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format, as did our Turf Grass Science program. Smartscape and Arizona Project WET
Our SNAP-Ed and EFNEP programs also worked to transition their program to an online
Some horticulture classes were also done online, which actually increased attendance.
with Oregon State University
addressing pressing issues within our agricultural community.
streaming, allowing growers to visit agricultural fields virtually through the internet and
workshops, and virtual field days.

humor, his love of plants, and his ability to turn a handful of weeds into a super salad! But Terry
We are saddened to announce the passing of Terry Mikel, retired Horticulture Agent at Maricopa

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questions and answers following the main DIG presentation.
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 County Master Gardener Program, is a
class series, offered by the Maricopa

By Michael Chamberland
Master Gardener DIG Class

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