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## HISTORY OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA

Father Eusebio Kino, in 1694, made a journal entry describing a place that would become Maricopa Wells. He described it as an established agricultural community, populated by friendly Native Americans, who were also accomplished traders. It was an oasis, with 4 of Arizona's rivers converging here.

In the 1800's, when everything south of the Gila River was Mexico, Maricopa Wells was a dependable source of water along the Gila Trail, as well as of food supplied by the local Native American farmers. The Butterfield Overland Mail Line, which ran from St Louis to San Francisco, used Maricopa Wells as an important stage stop.

In the 1870's, when Phoenix was just getting started, the Southern Pacific Railroad established a route just south of Maricopa Wells connecting Tucson and Yuma. The small community moved to be next to the line, which became Maricopaville. A second line was to be built to the west of South Mountain into Phoenix. This did not happen, but the town was moved 3 miles to the east (today's Maricopa), and a spur was established to Tempe (good lobbying!). That spur today lies underneath John Wayne Highway (Maricopa Road).

Rail traffic to Phoenix on the spur was discontinued in 1935. This compelled the local farmers and pecan growers to become more efficient; these operations became more mechanized, to allow the produce to sell well even without the Phoenix spur. A strong agricultural foundation had always been at the core of the community's existence, and until the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, it was mainly a farming area.

In the early 2000's, builders and homeowners alike saw the potential in this area, and the race was on. Maricopa skyrocketed in population. The recent economic downturn has affected Maricopa, and many homes have turned over. Homes are attractively priced, and finding ready buyers, so the future looks bright.



## Alice Cooper's Christmas Pudding

Every year at Comerica Theatre, Alice Cooper does his Christmas Pudding show, which benefits his non-profit organization, Rock Solid Foundation. It was started by Cooper and Chuck Savale to raise money for a rock teen center in East Phoenix. Its purpose is to inspire teens to choose artistic forms of expression instead of guns, gangs, or crime. It is based on Christian foundations and the goal is to make a difference in the teenager's lives that go there.

This will be Christmas Pudding's 11th Season, and will bring together some of the finest comedians, musicians, and dancers in the entertainment industry. People from all over come to this event every year for a magical evening. And of course, all of the proceeds go to the Rock Solid Foundation to benefit at-risk teens here in Arizona.

The lineup for this event will include Cooper and his band, in addition to Robin Zander and Rick Nielsen from Cheap Trick. Brian Welch, former Korn guitarist will also be performing along with the winner of this year's Proof is in the Pudding contest.

In addition to these fine musicians, Murray Sawchuck who does comedy and magic will host the show, and chef Mark Tarbell will be serving his famous pudding to all of the patrons at the show.

To read more about Alice Cooper's organization, click on his picture.



## Upcoming Events

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Dec 2-4	Mill Ave in Tempe	Festival of the Arts
Dec 2 & 3	Comerica Theatre	1000 Foot Krutch
Dec 3rd	Central Phoenix	APS Light Parade
Dec 9-11	Downtown Glendale	Glendale Winter Wonderland
Dec 9	Comerica Theatre	311
Dec 10	Downtown Tempe	Boat Parade
Dec 16-18	Downtown Glendale	Jingle Bell Nights
Dec 17	Comerica Theatre	Alice Cooper's X-Mas Pudding
Dec 20	Comerica Theatre	Moscow Ballet—Nutcracker
Dec 27	Comerica Theatre	Guns N' Roses

It's amazing how the people in your life can make it so much better. I've met some really great people this year through work and volunteering and I am so thankful for that. I also have to say I'm thankful for all of my co-workers, and having a boss with good core values and a love for the military and this country. I'm pretty sure that he bleeds red, white, and blue. We couldn't do what we do without each other, and they have truly become my other family.

Elizabeth keeps us laughing with her funny posters and her positive attitude. She's one of the most giving people I've ever met and she has a truly great heart. Her husband, Frank, is just as great. He's really there for the employees as he should be as HR manager and always looks at things from such a fair perspective. Marlies is such a sweet person. She has a great heart and does so much for all of us. We all bug her when our computers or any other electronic devices start having issues, and she's always there to help us. Alan works his butt off in the logistics department to make sure that everyone in that department is doing their jobs and that everything is running smoothly. Thaddeus is Alan's partner in crime and he has been doing a lot of equipment gigs lately. David Ellis is our newest addition, and he is MY partner in crime. He's been doing a great job helping me with all of our accounts! THANK YOU DAVE! Joey, Sam, and Kevin have been a great scheduling team. They've been through some pretty crazy weekends but they survived. We just welcomed back Racene, who used to be a scheduler before she went off for military training. She's back again as a scheduler and we are so happy about her return. Kali, our receptionist, is awesome and does a lot for us too. She types all my reports, and I am greatly thankful for that! I don't want to forget the rest of the logistics team. Clancy, Jessica, Cid, Dustin, Eric, and now Joey who's moved from scheduling. They work so many long hours and weekends and we couldn't function without them. Every year that we put the 3 Wise Men & Star on the mountain, I depend on them to make it happen and I GREATLY appreciate their time volunteering every year to help us.

This is my other family and I love them all and care about them greatly. Hopefully you've had the opportunity to meet some of these fine ladies and gentlemen. Merry Christmas everyone. I'm thankful to have all of you in my life. It wouldn't be the same without you!

## Help Yourself

I've never volunteered at a shelter or food drive during the holidays, but I've wanted to do that for a long time. This year, it is one of my goals. If any of you are interested in volunteering with me, let me know! Of course the more people, the merrier. [Here's a list](#) of the places that need volunteers for the holidays:

Along my journey of looking for Photography classes, I came across a pretty cool website: Meetup.com. You can type in any topic you are looking for. I've found a couple photography groups that meet up, and I think it could be a great networking tool for anyone looking to meet more people—especially those with similar interests. I would recommend checking it out! [Click here](#) to go straight there!

If you are like me, and start your day with a plan in your head, you have a good start. But you also get a bunch of different interruptions that derail you from what you had planned to get done, like phone calls or emails that need immediate responses. [This article](#) will give you ideas on how to be more productive, with a cool poster!



*Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone. - Charles Schulz*

# Merry Christmas!

(yes, we said it)



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