cordon Bleu; ongoing trade-specific appliance repair business training and workshops

FAMILY: Mother and father (founders of Appliance Works) reside in Hidden Valley; aunt and three cousins in metro Phoenix
PETS: 3 dogs

PET PEEVES: Dishonesty and

inconsiderate drivers

CAR: Nissan truck

HOBBIES: Golf, riding motorcycles, poker, flying (earning pilot's license), rock climbing and cooking

BUSINESS

FIRST JOB: Air Force

FAVORITE JOB: Owner and technician for Maricopa Appliance Repair

GREATEST CHALLENGE: The behind-the-scenes of running my own business; accounting, marketing, payroll, etc.

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EVER RECEIVED: My dad always instilled in me, keep your customers

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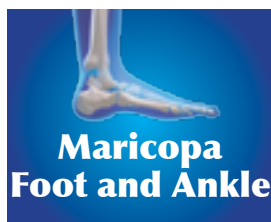
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Paramotors let Maricopans 'fly like a bird'

By Ethan McSweeney

The vehicle Mo Sheldon climbs into on an early Wednesday morning at Ak-Chin Regional Airport looks more like it belongs on a go-kart track than hundreds of feet in the air.

But the vehicle, known as a paramotor, has three wheels and a large propeller in the back. It takes off with a loud whir and a canopy floating overhead and pitches up toward the sky.

Sheldon, owner of Airparamo, has been flying paramotors for nearly two decades, and his business has attracted a loyal following around the state. In the early morning hours when the air is still cool, paramotor enthusiasts will bring their vehicles to an unpaved part of the Ak-Chin Regional Airport, just east of Maricopa, to fly.

"I feel very privileged and lucky to be able to share this with other people," Sheldon said.

Paramotoring, also known as powered paragliding, can involve vehicles with wheels or foot-launch devices, as the motor powers them and the parasail allows pilots to steer. Airparamo, located on West Trading Post Road near the airport, offers tandem flights — Sheldon will take people up in the air — flying instruction, gear, consulting and manufacturing services for paramotors.

Sheldon's desire to fly began early in life. He grew up in Caracas, Venezuela, where his parents worked, and watched seagulls near the ocean. "I always wanted to fly like a bird," he said.

After going to school at the University of Rochester in upstate New York and Washington University in St. Louis, Sheldon got his master's degree in architecture and worked in the field for six years before getting into computers.

Sheldon and his wife moved to Arizona because her family lived in the state. Once here, he began to tap into his desire to fly.

He took lessons in planes, but, he said, those "didn't quite do it" for him. Then he came across paramotors, which he said made him feel like a bird flying in the open air. "I was hooked," he said.

Sheldon began flying paramotors in 1998 and launched Airparamo in 2001 with the



Mo Sheldon has attracted a loyal following of paramotor enthusiasts in Arizona.

Ethan McSweeney

tagline "Fly Like A Bird." With the business, he began offering paramotor flying lessons himself.

Paramotors don't require a license to fly — teaching how to fly one does, however — and are considered "ultralight" aircraft by the Federal Aviation Administration.

How fast or how long one can fly depends on several different factors, Sheldon said, such as weight, the type of motor, barometric pressure and the temperature outside. Paramotors can also reach thousands of feet in altitude, but, Sheldon said, that's usually not the point of flying them.

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**Airparamo owner Mo Sheldon said
Maricopa is one of the best places in the
world to fly paramotors.**

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“Most of the time it’s not about how high you can fly, it’s about how low you can fly,” Sheldon said.

Living in Gilbert when he first started flying paramotors, Sheldon came to Maricopa to what was then Phoenix Regional Airport to its purchase by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, to fly and then offer lessons.

Sheldon has flown paramotors around the United States, France, Spain, Mexico and Colombia, but, he said, one of the best places in the world to fly is in Arizona and the Maricopa area in particular. The proximity to open pit mines and the Sonoran Desert National Monument make the area a particularly interesting and scenic place to fly, Sheldon said.

“We really live in a very special place to be able to fly,” he said.

In the early 2000s, Sheldon decided to move his family to Maricopa, with the city booming and home prices low, to get closer to the airport.

Jay Kocherhans is one person who got addicted to paramotors after meeting Sheldon.

Kocherhans was interested in learning how to fly a paramotor, and Sheldon was the first name to come up when he searched the Internet for instructors about four years ago.

After flying with Sheldon, Kocherhans became so enthralled with flying paramotors that he moved from Mesa to a house right next to the Ak-Chin Regional Airport so he could “fly every day,” he said.

“The only thing that keeps me on the ground is bad weather,” he said.

Others will commute from the East Valley or as far away as Tucson to fly at the airport with Sheldon.

“I like being in the air. I don’t have red lights or green lights or people tailgating me,” Kocherhans said. “I can go up and look at the chaos below.”

Kocherhans said he would like to see more Maricopans come out to fly at the airport, a point on which Sheldon agrees.

Among the opportunities for Maricopans’ to witness paramotoring first-hand is Sheldon’s annual Arizona Flying Circus, which he said brought out 300 to 500 people last year.

The Flying Circus, which is scheduled for February, is described as “part fly-in, part Burning Man, part Wild West,” according to its website, and brings out paramotors, hot air balloons and other types of aircraft.

“I would love to see a larger Maricopa presence,” Sheldon said. “We have an incredible resource here.”

Meals-in-a-jar a healthy, on-the-go option



Submitted

By **Claire Bullivant**

Hands up anyone who has tried to lose weight, eat healthier and failed. What went wrong?

One of my top three strategies for successful, healthy eating is time management. Any intent to eat well gets forgotten when I have to rush out of the door or meet a deadline. In that mode, I grab anything from

anywhere — and it's usually not good.




Claire Bullivant

That's why healthy meals in a jar are so brilliant. These jars are airtight so food can usually last three or four days without spoiling, which means you can make food for half the week, put the lid on and not think about it again until you grab it from the fridge — take it to work, eat it at home or make it a healthy TV dinner.

You can prepare food in jars for your kids so they have a hearty meal waiting for them anytime.

You can freeze certain meals. I've made lasagne, chili con carne, even chicken and mashed potato. Caution when microwaving the glass jars, though. I only microwave from fridge temperature, and my attempts to heat glass jars in the oven got ... well, shattered. And you might have to invest in a mason jar koozie (yes, it does exist!).

What about salads? Until now, the main reason not to pack a salad was the dressing; if you dress the salad, you are later left with a wilted pile of greens. And if you take the dressing in a separate container, the risk of it spilling is off-putting. Not so, the mason jar salad. There's a plethora of pictures and advice about how to make these salads on the web and I highly recommend taking a peek, so that you can have grab and go healthy food every day.

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Optimized nutrition makes for faster recovery

By Aaron Gilbert

Even at Longevity Athletics — with our professionally supervised, scientifically formulated and individually tailored fitness experience — accidents happen. The question is, when they do, how can you help the body heal?

It's not an uncommon notion that nutrition can play a powerful role in injury recovery. Yet when injury strikes, very few know how to put sound nutrition strategies together to improve healing.

In this article, I will introduce proven, best practices for using nutrition to speed up the healing process and get you back in the game — pronto.

Recovering from Injury: How the Body Gets it Done

Tissue Damage — whether from surgery or injury, sets into motion a three-stage recovery process.

1st stage: Inflammation

Pain, swelling, redness and heat; brings in healing chemicals to the injured area.

2nd Stage: Proliferation

Damaged tissues are removed; new blood supply and temporary tissue to the rescue.

3rd Stage: Remodeling

Stronger, more permanent tissue replaces the temporary tissue.



Aaron Gilbert

Nutrition for Inflammation Stage

Inflammation is critical as it starts the repair



process. Too much, however, can cause additional damage. These strategies help produce the right amount.

- Eat anti-inflammatory fats including:
- Olive oil
- Avocados
- Fish oil
- Flax oil or ground flax
- Fish like mackerel, salmon, sardines
- Mixed nuts and seeds

Stay away from pro-inflammatory things like:

- Processed foods high in saturated fats
- Vegetable oils like corn, sunflower, safflower, soybean
- Foods with trans fats



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Social Isolation

I am really concerned about my mom. Since my dad died, she has become withdrawn and isolates herself in the house. She doesn't like to go out any more, and rarely has company. She's still healthy, but it's like she has disconnected from it all. What can I do?

Unfortunately, social isolation is real among the elderly. Even more so when the loss of a spouse is part of the equation. It is important to keep the elderly engaged in life, connected to a community and involved in social activities as much as possible. Make sure she visits with her primary care doctor to rule out anything medical. Being socially engaged also has health benefits. However, at the rate that the elderly population is growing, the numbers of persons suffering from social isolation is only predicted to increase.

Here are just a few ideas to reduce social isolation.

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1. Older adults may be at highest risk for becoming socially isolated during the period after a spouse has passed away. When you've shared your life with a beloved spouse and companion for decades, it can be like losing the foundation of your existence when that person dies. For this reason, it's important to provide extra emotional and social support to recent widows and widowers while they are grieving. This can make all the difference for the bereaved senior's well-being, and it helps to encourage a healthy grieving process rather than a spiral into prolonged depression and isolation.
2. For seniors who are religious, connect/reconnect them with their places of worship. This weekly social connection has been shown to be quite beneficial. Older churchgoers not only benefit from the social interaction and sense of purpose that weekly worship provides, but they also benefit from the watchful eye of other churchgoers, who are likely to recognize a decline in an isolated senior that may have gone unnoticed otherwise.
3. Give him/her something to take care of, like a pet. Many experts note that the act of nurturing can relieve feelings of social isolation. Animal companionship facilitates establishing friends, is a social lubricant, gives a reason to get up in the morning and is an icebreaker." Obviously, you would need to make certain that she is capable and willing to properly care for the pet before giving a pet as a gift.
4. Provide a companion for your mom a couple of times a week. Someone to talk to, do things with, and even assist around the house as needed. It could be a caregiver or a trusted friend, someone whose focus is your mom's well-being and engagement.

Introduce inflammation-managing herbs and spices:

- Curcumin from turmeric/curry power — 7 teaspoons a day of powder or 400-600mg in supplement form
- Garlic — 2-4 cloves a day or 600-1200mg of aged garlic extract
- Bromelain from pineapple — 2 cups of pineapple a day or 500-1000mg in supplement form
- Cocoa, tea and berries
- Eat daily or supplement with blueberry or grape extracts, green tea extracts, citrus extracts and bioflavonoid supplements

Nutrition for Proliferation and Remodeling Stages

Getting enough of the right foods is the first priority. Metabolism can increase 15-50 percent, so you will need fewer calories than when training hard but more than when inactive.

With each meal:


1. **Eat enough protein;** minimally processed meats, eggs, plant-based proteins and protein supplements.
2. **Balance your dietary fat** about 1/3 of fat intake from saturated, 1/3 from monosaturated, 1/3 from polyunsaturated.
3. **Eat the rainbow** with a vibrant mix of fruits and veggies.
4. **Eat enough carbs.** You will need less carbs than when training hard but enough to support recovery; the less processed the carbs the better with a preference to root vegetables and fibrous fruits.

Supplements to consider


Supplementing with the following for 2-4 weeks' post-injury may be helpful:

- Vitamin A – 10,000IU per day
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Tips to Prevent Childhood Obesity

By DANA RODRIGUEZ, PHD, APNP-BC

You may have heard about childhood obesity on the news or seen it in the newspapers. You may question, “Why is it such a concern and what can I do to prevent my child from becoming obese?” First I will address why it is a concern. Healthcare workers are concerned about childhood obesity because obesity can lead to health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, sleep apnea, joint pain among other conditions. Children who are obese are also at risk for social discrimination which often leads to low self-esteem. As parents we want what is best for our kids both physically and mentally. The real question is then “What can I do as a parent to prevent my child from becoming obese?”

Here I will provide you with a few tips to help your children to develop a healthy lifestyle:

- **Limit juice and Gatorade intake to 4 ounces or less daily.** (Choose water instead!). No soda.
- **Limit screen time to 2 hours daily.** (Less on school days)
- **Limit portion sizes.** Parents should become familiar with what is a normal portion size and stick to that amount.
- **Avoid fried foods.** (Example: choose to make regular tacos rather than fried tacos)
- **Children should be active for at least 60 minutes daily.** Be active with your children if possible.
- **Do not bring junk food into the house.** If it's not in the house the kids won't eat it.
- Know that it is okay to say NO when kids ask for a treat.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Kids are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables that are pre-cut. Take the time to buy watermelon, red peppers, cucumbers or



**WHAT ARE SOME
HEALTHY SNACK
IDEAS?**



whatever your family likes and cut it and store it in a container in the refrigerator. Buy the baby carrots and small tomatoes that make great bite-sized snacks. When they ask for a snack, there is your answer!

- If you know your child has already had a sugary treat today like birthday cake then the rest of the food for the days should be healthy choices. Say NO to their extra requests like potato chips, candy or soda.

The key is to balance what we put in our bodies and what we burn off each day.



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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy to hit the Lounge at Harrah's Ak-Chin

By Raquel Hendrickson

When swing-style music made a comeback in the mid-1990s, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was on the frontlines. With a modern take on the Big Band sound of the '40s and a memorable name, the band hit at the right time, but they did not just ride the wave of a passing fad.

Drummer Kurt Sodergren, who co-founded the band with lead vocalist/songwriter Scotty Morris, said they started the conversation in the late '90s to orchestrate BBVD's approach to longevity if and when the retro swing craze passed.

"We knew our fan base wasn't fickle, and we always reach out in the meet-and-greets after shows," Sodergren said. "Our music makes them happy and keeps them coming back."

BBVD has also branched out, performing with symphonies and in performing arts settings.

To keep their hardcore fans and create new ones, the band has the motto of "Yes." They accept most invitations to perform that they can fit in their schedule of 150 shows a year.

"We're trying to play in a lot of new venues," Sodergren said.

That now includes Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, where Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be playing in The Lounge on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.

Morris, who has a lifelong love of swing and jazz and plays a mean blues guitar, originally started the band in 1989. He named it for a signature he received from guitar legend Albert Collins, whose autograph included the phrase "To Scotty, the big bad voodoo daddy."

After Morris joined forces with Sodergren, BBVD was re-launched in 1993 in Ventura, California. They were part of an underground swing movement in the Los Angeles area, where they called the Derby nightclub home.

Sodergren, originally from Pontiac, Michigan, mainly grew up in Ventura. His grandfather was a saxophonist in big bands in the '40s, including with the U.S. Army

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has been entertaining for 23 years and sold over 2 million albums. They will be in Maricopa Oct. 28.



Submitted

IF YOU GO

WHO: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

WHEN: Oct. 28, 8 p.m.

WHERE: The Lounge at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, 15406 N. Maricopa Road

HOW MUCH: Free

INFO: Caesars.com/Harrahs-Ak-Chin

during World War II. Kurt's father had an impressive record collection that exposed young Kurt to the bands of Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller.

He started playing drums with the school band because "it was the only thing that wasn't being played."

After hearing the Benny Goodman Orchestra's renowned 1938 concert at Carnegie Hall, Sodergren was floored by Gene Krupa's work on the drums. "They didn't even need to have the music," he said.

Krupa always remains an influence, as do others like John Bonham of Led Zeppelin, who himself was influenced by Big Band-era drummers.

The deep well of swing and jazz comprehension from Morris and Sodergren combined with the classical training of their

bandmates gave BBVD a well-balanced attack.

With its music highlighted in the cult film *Swingers*, BBVD leaped onto the national stage in 1996. At the same time, bands like Flying Neutrinots, Squirrel Nut Zippers and the ska band Cherry Poppin' Daddies were using a retro sound on the rising tide of neo swing.

BBVD parlayed that into more than 2 million album sales, starting with their eponymous album in 1994. Soderberg said they have finished recording their 10th studio album, a tribute to the music of Louis Armstrong, Louis Jordan and Louis Prima. It is due out next year.

The touring band is filled out by Joshua Levy on piano, Antony Bonsera on lead trumpet, Dirk Shumaker on bass, Glen "The Kid" Marhevka on trumpet, Karl Hunter on tenor, alto and soprano saxophones and clarinet, Andy Rowley on baritone sax and Alex Henderson on trombone.

They make a point of staying after a performance to meet with the crowd.

"We have really friendly guys in the band who are fun to hang out with," Sodergren said.

 **Hear samples of BBVD music with this story online at InMaricopa.com.**

Performing Arts Gala to debut with 3 groups

Maricopa ARTS Council (MAC) will present a first-time-ever Performing Arts Gala as MAC's celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month, and the next special event in its three-season expo, "Got ARTS, Maricopa?"

The gala features Maricopa's own talents in orchestral music, choral music and dance and takes place Oct. 22 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Maricopa High School Performing Arts Center main auditorium. It is also a culminating event in the city's Stagecoach Days, open to the public and presented with free admission.

Three of the city's premier arts organizations have star turns in the gala: Desert Sun Performing Arts dance academy, Maricopa Music Circle chamber orchestra and Maricopa Chorus.

The gala spotlights each ensemble, with partnership works also woven into this special program.

- DSPA was founded 10 years ago




C. Ehrbright

by choreographer and teacher Ceylan Gentilella. Its winter-time Sugar Plum Tea events featuring the Nutcracker ballet have become a Maricopa tradition.

- Maricopa Music Circle began seven years ago as a small ensemble and has grown into a 16-piece chamber orchestra that plays without a conductor. Its three founders, violinist Genevieve Ehrbright, cellist Mary Mullarky and composer-pianist Judith Zaimont, still perform with the group.

- Maricopa Chorus began in 2013 with founder-director John Janzen's dream of a live Maricopa performance of the Hallelujah Chorus with choir and orchestra.

Highlights from the gala include MMC's medley of themes from John Williams' stirring scores for the Star Wars films, a rousing rendition of the Toreador Song from Bizet's opera Carmen by MC, and DSPA's spirited Hungarian Dance. 

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Performing Arts Gala

WHEN: Oct. 22, 7-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Maricopa High School Performing Arts Center, 45012 W. Honeycutt Ave.

WHO: Desert Sun Performing Arts, Maricopa Music Circle, Maricopa Chorus

HOW MUCH: Free

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City rounds up fun things to do in October

By Raquel Hendrickson

October brings cooler temperatures and heightened activity to Maricopa.

That means the return of Stagecoach Days events Pecan Pride, Maricopa Shutter Shots, Copa History Hunt and Maricopa Mud Run. It also means it's time to get your homes spookily decorated for the annual Mystery Mansion Mayhem during Halloween.

October also includes a Domestic Violence Awareness Concert.

COPA HISTORY HUNT (Stagecoach Days)

The second Copa History Hunt is a digital photo scavenger hunt for all ages. Participants will take photos of required places, buildings or items all over Maricopa, following clues provided by trivia questions and riddles.

There are cash prizes at stake. First place gets \$100, second place \$75 and third \$50.

The event starts Oct. 8 with registration from 8 a.m. to noon in the large ramada at Copper Sky Regional Park. Entry fee (cash only) is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for pairs, and \$25 for team of three to six people. Photos must be submitted by email by 5 p.m. on Oct. 15.

There will be a bonus round on Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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PECAN PRIDE (Stagecoach Days)

Last year, a dozen Maricopa eateries participated in Pecan Pride to honor Maricopa's agricultural heritage.

Niesha Whitman, special events manager for the City of Maricopa, said she has again contacted those restaurants, which include

Helen's Kitchen, 347 Grill and Sunrise Café, in a search for unique uses of pecans.

Oct. 9-24, the participating restaurants will offer at least one specialty dish using pecans. This may be an entrée, a side dish, a sauce, a dessert or even a drink.

 Maricopa-az.gov/web/Pecan-Pride-Celebration



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MARICOPA SHUTTER SHOTS (Stagecoach Days)

This 24-hour Day in the Life of Maricopa photo contest is Oct. 15 from midnight to 11:59 p.m.

The photos will be used for a photo documentation of how Maricopa looks today. Photograph a building, business, home, street or people as part of the celebration of the incorporation anniversary.

There are categories for amateur and professional. Entry is free. Put your best shots on a CD along with 5-by-7-inch prints and drop them off at City Hall by 5 p.m. Oct. 17. Photos will be juried. All photos will be

returned.

Grand prize is \$100. There are also prizes for best photo in categories of humorous, nature, business exterior, business interior, neighborhood, "Hidden Treasure," night shot, people and historical.

 Maricopa-az.gov/web/Shutter-Shots

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CONCERT

The concert will feature Blues Man Mike at Copper Sky Oct. 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

"We're going to incorporate a 'Strut Your Mutt' contest," Whitman said. "So people can sign up and register their dogs, and then they're going to do a little costume contest at the concert, and we'll have prizes for the cutest dog."

Organizers want to get the anti-violence message out by incorporating something fun, she said.

MARICOPA MUD RUN (Stagecoach Days)


The fourth annual Mud Run is Oct. 22, with registration starting at 8 a.m. at Copper Sky Regional Park. See related story.

MYSTERY MANSION MAYHEM

Maricopans, it turns out, are very, very good at creating very, very scary Halloween homes. This decorating contest allows them to pull out all the stops on fright night.

Registration is ongoing through Oct. 9. There will be prizes for judge's pick and resident's choice. Judges from the Parks, Recreation and Libraries Committee and Youth Council will decide first, second and third and best haunted house. Judging takes place Oct. 25.

First place earns \$250 as does Resident's Choice. Second place is \$150, third place is \$75 and best haunted house is \$150.

If you want to pull your skeletons out of the closet and put them on display, register for Mystery Mansion Mayhem at RegOnline.com/MM2016. 

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino bets on pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

Battle of the Bras part of month-long effort

By Sara Goodwin

Each year in October, the color pink pops up all over the country in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a month-long observance for a disease that affects one in eight American women.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino again plans to go above and beyond.


"Pink is the color of hope, strength and support for those diagnosed with breast cancer," said Robert Livingston, general manager at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. "Our participation in the annual breast cancer awareness campaign is something we are known for, and we are so proud of what we have accomplished over the last several years,"

Pink will be the color of the month. Throughout October guests will see employees donning their own pink apparel and even pink hair. And on Thursdays, guests are encouraged to wear pink.

The guys at Harrah's Ak-Chin casino turn into the models for Battle of the Bras on Oct. 22.

The casino will host the Pink Pool Party for the third year in a row on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Of course, the highlight of the party will be the Battle of the Bras fashion show. Each casino department will be able to design a bra for a male manager or supervisor to model at the party.

Picture yourself in pink with Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's selfie booth located in the hotel lobby near the entrance to the pool throughout the month.

"We are honored to have this opportunity for our guests and employees to get pink and get involved to support such a worthy cause," said Christine Todd, Harrah's Development Systems program manager at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. 

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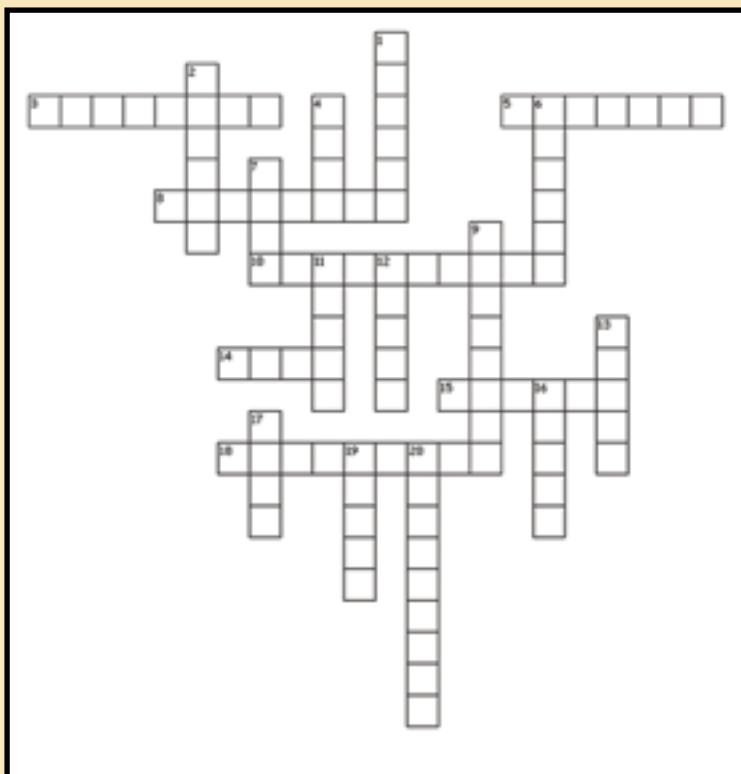
Across

3. MPD has a Civilian _____ Board
5. The Ak-Chin Fire Department is on _____ Road
8. Chris Evans is a school _____ officer
10. The MPD building at Copper Sky is called a _____
14. Firefighters are often called when these flying insects swarm
15. Last name of Ak-Chin's top cop
18. Home of Fire Station 571 is in this subdivision

Down

1. Namesake of Fire Station 575
2. Every month you can have _____ with the chief
4. Number of fire stations in Maricopa
6. Community _____ Team
7. K9 Units include these four-legged cops
9. MFD's Maricopa _____ Firefighters deployed to California this year
11. MFD's BR575 is this kind of truck
12. Number of MFD assistant chiefs
13. First name of MFD Fire Chief
16. Theft/burglary is the city's most common _____
17. MPD officers use on- _____ cameras
19. Chief
20. "Making every contact _____"

 See answers on the Things to Do page at InMaricopa.com



Mud Run a filthy good time

Story and photos by Raquel Hendrickson



When fences went up around the dirt parcel on the west side of Copper Sky Regional Park, it was a sure sign of pending, dirty excitement.

Yards of mud, complicated obstacles and zombies will take over the place for the fourth annual Maricopa Mud Run on Oct. 22, starting at 9 a.m.

"We've been working on this probably since this March," said Matthew Reiter, City of Maricopa fitness coordinator. "I start six to eight months early. But then throughout the whole year we have tons of discussion on the plan of this."

Reiter attends five to 10 mud runs a year from other organizations and takes photos and brings those ideas to Parks Manager Mike Riggs. Together, they and their staff start creating and organizing Maricopa's run.

"[Riggs] likes building these things, and I like running them," Reiter said. Having the expertise to create the course and land on which to build it has been a matter of great timing for the city, he added.

The parks crew started building the course in mid-September and will continue as they

also work on other city projects they are also responsible for.

"There will be one or two of us that will stay pretty steady," Riggs said. The work is dependent on what equipment is available in other departments.

Because it is a city event, they do not need to subcontract or hire a course designer for \$20,000. The city crews build the obstacles and save them for future runs. Riggs said they

Park Manager Mike Riggs (left) and fitness coordinator Matthew Reiter show off the belts awaiting winners of the 2016 Mud Run

want to get seven to 10 years out of them. They build a couple new obstacles each year.

They also incorporated feedback from last year's participants. That has brought about more zip lines, a kids' run and a beer tent.

"This year with the zip lines we're going to put people in the mud, so there's a surprise," Reiter said. "Last year you could cross the mud and land on dry ground.

This year, no matter what happens, you're going in."

The kids' run is a mini-version for ages 4 to 11.

"If you're out here watching them and you see the faces and the smiles and the high fives that are happening with the people actually participating, it's just unbelievable," Riggs said. "Everybody has a great time. That's the joy I get out of it, just watching everyone have a great time."



IF YOU GO

WHAT: Maricopa Mud Run
WHEN: Oct. 22, 9 a.m.
WHERE: Copper Sky Regional Park
HOW MUCH: \$40 adults; \$20 ages 12-17; \$15 ages 4-11
INFO: Maricopa-az.gov/web/Mud-Run

Last year's competitors leap over obstacles.

Organizers have used lanes already set up for overflow parking from other events to use as mud-run lanes. Each lane has two or three obstacles to climb over, swing over or run through.

The National Honor Society from Maricopa High School will again get zombie-fied to add an extra challenge. Runners can get two flag-football flags to wear during the run. If they make it through the zombies with both flags intact, they win a prize.

Celebrity trainers will be on hand to lead the pre-race warm-up. The first part of the race is on dry ground, starting near the skate park. Reiter said runners will probably be sent off incrementally every 10 minutes to ease the pileups that occurred at the early obstacles.

"We're trying to make it as challenging as we can and still make a fun family experience," Riggs said.

The course is two miles, which is considered the "sweet spot" for mud runs. Anything longer is too much, anything shorter is not enough. Old clothes and especially old shoes are recommended.

The event will also have log-rolling, a kids' play zone and food vendors. Participants get a T-shirt and dog tags.

"It's really like a casual city event that's fitness. So for people who've never done a run or done an obstacle course, maybe their guard's a little more down because it's a city event," Reiter said. "I would be more apt to get off the couch and try it because I wouldn't have that fear that I'm going to go in there and get wrecked."

Mayor Christian Price has again thrown down the challenge to beat his time. The first 50 runners to finish faster than the mayor will receive a Mayor's Achievement Coin. But be warned, Price has been training all year.

The parcel used for the mud part of the mud run is actually marked for commercial development. When that happens, Riggs said

they will find a new location for the mud run or a new way to construct it.

As much fun as runners seem to have participating in the Maricopa Mud Run, the crews that make it are just as happy.

"The staff is 80 or 90 percent local. The pride they take in it knowing they've done it, the accomplishment once it's done, is a real builder for this team," Riggs said. "We consider it one of the huge team-builders that we do in the Community Services Department because everyone gets out and helps."



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Homes sales

Median sales price: \$165,900 Median price per square foot: \$85.68 Median square feet: 1,986 Median days on market: 49

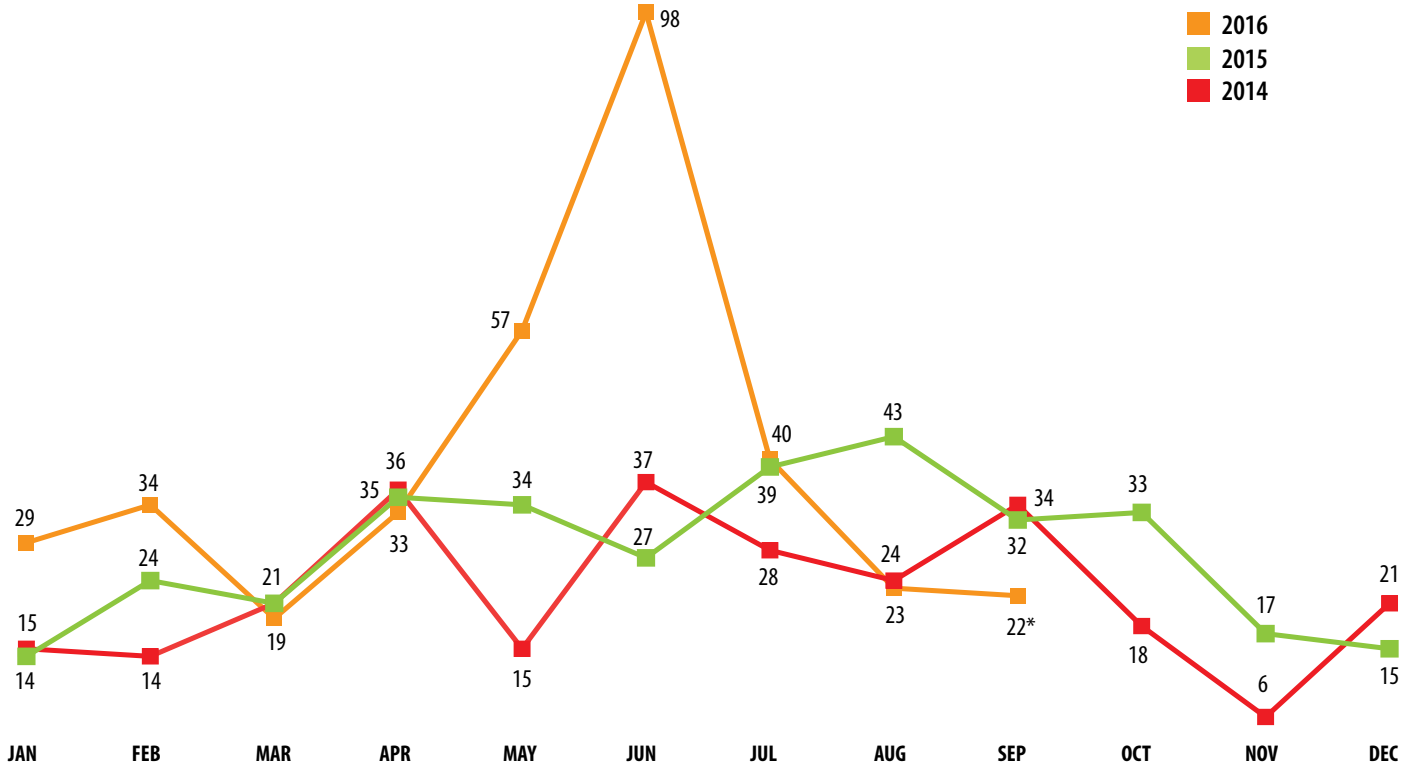
Maricopa home sales Aug. 15 - Sept. 15, 2016. Source: Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service

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Acacia Crossings	8/26/16	144900	144900	95.64	21081 N Ancon Ave	1515	3	2	None	4
Acacia Crossings	9/9/16	199500	188000	93.35	44825 W Balboa Dr	2014	3	3	Private	5
Acacia Crossings	8/17/16	145000	145000	102.33	45100 W Paitilla Ln	1417	3	2	None	17
Acacia Crossings	8/17/16	145000	145000	95.71	45084 W Paitilla Ln	1515	3	2	None	43
Acacia Crossings	8/15/16	155000	151000	92.41	44920 W Paitilla Ln	1634	3	2	None	45
Acacia Crossings	9/6/16	160499	157000	75.62	45415 W Paraiso Ln	2076	3	2	None	49
Acacia Crossings	8/31/16	159500	164000	79.03	45418 W Alamendras St	2075	3	2	None	63
Acacia Crossings	8/25/16	157500	152000	76.42	44816 W Miramar Rd	1989	3	2	None	65
Alterra	8/25/16	139900	139900	80.82	17454 N Carmen Ave	1731	4	2	None	4
Alterra	8/16/16	178000	178000	87.94	45083 W Rhea Rd	2024	4	2	Private	8
Alterra	9/14/16	139500	136000	96.24	45098 W Yucca Ln	1413	3	2	None	21
Alterra	8/24/16	189500	187500	82.63	45009 W Buckhorn Trl	2269	4	2	None	22
Alterra	9/1/16	235000	221000	72.72	45126 W Juniper Ave	3039	4	2.5	Private	33
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Alterra	8/31/16	174900	174300	88.65	45329 W Desert Cedars Ln	1966	3	2	None	86
Cobblestone Farms	9/14/16	174900	173000	113.07	44075 W Granite Dr	1530	3	2	Private	6
Cobblestone Farms	8/26/16	239000	239000	76.36	44362 W Adobe Cir	3130	5	2.5	Community	27
Cobblestone Farms	8/29/16	249900	240750	109.04	44207 W Copper Trl	2208	4	2	Both	36
Cobblestone Farms	8/23/16	255000	250000	64.35	44478 W Redrock Rd	3885	5	3	Community	44
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Desert Cedars	9/15/16	159900	159900	63.83	44358 W Cypress Ln	2505	4	2.5	None	4
Desert Cedars	9/16/16	159800	162800	64.99	44476 W Windrose Dr	2505	4	2.5	None	6
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Glennville	9/3/16	206900	206900	80.98	41359 W Lucera Ln	2555	5	2.5	Community	324
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Maricopa Meadows	8/31/16	185000	184000	53.68	46126 W Amsterdam Rd	3428	5	3.5	None	119
Maricopa Meadows	8/25/16	165000	164250	55.41	46153 W Belle Ave	2964	4	2.5	None	162
Palo Brea	8/24/16	239900	239900	58.45	44048 W Palo Amarillo Rd	4104	4	3.5	None	9
Province	8/18/16	209000	204500	119.94	42518 W Heavenly Pl	1705	2	2	Community	116
Province	9/15/16	199900	189400	107.18	42503 W Abbey Rd	1767	2	2	Community	155
Province	8/31/16	199999	190000	120.71	41672 W Caliente Dr	1574	2	2	Community	190
Province	9/8/16	193850	190000	121.48	42479 W Sea Eagle Dr	1564	2	2	Community	191
Province	8/26/16	234900	229900	101.59	19732 N Flamingo Rd	2263	3	2	Community	234
Province	8/16/16	194900	188500	120.52	42843 W Sandpiper Dr	1564	2	2	Community	262
Rancho El Dorado	8/26/16	189000	189000	80.8	22117 N Kingston Dr	2339	3	2.5	None	0
Rancho El Dorado	8/15/16	141900	141000	98.12	42250 W Oakland Dr	1437	3	2	None	3
Rancho El Dorado	9/8/16	150000	145000	86.05	43772 W Cahill Dr	1685	3	2	None	9

Subdivision	COE*	List Price	Sold Price	Price/Sqft	Address			Approx Sqft	Beds	Baths	Pool	DOM*
Rancho El Dorado	9/12/16	164900	150000	80.91	43337	W Michaels	Dr	1854	3	2	Private	13
Rancho El Dorado	8/23/16	145000	145000	66.05	41243	W Little	Dr	2195	4	2.5	None	13
Rancho El Dorado	8/17/16	244900	210000	74.41	22267	N Reinbold	Dr	2822	4	2.5	None	14
Rancho El Dorado	8/23/16	158900	157000	95.44	43483	W Chisholm	Dr	1645	3	2	None	15
Rancho El Dorado	9/16/16	183000	182000	84.61	42764	W Oakland	Dr	2151	3	2	None	15
Rancho El Dorado	9/7/16	204900	205000	93.43	41285	W Little	Dr	2194	4	2.5	Private	15
Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	210900	214900	89.09	43246	W Alexandra	Ct	2412	4	2.5	Private	15
Rancho El Dorado	9/7/16	170300	172000	102.62	22273	N Caven	Dr	1676	3	2	Private	26
Rancho El Dorado	8/19/16	149500	148500	97.25	42348	W Colby	Dr	1527	3	2	None	29
Rancho El Dorado	8/26/16	135000	135000	91.21	41678	W Hillman	Dr	1480	3	2	None	32
Rancho El Dorado	8/24/16	162900	162500	64.54	41934	W Hillman	Dr	2518	4	3	None	32
Rancho El Dorado	8/26/16	145000	147500	87.43	43850	W Elm	Dr	1687	3	2	None	36
Rancho El Dorado	9/2/16	134900	128000	96.75	21958	N Braden	Rd	1323	3	2	None	37
Rancho El Dorado	8/22/16	147500	140000	66.79	42399	W Chambers	Dr	2096	4	2	None	38
Rancho El Dorado	9/14/16	177900	170000	67.48	22512	N Davis	Way	2519	3	3	None	39
Rancho El Dorado	9/7/16	182500	175000	103.79	42487	W Hall	Dr	1686	3	2	Private	43
Rancho El Dorado	9/16/16	193000	192000	69.86	40893	W Bedford	Dr	2748	4	2.5	None	44
Rancho El Dorado	8/31/16	150000	143000	72.36	41256	W Parkhill	Dr	1976	4	2.5	None	53
Rancho El Dorado	9/9/16	166989	166989	75.53	41616	W Hillman	Dr	2211	5	2.5	None	53
Rancho El Dorado	8/15/16	169900	169900	100.83	42266	W Sparks	Dr	1685	3	2	None	54
Rancho El Dorado	9/6/16	145000	145000	102.98	43864	W Rio Lobo	Dr	1408	3	2	Private	56
Rancho El Dorado	8/17/16	149000	148000	89.26	43630	W Rio Grande	Dr	1658	4	2	None	57
Rancho El Dorado	9/5/16	183000	183000	100.32	42548	W Oakland	Dr	1824	3	2	None	59
Rancho El Dorado	8/18/16	139880	139000	89.9	41593	W Hillman	Dr	1546	4	2.5	None	61
Rancho El Dorado	8/26/16	129900	129900	101.72	43910	W Colby	Dr	1277	3	2	None	65
Rancho El Dorado	9/12/16	169900	170000	86.34	43799	W Cahill	Dr	1969	3	2	None	75
Rancho El Dorado	9/8/16	215000	209000	90.36	21832	N Van Loo	Dr	2313	4	2	Private	75
Rancho El Dorado	8/23/16	179900	178000	90.95	42457	W Sparks	Dr	1957	4	2	None	76
Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	199700	195000	68.3	22160	N Dietz	Dr	2855	4	3	None	80
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Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	150777	150777	74.93	43696	W Colby	Dr	2012	4	2.5	None	90
Rancho El Dorado	9/16/16	190000	190000	82.14	21934	N Backus	Dr	2313	3	2	Private	92
Rancho El Dorado	9/13/16	144900	145000	87.24	21398	N Duncan	Dr	1662	3	2	None	95
Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	170000	168000	87.86	43877	W Bedford	Dr	1912	4	3	None	95
Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	163900	163900	66.68	41634	W Warren	Ln	2458	4	2.5	None	104
Rancho El Dorado	8/17/16	299999	295000	92.19	43453	W Bunker	Dr	3200	6	3	Private	108
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Rancho Mirage	8/25/16	145000	145000	89.34	37233	W Merced	St	1623	3	2	None	41
Rancho Mirage	8/31/16	145900	145900	84.67	38115	W Santa Clara	Ave	1723	3	2	None	83
Rancho Mirage	8/31/16	143000	143000	84.41	38028	W Merced	St	1694	3	2	None	111
Saddleback Farms	8/26/16	153000	153000	106.25	14277	N Santa Rosa	Ave	1440	3	2	None	281
Santa Rosa Springs	8/31/16	182359	178000	108.07	17006	N Rosemont	St	1647	2	2	None	85
Senita	8/25/16	134900	136000	99.27	43244	W Arizona	Ave	1370	3	2	None	22
Senita	9/7/16	149500	145000	94.52	42894	W Blazen	Trl	1534	4	2	None	46
Senita	8/15/16	154900	154900	63.87	19242	N Braden	Rd	2425	4	2.5	None	53
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Senita	8/29/16	132900	130000	94.82	43311	W Arizona	Ave	1371	3	2	None	108
Senita	9/9/16	134900	133000	88.19	42823	W Martie Lynn	Rd	1508	3	2	None	109
Smith Farms	9/15/16	137900	135000	79.17	18362	N Celis	St	1705	3	2	None	15
Smith Farms	8/30/16	167900	162000	90.5	40160	W Lococo	St	1790	4	2	Community	19
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Smith Farms	8/26/16	154900	148000	82.03	18340	N Betty	Ct	1804	3	2.5	Community	52
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Smith Farms	8/16/16	149900	149000	61.54	40400	W Helen	Ct	2421	3	2.5	Community	126
Smith Farms	9/12/16	143000	139000	84.08	40426	W Molly	Ln	1653	3	2.5	Community	151
Sorrento	8/26/16	139900	142500	93.99	37010	W Bello	Ln	1516	4	2	None	8
Sorrento	9/1/16	216000	216000	96.38	37079	W Leonessa	Ave	2241	3	2.5	Private	41
Sorrento	8/31/16	147000	147000	83.19	37016	W Mondragone	Ln	1767	4	2	None	87
Sorrento	8/30/16	214900	204000	89.16	17141	N Oliveto	Ave	2288	4	2	None	87
Sorrento	9/2/16	136500	136500	90.04	37309	W Amalfi	Ave	1516	4	2	None	117
Tortosa	9/14/16	141085	137000	89.65	19489	N San Pablo	St	1528	3	2	None	3
Tortosa	9/6/16	150000	149000	97.58	36196	W Vera Cruz	Dr	1527	3	2	Private	5
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Tortosa	9/15/16	213600	209000	73.95	19964	N Toledo	Ave	2826	5	2.5	Private	35
Tortosa	8/17/16	149990	149990	98.16	19513	N San Pablo	St	1528	3	2	None	40
Tortosa	9/9/16	126000	129000	107.23	19337	N Toledo	Ave	1203	3	2	None	42
Tortosa	9/16/16	189900	189900	69.3	35945	W Velazquez	Dr	2740	5	2.5	Private	43
Tortosa	9/13/16	130000	125000	81.8	36148	W Vera Cruz	Dr	1528	3	2	None	46
Tortosa	8/17/16	131900	133000	95.54	35830	W Velazquez	Dr	1392	3	2	None	49
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Tortosa	9/16/16	205000	205000	56.23	36400	W Costa Blanca	Dr	3646	5	3.5	None	91
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Villages At Rancho El Dorado	8/25/16	269900	270000	82.37	20464	N Donithan	Way	3278	4	3	Both	9
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Villages At Rancho El Dorado	9/15/16	199900	199900	90.82	43429	W Neely	Dr	2201	4	2.5	Community	20
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	9/7/16	225000	220000	91.7	43448	W Mccord	Dr	2399	4	2.5	Both	44
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	8/19/16	187900	187900	71.04	44263	W Mcclelland	Dr	2645	4	2.5	Community	101
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	9/2/16	159900	160000	82.94	20816	N Alma	Dr	1929	3	2	Community	104
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	9/14/16	174900	169700	73.75	44197	W Kramer	Ln	2301	4	2.5	Community	112
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	8/18/16	149900	150000	66.87	44397	W Knauss	Dr	2243	3	2.5	Community	164
Villages At Rancho El Dorado	8/26/16	190000	190000	95.67	43474	W Roth	Rd	1986	3	2	Community	331

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Left: An irrigated citrus orchard in Yuma. Below: Citrus is one of Arizona's five C's with a history in the state dating back to the 1700s.



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Tips for planting, maintaining citrus trees

By Betty Beeman

Oranges have been a key element in the developing history of Arizona.

Father Eusebio Kino, a missionary from Mexico, reportedly introduced oranges to Arizona in 1707. As Arizona grew with settlers, so did the demand for citrus, primarily oranges and grapefruit.

By 1970 farmers were growing approximately 80,000 acres of citrus in the state. Over time, citrus orchards have mostly been replaced with urban development. However, Yuma County maintains many citrus orchards at present.

Mandarin, navel and Valencia oranges are three of the most popular of the many kinds of citrus available. They have excellent flavor and are mild to the taste and can be eaten or juiced. Some have many seeds, some are hard to peel and some are more tart. The choice is almost overwhelming when you add grapefruits, lemons, limes, tangerines, kumquats and tangelos.

It would help if you could attend a tasting session before purchasing. Greenfield Nursery, in Mesa, has one scheduled Jan. 21. Call for information at 480-830-8000.

In selecting a tree, the trunk should be straight and the tree should support itself without a stake. If at all possible select one with no fruit because you want the energy to go into making new roots rather than making fruit the first year as it adapts to your environment. You can also remove any fruit at time of planting.

Late summer and early fall is a great time to plant citrus because it gives them time to establish a good root system before cold freezing weather comes. You will need to protect your citrus. There are several ways to do this.

Usually straw mulch, cloth covers and even plastic sheeting will protect the tree, because you can lose them to freezing temperatures. My orange and grapefruit trees are about 10 years old, and I do not have to cover them since they are well established.



Betty Beeman

When choosing your planting site be sure and dig the hole first (twice the size of the rootball or 2 feet wide 2 feet deep), fill with water twice and check for drainage. If the water has not soaked into the ground overnight, pick another site.

Planting the proper depth is very important. Plant too low and the trunk stays wet, encouraging diseases. Plant too high and the rootball will dry out too quickly. If you are unsure, ask the nursery person for advice.

Watering is extremely important. More people kill their trees with too much water rather than too little. Newly planted trees should be watered every seven to 10 days April through September. In the winter, November through February, water every 3-4 weeks, and more often in the summer, of course. You will find watering charts at www.azcitrus.com or www.greenfieldcitrus.com

Slow, deep watering is the best. Ideally you want to go two to three feet deep. If in doubt, dig down six inches in the soil and feel the soil or get yourself a moisture meter (less than \$10). Keep in mind all trees need one to two years to recover from transplanting shock.

Homeowners find citrus is fairly easy to grow and with over 30 varieties to choose from the choice can become very complicated. Citrus trees live long and grow to about 16 feet with a 6-7 foot diameter. They rarely need pruning; they stay green all year and will produce fruit for many years with careful watering and fertilizing. ☞

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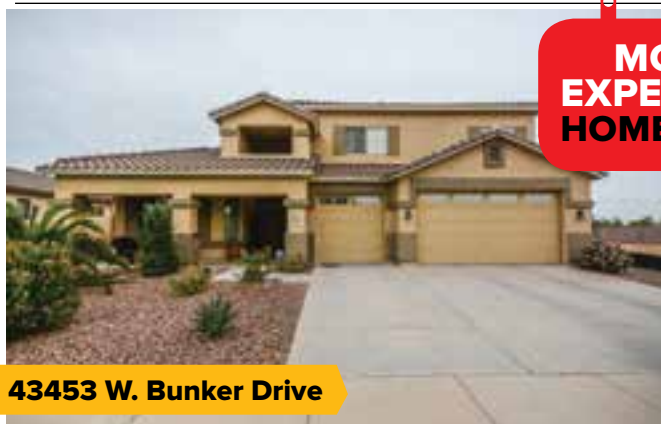
Betty Beeman is a Maricopa resident and Pinal County Master Gardener.

OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS

- October is a great month to do your planting. The nurseries are loaded with container-grown plants. Plant artichokes, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, garlic, peas, radishes.
- Right time to divide perennials
- Time to sow wild flowers



Homes sales

**43453 W. Bunker Drive**
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From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, two Maricopa homes sold for \$295,000, which was the top price during that period. Both are two-story homes with swimming pools. The six-bedroom home on The Duke golf course was on the market more than three months and dropped its asking price by \$4,999. That

was an increase of 35 percent over its selling price five years ago. The other home is in Glennville and lasted just over a month on the market after lowering its price by \$4,900. That was still 9.3 percent higher than its price in 2014.

Sold: Sept. 1
Purchase price: \$295,000
Square feet: 3,200
Price per square foot: \$92.19
Days on market: 108
Builder: Engle
Year built: 2002
Bedrooms: 6
Bathrooms: 3
Community: Rancho El Dorado

Features: Furnished, two-story home on the golf course with a swimming pool, RV gate, covered patio and fire pit
Seller's agent: Ryan Murray, The Maricopa Real Estate Company
Buyer's agent: Amy N. Nelson, Keller Williams Realty

Sold: Sept. 9
Purchase price: \$295,000
Square feet: 3,506
Price per square foot: \$84.14
Days on market: 37
Builder: Unknown
Year built: 2007
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 2.5

Community: Glennville
Features: Spectacular swimming pool, wine refrigerator, loft, two stories, downstairs master suite
Seller's agent: Jetaime Marie Green, Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty
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The least expensive home sold in Maricopa from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 was in Maricopa Meadows, a fixer-upper property in pre-foreclosure that sold as-is. It was grabbed up in less than a week. It last sold in 2009 for just \$91,000.

Date sold: Aug. 25
Purchase price: \$121,000
Square feet: 1,819
Price per square foot: \$66.52
Days on market: 6
Builder: Standard Pacific
Year built: 2005
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 3

Community: Maricopa Meadows
Features: Backs to an open field near a park, full master suite, kitchen island
Seller's agent: Marco Da Silva, Realty ONE Group
Buyer's agent: Ardie Hawkins, HomeSmart Success

Lowdown on the 'no down'

By Pat Lairson

The first step for any home buyer is to know what lending programs are available and to work with a great lender. Your Realtor can help put you in touch with a lender.

I spoke with Lisa Shepard of Prime Lending to discuss some of the no-down programs available right now. These Arizona E-housing Programs are available to assist buyers in achieving their dream of homeownership.

Lisa explained that there are attractive down payment assistance grants that range from 2 to 10 percent given to the buyer, depending on the program. There are three programs available right now, but we will focus on two of the programs because one, Home in Five, is for Maricopa County only.

The two programs available for Pinal County and Maricopa specifically are called Home Plus and Pathway to Purchase. Here is some interesting information for both programs and updates about the programs. See if you might fit into one of these lending programs.

Home Plus

- Buyer is gifted 4-5 percent of the loan amount on a conventional loan and 3 percent on an FHA loan that can go towards closing cost and down payment.
- Upon closing, the gift funds never have to be repaid.
- Maximum annual income limit is \$92,984.
- Maximum purchase amount is \$371,936.
- No first-time buyer requirements but buyer cannot own any other real estate at the time of closing.


Pathway to Purchase

- Available only with conventional financing
- Receive up to 10 percent of the loan amount for down payment and closing costs up to a maximum of \$20,000
- Buyer must own the home for a five-year period otherwise the monies will need to

be paid back.

- No first-time buyer requirements but buyer cannot own any other real estate at the time of closing.
- Manufactured homes and new construction are not allowed.
- Maximum income is \$92,984.
- Maximum loan amount is \$371,936.

As of this writing Pathway to Purchase had \$13.25 million left from the \$28 million original grant amount. Home Plus has \$220 million left. That sounds like a lot of money, but the monies do move fast. If you are renting and are interested in pursuing one of these programs, act now.

The lowest-priced rental in Maricopa is \$945 a month and there are 37 rental homes available. There are 310 active single family dwelling subdivision homes for sale. The lowest priced home for sale is \$124,900 and the highest priced home is \$435,000. With the lower inventory right now, it is a great time to list your home. 



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COC's 'Trunk or Treat' heads in new direction

Over the past nine years, Maricopa Trunk or Treat has become a staple of Halloween, thanks to Church of Celebration.

Pastor Joshua Barrett has always seen it as a service to the community and said the impact of the event has gone beyond wildest expectations.

"Our goal for Trunk or Treat was never to see how many people we could attract to such an event," he said. "It was primarily to serve you as a community in which we love tremendously, and I think we have been able to accomplish that and more. And for that, again, we say, thank you."

COC questioned whether there was a new or better way to do something for the community through the Trunk or Treat concept. That has led to a change for this Halloween.

"We began to internally ask ourselves a few questions – What if God wants to do something even better by doing something new at COC for our community?" Barrett said. "What if God has been using this event in the past as an opportunity to build a friendship with you in an even more personal way? What if instead of asking Maricopa to come to us, we went to them?"

So this year, instead of a big gathering in a local parking lot, look for Church of Celebration "Halloweenie Zones" in your neighborhoods on Oct. 31. A Halloweenie Zone is a host home where you can get free candy, free hot dogs and free smiles.



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Maricopa Trunk or Treat has become a Halloween tradition for Church of Celebration, but it will look very different this year.

There may be one or more Halloweenie Zone in Maricopa's various subdivisions that families may come across in their regular door-to-door fun-seeking.

"We can't wait to see what this new direction might look like, and we look forward to getting to know you even better," Barrett said. "Thanks again for all you have done to bless us with your participation in this event, and thank you for allowing us to once again serve you in this new and unique approach!"

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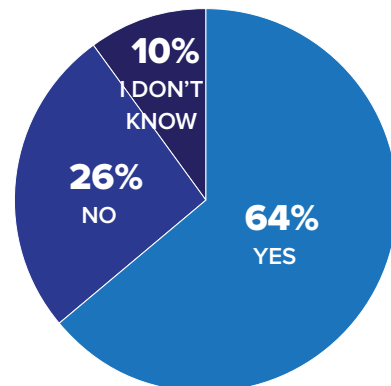
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Teaching and an inequality in salaries

By Murray Siegel

You would be surprised to learn that an airline pilot responsible for the safety of 150 or more passengers earned an annual salary of \$40,936.

You would be shocked to learn that a family doctor is receiving an annual salary of \$40,936.

Yet you would neither be surprised nor shocked to learn that a teacher in the Maricopa School District with five years of teaching experience, and responsible for the learning foundation of 25 to 200 students (depending on grade level and subject area), has an annual salary of \$40,936.

Yes, but teachers get three months off in the summer so the difference in pay is understandable. A pilot's hours are limited by the FAA. Most pilots have time for a second source of income. Some own a travel agency or dabble in real estate or fly for the Reserves or the Guard. Many physicians take time off, perhaps every other Wednesday or they leave early on Friday. Certainly patient

hours in the evening or on weekends can be left to associates.

What is the reason for the significant difference between a pilot, a physician and a school teacher? All three professions demand knowledge, have a certification process, and impose serious responsibilities upon the professional.




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If one flashes back to the mid-20th century, one will find almost all airline pilots and most physicians were men, while the vast majority of teachers were women. There is no question that the disparity in earnings between teachers and other professionals is based on the gender inequality that existed 60 years ago, and that inequity has persisted.

Another interesting difference between teachers and the other two professions is how the individual is evaluated. A doctor whose patients fail to follow health advice is not castigated if those patients become severely ill or die. An airline pilot is evaluated on flying

skills. If passengers fail to heed the pilot's warning to fasten seat belts and are then injured due to violent turbulence, the pilot does not suffer a poor rating.

A teacher, however, is evaluated based on the performance of his/her students. If many of the students have uncaring parents, subsist on a poor diet, live in a dysfunctional family or are abused, these factors are not considered when viewing the students' scores on standardized tests.

If our schools are to provide students with the education needed for success in the future, should we not demand the very best teachers, provide salaries that are commensurate with a teacher's abilities and evaluate those abilities in an equitable manner? 

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