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Paws-ible



Office pet-icipates in Drive for supplies

The Office's first-ever Summer Pet Supply Drive is a great success

Outside of the Clerk's Office, it wasn't raining like cats and dogs this month, but inside the Office is was definitely raining cat and dog food and other pet supplies thanks to the generosity of employees who participated in the first-ever **Pet Supply Drive**. Coordinated by the Employee Communications and Outreach Work Group, the Drive was held Aug. 17 - Sept. 7 where donation boxes were set up in Breakrooms throughout the Office. Employees were invited to donate to two different pet supply efforts – cats/dogs and for pigs. Among the requested items to donate were dog and cat food, leashes, collars, treats, bowls, blankets, paper towels, oreos, cheerios, and water.

Following are the some result highlights of the Pet Supply Drive:

689 cans of dog/cat food; **302 lbs.** of dry dog/cat food; **54** bags of dog/cat treats; **96** leashes/collars; **33** pig blankets; **31 lbs.** of Cheerios & Oreos; **40** toys; **30** bowls/dishes; **30** lbs. of cat litter; **3** pet beds; **2** litter boxes; plus many towels, paper towels, and other needed items.

The donated items will assist both the Arizona Pet Project and the Better Piggies Rescue.

A special thanks to Stephanie Motzer who helped coordinate the effort.



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Fall comes early and is very rewarding

A Fall season of a different kind arrived at the Office this month where there was no the falling of leaves, but there was various falling of awards upon the Office. The **EDM Team (Ryan MacDonald, Anthony Mada, Joshua Bontrager, and Ruben Trejo)** received a prestigious **2022 Government Modernization Award** (pictured here) from Data Bank (a national technology company) recognizing the Office's ingenuitive efforts towards techonology solutions like the Online Marriage License Portal and Intelligent Capture. In addition, EDM Manager **Ryan MacDonald** received the high honor of being a nominee for Data Bank's "People's Choice" award citing his team as leaders in the public sector for their innovative use of artificial intelligence and the Teams's approach to managing information.

In addition, this month Clerk of the Court Jeff Fine bestowed several awards upon the employees who were a part of the **Office's record-breaking eight National Achievement awards** from the National Association of Counties. A ceremony was held at the Downtown Justice Center recognizing the many employees involved in these innovative programs that enhanced service.





CLERK CONNECTION

History "receipts" itself in the Office

The Office's receipting system is now into its second decade of existence. It was implemented in 2009 and at that time it provided many new features, one of which was to more easily acquire statistical information. With that in mind, following are some interesting statistics from this past fiscal year (FY):

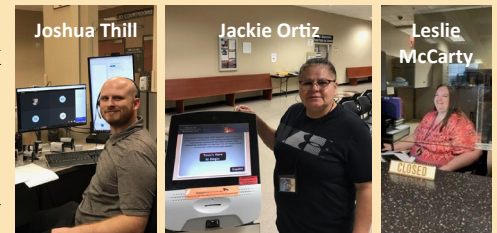
- ▶ **506,539** receipts were created in the system - 26,241 more than last FY;
- ▶ **\$153,819,420** is total amount of these receipts - \$19,856,304 more than last FY;
- ▶ **\$1,625,019,256.32** is the grand total amount of receipts processed through the Receipting System since it went live in 2009.
- ▶ The average Receipt amount was **\$303.67**...up from 278.92 last FY.
- ▶ In 2020, the Office provided the ability for customers to pay online and this FY, **117,426** receipts totaling **\$21,880,347** were from Online Payments.



**The Clerk's Office issues receipts at all filing counters, public counters, as well as marriage license and passport office.*

Having the FORTY-tude to work on a Saturday

Nearly **40 employees** from five different Office locations went to work on Saturday, Sept. 24 at their job site to work on various Office initiatives. The Saturday work groups comprised of staff from eFile, EDM, File Counter, and DTI. One of their efforts included supporting the Qmatic software upgrade. Attention was also dedicated to training the many new hires in the document processing areas and catching up on pending filings.



A few of the Saturday workers

That was then and this is now



The employee-side of the Office's Downtown Civil Filing area in 2007



The employee-side of the Office's Downtown Filing area today, which now does Civil, Family Court, Probate, and limited Criminal and Juvenile filings.

Showing Cardinals' Spirit

Wearing their Arizona Cardinals attire for one of the nine **Cardinals Spirit Days** this year were: **Andy Rodriguez, Vanessa Martinez, Nikki Swiss, Ken Lindler, and Pam Stockley.**



CLERK CONNECTION

ARRR you going to participate in the costume contests?



“Dress for success” takes on a new meaning in the Office on **Monday, Oct. 31**. On that day, the Office will conduct its **Annual Costume Contest** that allows employees to dress up in costume for the chance to see if they are successful in winning in one of the different costume categories. In addition to this contest, employees will be able to submit photos of their pets in the **Paws-tume Contest** the following week for yet another chance of experiencing being dressed for success

of a different kind. More details and the guidelines for this year's contests will be forthcoming via email.

Statistics are UPlifting for Marriage Licenses/Passports

It was an UPlifting year of service for the **Marriage Licenses and Passports (ML&P) Offices** who saw an uptick in customers during the recently concluded fiscal year (21/22). ML&P staff issued **26,694 marriage licenses**, which is up by 2,067 over last year and they processed **21,361 passports**, which is up by 18,638 over last year, which had a temporarily suspension of service occur due to the pandemic.



Reminder - Legal Advice vs. Information (What We Can/Can't Say)

WE CAN -

- ▶ Explain and answer general questions about how the court works.
- ▶ Provide information about how to file documents with the court.
- ▶ Give general information about court rules, procedures, and practices.
- ▶ Provide contact information for non-profit lawyer referral services and legal aid programs.
- ▶ Provide information and court records from a case file that is not restricted.
- ▶ Provide court forms and instructions that are available.

WE CAN'T -

- ▶ Tell whether or not to bring a case to court or what alternative would be the best choice for the person's situation.
- ▶ Tell what words to use in court filings.
- ▶ Tell what to say in court.
- ▶ Give an opinion about what will happen if a case is brought to court.
- ▶ Conduct legal research.
- ▶ Talk to the judge for a person about a particular matter pending before the court.

Legal advice applies the law, including statute and case law and legal principles to a particular situation. It provides recommendations about what court of action would best suit the facts of the case and what the person wants to achieve.

Legal information explains the law and the legal system in general terms. The information is not tailored to a specific case or course of action to be taken by a person.



GLAD-jectives

Clerk employees recently participated in a fun and creative effort to provide some recognition and encouragement to their co-workers using a list of adjective words that were given to them to describe those at work who make them “GLAD.”

In alphabetical order starting with first name:

ADRIANA McLELLAN / **Focused** / Her attention to detail is unmatched! She takes on new tasks, helps out the entire department, and does it with a smile. (from *Edgar Beltran*)

ADRIANA McLELLAN / **Considerate** / Adriana has been so thoughtful and sweet throughout the time I’ve worked with her. She always makes sure I have what I need to succeed and is willing to help me at any time! (from *Yanet Robles*)

AISHA ALLISON / **Optimistic** / Aisha is new to Courtroom Services and has such a positive attitude. She is taking on challenges and new things with optimism and confidence. (from *Sarah Beery*)

ALEX PROVENCIO / **Friendly, Helpful** / Alex always has a smile for you and offers help without being asked. (from *Valla Wrona*)

AURORA AVINA / **Helpful** / Aurora willingly shares her knowledge by providing file counter/scanner training to our new employees. (from *Michelle Monick*)

BETTY LOPEZ-MORI / **Organized** / Betty is the extremely organized in her work. She creates and maintains spreadsheets that are not only useful to her, but to other members of the Courtroom Services team. (from *Tracy McMillian*)

BOB JORDAN / **Hilarious, Helpful, Focused** / Bob always stands ready with the humor to lighten the mood. He is always eager to help, especially with finalization of exhibits. So far, he has taught two of us the fine art of exhibit finalization and he is always ready to help with ‘tricky’ exhibits. He is also very focused on doing his job well, just like the exhibits. (from *Valla Wrona*)

BRITT HOFFMAN / **Adaptable, Friendly, Helpful** / Britt is always very friendly, which is a great trait for a trainer. I know of her adaptability as she will just jump into whatever situation is thrown at her without any stress. She also offers help if she sees a need. Even with all her duties, she volunteered to work many Saturdays this summer when needed. (from *Valla Wrona*)

CAMMIE LADDEN / **Organized** / Cammie is always orderly and efficient. When I covered a day of a jury trial for her, she had all of the paperwork I needed prepared ahead of time, neatly laid out, and labeled so that everything was easy to identify and follow. (from *Ana Meza*)

CARLA BARRAZA / **Considerate, Diligent, Excellent** / Carla is relatively new to the Office, but her minute entries are already excellent. She works hard and keeps her nose to the grindstone. She is considerate of others. She recently updated our resource file to include much-needed information for her assigned judicial officer. (from *Valla Wrona*)

COURTROOM SERVICES LEADS / **Diligent** / The CRS Lead Training team is the perfect example of diligence! August 2022 produced a record number of new courtroom clerks joining the CRS team and the leads are doing a wonderful job training with energy and attention. Thank you! (from *Leslie Wilkins*)

COURTROOM SERVICES SUPERVISORS / **Adaptable** / The CRS Supervisory team quickly adapts each day to ensure we meet our responsibility to cover court. Right now they must adjust coverage to meet the training needs of multiple new clerks along with routine call-outs. Amazing! (from *Leslie Wilkins*)

DAWN VAN HOORN / **Considerate** / Dawn was considerate and helpful to me when I didn’t even ask for help. She took it upon herself to assist me with something and she displayed true team-work. (from *Alicia Calderon*)

DEBRA LUGO / **Friendly** / Working with Debra is in a way, ‘calming.’ She always tries to make the best out of each situation. She is kind and caring towards her customers and colleagues, and does her best to cheer anyone up who may need it. (from *Alex Middelstaedt Chavez*)

EILLIANA RODRIGUEZ / **Friendly** / Eilliana has the patience of an angel! She’s courteous and sweet and great with customers! She’s makes my days enjoyable. (from *Yanet Robles*)

Diligent
Excellent
Focused

ELIZABETH WOLF / **Helpful** / Elizabeth is always happy and willing to assist other clerks, from filing orders to marking exhibits. Her happy and helpful demeanor is always appreciated. (from *Ana Meza*)

JACKIE ORTIZ / **Helpful** / Jackie is consistently keeping the Northwest Operations area fully-stocked with paper and supplies and keeps her supervisor informed of supplies that need to be ordered. (from *Michelle Monick*)

Adaptable
Considerate
Creative

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GLAD-jectives

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Friendly Helpful Happy

JESSICA BERNAL / Organized / Jessica is always coming up with new ways to keep us organized here at Northwest. She most recently created new labels and file folders for our forms so they can be organized and easily accessible. *(from Michelle Monick)*

JORDYN BAKER / Focused / – Jordyn is very focused on learning the job of the courtroom clerk and her positive attitude and attentiveness are helping her to become a very valuable member of our team. Keep up the great work! *(from Jenn Brown)*

JULIE OVELAR / Adaptable / Julie has maybe covered more types of FC Commissioner Calendars than anyone in a condensed time period – and she has done so with a politeness, professionalism, and work ethic that serves the public in a way that does COC proud. *(from Tristan Aird)*

JULIE PARROW / Proficient / Julie is unique in that she has quickly mastered Family Court in two Court Centers (both Downtown and Mesa), and she has already reached the point to where she's pitching in with Commissioner training. Her skills and reliability make her a 5th Floor treasure. *(from Tristan Aird)*

KATIE TREFTZ / Proficient / Katie is a proficient and skilled courtroom clerk, who jumped in to cover my assignments when I needed assistance. She consistently produces quality work. *(from Ana Meza)*

KAYLAN GEHR / Diligent / If you have the willingness to learn, Kaylan will find a way to teach you. She is always polite and respectful in her communication. *(from Edgar Beltran)*

KELEIGH CABRAL / Diligent / She always puts in a consistently high effort, is eager to learn, and does it all with a smile. *(from Ana Meza)*

LESLIE WILKINS / Considerate / Leslie always checks in with her employees to ask about their well-being and makes sure everything is okay. She considers and respects the thoughts and needs of others. *(from Tracy McMillian)*

LIZET ROBLES / Hilarious / She brings out a smile from anyone she meets. Her stories and good humor are as vibrant and charismatic as she is. *(from Edgar Beltran)*

MARIACELLA DIAZ / Productive / Mariacella is a fabulous lead. She is able to train new clerks and cross-train seasoned clerks in a way that's easy to understand. She ensures that courtroom clerks have all the tools needed to effectively do their job. *(from Tracy McMillian)*

MARK FUNK / Helpful / Mark used his skills in manual writing to put the weekend manual in bullet-point format, which made the manual much more readable. He always seems very willing to help. He is also very friendly with everyone. *(from Valla Wrona)*

MAYUMI ROMERO / Diligent / Mayumi has eagle eyes and doesn't miss a beat, whether completing her work or helping others with their work. She is quick to look for solutions after identifying any issues. *(from Anna Castaneda)*

MICHAEL LANE / Helpful, Proficient / He is always available to assist with computer questions. If it weren't for Michael, DTS would be much busier. He is also available to answer other questions to help us do our job easier and faster. For instance, he showed me how to set up key commands to work the FTR program to make it easier to use when telecommuting (because we have no foot pedals at home). *(from Valla Wrona)*

MICHELLE NELSON / Considerate, Friendly / Michelle brings a friendly, positive attitude to work everyday and she works hard to make sure everyone feels welcome in our office. You can always count on Michelle to have a smile on her face no matter what the situation is! *(from Jenn Brown)*

MONICA BARABE / Helpful / Monica often volunteers to cover court and take on extra work. Thank you Monica! *(from Sarah Beery)*

MONIQUE INIGUEZ / Diligent, Helpful, Friendly, Excellent / No matter the day she is having, she puts in her 100% as a Lead, role model, and leader who answers questions with a positive energy and a demonstration of genuine care/concern. Monique is thorough and does not cut corners in an effort to just get a job done. She makes sure the job is done correctly and in a timely manner. *(from Monica Barabe)*

NORTHWEST COURTROOM CLERKS / Adaptable / This group is always willing to help each other out with marking exhibits and creating exhibit worksheets, rulings, and covering court in order to allow the assigned clerk some desk time. Occasionally, the CRS schedule needs to be adjusted in order to have all courtrooms covered, and the NW clerks are willing to switch gears without hesitation. *(from Michelle Monick)*

PROBATION VIOLATION TEAM (Linda Ceja, Therese Garrett, Chiquita Williamson, Iris Molina) / Adaptable / The PV team has been incredibly adaptable to ensure that court coverage is their first priority. I am so grateful for them! *(from Sarah Beery)*

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**Hilarious
Hopeful
Optimistic**

GLAD-jectives

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Open Organized

RENEE ORONO / Considerate, Friendly, Optimistic / As a newer Clerk who is still learning the ropes, Renee keeps up a fun/welcoming energy in her interactions at work. She takes special time and attention to make people feel thought of. *(from Monica Barabe)*

ROBERT MIRANDA / Friendly / Always has a smile on his face, a kind hello, and a shoulder to lean on. *(from Edgar Beltran)*

RORY VASQUEZ / Adaptable, Considerate and Optimistic / Rory has a willingness to take on whatever comes her way and continues to have a positive attitude throughout the day. *(from Alicia Calderon)*

RORY VASQUEZ / Friendly / Rory makes it a point to be kind and friendly. She is known for her pleasant disposition. *(from Sarah Beery)*

SAM GOMEZ / Friendly, Hilarious / He is always looking at the lighter side of things and is friendly with everyone. *(from Valla Wrona)*

SCHKELLA HASKINS / Friendly / She has a smile as big as the sun! She is easy to talk to and pleasant to work with! *(from Anna Castaneda)*

SE JUVENILE COURTROOM CLERKS / Adaptable / The Southeast Juvenile Clerk's team has had to adjust to several different schedule changes over the last couple of years and this will continue during the upcoming remodel of SEJ. They have all adapted and adjusted to the various schedule changes to assure that the court needs were met and not disrupted. Thank you all for your adaptability. *(from Jenn Brown)*

SE JUVENILE TEAM - KEVIN SHUPE, FELICIA HUTCHINSON, PENNY DALTON / Helpful / They are always helpful to their supervisor when they are finished with their own work by reaching out to see if there is anything at all they can assist with. They will readily help wherever needed and it is very much appreciated. *(from Jenn Brown)*

TAMARA MITCHELL / Helpful / She just started at CFO, but has already helped her prior work area and she never hesitates to learn a new system. She has jumped right in during training to maximize skill utilization. *(from Anna Castaneda)*

TAWNEY BLAND / Optimistic, Considerate / Tawney will always try her best to cheer up her colleagues. She always has a compliment to give and is very in tune with how people are feeling. She will listen to anyone having a hard day and tries to help make their day better. She is our ray of sunshine. *(from Alex Middelstaedt Chavez)*

TERRA OWENS / Sensible / In the small amount of time I've had working here, Terra has greatly impacted the way I work. Her work ethic and leadership is unmatched. Her method in presenting problems and solutions has greatly improved the way I navigate in my position...so grateful for her. *(from Yanet Robles)*

TERRI HAM / Optimistic / She finds a way to showcase the silver-lining during recruiting. The optimism is manifested into filled positions with happy new hires (who also verbalize their satisfaction with her). *(from Anna Castaneda)*

VERONICA GONZALES / Friendly, Open-minded, Helpful, Sensible / As a supervisor, she not only leads by example in her own words and actions, but she also does it with sincerity. She provides timely follow-up(s) and has a great ability to listen and help resolve any questions/concerns. *(from Monica Barabe)*

WENDY THOMPSON / Considerate / Wendy is considerate and is always there to help me with any issues that may arise. She always does it with poise and makes me feel important even when I am dealing with daily computer issues. *(from Lorraine Brown)*

YOLI SOLIZ / Productive / Sometimes the quietest person can set the best example. Yoli sets as good an example as any Clerk we have – she's been assigned to multiple FC Divisions, knows the CRS Manual like second nature, and approaches every assignment with grace and confidence. *(from Tristan Aird)*

YVETTE ANCHONDO / Excellent / Yvette has been training Clerks new to the Old Courthouse with so much expertise that she could teach a class on Family Court...and she does so not only in a pleasant manner, but also tackles her work. She is a pro's pro. *(from Tristan Aird)*

YVONNE KING / Creative, Friendly, Hilarious, Open-minded / Yvonne King is creative, friendly, hilarious and open-minded. She always takes the time to really listen to your perspective and offers creative and realistic solutions. She is friendly and welcoming to everyone and she will ALWAYS have you laughing. *(from Alicia Calderon)*

Productive Proficient

We Got Spirit!



Photos from the recent College Colors Spirit Day



Top Row - Anna Valenzuela (Texas El Paso), Nikki Swiss (Norte Dame), Joe Sims (Louisville), Ken Lindler (Arizona State), Angel Garcia, (Arizona State), and Kneeling - Jenela Fierro (Arizona State)



Dominic Navarro (Norte Dame) and Frances Horst (Grand Canyon)



Ryan Harris (Oregon)



Len Keso (New Mexico)



Angel Kronz (Gonzaga) and Austyn Storlid (Oregon)



Conrad Chavez (Grand Canyon) and Camille Atkins (Evangel)



We Got Spirit!

Photos from the recent Animal Print Spirit Day and an Arizona Cardinals Spirit Day



Shannon Stulz and Tracy McMillian



Erin Ginnis and Sushmy Ballanchanda



Edgar Beltran



Charlotte Concholar



Bre Carlow



Adriana Dickens
Araseli Martinez
Pam Stockley
Vanessa Martinez



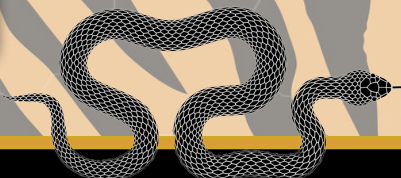
Chris Kilgus and Donna Van Nostran



Maria Adame and Susan Loe



Camille Atkins, Virginia Saturnino, Alexandra Mittelstaedt-Chavez, and Kelly Sleseman



Employee Spotlight

This Month: **Kimmi DeSanna**



Job Title: Courtroom Clerk / Civil Commissioners

Years with Office: 20 years this month

Something You Enjoy About Your Job: I think the job that we do is really important and assists people during the best and worst times of their lives. Plus, I have made many great friends here.

Your First Job: Pong Pong's Chinese Restaurant

Hometown: I was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, but lived in Michigan and California. I have been in Arizona the longest.

Something Memorable You Have Done: My family and I took a 9-day vacation and hit all the major tourist spots in Washington D.C. and New York. We walked 335,000 steps in 9 days ... and I would do it again in a

minute. We had a great time! // **Favorite Hobby/Activity:** I love crafting // **Best Vacation Spot:** Alaska

Where Would You Like To Travel To Next: I would love to go to Europe - specifically England, Italy and Switzerland.

If You Could Live Anywhere In The World, Where Would You Live: Near the beach!

Favorite Meal: Anything that I don't have to cook.

Favorite Sports Team or Sport: I love football - mostly professional, but I also follow ASU. Also, my life stops for the Olympics when they are being held.

Favorite TV Show/Movie: *Breaking Bad* and *A Few Good Men*

Favorite TV Show When Growing Up: Strange as it may sound, I loved *M*A*S*H*

Something You Are Proud Of: Tied for the top – I have my Master's Degree in Justice Studies and I quit smoking after 21 years. Both were the hardest goals I've ever achieved.

Something On Your Bucket List: I want to travel around the world and see the things I've read about.

An Unusual/Interesting Job You Have Had: I worked at the Division of Developmental Disabilities as an Intake Coordinator for children age birth to 3. It was one of the most fulfilling and yet emotionally draining jobs I've ever had. // **What Advice Do You Have For A New Employee:** We know it's a lot to learn, but hang in there! A lot of people are willing to help!

What Do You Like Most About the Office: I feel like the Office cares about us as people and not just employees. That was proven to me during the pandemic. They allowed teleworking and extra sick time and made it easy for us to take care of our families and ourselves.

What Do You Like To Do In Your Spare Time: When I have time, I like to craft. It's really fun to see something and know that I don't have to buy it because I can make it. Plus, I get to escape my crazy life and hang out with friends.

An Ability You Wish You Had: I wish I was a better cook. I can follow recipes and my family likes what I make, but I would love to have the ability to just randomly combine ingredients and make wonderful food.

Your Dream Car: 1968 Mustang. It was my first car and I didn't appreciate what a classic it was. I'd like to have that one back.

Who Would You Like To See in Concert? Billy Joel and Elton John

Any Hidden Talents: I enjoy writing and have been told I should write a book

Best Advice Given To You: Worrying is useless. Don't borrow trouble!





The HR BUZZ

News from the Clerk of the Court's Office Human Resources Team

Free confidential counseling benefit available

Maricopa County engaged with a new [Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP) vendor called **ComPsych**, which provides a wide range of support for employees and their families including 12 free, confidential counseling sessions on topics such as:

- Anxiety, depression, stress
- Grief, loss, and life adjustments
- Relationship/marital conflicts

In addition, the EAP offers legal and financial guidance and work-life solutions such as access to child/elder care. To get started, visit the [ComPsych website](#) and use the WEB ID: MARICOPAEAP. You can also call (866) 883-0891.



Ready to retire?

Maricopa County has a partnership with Nationwide that offers employees retirement planning services. To learn more about this benefit and talk to a Nationwide retirement specialist, see their [flyer here](#).



Scheduling some screen time

A great way to get started on your preventive care is to schedule a free and voluntary health screening at a County location. Screenings will be completed via venipuncture, a fasting blood draw, and include:

- BMI
- Blood pressure
- A1C
- Liver and function
- Complete blood count



You can schedule your screening on the [Wellness Portal](#).

Shot spots for the flu

Through Oct. 27, the County is offering free flu shots to employees at [various locations](#). You can also get a free flu shot at select in-network local area pharmacies, or through your in-network healthcare provider. To schedule a flu shot, you may visit the [Wellness Portal](#).



BetterHelp - a no cost mental health benefit



Maricopa County provides a program called BetterHelp that offers employees confidential virtual therapy at no cost. In addition, the counseling service is available for the entire family – individuals, couples, and teens (with parental consent). Employees can choose from one of four modalities to receive the services: text messaging exchange over a week; live phone session; live video session; or live chat session.

To get started, employees should call the County Employee Assistance Program at 1-888-213-5125.

A new benefit to CARE about

The County has added another benefit to its benefit package called **Care.com** that employees can use to find any type of caregiver needed, such as nannies, babysitters, senior caregivers, special needs caregivers, or last-minute coverage. It also covers backup care, which is vetted and subsidized adult and childcare when your regular care is not available.

This includes school or daycare closures, sick babysitters, or work conflicts. To learn more about this new benefit visit [Care.com benefits](#).



The County Lines

News and interest items from Maricopa County and the National Association of Counties

Camp one night, get next night free at county parks



Beginning Oct. 1, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department is bringing back the "Buy One, Get One" campaign. The campaign allows park visitors, who pay the camping fee for one night or more at a desert mountain county park, to receive one night of equal or lesser value for free at any of the County's desert parks during that same stay. To receive the free night, park visitors must contact the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Mon. through Fri. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or book your reservation online at maricopacountyparks.org. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between Oct. 1 and Nov. 10, 2022. The partici-

pating county parks are:

- 1) **Cave Creek** - Located north of Phoenix, the campground has 38 individual developed campsites.
- 2) **McDowell Mountain** - Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park has 76 developed campsites.
- 3) **Usery Mountain** - Located on the Valley's east side. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites.
- 4) **White Tank Mountain** - At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of the rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valley's west side. The park offers 40 individual developed campsites.

Maricopa County is fastest growing in nation

According to the Census Bureau, Maricopa County added more residents than any other county in the nation last year. The Census Bureau said **58,246** people were added to the county from July 2020 - July 2021, which put Maricopa County at just under an estimated **4.5 million population**. The Phoenix region as a whole saw the second-biggest population increase for the year; with Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler trailing only Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, the Bureau said.

Most of the population gains came from people moving to Arizona, many of which were from California. As for other Arizona counties, the most notable growth came from Pinal County, which saw a population jump of 4.6% and Yavapai County grew by 2.2%. Apache, Coconino, Greenlee, and La Paz were the only Arizona counties that did not show increase.

The Census Bureau listed Arizona as the third-fastest growing state, behind Texas and Florida.



Survey from the National Association of Counties

The National Association of Counties recently published this survey in their newspaper: **Industries with the highest unemployment rates** -

- 1) Leisure and Hospitality (5.2%);
- 2) Agriculture (4.4%);
- 3) Retail (4.1%);
- 4) Transportation (3.8%);
- and 5) Construction (3.7%)



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BIRTHS

- Congratulations to Courtroom Services Administrator **Leslie Wilkins** on the birth of her 8 lb. 6 oz., 21 in. long grandson on Aug. 12. Her new grandchild's name is Jay Gary. He is Leslie's eleventh grandchild.

MARRIAGE

- Congratulations to Courier **David Wolff**, who got married on September 3.

OFFICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following Clerk employees celebrate milestone anniversaries with the Office in September:

- 25 Years - **Jenny Black** and **Sharon Rochford**
- 20 Years - **Kimmi DeSanna** and **Valerie Stevens**
- 15 Years - **Belen Aguilar** and **Linda Valdez**
- 10 Years - **Sena Allen**
- 5 Years - **Araseli Marquez**, **Nancy Brandenburg**, **Brittany Hoffman**, and **Stephanie Motzer**

NEW EMPLOYEES

The Clerk of the Superior Court's Office welcomes the following new employees:

- Courtroom Clerk Adult- **Leah Blasl**, **Francine Harper**, **Alicia Lopez**, **Diana Roney**, and **Parker Shibuya**
- Courtroom Clerk Juvenile - **Stephanie Castrellon**
- Criminal Financial Obligations - **Kayla Peters**
- Customer Service Center Public Records - **Karlie Ker**
- Durango Juvenile Supervisor - **Bianca Perez**
- Human Resources Manager - **Jennifer de Laix**
- Northeast File Counter/Marriage License/Passports/Public Records/Docket/EDM/eFile - **Christopher Smart**, **Tiffani Chism**, and **Elizabeth Guerrero**
- Southeast Filing Counter - **Nicolasa Renteria**
- Southeast Juvenile Operations - **Miranda Engle**

EMPLOYEE MOVES

- **Sara Dickinson** was promoted to Courtroom Clerk Lead at Southeast Adult.
- **Sulma Magana** was promoted to Public Records Lead at the Customer Service Center.

FINE JOB AWARD HONOREES

The following employee's names were recently provided to the newsletter as receiving the "Fine Job" Award. Congratulations to each of them for this special honor.

Carmen Camacho, **Vanessa Garcia**, **Bob Jordan**, **Christina Mai**, **Ulises Martinez**, **Desiree Macias**, and **Rocio Venegas**



Special Features



Where in the world has the Record Times been?



Newsletter goes back in time

Each month, employees are invited to submit photos of themselves with the newsletter at different destinations. Last month, the newsletter was seen with an employee who was at a historic location in Mississippi. This month, the newsletter appears with an employee who is another part of the world at a historic location.

Pictured to the left is Courtroom Clerk **Sheri Ortega**, who posed with the newsletter in the nearly 3,000 year-old city of Statonikeia, which is in the country of Turkey. This is the newsletter's second appearance in Turkey.

You may submit a photo with the *Record Times* on a vacation at any time. To submit a photo:

- 1) Print the newsletter front page;
- 2) Take a photo(s) with the page during

your outing (in the community, state, or out-of-state); 3) Email the photo to Len Keso with your name, department, and a photo description, along with any other interesting details of the photo/vacation. Anyone who submits a photo will receive a new Clerk Specialty pin (pictured here).



Where in the world has Flat Stamp-Ley been?



Flat Stamp-Ley is rocking and rolling

Last year, the *Record Times* introduced a new photo feature called **Flat Stamp-Ley (FS)**. FS is a character print-out for employees to either send to a family member/friend to take a photo of it somewhere interesting, or for the employee to take a photo of it somewhere interesting. Here's the details of this month's Flat Stamp-Ley appearance:

Photo Submitted By: Ravi Goud

Where is FS: Las Vegas, Nevada

Description: The photo is taken at a Scorpions Rock Band Concert earlier this year.



To submit a photo of Flat Stamp-Ley:

- 1) Print it ([available here](#));
- 2) Then either **a)** send FS to a family member/friend to take a photo of it somewhere in the world; or **b)** take a photo yourself of FS somewhere interesting;
- 3) Send the photo to Len Keso with your name, department, who FS is with, where FS is located, and any other interesting note about the photo.

The “Clerk-cle of Life”

Thank you for your *service* and the *special life* you bring to the Office!

Distribution



Pictured from left to right are: Chuck Gobble,
Desiree Maciar, Debbie Gutierrez,
Jushmy Ballanchada, and
Erin Ginnir