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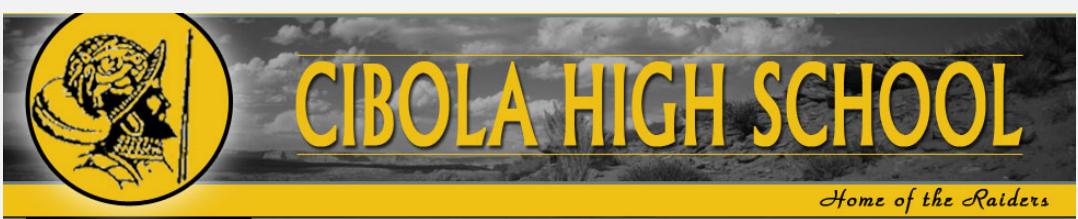


## Greater Yuma EDC Investors Making News

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**WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Congratulations to Yuma Investment Group Wealth Management for receiving Chamber Member of the Month for June 2017



**Cibola High School Opens New State-Of-The-Art Classroom Building**

After Cibola Principal Tim Brienza and Yuma Union High School District Superintendent Toni Badone sliced through the blue ribbon strewn across two pillars

on the southwest end of the Cibola High School campus, the school's new 700's building was officially open.

The classrooms, which will house science research, culinary arts, and life skills, replace portable buildings used since 1989, a year after Cibola's campus opened.

"We are very excited about this great facility that the voters of Yuma County approved a ballot measure a couple of years ago," Brienza said in his opening remarks Friday. "We have three programs here at Cibola High School that are going to benefit from this wonderful building. That is the exceptional students' services now has a space that will really do justice to the kids who are in that program. We have a wonderful culinary arts lab from our partnership with **STEDY** (Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma) that's really going to drive the program and push it to new heights. And we have a great science-research lab that's really going to allow students to push the limits of scientific research."

The project began in November 2016 and is part of a larger series of facility renovations and construction occurring in the district since the bond measure passed two years ago.

In addition to Brienza, YUHSD Governing Board President Phil Townsend, Bond Election Campaign Co-Chair Shelley Mellon, Thompson Design's Chris Thompson, **STEDY** Superintendent Kevin Imes, and **Pilkington Construction** CEO Leo Pilkington spoke at the event. Afterward, guests toured the facility alongside several students from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, who served as guides.

Source: [cibola.yumaunion.org](http://cibola.yumaunion.org)



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**Future Appears Bright For MCAS**



*By Sylvia Allen, July 10, 2017, Southwestlivingyuma.yumawebteam.com*

*Photos by Sylvia Allen/Loaned*

In the face of federal budget cuts, some military bases have lost funding. Some also have closed.

However, Yuma's premier aviation training base, the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), has faced budget cuts before while continuing to accomplish its mission — providing aviation ranges, support facilities, and services to its tenants, to other Marine Corps commands, to visiting military and to interagency forces.

If its past records and achievements attest to the future, its future appears optimistic. MCAS has an impressive record that is likely to influence Congress to continue funding the air station's mission to ensure combat readiness in the country's defense.

Twice a year, Yuma welcomes participants from Marine commands worldwide, to include Okinawa and Iwakuni in Japan for specialized, in-depth training through the MCAS Weapons and Tactics Instructor course (WTI), which began in 1978. The WTI program's goal is to produce pilots who are Weapons and Tactics instructors. Public Affairs officials at the base said that its seven-week course tests the entirety of the participating units, including specialists in logistics, communications ordnance, fuel and intelligence.

WTI subject matter experts provide the latest instruction in cross-domain warfare in programs comparable to those of the Navy's Topgun Fighter Weapons and the Air Force Weapons Schools. The Marines ultimately apply their knowledge in the live employment of weapons in multiple scenarios on nearby ranges in Arizona and California. (Curt Jans, [www.\*\*https://fightersweep.com\*\*](https://fightersweep.com))



In addition to keeping abreast of the latest in aviation warfare strategies, upgradings of technology and equipment play key roles in MCAS's future combat readiness. Last year, for instance, a new squadron with more high tech equipment made its debut at MCAS.

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 (VMU-1) found a new home at MCAS, while Marine Attack Squadron 211 (VMA-211) has transitioned from the AV-8B Harrier to the F-35 as Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 211 (VMFA-211).

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## AEA Celebrates 75th Anniversary



**GYEDC would like to congratulate AEA Federal Credit Union for their 75th Anniversary!**

Recently, the Yuma Sun wrote an article about AEA and how the financial institution initiated business in Yuma with only a few dollars. Very interesting stories by Mara Knaub.

By Mara Knaub, @YSMaraKnaub

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Seventy-five years ago, AEA Federal Credit Union began out of a shoe box.

*In the spring of 1942, seven community members wanted to provide the financial means for Yuma County educators to reach their dreams. They each contributed \$5, signed a charter and the Arizona Education Association Federal Credit Union No. 2 came to be. It was "No. 2" because Phoenix already had AEA FCU No. 1.*

*The Farm Credit Administration approved the charter on May 6, 1942. The new credit union had \$35 in assets. The first loan went to Carl Hossler for \$50 in April 1943.*

Read complete article [here](#)

Photo by Mara Knaub

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## Glacier Bancorp Acquired TFB Bancorp (The Foothills Bank)

On a conference call on July 21, 2017, Randall Chesler, President, and CEO of Glacier Bancorp announced the completion of the acquisition of TFB Bancorp, the holding company for The Foothills Bank. They were very pleased with this new acquisition. Glacier also shared the signing of an agreement to acquire Columbine Capital Corp., the holding company for Collegiate Peaks Bank, a community bank in Buena Vista, Colorado.

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