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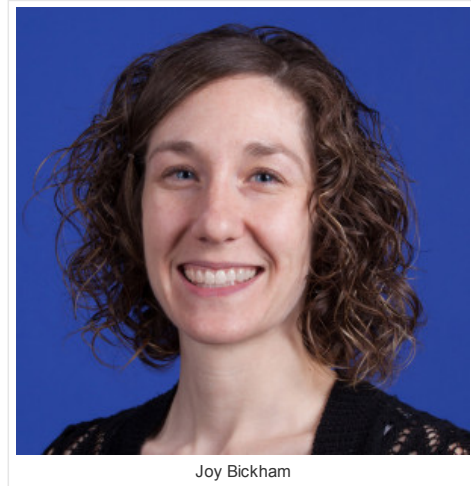
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Joy Bickham

Meet Your Neighbor is a feature of the Independent that introduces readers to a community member. To receive a profile form or to nominate a neighbor, send an e-mail to emesanews@newszap.com. Joy Bickham works at Mesa Community College.

Name: Joy Bickham

Age: 33

School: Mesa Community College

How long I have worked in education: 5 years

What I like most about what I do: It's a toss up between the great team of people I work with and the satisfaction I get from organizing all the details that support the class schedule, faculty, and most importantly: the students. Oh, and sustaining the No. 2 pencil-whittlers industry. (How do they get that piece of graphite in there?! It's a mystery.)

Where I came from: I was born, raised, and have lived here in Mesa, Arizona all of my life except for one.

What degree(s) I hold and from what institution: I hold an Associate in Arts Degree with Highest Distinction from MCC. I graduated with a 3.987.

If I had picked a different occupation, it might have been: Television Writer. (There's still time!)

Favorite community cause & why: Programs and organizations that assist kids in the Arizona Foster Care system, like AASK-AZ.org. Helping local children and young adults who find themselves in tough situations that they didn't choose for themselves will benefit our entire community.

My interests and hobbies: Humor writing, Filmmaking, talking about writing, talking about filmmaking, writing about talking about filmmaking...

The trait(s) I admire in others: Helpfulness, encouragement, spelling aptitude.

People who inspired me (and how): The list is long, but a couple are:

- My father, Mesa firefighter Captain Jack Stevens who gave his life to helping others. Died on duty June 30, 1986. He studied Fire Science at Mesa Community College in the 1970s, and is buried in the Mesa Cemetery.
- Jesus Christ who showed us the way, truth, and how to live (and die).
- Talented and influential women like: my Mom, Tina Fey and Imogen Heap.

How I think students can achieve their potential:

- Work hard
- Take ownership of your own education and career

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Juvenile or adult?
 Law enforcement weighs not only age but severity of crime when determining how to charge teenage offenders

By Melissa Filipe
 Juvenile delinquency is a term used to describe the behavior of a minor who is under the age of 18. In Arizona, the age of majority is 18. However, in some cases, a minor can be charged with a crime as an adult. This is often the case when the crime is particularly serious or when the minor has a history of delinquency. Law enforcement officials must weigh the severity of the crime against the age of the offender to determine the appropriate charges.

Mesa man who hired undercover cop to kill his grandfather to be sentenced May 8

By Dylan Foy
 A Mesa man who hired an undercover police officer to kill his grandfather has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. The man, 31, was charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. He was found guilty after a trial that lasted several weeks. The judge sentenced him to 15 years in prison, with 10 years to be served in the state prison system.

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