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95 percent of the state's harvested acreage of spinach. But it's not just about leafy greens. Yuma County ranks second nationally for value of vegetable and melon sales. It's in the top 0.1 percent of all U.S. counties producing vegetables and melons.

And Yuma County ranks highly in wheat acreage, producing 48.5 percent of Arizona's wheat. In addition, Yuma leads Arizona counties in crop cash receipts. Yuma crop sales are about the same as the next five counties combined.

The study also analyzed Yuma County's location quotients, which measure the percentage of people employed in an industry locally compared to the percentage of people employed in that industry nationally. LQs can identify national centers of certain types of production. For example, Napa wine wholesalers have an LQ of 13.33; Silicon Valley computer and electronic product manufacturing has an LQ of 13.36; and Detroit's motor vehicle manufacturing has an LQ of 16.29.

In comparison, Yuma's agricultural support activities have a whopping LQ of 63.02 and its crop production an LQ of 12.83. That means that the percentage of Yuma jobs that are agricultural support jobs is 63 times the national average and the percentage of Yuma jobs that are crop production jobs is almost 13

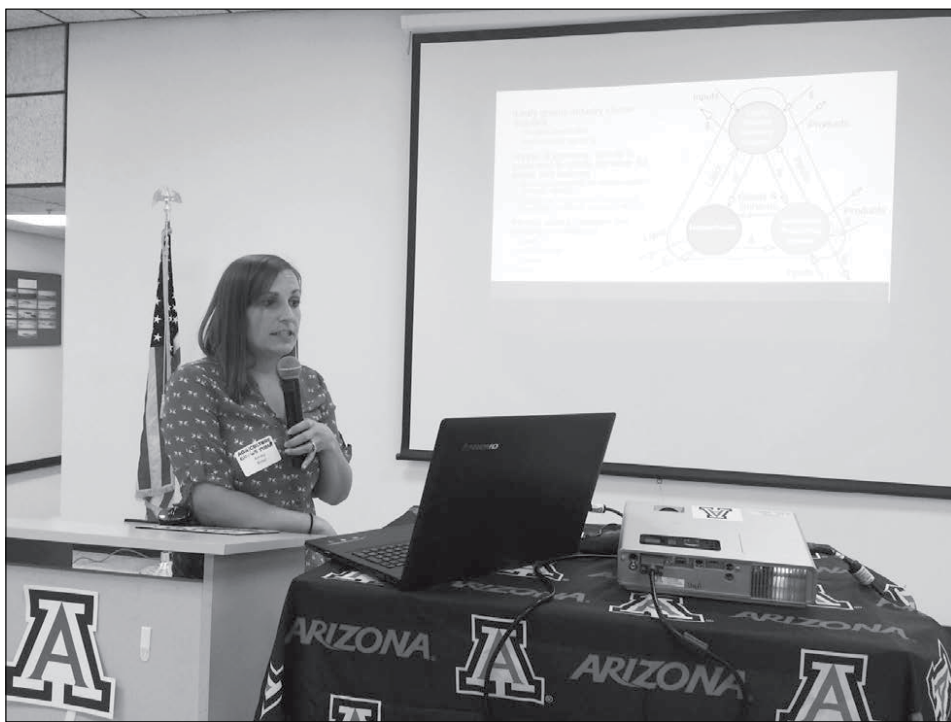


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ASHLEY KERNA BICKEL, AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYST with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, presented the results of the study titled "Arizona Leafy Greens: Economic Contributions of the Industry Cluster — 2015 Economic Contribution Analysis," released in the fall, at the Yuma Area Agricultural Council's Agriculture Grows Yuma Tour, which began Thursday with a reception and dinner.

times the national average. The total Yuma GPD in 2015 was about \$6.2 billion, with private industries making up \$4.4 billion of that and government \$1.8 billion.

Agriculture and ag support contributed \$1.1 billion to Yuma's GPD

and that's not including straight values. This makes it the leading private industry in Yuma, higher than retail, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing and construction.

Find the complete study at <https://cals.arizona.edu/arec/extension/economic-impact-analysis>.

The Agriculture Grows Yuma Tour will continue Friday with Cory Mellon's presentation "Technology and Agriculture's Future" at 7 a.m. at the UA Yuma Ag Center, 6425 W. 8th St. The tour will continue at 8:30 a.m. at the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation with the presentation "Our Agriculture Water Infrastructure."

At 12:30 p.m. Yuma County Supervisor Martin Porchas will address "Impact of Ag on Community Growth" at La Cocina/YRBH Complex in Somerton.

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killed, and the final war won, it will always be remembered," Richards said. "Pearl Harbor will never be forgotten. It is not going to go away."

Dean "Doc" Hager, Capt. U.S. Navy retired, who spent a total of 30 years with the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Merchant Marines, was the guest speaker, and started off by asking everyone to make a point of thanking a veteran.

He noted that Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is not a holiday, it is a day of warning, one that must

burn forever in America's consciousness, so the lessons learned are never forgotten.

"Just like the attack on the Twin Towers, that attack was plotted in secret, it was waged without mercy and it took the lives of 2,403 Americans," Hager said.

Hager said the country witnessed many acts of heroism on Dec. 7, 1941, by common men placed in extraordinary circumstances who rose to the occasion while displaying uncommon valor.

Nine of the men who fell that day, he said, have had U.S. Navy ships named after them. Also, 15 men earned the Congressional

Medal of Honor for their actions during the two-hour attack, 10 of whom didn't live long enough to receive it. Two pilots were also able to get to their planes and eventually shoot down four enemy aircraft.

"The following day, as details became known, our nation's grief and shock turned into something different," Hager said. "It turned into grim resolve. Lines of volunteers went around city blocks and women rolled up their sleeves and shouldered the burden of the farm and industry."

For the next four years the country was at war with Japan and Germany, as the

fate of the free world hung in the balance, he said.

In closing, he said the country needed to maintain a strong military, successive generations needed to be taught the meanings of honor, courage and commitment, and that the basic freedoms laid out within the U.S. Constitution need to be defended at any cost.

He also asked that people continue to provide assistance, in any way they can, to veterans and their families.

Art Nottingham of the City of Yuma's Armed Forces Park said when ground was broken for it back in 2002, six Pearl Harbor survivors were in attendance.

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to override a requirement for four votes, triggered by the number of immediate neighbors who had come out against it. Many said they supported the nonprofit's mission, but insisted the operation brought traffic and noise and wasn't compatible with the residential area.

Alexis Liggett, daughter of the next-door neighbor whose family made the initial complaint against Old Souls, said Thursday she hadn't seen the ruling and could not comment on it.

After the hearing, Paula Rivadeneira said their current house is on the market and Old Souls is fundraising and scouting for new locations in other parts of Yuma County, likely a more rural area where any neighbors would be supportive as Old Souls meets the county's requirements.

As of Thursday afternoon, just over \$7,000 had been raised toward an \$80,000 goal set for their campaign on the YouCaring crowdfunding website, and a fundraising event is set for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Hope House, 770 W. 7th St. in Yuma.

More information on the efforts is on the Old Souls Animal Rescue and Retirement Home Facebook page. Rivadeneira said Old Souls is also launching a new partnership with Hoop's House, in which a group home for men recovering from substance abuse would be next to the animal rescue's new base.

"We both got kicked out by our neighbors, so we decided to team up," she said. Having the two located together would mean the Hoop's House residents and their caretaker would be on hand to help care for the dogs and the Rivadeneiras' other animals, as well as have the therapeutic benefits of being with them.

She said she was a little skeptical of the idea at first, but now sees it as a "match made in heaven."

None of the residents would be violent or sexual offenders, she said. "They're good people,



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PAULA AND ISAAC RIVADENEIRAS with Tiny Chula, one of the dogs of Old Souls Animal Rescue and Retirement Home.

and we'll be helping them alongside helping the animals. And we have been helping people already, but this takes it to a whole new level."

Hoop's House opened two long-term recovery homes in city of Yuma neighborhoods this year. The first, known as "Aaron's House," opened

in April and is operating at capacity with a waiting list. "Chad's House" never really opened, after neighbors came out in force against it following an October open house. The facility would have been a residential one and was not required to get a special permit, Executive Director John Hooper said.

Hooper said since he formed the nonprofit early last year he's opened three homes in Cochise County, and this year he and his wife moved from Sierra Vista back to Yuma to open more. He worked in drug and alcohol recovery here from 2007-11.

He said clients fighting drug and alcohol addiction are referred to him by probation officers in several Arizona counties, as well as inpatient and outpatient programs, jail liaisons and other sources, along with personal calls.

"The one major thing we focus on is structure. It's important because they don't have any structure when they're out there, running an addict lifestyle. It's very dangerous and it's created a lot of issues," he said.

The seven- to nine-month program requires its residents to attend 90 12-step meetings in the first 90 days, get a GED or take college-level classes, find a job, pay rent, continue with outpatient substance abuse treatment, save money, complete assigned chores, meet any court-ordered obligations and more.

He agreed that any residents of a future Chad's House would benefit from living next to Old Souls' new home. "There's nothing more incredible for therapy than animals," he said.

More information about Hoop's House is available at www.hoopshouse.org.

Former priest convicted of murdering Texas woman in 1960

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EDINBURG, Texas — An ex-priest was convicted of murdering a 25-year-old Texas schoolteacher and beauty queen on Thursday, more than 57 years after Irene Garza went to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen intending to go to confession.

Garza's bludgeoned body was found days after her April 16, 1960, disappearance. An autopsy revealed that she had been raped while unconscious and had been beaten and suffocated.

A Hidalgo County jury deliberated 6½ hours before returning its verdict in the murder trial of John Bernard Feit, an 85-year-old former priest, after hearing five days of testimony.

Feit, who was 28 at the time of her death, came under suspicion early on, telling police that he heard Garza's confession — in the church rectory, not in the confessional — but denying he killed her.

This week, prosecutors presented evidence that elected and church officials suspected Feit killed her but wanted to avoid prosecuting him because it might harm the church's reputation and elected officials politically. Most officials at the time in Hidalgo County were Catholic, and Sen. John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, was running for president that year.

Obituary

Charles Stacey Powell
February 18, 1933 - December 4, 2017

Charles, (Charlie) passed away on December 4, 2017.

Charlie was born February 19, 1933 in the old Yuma hospital on Avenue B. He married the love of his life, Audine (Deanie) Tate Powell in 1953. They remained together for the rest of his life and raised three children and have 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Charlie served in the United States Air Force for twenty years and was a decorated Vietnam war veteran after regularly flying missions over Laos, North Vietnam, and the

Ho Chi Minh trail. He was a patriot and proud to serve our country. Other Air Force assignments saw the family moving to many places including the Netherlands and Germany.

After retiring from the Air Force, Charlie enjoyed a second career as Director of Counseling at Arizona Western College for 15 years.

Charlie and Deanie enjoyed many retirement years traveling much of the world and spent their summers at their home in San Diego.

Charlie was an intelligent person who was proud of his service to our country and his career helping students at AWC. His hobbies included flying hot air balloons with his life-long friend Jim Gillespie, boating, fishing, hunting, reading, and computers.

Family was important to Charlie and spending time in San Diego with family will always be precious memories.

Charlie was a Christian, patriot, caring husband and doting father and grandfather. Near the end, Charlie stated many times that life had been a "hell of a ride" and he was curious to know what is on the other side of the moon.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Deanie, their three children Laura (Bob) Woodman, Charlie (Anne) Powell, and Robert (Sylvia) Powell, grandchildren Sarah (Dwight) Palmer and Tyler Woodman and great grandchildren Byron and Barrett Palmer. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Spencer Powell, M.D., his mother Avis, his stepmother, Marjorie and his uncle WM Lyle M.D.

Thanks and blessings to Hospice of Yuma. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.
Please sign the guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/yumasun



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