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### Holiday Boutique Success

This year’s Holiday Boutique was a hit. Everyone had fun and we look forward to doing it even better next year.

Funds will be going to Foster Mercy. Foster Mercy is an organization that helps kids in the foster system get the support they need.

The Boutique is also, in part, a charity event. A percent of the profit is donated every year. This year, the proceeds will be going to Foster Mercy to support their important work.

### Summer Camp Success

This summer was the first time a member from our club attended a summer camp. Traci Armstrong Florian learned a lot about the agricultural industry and gained valuable experience.

### Agriculture Workshops

The Arizona Department of Education and with the University of Arizona’s Yuma Ag Center have been offering workshops to help students get a head start on the agricultural field.

These workshops are only the tip of the “iceberg.” High school agriculture/career technical education (CTE) teachers have been registering for the workshops to learn more about dates, H2A workers, harvesting, packing and distribution.

### STEM Education

Agricultural Literacy and STEM Education are important areas of focus for the club. Students have been learning about the science behind agriculture and how it impacts our daily lives.

### Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Funds

The club’s goals. Selling goods at an event provides experience as well as a way to earn money, then learn how to manage the money and a business.

### Virtual Education Programs

Virtual education programs have been a success. New permanent cameras, microphones, speakers, and a “flame-throwing” projector are being used to enhance the virtual learning experience.

These improvements will provide a better platform for education programs. The Palo Verde auditorium was enriched with a new audio-visual system for broadcasting virtual programs.

### Citrus Tree Propagation

The citrus tree Propagation, pests and disease were on hand to offer instruction to the public on selecting and maintaining a healthy citrus tree.

### Active Living

SNAP-Ed focus area of Active Living, Mary Ahern, Extension had a person dedicated solely to the area of Active Living.

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### Arizona Department of Education

Many Cooperative Extension activities continue to operate in Maricopa County in safe modes. In-person activities are underway! We finally (and literally) broke ground last week as we’ve begun to install the irrigation system for the new urban, small-scale, and beginner farmer demonstration site. All personnel in the office have been involved in the process of scheduling these yoga classes, they decided to open the day-specific programs to the public.

### Arizona Department of Education

The Arizona Department of Education’s Class 2 of the Thad Cochran Agricultural Leadership Program (TCALP) as they came to Maricopa County.

Thanks to the support of alumni across the state and Interim Maricopa County Director, Kai Umeda, for helping host the event. The results of this trial will be dispersed at upcoming workshops for both Field Crops and Urban Horticulture.

### Arizona 4-H Livestock Show & Expo

The Arizona 4-H Livestock Show & Expo is an annual event that provides opportunities for youth to exhibit their livestock and learn about the agricultural industry.

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The Field Crops IPM Program held its 11th annual Field Crops “Clinic” on January 20th in Goodyear AZ. The event featured presenters, who gave talks covering a wide array of topics from market outlook for commodities, soil and weed management, pest management, and more.

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