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## Fundraiser to aid Phoenix police officer

By Teri Carnicelli

Phoenix Police Officer Steve Fluty, who has served almost 30 years in Arizona law enforcement, has been a familiar face in the North Central community as a member of the Desert Horizon Precinct's Bike Squad.

Fluty joined the Phoenix Police Department 22 years ago and was one of the first members assigned to the Desert Horizon Bike Squad, which launched in October 2014 and is based out of the Sunnyslope Substation.

Last July, Fluty went in for a routine eye exam and his optometrist noticed something that caused him some concern. He sent Fluty for an MRI. A short time later, Fluty was having surgery to attempt to remove a Level 4 glioblastoma, an aggressive cancer that begins in the brain and has no known cause.

It is not the first time the Fluty family has dealt with this life-threatening disease. Fluty's adult son was diagnosed with a Level 2 glioblastoma in

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The team manning the Circle the City mobile medical unit to treat homeless patients in the Sunnyslope area includes, from left: Lilia Gonzalez, medical coordinator; Marten Humphrey, R.N.; and Bobby Rhudy, N.P. (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

## Partnership provides services to homeless

By Teri Carnicelli

Homelessness can happen to anyone, anytime. Sometimes it's a result of circumstances, such as job loss, eviction, divorce, domestic violence, mental illness, or high out-of-pocket medical bills. Sometimes it's a result of one's own choices—most often, substance abuse.

According to the Phoenix Rescue Mission, 37 percent of Maricopa County's homeless people are families, usually a single mom with kids. The Phoenix area ranks 15th highest in the U.S. for the number of homeless people in families.

In Phoenix, one partnership that continues to grow in its efforts to serve the homeless is a collaboration among three nonprofits: HonorHealth, St. Joseph the Worker, and Circle the City.

HonorHealth is a nonprofit, local community health care system serving an area of 1.8 million people in the greater Phoenix area. It operates John C. Lincoln Medical Center and the Desert Mission Food Bank, both located in Sunnyslope.

The Desert Mission Food Bank offers emergency food boxes, nutrition education, gardening classes, and other free and reduced-cost food programs for its homeless and low-income clients.

About four years ago, St. Joseph the Worker started sending its Mobile Success Unit, Arizona's first-ever

mobile job development office, to the Desert Mission campus to service the clients of the food bank. St. Joseph the Worker's mission is to assist homeless, low-income, and other disadvantaged individuals in their efforts to find long-term employment.

In 2017, St. Joseph the Worker found permanent office space inside the Desert Mission, 9229 N. 4th St., now operating Monday through Friday.

"We are able to reach a community that is in genuine need of services and create direct and immediate impact through employment," said Brent Downs, executive director of St. Joseph the Worker ([www.sjwjobs.org](http://www.sjwjobs.org)). "These are men, women, and heads of households that are ready and motivated to

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### Parks to implement new 'Code of Conduct'

By Teri Carnicelli

The city of Phoenix wants to make sure its park users know the rules, whether in a city park or mountain preserve—and that those who violate the rules may be blocked from coming back to these public spaces.

The Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of creating a Code of Conduct Policy to govern city parks and facilities. The policy will address behaviors that violate park rules, and city and state regulations. The purpose is to ensure visitors have a safe, clean and enjoyable experience.

According to the draft, “While the parks are open to all, no one has the right to interfere with another person’s use of city parks or facilities.”

The Code of Conduct isn’t so much reinventing the wheel, as taking current park rules, city ordinances, and misdemeanor criminal offenses that tend to

occur in park spaces, and putting them under one umbrella. The code addresses several non-permitted uses and behaviors in both city parks and mountain preserves.

Among the new additions to the city park rules are no bathing, sleeping, storing personal belongings or doing laundry in restrooms or park facilities. Also new is a time limitation on the use of a park ramada to four hours or less per day, for two consecutive days.

An addition to the listed mountain preserve regulations came from an ordinance passed by the City Council in 2017 that addresses endangering dogs on trails in adverse weather conditions, such as temperatures over 100 degrees. Violators will face a Class 1 misdemeanor charge, a fine and possible jail time.

Other prohibited behaviors and actions are somewhat self-explanatory and also deal with illegal behaviors, such as drug use or possession, abusing or vandalizing park property, and

aggressive intimidation or harassment of patrons or city staff.

One “code” that is drawing mixed response targets mobile vendors, such as the people who sell popsicles, mango on a stick, or corn on a stick, without a proper business license. Some say leave them be, they are providing a service. Others say their carts can block sidewalks, their customers often leave their trash all over the park, and there’s no way to know if the food is properly prepared and stored to prevent food-borne illnesses.

Those who violate the Code of Conduct will face some consequences. Any criminal offenses will continue to be dealt with by the Phoenix Police Department. They, and anyone who violates any part of the Code of Conduct, are subject to being trespassed—in other words, banned—for periods ranging from one day to one year, and applicable to the location where the violation took place, or extending to all Phoenix

parks and facilities.

The first offense most likely will result in just a verbal warning with some educational material provided about the Code of Conduct. However, any harassment of patrons or staff (physical, sexual or verbal), and any violation of criminal law or state statute, will result in immediate trespass for 60 days or greater from all parks and facilities.

Department officials hope to have a final version of the Code of Conduct before the Parks and Recreation Board by no later than the end of May. Community members are encouraged to review the draft Code of Conduct Policy online at <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/rules/code-of-conduct>. Feedback can also be provided to the Parks and Recreation Department by phone at 602-262-6862 or via e-mail at [receptionist.pks@phoenix.gov](mailto:receptionist.pks@phoenix.gov).

*Editor’s note: to read a more detailed version of the story, find it online at [www.northcentralnews.net](http://www.northcentralnews.net).*



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work, but simply lack the tools and resources to secure employment because of their economic status.”

Another nonprofit to partner with HonorHeath is Circle the City, an Arizona-based community health organization dedicated to providing high quality, holistic healthcare to men, women, and children facing homelessness in Maricopa County.

In February, Circle the City teamed up with HonorHealth's John C. Lincoln Medical Center to address the healthcare needs of the homeless population in Sunnyslope. An estimated 25.3 percent of the population in Sunnyslope lives below the poverty threshold, including hundreds of individuals who live unsheltered on the streets.

The partnership, called “Circle the City in Sunnyslope,” will embed a Circle the City homeless-specialty Health Navigator in the John C. Lincoln Emergency Department.

In addition, Circle the City's mobile medical unit, staffed with a medical provider, registered nurse, medical coor-

dinator, and a licensed clinical social worker, parks in the hospital's north lot at 2nd Street and Hatcher Road every Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Tuesdays, it travels a short distance down the street to the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen, where it parks for the day.

The idea of sending their mobile medical unit to the Sunnyslope area on a regular basis has “been in the pipeline for some time,” according to Stephanie Martinez, Outreach Program manager for Circle the City. “We know there's a lot of need in the homeless community there. What better way to serve them than to partner with HonorHealth.”

The mobile medical unit has two exam rooms with partitions that can be closed for privacy. The mobile medical team provides illness and injury treatment, chronic disease management, flu shots, and behavioral health consultations.

The team can see an average of about 14 patients a day, but makes contact with closer to 40, says Lilia Gonzalez, medical coordinator for the mobile medical unit. Some may not be seeking treatment but are looking for adhesive bandages or other basic first-

aid supplies, or might be interested in referrals for other services.

Circle the City ([www.circlethecity.org](http://www.circlethecity.org)) is exploring other key locations, such as the Sunnyslope Family Services Center, area churches, and perhaps even the Acacia Library, to find regular stops for the remainder of the week, as word-of-mouth spreads among the homeless population and more people come to seek treatment. Currently those locations rotate just on Fridays.

If a patient comes to the mobile unit with higher medical needs, they can be referred to the adjacent hospital's emergency room. Similarly, if a homeless patient comes into the emergency room that requires some type of primary care follow-up, he or she can be referred to the mobile medical unit for continuing care.

“We also have the opportunity to provide them with other resources, such as our Desert Mission Food Bank, and job referral services through our partnership with St. Joseph the Worker,” said Michelle Pabis, HonorHealth vice president for Government and Community Affairs.

“We are really looking to develop wrap-around services for the needs of this community.”

*Editor's note: read a more extensive version of this story online at [www.northcentralnews.net](http://www.northcentralnews.net).*

## Truck raffle aids local nonprofit

Boys Hope Girls Hope is a North Central Phoenix-based nonprofit that provides scholarships to underprivileged kids in both community-based and residency-based programs, ensuring a good start towards a college education.

The Scottsdale Active 20-30 Club is hosting fundraising events to benefit the local charity, including selling raffle tickets to win a new 2019 Toyota from Valley Toyota Dealers, valued at \$20,000 (cash-out option available at \$15,000). Each ticket is \$25 or five raffle tickets for \$100. The drawing will take place on April 5; need not be present to win.

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### Community events to celebrate Easter

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes the public to a variety of free events to celebrate Holy Week, April 14-21.

A Palm Sunday Service will take place 9:30 a.m. April 14 at the church, located at 1212 E. Glendale Ave. Then on Thursday, April 18, a unique Maundy Thursday Experience will be offered. Guests are welcome to arrive anytime between 5:45 and 7:30 p.m. and relax in the waiting area, while groups of 12 are brought to a more private area for an intimate, 20-minute Holy Communion Experience.

A Good Friday service is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 19, and Easter Sunday will be marked with a sunrise service beginning at 7 a.m. in the green-space/park at the north end of the church parking lot. Worship with Holy Communion also will be offered that day at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast is served 8-9:15 a.m., and again from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; free will donations gratefully accepted.

The week's activities wrap up with a fun Children's Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:45 a.m.

All are welcome. For more information, call 602-997-6944 or visit [www.oslconline.org](http://www.oslconline.org).

### Fundraiser held in new Center for the Arts

Journey down the rabbit hole April 13, with The Madison Education Foundation's Imagination 2019 gala, "Wonderland."

At this inaugural event, held 6:30-11 p.m. in the new Madison Center for the Performing Arts, attendees will sip, nosh and experience a performance of Convergence Ballet's production of "Alice in Wonderland." Guests will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, two raffles and whimsical games. The evening will end with an after party complete with dessert and dancing.

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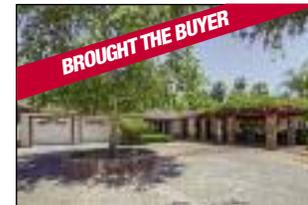
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September 2016.

The family now faces some very tough days ahead, both emotionally and financially. Fluty, 51, is no longer able to work for the Phoenix Police Department, and the medical bills are piling up fast.

Longtime bike squad partner and now Area 61 Community Action Officer Matt Morgan is helping to organize a fundraiser for his friend, with the help of the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) Charities division.

“He is an excellent cop, but also a dedicated Christian family man,” Morgan said. “It is heartbreaking to see someone so good and strong be stricken with an incurable illness.”

The fundraiser for Officer Fluty will take place on Friday, April 12 at the Desert Horizon Police Precinct, 16030 N. 56th St., Scottsdale. Breakfast begins at 4 a.m., with pancakes, sausage, breakfast burritos, coffee and more. Lunch starts at 10:30 a.m. and will feature hamburgers and



Phoenix Police Bike Squad Officer Steve Fluty is battling brain cancer and is no longer able to work. A fundraiser to help with medical bills is set for April 12 (submitted photos).

hot dogs, chips and sodas. All food will be available for a voluntary donation (minimum \$5 requested). All proceeds will benefit the Fluty family.

If you can't make the fundraiser but would like to contribute financially to help the Fluty family, you can visit <https://pleacharities.org/donate/>, and either donate via the Paypal link (will give you the option of going to Paypal or using a credit/debit card), or mail in a check to the address listed on the Donate page.

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amount, and write in “Officer Steve Fluty.” If you use Paypal, there will be an “Add a note” section also just below the pledged dollar amount.

For questions, call 602-246-7869 and ask for Cassandra, or e-mail her at [cassandra@pleacharities.org](mailto:cassandra@pleacharities.org).

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dows, matched our total as he has every year so we should raise about \$20,000 from our meeting. Absolutely amazing group of agents and sponsors and I am very proud of my friend Matt Widdows for stepping up every year as he has done.

I also want to thank North Central resident U.S. Marshall David Gonzales, who was our keynote speaker for this meeting, which is always held at North Phoenix Baptist Church. David has been our U.S. Marshall since 2002, appointed by the President of the United States. My family has known David and his wife, Nancy, for many years - his kids went to school with our kids at All Saints, Xavier and Brophy.

David's theme was all about personal safety, not only for realtors doing open houses but going on listing calls and showings with complete strangers. David also emphasized changing your daily routine by going home different ways some days and just being aware of your surroundings, which we all take for granted in our everyday lives. I recommend having David speak to your schools and businesses about overall safety because we are fortunate to have the best living in our own backyard and we all take our daily routine for granted.

I think that about covers everything I can think of for now!! Have a safe April.

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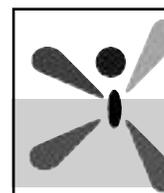


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**More details on Dutch Bros. closure**

By Teri Carnicelli

The Dutch Bros. drive-through coffee hut at Central Avenue and Camelback Road will close no later than Feb. 28, 2020, according to a private agreement reached between the franchise owner and representatives of nearby businesses.

However, it reads a little differently on paper. The city's zoning administrator, Michael Widener, agreed to revoke Dutch Bros.'s two use permits for that site—one for outdoor dining, one for the drive through—effective one year from the date of his ruling, which was on March 14.

Nonetheless, all parties agreed that the business will close, whether or not a new Dutch Bros. opens just a short distance west on Camelback Road near 3rd Avenue.

According to the agreement reached between franchise owner Jim Thompson and the adjacent business owners, including Kimber Lanning of Stinkweed's, the existing location will close on or before Dec. 28 of this year.

However, if the new location a few block away is still under construction at that point, the agreement allows an additional 60 days for the Central and Camelback location to remain open—bringing it to Feb. 28, 2020. This is to make it easier for employees to transition to the new location without much down time in between, should the new location be completed on or before Feb. 28 at the latest. Thompson said it takes an average of 100 days to construct a Dutch Bros. building from the ground up.

Part of the private settlement agreement also stipulates that the walk-up window will remain closed permanent-

ly at the existing site, and for the duration of the coffee shop at that location, the driveway along Central Avenue will be used for exit only, and for a right turn south onto Central Avenue only. New signage and barriers will be put in place to manage the change. Any future owner of the property at 4 W. Camelback Road will have to re-apply to the city for permits to use the existing driveway and outside dining patio.

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With an internationally recognized culture, Mexico remains one of the strongest and most enticing tourist destinations for Americans. Just ask North Central resident Virginia Ramos Foster, Ph.D., who is leading her annual Spanish Study Program in Cuernavaca, Mexico this summer.

The program takes place June 14-29 and is open to all students and members of the Phoenix Metro community. Students study at the Universidad Internacional Center of Multicultural Studies, where they are totally immersed in the study of Spanish language and culture. Other classes include music, art, dance and literature.

Program participants live with pre-screened Mexican families in a safe community. Families with children are welcome on the trip, which also attracts Phoenix-area business people, doctors, educators and other professionals each year.

Students fly on their own to Mexico City and then take a bus to Cuernavaca. Costs vary. Alternative dates can be arranged. For more information, contact Foster at [vrfvrf@gmail.com](mailto:vrfvrf@gmail.com) or 602-549-4327.



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# Q&A: Head and neck cancers

Foluso Ogunleye, MD, an independent member of the HonorHealth medical staff, is a hematologist and oncologist in the HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Care Network. He discusses head and neck cancers in this Q&A.

## Q: How common are head and neck cancers?

**A:** Each year in the U.S., 63,000 cases are diagnosed with approximately 13,000 deaths reported annually.

## Q: What are the different types of head and neck cancers?

**A:** Head and neck cancers are classified and named according to their location:

- Cancer in the oral cavity (mouth) includes lip and tongue cancer.
- Cancer from the base of the skull to the hard/soft palate is called nasopharyngeal cancer.
- Oropharyngeal cancer involves cancer on the base of the tongue, tonsils, the part of the throat behind the mouth and the soft palate at the back of the mouth.
- Cancer in and around the vocal cords is called hypopharyngeal cancer.

■ You can also develop cancer in your salivary glands.

## Q: What are some signs and symptoms of head and neck cancers?

**A:** If you have head or neck cancer, you may experience:

- Tongue pain.
- A growth on the tongue or lip.
- Plaque thrush on the tongue (leukoplakia).
- Ear pain.
- Hearing loss.
- Tinnitus.
- Nasal obstruction.
- Loosening of teeth.
- Difficulty swallowing or painful swallowing.
- A neck mass.
- A hoarse voice.
- Weight loss and/or poor appetite.

## Q: What are risk factors for head and neck cancers?

**A:** You have a greater risk of developing head or neck cancer if you smoke tobacco or drink alcohol. Your risk for oropharyngeal cancer goes up if you've had a human papilloma virus (HPV) infection. Your risk

for nasopharyngeal cancer increases if you've had the Epstein-Barr virus.

Other risk factors for head and neck cancers include:

- Immunodeficiency due to HIV infection or solid organ transplantation.
- Exposure to environmental toxins.
- Radiation exposure.
- Genetic factors.
- Chronic use of mouthwash that contains alcohol (used for more than 35 years and more than once a day).
- Poor oral hygiene.
- Periodontal disease.

## Q: What are treatment options for head and neck cancers?

**A:** Your treatment options depend on the stage of the disease and location of the tumor. If you have early-stage disease that's localized, surgery is an option.

If it isn't possible, your doctor may recommend radiation therapy with or without concurrent chemotherapy (done at the same time), the standard of treatment.

For nasopharyngeal cancer, the standard of treatment is radiation with concurrent chemotherapy instead of surgery. If you have more advanced disease that has spread, combination chemotherapy with more than one

chemo drug is used. If the disease progresses or doesn't respond to treatment, your doctor may prescribe immunotherapy.

## Q: What can you do to help prevent head and neck cancers?

**A:** To reduce your risk of developing head and neck cancers:

- Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.
- Practice safe sex (oral sex increases the risk of HPV infection).
- Get tested for HIV if you have a high-risk sexual lifestyle.
- Practice good oral hygiene and visit the dentist regularly.
- Protect yourself in the workplace if you have potential exposure to carcinogens.

## Q: When should you call your doctor?

**A:** Call your doctor if you notice any growth on your lips or tongue that won't go away, worsening hoarseness of your voice, or difficult or painful swallowing.

If you've been diagnosed with cancer, call 1-855-485-HOPE (4673) to get an appointment with an HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Care Network provider – within 48 hours, if desired.



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## Budget hearings wrap up in April

Each year, the city of Phoenix's budget is developed in conjunction with residents, the mayor, city council, city manager and city employees.

The city manager is scheduled to present his preliminary budget for fiscal year 2019-20 to the Phoenix City Council on May 7. In the meantime, community budget meetings continue, where residents can get a snapshot of the tentative budget and give their input. Upcoming meetings include:

- 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, Devonshire Community Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave.; and Steele Indian School Park Memorial Hall, 300 E. Indian School Road
- 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Burton Barr Central Library, 2nd Floor, 1221 N. Central Ave.
- 6 p.m. Monday, April 8, North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, Metro

Tech High School Banquet Hall, 1900 W. Thomas Road

• 6 p.m. Thursday, April 18, Encanto Park Clubhouse, 2605 N. 15th Ave.

The summary budget booklet can be downloaded from: [www.phoenix.gov/budget](http://www.phoenix.gov/budget).

## Free, family event in Sunnyslope

North Central residents are invited to have fun and learn more about their local businesses and resources at 'Slope Fest 2019, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 6 at Palma Park, northeast corner of 12th Street and Dunlap Avenue.

Enjoy food trucks, bounce houses, games for the kids, raffles from local businesses and live music. Exhibitors include animal rescue organizations, Sunnyslope area businesses, nonprofit organizations, and more. The Phoenix Police Department will VIN etch your bicycle and also register it with the department in case it ever gets stolen.

State and local elected officials will be represented, and free health screenings offered. United Blood Services will

have its Blood Mobile on site for donations; make an appointment ahead of time at <https://bit.ly/2Yd4PJt>.

You also will be able to purchase low-cost produce from the Farm Express mobile market; cash, credit/debit and SNAP/EBT accepted.

For more information, visit [www.eastsunnyslope.com](http://www.eastsunnyslope.com).

## New group aids migrant families

North Central resident Ginger Torres is a busy mother who also works from home. You would think with so much going on in her life, she wouldn't have time to also start a nonprofit organization.

But that's exactly what she did.

Torres is a founding member of The Last Mile AZ, officially launched this year to assist migrant families who have been admitted into the United States as asylum-seekers and then must travel from Phoenix to other parts of the country to stay with their families or sponsors while they await immigration proceedings.

Torres explains that this travel often involves a multi-day bus trip from

Phoenix, spanning thousands of miles. "Because most of these families do not speak English and are unfamiliar with bus travel across the United States, [we] saw a need to help travelers that might otherwise get lost or confused and miss connections on multi-day trips," Torres says.

The Last Mile AZ provides these families with temporary use of a prepaid cell phone and matches each family with a Spanish-speaking volunteer who can assist the family by telephone during the trip, including translation services and providing assistance with unexpected bus itinerary changes.

The Last Mile AZ has assembled over 85 traveler kits (including a cell phone and other information to assist the families on their trip), however additional resources are still needed. A crowdfunding page has been set up at [www.Gofundme.com/thelastmileaz](http://www.Gofundme.com/thelastmileaz).

Additional Spanish-to-English translators also are needed as on-call phone volunteers. For more information about volunteering, call 623-853-7475, or e-mail at [TheLastMileAZ@gmail.com](mailto:TheLastMileAZ@gmail.com). Find them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheLastMileAZ](https://www.facebook.com/TheLastMileAZ).



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# HAPPY HOUR *with* HERSCH

If you have read my articles prior you know that April is an exciting month for me; it means my annual trek to Coachella is right around the corner. So strange that an event that is not for my demographic is so refreshing and rewarding to me. The energy, sights, fashions and sounds fill my creative soul. This year's music lineup is not my favorite, but I know I will leave impressed with some new-found groups and artists.

**Below are the 10 acts I am looking forward to seeing the most.**

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|--|---------------------------|
| <b>10</b> Kid Cudi                           | <b>5</b> The 1975         |
| <b>9</b> Anderson .Paak & The Free Nationals | <b>4</b> Pusha T          |
| <b>8</b> Soccer Mommy                        | <b>3</b> Rat Boy          |
| <b>7</b> Tame Impala                         | <b>2</b> Childish Gambino |
| <b>6</b> Billie Eilish                       | <b>1</b> ???              |

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This sweet American Pit Bull Terrier named Harley doesn't need any jokers, but she does need a loving, active family to love and play with her (submitted photo).

### Pet of the Month Playful Harley seeks active home

As beautiful on the outside as she is on the inside, sweet Harley is a 5-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier who was brought to the Arizona Humane Society bleeding and injured. A common side effect from not being spayed, she also had mammary masses that needed to be cared for in AHS' Second Chance Animal Trauma Hospital.

Now that she is all healthy, Harley has tons of energy and thinks running around the yard is the best! It is also easy to see that her favorite thing to do is give hugs and kisses while showing off the cutest smile.

Visit adorable Harley at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope location off of 13th Avenue and Hatcher Road. Her adoption fee is \$135 and includes her spay surgery, microchip and vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number 598115, or visit [www.azhumane.org/adopt](http://www.azhumane.org/adopt) to see all animals available for adoption right now.

### Adoptable dogs come to Yappy Hour

Match Restaurant & Lounge, inside the FOUND:RE Hotel at 1100 N. Central Ave., has partnered with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) through May to bring adoptable four-legged friends to the restaurant's monthly Yappy Hour.

In addition to adoption opportunities, this pet-friendly event features complimentary treats for pups and extended happy hour specials for their humans.

Yappy Hour takes place on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30

p.m. to 8 p.m. Upcoming dates are as follows: March 20, April 17 and May 15.

For more information about the event, guests can call 602-875-8080 or visit [www.matchphx.com](http://www.matchphx.com). For additional information on adoption or volunteer opportunities at MCACC, e-mail [ChristaSorenson@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:ChristaSorenson@mail.maricopa.gov).

### PEEPS pairings aid AZ Small Dog Rescue

The Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen is pairing PEEPS-flavored marshmallow chicks with flights of craft beer to benefit the Arizona Small Dog Rescue. Pairings will be available April 11-14 at 5813 N. 7th St., inside the Crown on 7th plaza.

Beer enthusiasts won't want to miss the chance to taste test a variety of four specialty ales carefully selected to perfectly complement a flavored Marshmallow PEEPS candy. Each flight includes: a Chocolate Caramel Swirl PEEPS paired with an Ironwood Porter; a Party Cake PEEPS paired with a Biltmore Blonde Ale; a Sour Watermelon PEEPS with a Watermelon Ale; and a Traditional Pink PEEPS paired with a Camelback IPA. Flights cost \$10 each. A \$3 donation will be made to the Arizona Small Dog Rescue for each flight sold.

A special, pup-centric event hosted by the Arizona Small Dog Rescue will take place at the Central Kitchen courtyard on Sunday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dog owners are welcome to enjoy a meal or a beer on the pet friendly patio at Central Kitchen anytime.

For more information, visit [www.CentralKitchenAZ.com](http://www.CentralKitchenAZ.com) or call 602-313-8713.

### Pop-up dog park opens downtown

Downtown Phoenix Partnership and the city of Phoenix on March 18 hosted the grand opening of Paw-Pup Park, a temporary canine activation located at 200 W. Jefferson St. Paw-Pup Park will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Paw-Pup Park represents a much-needed amenity for the growing downtown residential community.

"Downtown Phoenix continues to evolve as a live/work/play/learn neighborhood," said R.J. Price with Downtown Phoenix Partnership. "With more and more residents moving in, a dog park is an in-demand amenity for our downtown."

## COMMUNITY

## Community Central

### 'The Wave'

6 p.m. Friday, April 5  
Arizona Humanities  
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602-257-0335

Part of Arizona Humanities' Foreign Film Fridays. A Norwegian geologist and his family fight for survival when a massive landslide causes a 250-foot tidal wave (movie dated 2015). Free and open to the public. Audience discussion follows.

### Aloha Crafts 'n' Creations

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 6  
CrossRoads United Methodist Church  
7901 N. Central Ave.

Many local artisans, including Pacific Islanders, will offer a range of handmade items for sale. The event also will feature entertainment by local Hawaiian musicians and dancers, Island food for sale and a drawing for a ukulele valued at \$200. This event is free to the public. Presented by Lau Kanaka no Hawai'i Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona. Visit [www.facebook.com/LKNHAZ](http://www.facebook.com/LKNHAZ) or [www.lknhaz.org](http://www.lknhaz.org).

### Barney's Night at Denny's

4-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 10  
Denny's Restaurant  
5002 N. 7th St.  
602-943-4789

For 41 years, Barney has been known as the "Best Bus Boy" at Denny's-Camelback. To celebrate Barney's hard work and devotion to his job, the popular uptown diner hosts this special event each year. Barney has worked longer at one Denny's than any other employee in the Southwest. Denny's will donate 20 percent of all receipts that evening to Lura Turner Homes for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Barney will be on hand to greet his many fans.

### Crime Novelist Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
6300 N. Central Ave.  
602-279-5539

Valley resident Isabella Maldonado, a retired police officer-turned crime novelist, will be the guest at an event hosted by Sages on Central. She recently released her latest novel, "Death Blow," the third in the Veranda Cruz *please see CALENDAR on page 14*



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detective series set in Phoenix. Maldonado will share some of the "inside scoop" from her days as a cop and will have her latest book available for purchase and autograph. A lunch precedes the program, beginning at noon; voluntary donation of \$7 requested. If you plan on attending the lunch, call to RSVP by April 9. The book talk is free and open to the public.

**Learn About 'Helping Hands for Single Moms'**  
 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16  
 Beatitudes Luther Life Center  
 1616 W. Glendale Ave  
 602-510-1544

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW (The American Association of University Women) hosts Layla Maroufkhani, program director for Helping Hands for Single Moms. This speaker was aided by the agency she now directs. The program begins after an optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. (\$15). RSVP for the dinner to 602-510-1544 by April 13. Visitors welcome.

**Community Yard Sale**  
 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19-20  
 Holiday Spa Mobile Home Park  
 10401 N. Cave Creek Road

Residents will offer their gently used treasures on their driveways or patios on this day. The gates will be open for this event. Come and view what residents have to offer and purchase what you just can't live without.

**Picture Book Authors' Event**  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 20  
 North Mountain Visitor Center  
 12950 N. 7th St.

Picture book authors Barbara Renner and Kathy Peach will lead a dis-

cussion about core values that are found in their picture books, small-group readings of the books, and individual craft projects. Renner is the author of eight picture books featuring an Arizona Gambel's Quail named Quincy. Peach is the author of "The Tiniest Tumbleweed," a story that helps children learn more about what they can do to become their best selves. The authors will personalize every book that is purchased, with a percentage of all sales benefiting the Save Our Mountains Foundation. Admission is free.

**48th Annual Easter Sunrise Service**  
 6 a.m. Sunday, April 21  
 Steele Indian School Park  
 300 E. Indian School Road  
 602-944-1524

The public is invited to the service hosted by Central, Crossroads and First United Methodist churches. This intra-church, community-wide service is at the "Neighborhood Mound" section of the park. Visitors should enter the Central Avenue side of the park at Glenrosa, two blocks north of Indian School Road. Rev. Kimberley Scott from Crossroads UMC will lead the service.

**Art at the Market Show & Sale**  
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27  
 Uptown Farmers Market  
 5757 N. Central Ave.

Working Artists Studio invites you to attend the 7th Annual Art Show, featuring original artwork from nationally recognized Arizona artists. While you are shopping for your local produce and goods, why not shop for local art as well? Located in the church's Fellowship Hall; will run for one hour after the market closes. Admission is free.



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**Phoenix celebrates Earth Day on April 22**

Keep Phoenix Beautiful returns to Cesar Chavez Plaza for the 10th anniversary of its Earth Day Phoenix Festival, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, April 22, at the corner of Washington Street and 2nd Avenue.

Enjoy exhibitors featuring green organizations and businesses that are working to make a difference in Phoenix, as well as food trucks, local sustainability experts, and more.

In addition, Green Living Magazine will hold its Simple Solutions Summit as part of the event, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the adjacent Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St. Learn about the eight pillars of sustainability, speak to local experts on energy and the environment, watch an exciting “Eco Shark Tank Event” where up-and-coming green businesses pitch their ideas and inventions, enter a variety of free give-

aways, and more.

Most downtown parking is metered or paid garage parking, so in keeping with the “green” theme, taking the light rail is recommended. For more information, visit [www.EarthDayPhoenix.org](http://www.EarthDayPhoenix.org).

**Orchid society hosts show, workshops**

The Desert Valley Orchid Society is dedicated to the love and advancement of orchid growing in the greater Phoenix area. Berridge Nurseries, 4647 E. Camelback Road, will host the group’s annual Spring Orchid Show and Workshop April 6-7. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

There will be American Orchid Society judging on Saturday, featuring many beautiful displays and a large selection of premium flowering orchids for sale. Raffle tickets to win one of several blooming plants will also be on sale.

Workshops on various orchid relat-

ed topics are planned for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Society members will be circulating in the greenhouse to answer questions.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, contact Beverly Tall at 602-463-7352 or e-mail [bevfall@gmail.com](mailto:bevfall@gmail.com).

**Indian art, artifacts appraised at Heard**

The Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., offers visitors an opportunity to dig out their Native treasures and bring them to the Steele Auditorium for the semi-annual American Indian Art and Artifacts Appraisal Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Leading Native art traders will examine and evaluate attendees’ items including baskets, textiles, pottery, jewelry, carvings, paintings, sculptures and other Native art forms. Traders will offer information about materials,

dates, artists, traditions and provide a Statement of Estimated Value.

Cost is \$30 for the first item, \$25 for the second item, and \$20 for each subsequent item. Limit 10 items per person. For more information, visit [heard.org/event/appraisal-day/](http://heard.org/event/appraisal-day/).

**U-Haul hosts a Farmers Market**

A Midtown Farmers Market, hosted by U-Haul, will take place 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at the U-Haul Midtown Campus at 2727 N. Central Ave. More than 50 vendor booths will be set up along Roanoke Avenue, just east of the U-Haul corporate towers. Vendors will feature sizzling lunch specials, fresh produce, handcrafted sauces, Arizona-made goods and more.

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## Business Briefs

### Get a bike, fix a bike

With the beautiful spring weather upon us, it's a great time to be out enjoying Phoenix's 1,000-plus miles of bike trails, canal paths and other bicycle-friendly routes.

If you don't have a bike, or your existing bike needs a bit of tuning up, Try Me Bicycle Shop in Sunnyslope may be able to help. Owned and operated by Leon Baumgartner for more than 50 years, Try Me Bicycle has new and gently used bicycles for all ages and abilities. Baumgartner can also assist with those squeaks, clicks, clunks, and wobbles.

"A little tightening, oiling, greasing, adjusting, and replacing will have you going as good as new," Baumgartner says.

Try Me Bicycle Shop is located at 1514 W. Hatcher Road. Closed Sundays and Tuesdays. For more information, call 602-943-1785.

### Wedding and event planner wins award

North Central resident Dionne Washington recently learned that her business, Dionne Events, was named a winner of the WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards.

WeddingWire Inc., a global online wedding marketplace, annually celebrates the top wedding professionals across more than 20 service categories, from venues and caterers to florists and photographers. These vendors exhibit superior professionalism, responsiveness, service, and quality when interacting with the 5 million monthly consumers who turn to WeddingWire to help their wedding planning process.

Dionne Events, 111 E. Dunlap Ave., Ste. 1-203, received this award based on the company's outstanding experience working with newlyweds. WeddingWire features more than 3 million reviews, and these notable vendors all received prompt, reliable, and quality feedback.

For more information about Dionne Events, visit [www.dionneevents.com](http://www.dionneevents.com) or call 602-619-0039.

### Lieb again ranked No. 1 for HomeSmart

Bobby Lieb, associate broker with HomeSmart International, recently was recognized as the No. 1 realtor in the company at the International Awards banquet, based on his 2018 sales volume (\$72 million). He also was named the No. 3 agent in the company based on total homes sold for 2018 (118).

HomeSmart has almost 16,000 agents throughout the country in 29 states, and is looking to add six to eight more states in 2019. HomeSmart is ranked the No. 5 real estate company in the United States based on transactions and No. 7 for sales volume.

Lieb has been the No. 1-ranked realtor for HomeSmart since he joined the company in 2011 and works as a solo realtor with two assistants: Kathy Wright, who has worked with Lieb for 19 years; and his daughter, Juliann Lieb, Xavier College Prep class of 2010, who is in charge of property checks, open house scheduling and representing buyers.

Lieb has sold more than 3,200 homes in the North Central corridor

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**Bertenshaw named best in state for 2nd year**

Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor Patrick Bertenshaw has been recognized on the 2019 *Forbes* “Best-in-State Wealth Advisors” list, published in February. Bertenshaw was previously named on the 2018 *Forbes* “Best-in-State Wealth Advisor” List.

The ranking was developed by SHOOK Research and is based on in-person and telephone due diligence meetings to evaluate each advisor qualitatively, a major component of a ranking algorithm that includes: client retention, industry experience, review of compliance records, firm nominations; and quantitative criteria, including: assets under management and revenue generated for their firms.

Bertenshaw is senior vice president and wealth management advisor for Merrill Lynch, located at 2555 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 900. For more

information, call 602-954-5058 or visit [www.local.ml.com/phoenix\\_az](http://www.local.ml.com/phoenix_az).

**Public event to mark mall revitalization**

The first phase of Park Central Mall’s revitalization is complete. To celebrate, the public is invited to a free event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, for a stroll through the new Park Central, 3110 N. Central Ave.

The mall first opened in 1956 at Central Avenue and Earll Drive, and the majority of the site was most recently purchased by two Arizona-based commercial real estate firms—Plaza Companies and Holualoa Companies.

The April 13 event combines a trip down memory lane with a look at the future—showing off the exciting new features of Park Central, as well as showcasing some of the historic memorabilia collected from Park Central over the years.

Come eat and drink at one of Park Central’s restaurants and check out activities and vendors throughout the project, including musical performances in a new performing arts space.

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4842 E. Cheryl Dr	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	5074SF	5BR/5.5BA	\$1,399,000
15 N. Country Club Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	5632SF	5BR/5BA	\$1,399,000
7339 N. 2nd Ave	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	6659SF	6BR/7BA	\$1,375,000
318 W. Lawrence Rd	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	5256SF	5BR/4BA	\$1,149,000
21 E. Maryland Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	5694SF	5BR/5BA	\$1,125,000
6111 N. 2nd Pl	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	3530SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 999,000
31 W. Marlette Ave	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	4135SF	5BR/3.5BA	\$ 849,000
7102 N. 18th St	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	4100SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 799,900
11 E. Lamar Rd	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	3340SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 795,000
310 N. 4th St #2001	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1981SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 699,000
5710 N. 10th Ave	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	3223SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 699,000
1555 E. Ocotillo Rd #19	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2875SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 687,861
8045 N. 7th Ave	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2690SF	3BR/4BA	\$ 649,900
4201 E. Turney Ave	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2409SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 649,900
7010 N. 13th Pl	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	3010SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 599,000
1555 E. Ocotillo Rd #1	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2432SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 599,000
1555 E. Ocotillo Rd #18	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2515SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 599,000
1555 E. Ocotillo Rd #14	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2432SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 598,000
7344 N. 14th Dr	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	3363SF	5BR/3.5BA	\$ 595,000
1010 E. Pierson St	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	2611SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 589,000
1555 E. Ocotillo Rd #8	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2515SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 568,000
1801 W. Stella Ln		3750SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 549,500
77 E. Missouri Ave #36	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	3184SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 525,000
1940 E. Cactus Wren Dr	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2909SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 525,000
2431 E. Squaw Peak Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	2354SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 517,900
1205 W. Stella Ln	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2773SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 475,000
1710 E. Palo Verde Dr	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	1935SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 425,000
2323 N. Central Ave #1804	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	1812SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 399,900
7338 N. 11th Way	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	1739SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 389,000
1102 E. Vista Ave	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	1938SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 339,000
8938 N. 18th Ave	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	1963SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 335,000
321 E. Hayward Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1675SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 339,000
619 E. Manzanita Pl.	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2030SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 299,000
8000 N. Central Ave. #8	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1524SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 255,000
1828 W. Lawrence Ln	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1460SF	3BR/1.75BA	\$ 235,000

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4817 E. Arroyo Verde	\$ 775,000	1022 E. Wagon Wheel Dr	\$ 440,000	3302 N. 7th St #242	\$ 159,000
19 W. Frier Dr.	\$ 715,000	15106 E. Sierra Madre	\$ 425,000	257000 N. 16th Ave	\$ 145,000
110 E. Lawrence Rd	\$ 590,000	29 E Butler Dr	\$ 349,000		
8216 N. 14th St	\$ 575,000	14640 N. 90th Dr	\$ 300,000		
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## Health Briefs

### Walk to help you, your kids get healthy

Healthy LifeStars, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping youth fight childhood obesity by promoting active, healthy lifestyles, announces its annual StepUp4KiDs StepATHon, set for April 21-27.

This fun event is designed to encourage children and adults to be healthy and active by walking the most steps for one consecutive week. Whether as a team, business or individual, participation is easy. Once registered for the StepATHon at <https://healthylifestars.org/stepathon/>, participants use a pedometer or other step-tracking device such as a Fitbit or phone app to track their daily steps and each day they log in to the Healthy LifeStars website to enter that day's total steps.

Participants raise money by asking friends, family, and colleagues to spon-

sor their efforts or make a donation. Prizes will be awarded to the top 25 kids, top 3 adults and the top team to log the most steps during the week of the StepATHon.

Registration is only \$25 per adult and free for participants 17 and younger and college students. The first 300 children (17 and under) to register will receive a free pedometer. The first-place kid winner will receive a bicycle and a medal.

### Free event about causes, treatments of tinnitus

Tinnitus is the term used to describe sounds like ringing, buzzing, etc. that people hear in their heads. Millions of people experience tinnitus and have learned to ignore it. However, some need tinnitus intervention because that noise is interfering with their communication, sleep and/or everyday activities.

Learn more about new sound therapies and other therapies that are avail-

able at a program set for 10 a.m. Thursday, April 25 in the Family Life Center at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave. The program will be presented by audiologist Dr. Susan R. Schmidt of Arizona Balance and Hearing Aids ([www.azbalanceandhearing.com](http://www.azbalanceandhearing.com)).

The program is free, but an RSVP requested. To register, call 602-551-8404.

### FitPHX returns to Hance Park

FitPHX and AARP return with Fall Into Fitness this spring at the west end of Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St. This free, family-friendly social fitness experience is for all ages, experience levels, and backgrounds.

The event runs from 6 to 7 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 pm to register) each Tuesday night through May 21. Professional instructors will lead calorie-burning classes, such as P90X, Turbo Kick, BollyX, Fire Up, INSANI-

TY, Zumba, PiYo, HIGH, and more. Giveaways will be raffled off weekly. Fitness instructors lead workouts set to popular music while fitness motivators assist with moves and modifications as needed.

The workouts are fun, free, interactive, and get people moving. For additional details visit <https://bit.ly/2tO0RJA>.

### Exercise events aid cancer research

It's time to register for the 9th Annual Fitness for the Cure (formerly Cycle for the Cure), set for Sunday, April 28 at Camelback Village Health Club & Spa, 4444 E. Camelback Road.

Although the name has changed the event's goal is still the same: promoting fitness while raising cancer research funds for the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen). This year's event offers expanded workout options beyond in-place cycling, including hiking, yoga, and a 5K run.

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Village membership is not required to participate in Fitness for the Cure. For each club's activity schedules, participation costs and to register, visit [www.tgen.org/fitness](http://www.tgen.org/fitness).

### Walmart hosts Wellness Day

Walmart Wellness Day is a free health event for Walmart customers, set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at all Walmart stores that have a pharmacy, including Christown Spectrum Mall and Metrocenter Mall.

Free total cholesterol screenings (fasting recommended), as well as blood pressure, blood glucose and BMI testing will be available. Free vision screenings will be offered in locations with a vision center. To promote healthy eating, free fruit from Walmart's produce department will be distributed.

Virtual tools from third-party organizations to be featured, including the ability to check your body's true age based on health factors with Sharecare Real Age, and Fresh Tri, a service to influence better eating habits. Visitors also will have the chance to talk with a local pharmacist and other health and wellness professionals.

### Low-cost classes all day on April 8

Desert Song Yoga & Healing Arts Center celebrates six years at its current location, and 36 years serving the community's health and wellness needs, during a special event on Monday, April 8.

In addition to Desert Song's regular schedule, there will be extra classes to celebrate—and all classes are \$8 that day. If you've been thinking about trying out a class, now is a great time to do so for a small fee.

Desert Song Yoga & Healing Arts is located at 3232 N. 20th St. For more information, call 602-265-8222 or visit [www.desertsongyoga.com](http://www.desertsongyoga.com).

### Tax season special at Risas Dental

Risas Dental and Braces is marking this tax season by offering deals on braces and dental care.

Through April 30, Risas is offering 20-percent off all dental treatment and braces when patients pay in full. Tax season savings also include credits that can be applied to current or future pay-

ment plans and free retainers with orthodontic treatment.

For more information and to find a location near you, visit <https://risas-dental.com/> or call 480-566-2930.

### Hazardous waste collection planned

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at a Household Hazardous Waste collection from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 12-13 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.

In addition to car batteries, motor oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides and pool chemicals, the events will accept computers and household appliances that use refrigerants. Commercial loads will not be accepted. Place cans, glass bottles and smaller items inside a container or box when possible.

You must bring a current city services bill showing solid waste fees and matching photo ID with the same address as on the bill.

For information, visit [www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/hhw](http://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/hhw) or call 602-262-6251.

## Do you have ringing, buzzing and hissing in your ears?

Tinnitus is the term used to describe sounds like ringing, buzzing, etc., that people hear in their heads. Millions of people experience tinnitus and have learned to ignore it. However, some need tinnitus intervention because that noise is interfering with their communication, sleep and/or everyday activities.

Those with tinnitus should be evaluated by an audiologist who specializes in tinnitus therapies. He or she will be able to assess the tinnitus and find possible causes of the tinnitus. This is a full medical evaluation of the hearing system and pathways to the brain. During this appointment the tinnitus sounds will be assessed and matched as well in order to fine tune the appropriate therapies that may help decrease the tinnitus or its intrusiveness.

Tinnitus has been highly researched for the past 5 years and there are new advances in sound therapies and brain retraining strategies to help with tinnitus symptoms.



Dr. Schmidt

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Upper school students at Gateway Academy celebrate National School Choice Week—and the opening of the school's new Virtual Reality Lab—on Jan. 23. Gateway is one of only five schools in the country specializing in a population of students who are both academically bright and diagnosed with high-functioning autism, otherwise known as Asperger's syndrome (photo by Tina Greggo, Greggo Photography).

## School specializes in Asperger's syndrome

April is Autism Awareness Month, and in 2018, the CDC determined that approximately 1 in 59 children is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. And while most children are still being diagnosed after age 4, autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2.

Gateway Academy in Phoenix, a private school serving grades K-12, is one of only five schools in the country specializing in a population of students who are both academically bright and diagnosed with high-functioning autism (Asperger's syndrome).

The school has attracted students from as far away as Washington, California, Oregon, Canada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Illinois, Minnesota, as well as many parts of Arizona.

Gateway Academy has earned a national reputation for providing a holistic educational experience. In January, the school celebrated the opening of a Virtual Reality Lab on campus. The school also offers a World Language Lab teaching 22 languages, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Equine Therapy, Instrumental Music and Digital Music, and Service Learning (giving back to the community).

Gateway Academy will host a student spring fashion show 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 26 in the Atrium on the school

campus. The school will offer a small breakfast for attendees and then dozen of students from first through twelfth grade will strut their best self-inspired fashions on the catwalk. The students will be using various materials, including buttons, fabrics, zippers and other props to create their one-of-a-kind look.

Gateway Academy has a capacity of 150 students. Enrollment can take place at any point throughout the year. While a private school, Arizona parents can also use the state's existing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts for Gateway's tuition, if they feel the school is a better fit than a traditional public school district one.

Gateway Academy is located at 3939 E. Shea Blvd. For more information, call 480-998-1071 or visit <https://www.gatewayacademy.us>.

## School Briefs

### GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### WHS' Educators

#### Rising chapter lauded

Washington High School's Educators Rising students recently competed in the Educators Rising 2019 State Leadership Conference in Tucson, and had five state champs, five-second place winners, and three third-place finishers. This is the sixth year in a row that WHS had more state champions than any other chapter in Arizona.

Eleven WHS students qualified for nationals and will compete in 10 of the



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Members of the Washington High School Educators Rising chapter brought home five state championship awards, as well as several second- and third-place awards, earlier this year at the State Leadership Conference (submitted photo).

18 national competitions. For the fifth year in a row, WHS was named a Gold level chapter, which is the highest level of achievement in the Educators Rising program.

**Cain nominated for presidential scholarship**

Sunnyslope High senior Miranda Cain is one of five Arizona students who were nominated for the Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholarship. She will find out in May whether she won the honor of a free trip to Washington, D.C., where winners will be celebrated in a ceremony, given a pin, and will also meet the president.

**Free Summer Academy Programs**

Glendale Union High School District's Summer Academy programs will soon be open to sixth through eighth grade students and current district-enrolled students.

Enjoy programs like Project SHARP and High School 101 or explore new subjects such as culinary, fire and law, coding, engineering and robotics, honors algebra and honors geometry. Programs to recover deficient credits also will be available. Free transportation is provided for most classes, and breakfast and lunch also will be available.

Many of these free programs are offered on one of the district's nine high school campuses, while other courses can be accessed online. Details and registration information are coming soon on the district website at [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org) or on Facebook at @GUHSDAZ. To register now, visit: <https://bit.ly/2XY4VEH>.

**MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Heights focuses on language Immersion**

In the new workforce, it is becoming increasingly important to be bilingual or speak multiple languages. Madison Heights Elementary School is working to give students a head start

*please see IMMERSION on page 26*

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Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
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on a second language through its Spanish Immersion program.

Students from kindergarten through fourth grade participate in the 50/50 Spanish immersion program. Science, social studies, and language arts are taught exclusively in Spanish, while reading, writing, and math are presented in English. Teachers work in teams so that the students only interact with a teacher in a single language.

The school is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, visit <https://madisonaz.org/enrollment>.

**Madison students compete in state Bee**

Two students represented the Madison School District at this year's Arizona State Spelling Bee finals, held March 23 in the Arizona PBS studios on the downtown Phoenix campus of Arizona State University.

Among the 27 students competing for the top prize were Marcus Giorza, 14, an eighth grader from Madison No.

1, and Pragma Prasad, 9, a fourth grader from Madison Traditional Academy. Marcus won the state spelling bee last year, correctly spelling "anthophilous" in the 14th round. Pragma also was a finalist last year as well.

Marcus enjoys math, spelling, and science. Outside of school, he plays the piano and mobile games with friends. Pragma likes to read, craft, draw, and color. Her favorite sports are gymnastics and dancing. Her favorite subject is history and she likes to learn about animals.

The AEF Arizona Spelling Bee began in December when schools throughout the state held qualifying bees. Winners progressed to district bees in January and then county and regional bees in February. The top speller that day will go on to represent Arizona in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May. Visit [www.azedfoundation.org](http://www.azedfoundation.org) for results from the Arizona State Bee.

**OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Solano builds partnerships with community groups**

Solano School has partnered with Janelle Wood and the Black Mothers Forum to lead a community conversation with parents and students of their school's African American community. Part of the Mission of the Black Mothers Forum says that they "believe that all children regardless of color, origin, or background have opportunities to fulfill their dreams and preservation of their lives."

The immediate goals have been to learn what the community's expectations of the school are for their children. School administrators will take these expectations to staff, shaping the school's performance, discipline, engagement, mentoring, and enrichment outcomes toward the community's hopes for their children.

**Sixth graders prepare for JA BizTown visit**

Longview School sixth-grade students learn all about the working world in their studies and preparation to attend JA BizTown. BizTown combines in-class learning with a daylong visit to a simulated town. In the process students learn about the world of employment, job preparation, how to perform tasks, manage a budget, and cast votes for elected positions.

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Students recently had the chance to spend a morning interviewing for their jobs in preparation for the visit. In the process, the students were able to reflect on their leadership skills, roles they play within a team, how creativity aides thinking skills, and what skills or attributes they may need to focus on in their future to reach goals.

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Federal agent visits  
Metro Tech students**

Metro Tech High School and the Canyon State Credit Union student interns hosted a special guest on Feb. 12: Special Agent Elizabeth Goodman from the FBI's White Collar Division. She spoke to more than 125 students from the Banking/Finance about the FBI and complex financial crimes. The students asked great questions and were very engaged.

**Camelback hosts  
Apprenticeship Fair**

Camelback's Annual Apprenticeship Fair on Feb. 21 brought over 12 companies to campus talking to students about construction, carpentry, bricklaying, electrician and welding apprenticeship opportunities for them.

Gateway Community College and Central Arizona College came as well to share their programs. More than 200 students attended.

**Schools pass JROTC  
accreditation inspection**

Phoenix Union JROTC Programs successfully completed the 2018-2019 JROTC Program Accreditation Inspection in late February. All district JROTC Programs received 90 percent or above, with eight programs—including North High—receiving the highest Honor Unit with Distinction rating, of over 95 percent.

Only 10 percent of the Army JROTC units in the country earn Honor Unit with Distinction. PUHSD has 1,730 student cadets at 10 school programs.

This all-day accreditation inspection is student-based with all the briefings, inspections, interviews and reviews student-led. It is conducted every three years. The U.S. Army representatives inspected several areas, cadet battalion staff presented two formal staff briefings and JROTC classes received a formal uniform inspection

and had to perform a prearranged platoon drill marching sequence. This inspection is part of the national U.S. Army JROTC AdvancEd certification.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Students receive  
new tap shoes**

Students in Lekeisha Weimerskirch's tap program at Sunnyslope School, 245 E. Mountain View Road, were surprised with new tap shoes, socks and even some stuffed animals on Feb. 19 thanks to a local children's theater group and its generous partners.

Valley Youth Theatre's Producing Artistic Director, Bobb Cooper, was forwarded a story link about children in a local school district having to hot glue quarters to old shoes in order to learn and enjoy the art of tap dancing. It touched his heart and he wanted to help make a difference.

He called Nathalie Velasquez, of Nathalie & Co. Dancewear and Little Things, and asked her to sell tap shoes at cost, as well as Glenda Gutierrez,

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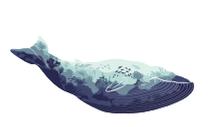
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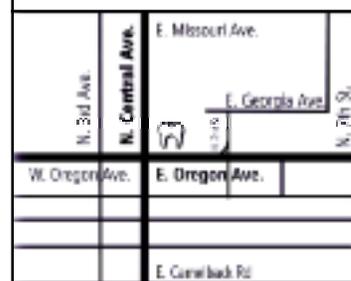
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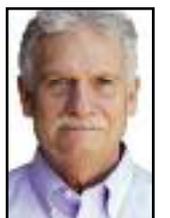
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Valley Youth Theatre's Producing Artistic Director Bobb Cooper (center front) is joined by Sunnyslope School's tap class students, as well as Lekeisha Weimerskirch, the After School Academy coordinator, Nathalie Velasquez, of Nathalie & Co. Dancewear and Little Things, and Glenda Gutierrez of OMG Foundation, during a surprise donation on Feb. 19 (photo courtesy of Valley Youth Theatre).

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who runs OMG Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that funded the purchase of the shoes.

Cooper was joined by Velasquez and Gutierrez at the surprise presentation, where the students received the brand-new shoes—not hand-me-downs—that will be the children's very own.

Weimerskirch is the 21st Century program site coordinator and After School Academy coordinator at Sunnyslope School. Currently there are more than 40 students in the after-school tap program.

**PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS  
Boys, girls soccer bring home trophies**

The St. Francis Xavier varsity boys and girls soccer teams each took first place in the large school Catholic Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) Tournament in February.

The season for both teams culminated with the CYAA Tournament, which was a double-elimination format. Both SFX teams took home first place.

The girls team included sixth through eighth graders, and the boys team was made up of seventh and eighth graders.

**Local girl to study viola over summer**

Ava Small, 14, of North Central Phoenix, will attend Interlochen Arts Camp, the world's premier summer arts program for aspiring artists, grades 3 through 12. Small, the daughter of Dr. Lynette Livesay and Charles Small, will study viola at the summer camp, located in Michigan.

Small currently is a freshman at Arizona School for the Arts (ASA), where she plays viola in the chamber orchestra. She has been studying viola for five years and is principal violist for the Symphonette Orchestra of the Phoenix Youth Symphony.

At ASA, she is a member of Model

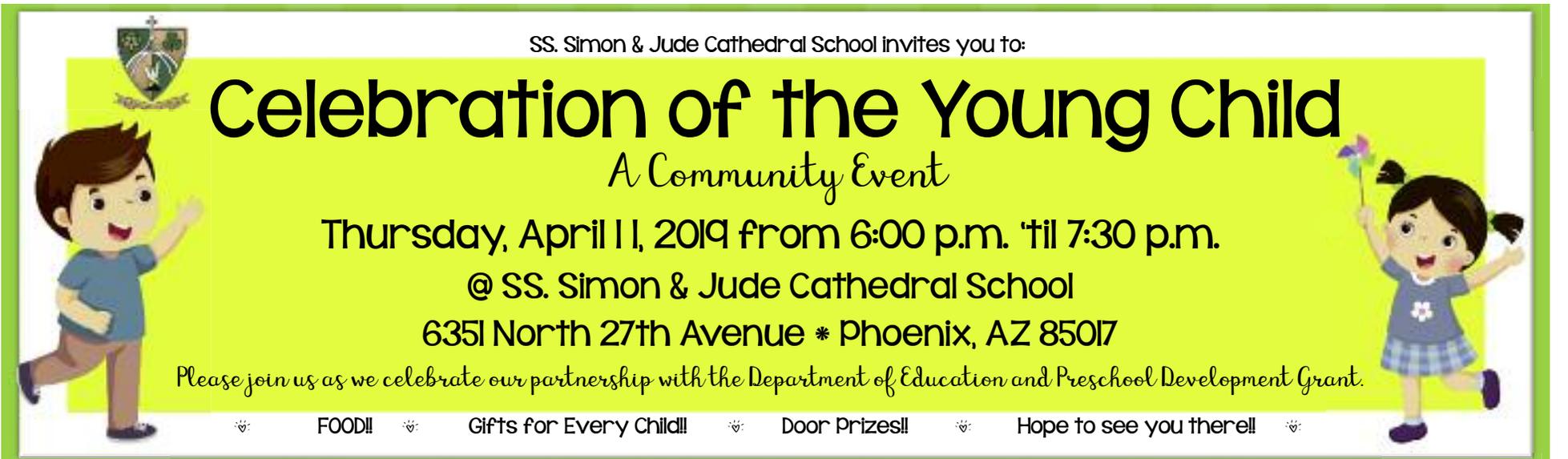
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United Nations, and also studies choir and piano. As a Cadette member of the Arizona Cactus Pine Girl Scouts, she has earned both the Bronze and Silver Award.

Interlochen Arts Camp attracts students, faculty and staff from all 50 U.S. states and more than 40 countries.

### Xavier earns award for computer classes

Xavier College Preparatory has earned the first College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles.

Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses. Out of more than 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, Xavier College Prep is one of only 685 to accomplish this.

Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have either 50 percent or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population. Only 28 schools have earned the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for both AP Computer Science A and Computer Science Principles.

### MHP class of 2019 meets college readiness indicators

All Madison Highland Prep seniors have met the Arizona college readiness expectations and currently 73 percent of seniors have already exceeded these expectations. These indicators include meeting the high school course requirements of the Arizona Board of Regents as well as meeting proficiency levels on

AzMERIT assessments, SAT exams, ACT exams, AP exams, ACCUPLACER exams and Dual Enrollment credits. All MHP seniors also have met the Arizona career readiness expectations and currently 92 percent of seniors have exceeded these expectations. The career readiness indicators include completion of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering courses with a 70 percent or better, completion of career and technical education courses and completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

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Orcutt|Winslow, a Phoenix-based architectural firm that specializes in sustainable design, is overseeing the design of the Beatitudes Campus redevelopment project—including 34 new patio homes—which broke ground in February (rendering courtesy of Orcutt|Winslow).

### Beatitudes kicks off campus expansion

Beatitudes Campus, 1610 W. Glendale Ave., broke ground a \$260-million redevelopment on Feb. 21. After completion of the eight-year redevelopment project, Beatitudes Campus will be the largest life plan community in Arizona. Phase I of the redevelopment is the construction of 34 Patio Homes located along 17th Drive and Myrtle.

“It’s a transformational time for Beatitudes Campus,” says Michelle Just, president and CEO. “This master plan will ensure that we are poised to deliver high-quality and innovative living choices and amenities that matter most for seniors to age in place.”

Since being founded in 1964, Beatitudes Campus has served 16,000 older adults. Currently, 750 seniors live at the campus or take advantage of its home services. With the completion of the master plan, the campus will serve 1,000 residents.

Financing for the project’s phases will take the form of several tax-exempt revenue bond financings issued through the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Glendale, Ariz.

The first phase of the redevelopment will be the construction of 34 Patio Homes at a cost of \$12.6 million. This living choice is the most sought-after residential option at Beatitudes Campus and more than 70 percent of the homes already have been reserved.

Construction of two new independent living buildings, renovation of older existing buildings, and expansion and addition of amenity spaces designed for residents and community also are planned.

### Senior Living

#### Memory Café features song-and-dance troupe

Jewish Family & Children’s Service presents its monthly Memory Café 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave. April’s special artist is a dedicated song and dance troupe called, “The Broadway Babies.”

The 22 members of The Broadway Babies will perform “Be Our Guest,” their 14th annual show. They tap dance, blow bubbles, and play kazoos to over 40 happy tunes from Hollywood and Broadway.

The Café is a meeting place for those with changes in their thinking or memory, mild cognitive impairment or dementia due to Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder, along with their care partners.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. To register or for more information, e-mail Kathy.rood@jfcfaz.org or call 602-452-4627.

#### Seminar prepares for ‘A Fitting Farewell’

Are you facing the loss of a spouse, partner or family member? Would you appreciate advice on creating the best possible obituary and funeral memorial service? Does your family know your preference about what you want after you pass?

The “Final Wishes Seminar: Peace of Mind for You and Your Family,” is a free community event set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 in the Chapel at St. Joseph’s Hospital, 350 W. Thomas Road.

End-of-life professionals will share valuable information that can help

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families plan ahead. Presenters include: Sister Margaret McBride, vice president of Dignity Health/St. Joseph's Hospital; Dee Unks, bereavement counselor, Hospice of the Valley; Eileen Bailey, obituary/memorial specialist, A Fitting Farewell; and more.

Valet parking will be available at the 7th Avenue main entrance. Seating is limited to 65 people and registration is required by April 19. For more information or to register, e-mail eileenbailey1@cox.net or call 602-882-1408.

### Free programs for seniors at The Palazzo

The JFCS Senior Center offers a variety of free programs open to seniors in the Phoenix area each month. All programs take place at The Palazzo, 6250 N. 19th Ave.

Upcoming events include: Storytellers with Barbra and Beverly, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9; Genealogy with Gene Carruth from the Phoenix Family History Center, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16; and Swing Street Café with T.A. Burrows, featuring popular swing tunes, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

For more information and to RSVP, contact JFCS Senior Center at 602-943-2198.

## Kids & Families

### Summer music classes battle child's boredom

Beat the summer boredom blues and put music into your child's schedule with music lessons at Music Works Community (MWC), 302 W. Bethany Home Road. A flexible summer scheduling allows for vacation plans and unexpected trips.

An introductory class for the PRELUDE Piano Program will be offered in June and July on Fridays. A 45-minute Intro class for your 3-6 year old musician-to-be is an ideal way to see the studio, experience a class and determine whether your student is ready for the 15-week Prelude fall classes.

"Shining Stars" is for preschoolers, preK and junior kindergarten, and "LeapFrogs" is for kindergarten and first graders.

Piano, voice and guitar lessons are available during the MWC summer session from June 30-Aug. 10. The fall schedule begins the week of Aug. 13. MWC recently welcomed instructors Melissa Landes for voice, and King-Wea Ng for guitar.

Find registration forms and more information at [www.musicworkscommunity.com](http://www.musicworkscommunity.com). For questions, call the studio at 602-264-5188.

### Time to register for summer camp fun

If you are looking for a way to keep your child active and engaged during summer break, Flip Dunk Sports has some great options for you.

Weekly camps are available for children ages 5-12, from May 21-Aug. 9, and for ages 3-5, May 22-Aug. 9, at Flip Dunk, 1515 E. Bethany Home Road.

The "Going Bananas" camps for ages 5-12, which run Monday through Friday, offer full day and half-day options, as well as a wide variety of activities for kids to enjoy, including open jump, scooter races, obstacle courses, jousting, tug of war, parachute and more. Kids will bring a lunch for all day camp; snacks are included. Cost is \$150 for a half-day week (9 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 1-4 p.m.), and \$240 for a full-day week (9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

Wiggles & Giggles Preschool camps for ages 3-5 are offered 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will have fun with obstacle courses, jump, scooter, arts and crafts, story time, and making new friends. Snacks are included. Cost is \$85 for the three-day week.

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Art, tea featured at annual event**

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather while perusing a wide variety of art during the Shemer Art Center's annual Art in the Garden, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

This fun, free event at the center, located at 5005 E. Camelback Road, will feature a colorful display of garden-themed artist tents, showcasing the latest in florals, botanicals, ceramics, wood and wearable art, as well as live music, a variety of art and garden demonstrations, food and beverages available for purchase, and a silent auction.

This year's free event features a paid add-on: a Sparkling Tea Party, held from 2-4 p.m. in the back garden patio. Admission to the party is \$50 per person. Live music and a menu of finger sandwiches, scones and petite pastries will be complemented by a short program with guest speakers, and of course, tea and a sparkling accompaniment. An

award will be presented during the tea for the most artistic garden hat.

All funds raised from this event will be used to support scholarships for the Shemer Art Center's Summer Camps, held for four weeks in June. For more information or to purchase tickets for the Sparkling Tea party, visit <https://shemerartcenter.org/programming/events/>.

**A & E Briefs**

**'Sisters in Law'**

**April 3-28**  
**Phoenix Theatre**  
**1825 N. Central Ave.**  
**602-254-2151**

Based on the 2015 best-selling book of the same name by Linda Hirshman, this premiere play features the relationship between two U.S. Supreme Court justices who are polar opposites and also modern-day legends: Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor. Tickets are \$41 to \$101, fees included. Visit <https://www.phoenixtheatre.com/tickets>.

**'American Mariachi'**

**Arizona Theatre Company**  
**April 4-21**  
**Herberger Theater**  
**222 E. Monroe**  
**602-252-8497**

A heartwarming and hilarious new comedy about music's power to heal and connect, and the freedom to dream big. It features gorgeous live mariachi music that will send your heart soaring and put a bounce in your step. Tickets are \$41-\$75 plus fees. Visit <https://arizonatheatre.org>.

**'A Fist Full of Puppets'**

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**'Reflections' Concert****Phoenix Chorale****7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6****Trinity Cathedral****100 W. Roosevelt St.****602-253-2224**

Chorale rounds out its 60th season with Bach's motet *Jesu, meine Freude* (Jesus, my joy), John Rutter's jazz-influenced *Birthday Madrigals* and a variety of works new to the Chorale. Another concert takes place 6 p.m. Sunday at Camelback Bible Church, 3900 E. Stanford Dr. Tickets start at \$35 adults, \$30 seniors & military, \$15 for students. Visit [www.phoenixchorale.org](http://www.phoenixchorale.org).

**'Alice in Wonderland'****Convergence Ballet Co.****April 12-14****Madison Center for the Arts****5601 N. 16th St.****602-957-3364, ext. 2**

Take a journey through the looking glass as Alice discovers a strange and wonderful new world reimagined by Convergence Ballet. Family friendly. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child/student with valid ID. Visit [www.convergenceballet.org](http://www.convergenceballet.org).

**'American Voices'****Center Dance Ensemble****7 p.m. Thursday, April 18****Herberger Theater****222 E. Monroe****602-252-8497**

Original choreography inspired by American poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month. High school students participating in the "Poetry Out Loud" Arizona State Competition also have been invited to present their poetry. Tickets are \$9-\$12 plus fees. Visit [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org).

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**Juni Fisher in Concert****3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 21****North Mountain Visitor Center****12950 N. 7th St.****602-343-5125**

Fisher was the first woman to win the National Cowboy Museum's Wrangler Award in 2009 for her landmark CD, "Gone for Colorado," which was also the 2009 Western Music Association (WMA) Album of the year. Tickets are \$20 for this event and may be purchased at the NMVC Gift Shoppe. Tickets also may be purchased online at [www.saveourmountains.org](http://www.saveourmountains.org) (click on DONATE button) with a surcharge of \$5 per ticket purchased.

**'D.G.'****Scorpius Dance Theatre****April 25-May 4****Phoenix Theatre****1825 N. Central Ave.****602-254-2151**

The show is inspired by the dark and seductive novel by Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. "D.G." will feature dance, theater and aerial arts, as well as visual arts by a well-known Valley painter. Lust, greed, beauty, and the quest for eternal youth can create messy, blurred lines between good and evil. Tickets start at \$25 (plus service fee). Visit [www.scorpiusdance.com](http://www.scorpiusdance.com).

**Urban Nocturnes Chamber Music Ensemble****4 p.m. Sunday, May 5****Trinity Cathedral****100 W. Roosevelt St.****602-254-7126**

Performing Haydn's String Quartet Op. 76 No. 3 "Emperor," Guilleme Connesson's *Disco Toccata* for clarinet and cello, and Brahms's *Clarinet Quintet in B Minor Op. 115*. Tickets are \$15 general admission. A reception follows in the Olney Gallery. Parking is available in the garage just north of the Cathedral and on surrounding streets. Visit <http://trinitymusicaz.org>.

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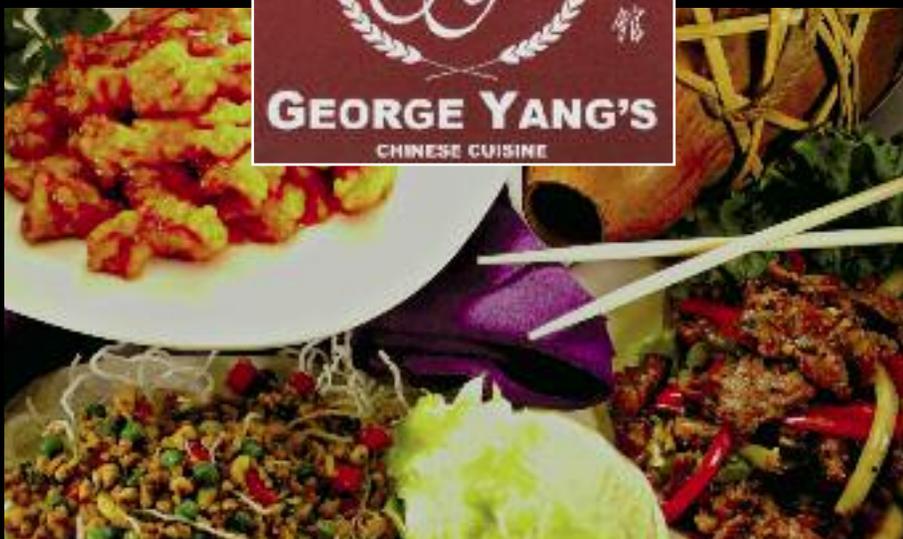
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You could say beer is in their blood. Husband-and-wife team Jeff and Leah Huss, owners of Huss Brewing Co., have a combined 27 years of experience in the brewing industry. Their Huss Taproom in the Uptown Plaza celebrates its second anniversary this month (submitted photo).

**Café Chat**

**Raise a glass to Huss  
 Uptown's anniversary**

By Marjorie Rice

Two years ago this month, Huss Brewing opened the doors to its laid-back taproom nestled in the corner of Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road. Owners Jeff and Leah Huss wanted it to be a spot where Central Phoenix neighbors could chill out with friends or enjoy a solo bit of reading and relaxation while downing a pint of Huss's signature brews and a savory snack.

The couple has 27 years of combined experience in the brewing industry. Leah co-owned and operated Papago Brewing in Scottsdale for 14 years. Jeff was head brewer for BJ's Brewing in Chandler for seven years before they decided to strike out on their own. They opened Huss Brewing Co. in Tempe in August 2013, with a 30-barrel brewing system and a small tasting room.

Jeff was head-brewer with Leah running business operations. Chip Mulala, known as the brewery's "minister of craft beer," was brought on board as director of sales, marketing and national accounts.

In 2016 Huss acquired the Papago Brewing Company in Scottsdale, and today Huss is the third-largest brewer in the state, tripling its brewery space and expanding the lineup of varieties.

That growth continued with the Uptown Plaza taproom. And it's taking

another step with Arizona Light, the state's first light craft beer—but more about that in a minute.

"Opening in the heart of Phoenix has given us the opportunity to be a part of the revitalization efforts in this wonderful neighborhood," says Leah. "We want to truly emphasize the importance of the Uptown community and we look forward to being a valued member of the community for a long time."

The taproom's laid-back vibe and fine-tuned bar food menu, served in an open, airy setting with ample patio seating and friendly service, has proved to be a great fit within Uptown Plaza.

"We started off just beer-focused, with a couple of simple, shared food items," says Mike Chapman, who has managed the taproom since it opened and who helped develop much of the revamped menu. "In the last year we've really expanded that. We know that first and foremost people come in for our beer, and we wanted the food to be just as good."

"We wanted to figure out what our neighborhood wanted from us, talking to people and coming up with ideas," Mulala says. "They wanted something that was elevated taproom food, and that's what we've evolved into. The nachos are an example. We took a simple thing that everybody loves and just cranked it up a little bit with braised black beans, corn relish and beer cheese queso that we make in-house."

Great food has to start with great ingredients, and that's been a focus at the taproom. "Mike's been really instrumen-

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tal working with our local providers, like Schreiner's Sausage," Malala says. "Our sausage boards have been a huge hit." The boards feature Cajun andouille, smoked bratwurst, Portuguese linguica and cheddar bratwurst, with sauerkraut, cornichons, giant pretzels, pickled cabbage, beer cheese and mustard in various combinations.

There also is a selection of sliders with green chile pork, roast beef or caprese and flatbread boards.

Now about that light beer, which hit the market in late March.

"As craft brewers, we've always been conditioned to think outside the box, to try things that are different," Mulala says. "We wanted to make a lager that is light in calories—110 calories—that still has flavor and depth.

"This is truly crowd-sourced," he adds. "We had a survey in our taverns where customers could give us feedback. We were able to get a lot of information and feedback from the community, and they helped us create this beer."

The light lager is the latest crowd-sourced brew from Huss, following on CenPho, a local collaboration using donated home-grown citrus to make an IPA. That brew has already sold out.

Meanwhile, the taproom serves an extensive selection of other Huss brews, including Scottsdale Blonde (which won a 2016 U.S. Open Medal), Orange Blossom Wheat Ale, Koffee Kölsch, Husstler Milk Stout (Bronze medal winner at the Great American Beer Fest in the Sweet Stout Category), Magic in the Ivy Pale Ale, Copper State IPA and their newest offering, Arizona Light.

Occasional varieties include raspberry rose sour, juicy peach, kumquat kölsch and raspberry milk stout.

The Huss Brewing Co. taproom at Uptown Plaza is open seven days a week, now serving lunch beginning at 11 a.m., and with Happy Hour from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 602-441-4677 or visit [www.HussBrewing.com](http://www.HussBrewing.com).

**Dining Briefs**

**Let your taste buds love all the spuds**

FRIED, a French Fry & Music Festival is set for 2-10 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd St.

FRIED lets the world's favorite side dish take center stage alongside indie bands and local artists. Purchase French

fry creations from over 20 makers for just \$2-\$3, and chill on the main lawn with a craft beer in hand while listening to a line-up of musicians, bands, and DJs.

Expect fries in all shapes and sizes, with all manner of toppings, dips, and seasoning. Vendors include Frites St., French Me Fry Truck, The Dressing Room, Merkin Pizza Wagon, Ginger Monkey Tavern, Crazy Taters, Left Coast Burrito, and Cousins Maine Lobster.

Admission is \$15, and can be purchased online only at [www.friedfestival.com](http://www.friedfestival.com).

**Meatballs dominate at new boutique eatery**

Stefano Fabbri, the man behind Pomo Restaurant Group's Pomo Pizzeria and Luna Gelateria, last month opened a new restaurant, called Meat the Ball, at the Biltmore Fashion Park.

The 1,500-square-foot Meat the Ball is a full service eatery with a retro theme. Priced in line with casual dining, Meat the Ball's menu includes a meatball lineup consisting of spicy sausage, salmon, veal, cauliflower and

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more. The restaurant offers appetizers, handmade pastas, salads, sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts.

Meat the Ball is open Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 2502 E. Camelback Road, #148 A & B. For more information, visit [www.meattheball.com](http://www.meattheball.com).

**Lunch menu to get you in and out fast**

Oregano's Pizza Bistro, 1008 E. Camelback Road, has introduced its "Midday Rush" lunch menu to get busy patrons in and out in a jiffy.

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The Phoenix Culver's participating in the drive is located at 825 E. Camelback Road. For more information, visit [www.culvers.com/restaurants/phoenix-camelback](http://www.culvers.com/restaurants/phoenix-camelback).

**Cool off with gourmet frozen bananas, ice cream**

Longtime North Central resident Shannon Moss admits she has a sweet tooth. And one of the things this mother of three often craved was a delicious frozen banana. But even in the Arizona heat, when cool treats are in demand, frozen bananas were hard to find.

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You can find her customized vintage trailer at the Uptown Farmers Market on Saturdays. The trailer is stocked with a variety of dipped frozen bananas, covered in real chocolate and a variety of toppings. Moss has expanded her business to include small-batch ice cream and cold brew coffee. Purchase the ice cream by the pint, or a scoop on a cone or in a sundae.

Moss brings her trailer to private events, offers local delivery, and you can order her products through Uber Eats.

For more information, e-mail [shannysfrozenbananas@yahoo.com](mailto:shannysfrozenbananas@yahoo.com) or find them on Facebook and Instagram @shannysfrozenbananas.

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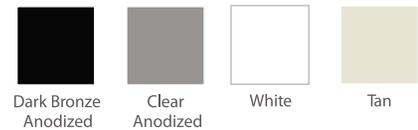
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