



Junior College Baseball World Series

HOW DID THE ROUGHRIDERS FARE IN COLORADO?

Check out your sports section today to find out!



Making Your Life A Little Less Stressful...

On the Corner of Willow Creek Road & Commerce Drive (928) 443-8300 | www.timsauto.com

# The Daily Courier

Trusted local news leader for Prescott, Arizona communities since 1882

dcourier.com

Sunday • June 5, 2016

28 Pages - \$1.50

## GROWING PRESCOTT

### What are we going to do in the future?

'The answer may be nothing and it could be a \$300 million pipeline from the Big Chino.'

By MAX EFREIN  
The Daily Courier  
mefrein@prescottaz.com

The world is becoming increasingly urbanized.

Globally, 54 percent of people reside in urban areas, according to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs with the United Nations.

This compares to 30 percent in 1950. By 2050, it is expected that 66 percent will live in cities by 2050.

Though not what one would necessarily consider a traditional city, Prescott is not to be excluded from this equation.

Studies have already indicated that Prescott is a popular location not only to visit, but also to move to.

Local real estate companies have corroborated this with figures showing promising housing numbers and a trend toward an increasingly healthy seller's market as the economy gradually recovers from the recession.

Therefore, the demand is present, and with it comes decisions on how to manage the growth.

As discussed and shown in a recent study by BuildZoom, <https://www.buildzoom.com/blog/cities-expansion-slowing>, there appears to be a distinct divide among U.S. cities as to how they have concentrated their resources since the 1970s.

#### INSIDE

Space to Grow

Page 6A

Fann's economic

dev. bill

Page 9A

On one end of the spectrum are cities like Atlanta and Phoenix, which have accelerated their outward expansion, channeling economic strength into greater population growth.

On the other end are cities like San Francisco and New York that have substantially reduced the pace of outward expansion and have instead channeled their economic strength into higher property values.

The Prescott metropolitan area, which includes most of Yavapai County, falls somewhere in the middle. Though its expansion has decreased 66.1 percent since 1970, it still increased by 5.32 square miles in the 2000's alone.

This compares to the Flagstaff metropolitan area's 4.9 and the Phoenix metropolitan area's

297 square mile increase. It's worth noting that Phoenix is the fourth fastest expanding metropolitan area in the country.

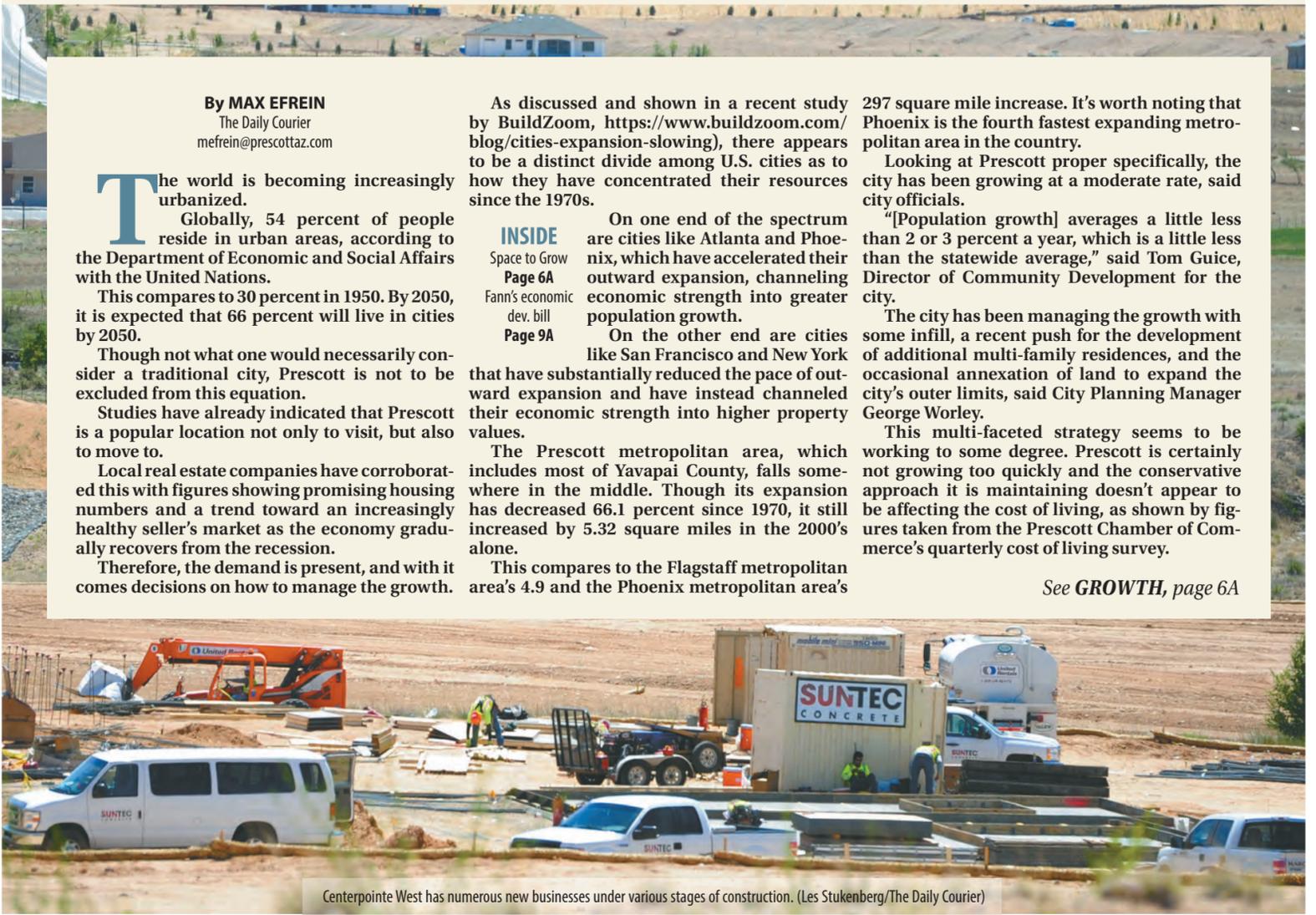
Looking at Prescott proper specifically, the city has been growing at a moderate rate, said city officials.

"[Population growth] averages a little less than 2 or 3 percent a year, which is a little less than the statewide average," said Tom Guice, Director of Community Development for the city.

The city has been managing the growth with some infill, a recent push for the development of additional multi-family residences, and the occasional annexation of land to expand the city's outer limits, said City Planning Manager George Worley.

This multi-faceted strategy seems to be working to some degree. Prescott is certainly not growing too quickly and the conservative approach it is maintaining doesn't appear to be affecting the cost of living, as shown by figures taken from the Prescott Chamber of Commerce's quarterly cost of living survey.

See **GROWTH**, page 6A



Centerpoint West has numerous new businesses under various stages of construction. (Les Stukenberg/The Daily Courier)

## Fatalities up in county, state

By SCOTT ORR  
The Daily Courier  
sorr@prescottaz.com

PRESCOTT — Six more people died on Yavapai County's roads in 2015 than 2014, according to an Arizona Department of Transportation report issued this week, and that mirrors a statewide trend.

In 2015, 49 people were killed in automobile collisions in the county. Five were in Prescott, three in Prescott Valley, and one in Dewey-Humboldt. The remainder of the people fatally injured — 40 — were involved in crashes in unincorporated Yavapai County.

Overall, the ADOT reported in its annual

"Motor Vehicle Crash Facts" publication, there were 3,307 crashes within the county in 2015.

Statewide, there were 116,609 in 2015, up from 109,664 crashes in 2014.

And 895 people were killed last year, which is 121 more than the previous year.

The statewide figures show some disturbing changes from the last report:

- 313 of those killed last year weren't using a seat belt, child safety device or helmet, which represents a 17.7 percent increase from 2014;

- 300 of those killed were involved in crashes related to exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for conditions, a 25.5 percent



The Daily Courier/File

One woman died in August 2015 in this Willow Creek Road crash.

See **CRASHES**, page 6A

Today's Weather

High 95° | Low 61°

Weather, Page 2A

High-Speed Internet up to 200 Mbps! 928-445-4511 CABLE ONE

Inside today's Courier

Weather..... 2A  
Obituaries..... 7A  
Sports..... 1B  
Life..... 1C

Features..... 3C  
Celebrations..... 4C  
Business..... 1D  
TV..... 4D

Follow us @TheDailyCourier

Friend us on Facebook/DailyCourier



Vol. 135, No. 128

© Copyright 2016 The Daily Courier



Country Bank awarded the top 5 Star Superior Rating by Bauer Financial Group, Inc for Financial Strength, Security and Reliability

Country Bank

YAVAPAI COUNTY'S ONLY LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BANK

Member FDIC

www.countrybankaz.com

NMLS #422040