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Start with engagement for lasting solutions

By Kathryn M. Miller

Phoenix is an expansive, dynamic, rapidly growing city. In fact, Phoenix is not only the fifth largest city, it is the fastest growing major city in the U.S.

And in recent years, it has been feeling some major growing pains — from a shortage of affordable housing and increase in residents experiencing homelessness to an increase in narcotic offenses — which have many North Central residents looking for solutions to these and myriad other issues that come along with “big city” status.

“I think that what people are seeing are things that they haven’t seen in their communities before. There are areas that really have never been affected by some of the things that are happening,” said Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Economic Development Program manager with the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD).

Most of her 28 years with NSD has been as a

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Barney Mullen, who has worked at the Denny’s at 7th Street and Camelback for 44 years, and his coworkers have become like family over the years. Pictured clockwise from back left, are Joe, Barney, Candias, Noemy, Coretta, Connie and Amanda (photo by Kathryn M. Miller).

Beloved busboy celebrates 44 years on the job

By Kathryn M. Miller

In a city like Phoenix, where you blink and a new building has gone up, it’s comforting to know that some things remain the same.

Barney Mullen, who lives at Lura Turner for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, has worked at the Denny’s at 7th Street and Camelback Road in Phoenix since the spring of 1978, when Lura Turner herself secured the job for him.

In 1965, Turner saw a need to provide a home for persons who had developmental disabilities. Young adults were being transitioned into the community from the Arizona’s Children’s Colony, and many were unable to live independently or with their families. Barney was one of those people.

“So, we are his family,” said Max McQueen, who served on the Lura Turner board for 22 years, and now as the executive director for the past 19 years. McQueen said that Turner noticed that Barney was the best dishwasher at his home and went in search of a job for him, setting her sights on Denny’s.

“So, she came up here and brought Barney — we’re talking ’76, ’77 — and they didn’t want to hire him, and they didn’t want to hire him. Now, Miss Turner was one of those women... [she said] ‘Well, you’re gonna

hire him sooner or later, so hire him now.’ So that was ’78. And he’s been washing dishes here ever since.”

McQueen added, “And now Denny’s is his family.”

The Denny’s at Camelback and 7th Street also has been a mainstay in Phoenix. The location opened in 1956, according to manager Joe Wood, who has been there for 14 years himself. He says that what they have at their location is kind of special, which is why they started celebrating Barney’s work anniversary when he hit 30 years, in 2008.

“He’s like family to all these girls. They all look out for him. We have some pretty long tenured employees. One of our cooks has been here 28 years.

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From the Editor

Hello, North Central Neighbors! On the cover this month, we take a deeper look at some of the issues in the northern part of our coverage area, but are prevalent city-wide, and discuss some solutions. We also celebrate a resident who has been a fixture at a Valley Denny's for more than 40 years.



April 22 is Earth Day, so this month we are shining a spotlight on people who are working to make a difference in their corner of the world — from the student Environmental Club at Madison No. 1 [page 22] and the Royal Palm Neighborhood Earth Day clean up [page 4] to a sustainable home goods retailer [page 16], the APS Community Shade Tree Program [page 12] and more.

Speaking of making a difference, be sure to read about one Washington High School senior who wants to bring his passion for music to other young people by pursuing a music education degree [page 22].

In this month's Café Chat, Marjorie Rice takes us behind the scenes to discover the surprising roots of Moto Sushi [page 34].

And, as always, you will find news from neighborhoods, community organizations, schools and businesses in the area, as well as events taking place in and around North Central and beyond.

We appreciate your feedback on stories and input on issues that you feel are important to cover. In the meantime, thank you for your readership — we hope you enjoy our April issue!

All my best,

Kathryn M. Miller

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Grant will support efforts to end HIV, AIDS

In March Aunt Rita's Foundation announced that it received \$1 million in funding to create the Glen Spencer Ending Epidemic Fund for HIV prevention, outreach and navigation in the former executive director's honor.

Spencer, who passed away just weeks after the announcement, and the unnamed donor designated Chicanos Por La Causa (<https://cplc.org>) and one n ten (www.oneten.org) to receive the bulk of the gift over the next four years. Aunt Rita's will receive a small percentage to establish a Diversity and Cultural Council. The goal of the council is to offer hope to the newly diagnosed and advise on the best ways to reach out to minority populations in Arizona.

"Young males between 20 and 29 are the highest-risk category for HIV infection and the Latinx population has the highest incidence rate in Arizona," said Spencer in a statement released in early March. Spencer was an outspoken advocate for Arizona's HIV population for nearly two decades and was Aunt Rita's Foundation executive director from 2016 to 2021. "I'm humbled that the fund is named in my honor and I'm incredibly grateful to have this oppor-



A new prevention and outreach fund has been named in honor of Glen Spencer, an advocate for Arizona's HIV population (photo courtesy of Aunt Rita's Foundation).

tunity to help end the HIV epidemic."

All three organizations also are collaborating with the City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities Initiative, of which Spencer was a founding member. The initiative aims to effectively end HIV in the community by achieving four target goals, called 90-90-90-0: 90 percent of people living with HIV know their HIV status; 90 percent of those individuals receive care and adhere to antiretroviral therapy; 90 percent of those on treatment achieve an undetectable viral load; and for the community to have zero stigma or discrimination towards HIV/AIDS.

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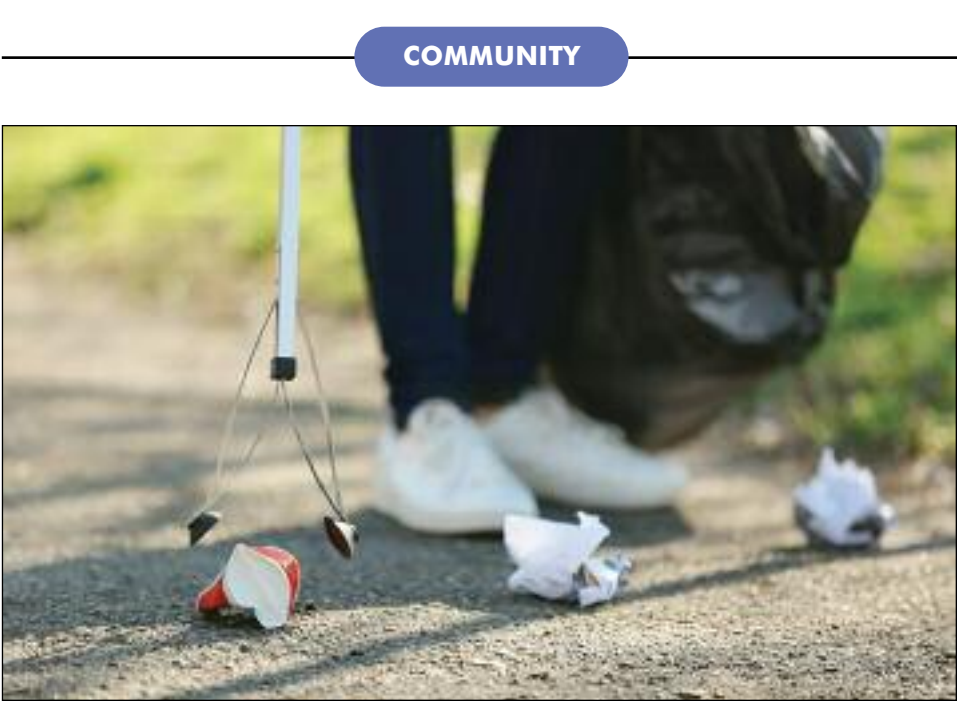


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The Royal Palm Neighborhood will sponsor an Earth Day Community Clean Up on Saturday, April 23 (photo courtesy of Royal Palm Neighborhood).

Royal Palm will host Earth Day clean up

Residents in the Royal Palm Neighborhood will join forces this month to keep the area looking its best during an Earth Day Community Clean Up event.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 23, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., area residents are

invited to join their neighbors in the clean-up effort. Residents can designate an area that they want to clean up (an alley is a great place to start, or a favorite street block), then gather family and neighbors, assemble your supplies and get ready to clean up. Royal Palm will provide gloves and trash bags Saturday morning at the park.

Another way that residents can get involved is through the “Community Cans Be Beautiful” project. Research has shown that residents are more likely to put their trash in cans they have decorated. Residents and artists ages 10 and older are invited to volunteer their time and express themselves through colorful painting of the park trash cans.

Visit www.royalpalmneighborhood-phx.com/events to sign up as a volunteer or for additional information.

Series offers insights into military history

The public is invited to Cross Roads United Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Ave., for a military history series featuring veteran guest speakers.

The series kicks off Sunday, April 24, with David Kampf, Navy veteran and Civil War reenactor, who will present “Notes on the American Civil War.” On Sunday, May 22, Pete Lumianski, Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired, will present “Honoring Arizona’s Cold War Veterans.”

Programs will be presented from 8–9 a.m. both days. Coffee will be provided.

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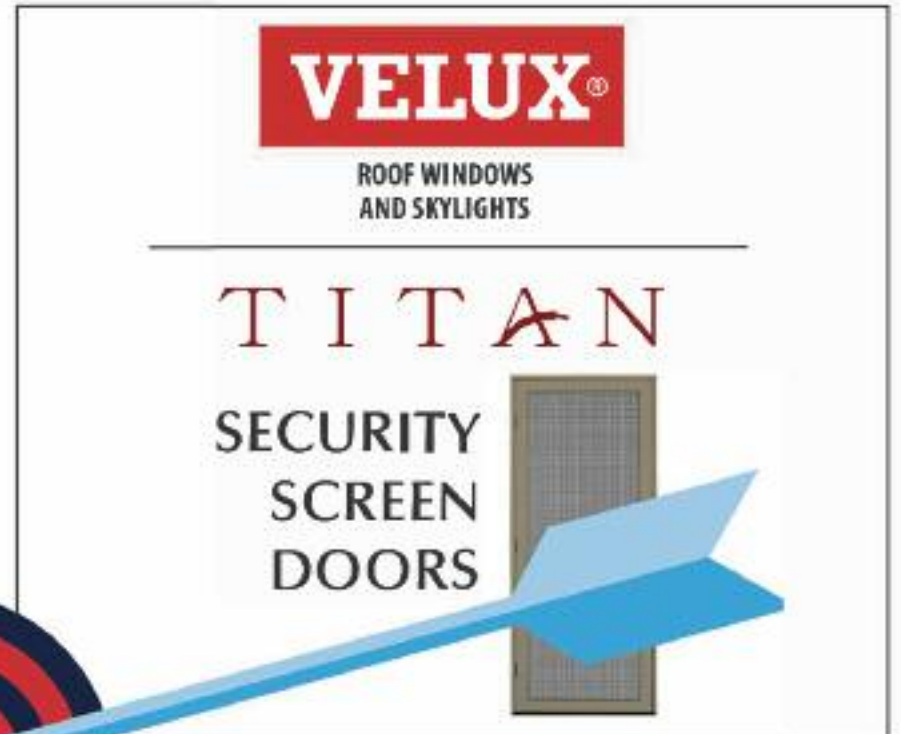
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It's kind of unusual. So even those guys are looking out for him all the time."

One of his long-time coworkers, Candias Cerny, said, "I've actually known and worked with Barney for over 25 years. He is a very hard, dedicated worker; shows up on time. People love him."

Noemy Giles has worked at the Denny's for about a year and a half, but she's known Barney much longer.

"I've been here ever since I was a little girl and my parents introduced me to Barney when I was younger. And it has always been so nice and fun to see him be around here, he makes me smile a lot when he giggles. And every time he's at a table, he turns around and says, 'I did it, huh?'"

Wood also sings Barney's praises. "When I first started working here 14 years ago, he was working five days a week. He's down to two days a week right now. He'll still out-work most people here, but he's getting a little older."

He added, "We'll just continue to have him here until he doesn't want to be here." But he doesn't see that happening

any time soon. “I get a call from him every Sunday. He works the exact same shift. Every Sunday I get a call from him around 2:30, 3:00, ‘Hey Joe, I’m working tomorrow, right?’ ‘Yeah, me and you buddy.’ He likes to tell people, ‘He can do it.’ He’s the only one that can do it.”

Barney himself is a man of few words, but he did share that some of his duties include cleaning the tables and washing dishes. And he really likes his coworkers, who he says are nice to him. He doesn't have any hobbies; he says that after work, he just likes to go home to the Turner House.

People tend to stop by just to say “hi” or to check on Barney, especially when the pandemic first hit, and he had to stay home from work.

"It's kinda hard to explain," Wood said, "but it's pretty cool. In all my years, I've never seen something like this."

This year, after a two-year break, Denny's is resuming its annual anniversary party for Barney. The public is invited to celebrate his 44 years of exemplary service from 4 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, at Denny's, 5002 N. 7th St.

Whether guests dine in or order to go, 20 percent of all sales that day will be donated to Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, home to Barney and other adults with special needs.

For more information, call Lura Turner Homes at 602-943-4789 or visit www.luraturnerhomes.org.

Rummage sale set for April 30

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will host a rummage sale Saturday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale will include clothes, household items, home decor, speakers, electronics, jewelry, books and more.

Cash and credit (no checks) will be accepted at the event. All funds raised will support the youth who will be attending bible camp and a mission trip this summer. Contact the church office (602-997-6944) with any questions about the event.

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Remembering a role model

I was having dinner with my wife the other night at Phoenix City Grille with my next-door neighbors, Zach and Nancy Brooks, when Zach mentioned a good friend of his who is one of his business partners, Jerry Weiss. In 1964, my brother and I would visit my dad from Atlanta and I remember first meeting Jerry at his car wash, called Weiss Guys located on Central Avenue and Camelback Road. My best memory of Jerry was that he treated every customer like they were his best friend and he worked harder than anybody else at his Car Wash. He was the owner and never acted like he was better than his employees.

I will never forget his incredible work ethic and when I began to run my Dad's nightclub, the Jockey Club in 1978, I did exactly what Jerry did because it had made a lasting impression on me. I greeted every customer (some nights we had over 1000 people in our club), maybe about 200 over capacity. I remember amazing conversations and an appreciation everybody for each and every visitor to our club. I made sure they had a great time because I valued their choice of coming to our club over the other 20 other nightclubs that they could have chosen. I wanted them to keep coming back. It also helped that I had the best Disc

Jockey in Phoenix, my wife, MaryAnn. Jerry Weiss made all his customers feel special and I tried my best to emulate him.

This work ethic and treating customers/clients with respect and appreciation is also what has helped me survive for 30 years as a Residential Realtor. I know that there are many great agents in our hood and I am always looking for an edge, never taking anything for granted. I love competition and dislike losing at anything. Jerry Weiss taught me a valuable lesson just by observing his work ethics. Thank you Jerry for being such a great role model.

Thanks for dinner Zach and Nancy Brooks and for mentioning Jerry Weiss' name to me the other night. It brought back many great memories!!

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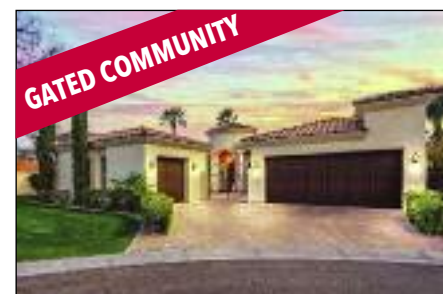
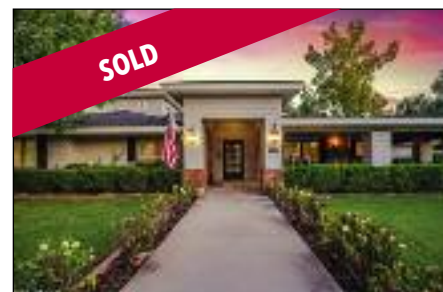
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neighborhood specialist in the central city core. She explained that the role of a neighborhood specialist is to be a liaison between residents and the city; to help neighborhoods and businesses find solutions to community issues. And one concern that is being raised more frequently is the increasing number of residents experiencing homelessness.

“A Maricopa County homeless census from October 2020 to 2021, showed more than 920 contacts with homeless individuals in that year in the area bounded by 16th Street to 35th Avenue, Camelback Road to Peoria,” shared John Hogeboom, president and CEO of Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI). “A similar census taken between January 2021 and the end of January 2022, showed 822 contacts with individuals experiencing homelessness occurring in the area between 12th Street and 35th Avenue from Glendale to Thunderbird.”

CBI (www.communitybridgesaz.org) is an integrated behavioral healthcare agency working in the Valley since 1982,

most recently in the 19North community (Montebello Avenue, north to Dunlap Avenue, west to 23rd Avenue and east to 15th Avenue.) Their services include everything from crisis services to detox, outpatient medical care, housing and shelter services.

“We see a wide range of issues among those we connect with, including problems with addiction and behavioral health issues,” shared Hogeboom. “Among the common themes for those who end up homeless are family disputes, the loss of employment, medical conditions, mental health struggles and substance use issues. Often, these folks don’t have one problem; rather, it’s a perfect storm of issues that create an awful situation for them.”

Citing an increase in drug-related crimes, the 19North Community Alliance (www.19north.org) recently announced a 90-day pilot program with the goal of deterring crime in the area. The new Northern Avenue Safety Collaboration has three key aspects: hiring a private security firm to patrol businesses near 19th Avenue and Northern; displaying “resource” posters for those experiencing homelessness and addiction; and naming the community as “victim” in drug-related arrests/prosecution. [See the March 2022 issue of *North Central News*].

Not all residents agree with the direction that 19North is taking. Some residents fear that a “not in my backyard” mentality will push drugs and other crimes into surrounding, more depressed areas that cannot afford to hire private security firms. Others worry that the program is placing too much emphasis on prosecution rather than treatment.

To the second point, CBI, which is a partner in the collaboration, has set up a unique phone number to make it easier to track contacts related to this program and Hogeboom says they will continue to work in partnership with the City of Phoenix and area stakeholders.

Another solution CBI is developing is the North Mountain Healing Center, a 100-bed facility with a projected 2023 opening that Hogeboom said will allow CBI to do much more to help alleviate homelessness in the neighborhood.

“The shelter, which will feature a ‘closed campus’ to deter foot traffic in the area, and only take residents by referral, will give Phoenix Police and community organizations a comprehensive

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HAPPY HOUR WITH HERSCH

I am so excited for this April because it is the return, after 2 missed years, of my favorite event – The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. 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 one of my favorites, but I know I will leave with some new-found groups and artists that impressed me.

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

10. Beach Bunny

9. Harry Styles

8. Run The Jewels

7. Big Sean

6. Rina Sawyama
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Childhelp to host
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Dedicated to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect, Childhelp will host its 15th Annual Childhelp Wings Fashion Show Sunday, April 24, at 10 a.m.

This year’s theme, “A Day in Wonderland,” highlights the childlike wonderment that features heavily in the classic tale “Alice in Wonderland.” The luncheon will feature a live and silent auction, as well as themed giveaways and a fashion show featuring local families and celebrities. Children, teens and adults will strut the runway wearing the latest fashion trends courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue and Cheeky Chic Baby and Kids Boutique.

Held at the JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort and Spa, proceeds from the event will benefit Childhelp’s Arizona programs and services provided to abused and neglected children in Arizona through the Childhelp Children’s Advocacy Center of Arizona dedicated to Linda Pope (CCCAZ).

The nonprofit depends on funds raised from programs and events such as The Wings Fashion Show, to directly support programs serving children and their families in the community.

To purchase tickets, make a donation or request sponsorship information, visit www.childhelpwings.org or contact Leah Digirolamo at ldigirolamo@childhelp.org.

Desert Christian
celebrates the season

Desert Christian Fellowship invites residents to join them at their free community events taking place in April.

First up, Friday, April 8, is movie night, with “Passion of the Christ” screening at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10, enjoy a concert and hymn sing-along featuring harp and piano music, at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, is the date for the senior’s potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share. The event kicks off at noon and includes a guest speaker.

On Friday, April 15, residents are invited to a Good Friday “interactive” worship service at 7 p.m. And finally, celebrate Easter Sunday, April 17, beginning at 7 a.m. with a sunrise service, outside, along with grab and go breakfast. This will be followed by a traditional service at 8:30 a.m. and

contemporary Easter service at 10:15 a.m. From 8:30–11:30 a.m., there will also be outdoor children’s activities. Desert Christian Fellowship is located at 1445 W. Northern Ave. in Phoenix. For additional information, call 602-861-4008.

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hensive solution for individuals experiencing street homelessness in the area.” But many residents ask, “What can we do as neighbors to keep areas safe and clean?”

Get involved, says Huggins-Hubbard. A key aspect of addressing some of the issues in neighborhoods is collaboration and engagement.

Individuals can find a wealth of resources available on the Neighborhood Services Department website (www.phoenix.gov/nsd). Search by address to find a neighborhood organization to join (or organize one of your own); sign up to volunteer to help remove graffiti or plant trees; or contact the neighborhood specialist assigned to your area to let them know about your specific issues.

Organized groups such as the Royal Palm Neighborhood, Hatcher Urban Business Alliance, East and West Sunnyslope Neighborhood Associations all work with the city to help them understand what is going on in individual neighborhoods. Huggins-Hubbard and NSD has worked with the 7th Avenue merchants in the Melrose District, businesses near 16th Street and Bethany Home, the Miracle Mile on McDowell and others to help revitalize their communities and create a sense of place.

“We’ve just had so many amazing neighborhood associations that every day are out there working. They’re not homeowner’s associations. These are just grassroots community people that care about their communities, volunteers, you know, that are out there every day, working to keep their neighborhoods safe and clean.”

She added, “I’ve found throughout my career it always works best when it’s community driven, and when the community works with the city to help identify what the issue is, as well as identify possible solutions, because those become those long-term sustainable outcomes.”

But it all starts with individuals getting involved and engaging in their community.

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Groups can apply for tree planting support

Planting just a few trees can greatly impact overall temperatures, which is why Arizona Public Service (APS) is now accepting applications for the APS Community Tree program.

Shaded surfaces may be up to 45 degrees cooler than the peak temperature of unshaded surfaces. A study by The Nature Conservancy projects the average number of days recording a high temperature of at or above 110 degrees in Phoenix will grow from 12 to up to 42 by 2030. It also noted that some neighborhoods are already as much as 13 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than others, and that these neighborhoods have the least number of trees and the highest levels of child poverty. Planting trees now can help mitigate the impacts of heat and protect against rising temperatures.

The most vulnerable communities often have the least amount of tree cover, so to help provide shade and cooler spaces in areas that need it most, nonprofit organizations, Title 1 schools, neighborhood associations,



Pictured (L to R) are the founders of North Central Women's League: Mary Hanss, Wendy Charles, Marianne Friedman, Tammy Sommerville and Kelly Jackson (submitted photo).

block watch groups, and cities, towns and municipalities in limited-income areas within the APS service territory will be given priority for support from the program.

Applicants may request a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$10,000 for tree-planting projects. Funding may be used to purchase trees that are appropriate for the location and climate where they are being planted, tree stakes and ties.

For information on the program, including help on where to plant and how to select the right tree, visit www.aps.com and search "Community Tree Program."

Women's League seeks member applications

North Central women looking for an opportunity to enrich the lives of

others in the community and belong to dynamic group of women are invited to apply to the North Central Women's League (NCWL).

NCWL is a volunteer group of women who collectively seek to enrich the lives of others in the North Central community by serving schools, organizations and businesses through volunteerism, charitable funding and scholarships.

Current philanthropy projects include Sunnyslope School, Desert Mission Food Bank, ElderTLC, Native American Connections, Amanda Hope Rainbow Angel's, NCWL Scholarships and St. Vincent de Paul – Dining Room.

Since 2016, North Central Women's League has provided \$18,500 in scholarships to students in need and provided 2,235 volunteer hours to North Central organizations.

Applications for 2022 are now open. For more information, visit the website at www.northcentralwomensleague.org/contact. For direct questions, send an email to northcentral-womensleague@gmail.com.



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Pet of the Month

Sweet Sharpei mix is looking for a home

Ryker is an adorable Sharpei mix that was originally brought to the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) all the way back in 2019 as an owner surrender. Unfortunately, his previous owner was experiencing homelessness and recognized their inability to properly care for him any longer, thus their decision to give him a chance at finding the perfect forever home.

Once in AHS' care, he was quickly adopted but recently returned in January of this year, making him one of the longest residents at the shelter. With a new family at the top of his wish list, the very energetic boy would love to find an active home that is dedicated to helping him get his wiggles out on a daily basis. Ryker also loves playing in the water and would be ecstatic to have a pool to splash around in. Even a kiddie pool is A-Okay in his book.

All those who know Ryker say he is a very sweet baby who loves people but would be best in a home with older



Meet Ryker, a sweet, energetic Sharpei mix who would love an active family with older children to call his very own (photo courtesy of Arizona Humane Society).

children that are at least 13 years of age and as the only pup in the home, as he wants all the attention to himself. Additionally, training classes would help this unique baby get his energy out and strengthen the human-pet bond between him and his new family.

Ryker's animal number is 618568. AHS' Virtual Adoption Matchmaking Program by appointment is available to place pets with their forever families. While Ryker may already have been adopted by the time of a matchmaking

appointment, AHS has dozens of other wonderful pets who need loving homes. Interested adopters are encouraged to take a moment to meet some of the dogs, cats and other companion animals at the shelter, or view available pets on the Adopt pages on the website.

To schedule an appointment online or to see all adoptable animals right now, visit www.azhumane.org/adopt.

Yoga fundraiser to support rescue

Metta Yoga is teaming up with Almost There Rescue for a donation based yoga flow event. Scheduled for Friday, April 8, at 6 p.m., all proceeds will go directly the shelter to support the dogs and necessities needed.

Almost There Rescue specializes in large-breed pregnant dogs and their pups who need time and space to grow and become socialized. The dogs have significant social time with adults, children and other dogs, and the organization provides them with experiences that will help shape them into the very best pups they can be.

Participants are invited to stick

around after the flow for light refreshments, a chance to hear from the rescue and (hopefully) some puppy play time.

Almost There Rescue is located at 2611 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix. Contact them at 480.336.9860. For more information, visit www.almosttherescue.org/events or www.newmettayoga.com/phoenixschedule.

Task force helps pet owners in need

Seven animal welfare organizations in Arizona formed the Pet Housing Help AZ task force to offer resources to citizens who can no longer afford their furry best friends. Adoptions, fostering and temporary homes are options available to anyone experiencing sky-rocketing rent prices.

The Arizona Housing Coalition shows that extraordinary rent increases are coinciding with a rise in first-time homelessness, with elderly citizens being significantly impacted. People becoming displaced, with no finances available to afford their pets, leads to crowded animal shelters with thousands of homeless pets.

"What we are finding at the Arizona Humane Society is that even if pet owners are finding a place to rent, another applicant may swoop in and offer to pay a higher monthly rent," said Lindsay La Pre, the Arizona Humane Society's Pet Resource Center manager. "For some, this may mean having to make the difficult decision of choosing between keeping their pet or having a place to stay."

The task force serves the community by offering solutions, including temporary foster programs for pet owners; increasing surrender prevention and intervention efforts; increasing collaboration with human and health service agencies and animal shelters; increasing education and awareness around the benefits of pet-friendly housing for landlords; and offering a specialized website with resources and easy-to-use tools to help owners find permanent or temporary homes for their pets.

Pet owners in need of help or community members who want to help can visit www.pethousinghelpaz.org. Pet owners can sign up to rehome their pet or connect with fellow pet lovers to temporarily foster their pet. Those who want to help can sign up to become a temporary foster parent to a pet owner in need.



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Sustainable furnishings retailer joins pop-up events

Neighbor, a local outdoor furnishings company, is teaming with Uptown Plaza’s Local Nomad, a gift and clothing boutique, to host a pop-up shop featuring their sustainable products this month.

Based in Phoenix, Neighbor was founded by three furniture industry veterans who recognized the need for better alfresco living experiences. The company says that it embraces both high-design and community building with its sustainable products. Its collection of modular and transitional furnishings brings an indoor aesthetic outdoors, with durable, weather-resistant materials that don’t sacrifice beauty or feel.

The furniture is crafted from FCS-certified teak and a curated collection of Sunbrella fabrics. They are continuing to evolve their offerings with sustainability in mind, and recently launched a Low Chair made of recycled



Neighbor’s Low Chair is made of recycled ocean- and landfill-bound plastic (photo courtesy of www.hineighbor.com).

ocean- and landfill-bound plastic.

Neighbor will have their outdoor living room set up on site at Local Nomad, located at 100 E Camelback Rd., (www.localnomadshop.com) Saturday, April 9, and April 23 from 10 a.m.to 4 p.m. Visitors will be entered

Friday from 1–4 p.m. or by appointment on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.hineighbor.com.

Duo offers new concept in transitional respite care

BluVillage Respitality, a women-owned, luxury respite facility, opened at 642 W. Linger Lane on Jan. 17. The facility provides “rapid respite” care and offers 12 beds, two of which are master suites that open to the courtyard.

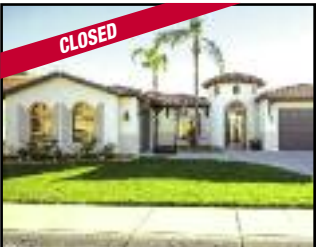
Trained caregivers are on staff 24/7, healthy meal/diet options are provided with private rooms that are designed for a one- to five-day stay. The facility’s all-inclusive rate also includes a social services director to help facilitate the next steps such as home health, physical therapy or even wound care if needed — the services start in-house and follow guests home.

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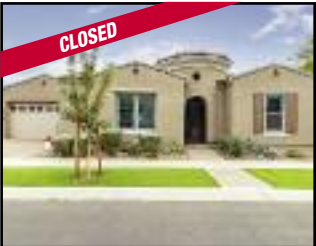
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Orangetheory partners with Steve Aoki

World-renowned artist, DJ and producer Steve Aoki is adding another title to his resume — Chief Music Officer (CMO) at Orangetheory Fitness.

The newly created role enables Orangetheory to harness the power of music to motivate its members along their fitness journeys with the guidance

of a globally-recognized force in entertainment.

The company says that music is a vital component of its workout experience. In December 2021, the company conducted a survey of more than 35,000 members to understand the role music played in their fitness routine. The survey revealed that 91 percent of members felt music is important to their workout while 94 percent reported music motivates them to push themselves further.

Aoki will work closely with the team to overlay heart-pumping, original setlists to serve as the soundtracks for a new eponymous workout series, “All Out with Aoki.” The series premiered across studios worldwide March 26.

For more information on Orangetheory Fitness, visit www.orangetheory.com.

Career Connectors to hold virtual event

Those who may be in a career transition are invited to join Career Connectors for a free, weekly, virtual networking event.

The nonprofit organization connects professionals to high quality resources and hiring companies. Residents can join the virtual events from the comfort of their home and enjoy motivational, educational and relevant content each week. Topics include where to look for job opportunities, how to articulate your value, and how to network online and in person

This month’s event will be held Thursday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, visit www.careerconnectors.org or call 480-442-5806.

Abrazo to host April 6 hiring event

Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital will hold a hiring fair for clinical and support positions from noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 6.

Job opportunities in many departments are available, with hiring bonuses for eligible positions. Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital is located at 1930 E. Thomas Rd.

Abrazo Health is one of Arizona’s

largest health systems, with advanced expertise in cardiovascular, stroke and neurosciences, complex orthopedics and spine, minimally invasive surgery and maternity services. Abrazo recently announced plans for a new medical campus and hospital in Buckeye.

To register for the hiring event, contact Abrazo recruiter Kathi Athey at kathi.athey@tenethealth.com or call 714-767-6056. For information on current opportunities at all Abrazo locations or to apply for a specific position, visit www.abrazohealth.com/careers.

AIA elevates two Phoenix architects

Two Arizona architects are joining the three percent of American Institute of Architects (AIA) members who have been honored for making significant contributions to the profession by being elevated to the College of Fellows.

Jason Boyer of Boyer Vertical (www.boyervertical.com) and Mark Ryan of TreanorHL (www.treanorhl.com)

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Area artists now have access to creative studio space at Brightside Studios on Camelback Road (photo by Jessica Juniper).

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com) are among 88 member-architects to be recently elevated as Fellows.

Boyer and Ryan served on the Arizona Institute of Architects Phoenix Metro board together for four years. The two will be celebrated in the 2022 AIA College of Fellows Investiture Ceremony on June 24 in Chicago.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

Brightside Studios opens on Camelback

A new space for Phoenix artists, wannabe artists and coffee lovers opened its doors Feb. 22 in North Central Phoenix.

Brightside Studios, located at 839 E. Camelback Rd., offers a unique membership concept for artists that cannot afford to have a dedicated studio. Members (and walk-ins) have access to the entire creative studio and can use any of the equipment and supplies to learn or create their next masterpiece. The space also features an art store alongside food and beverage offerings.

Weekly classes offer a creative outlet for something more structured or a unique night out with friends, while the café is a place to recharge, study, network or meet with a client.

The events space can be used for team building, custom classes, field trips, baby showers, bachelorette parties and other creative gatherings.

Rounding out the creative atmosphere, local musicians perform Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights from 7–9 p.m.

Brightside Studios is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 602-279-5928 or visit www.brightsidestudios.com.

Labine to head Arizona Science Center

In March, Guy Labine officially began as Arizona Science Center's Hazel A. Hare president and chief executive officer. Labine, selected through an extensive executive search process, most recently served as CEO of Science North, a Canadian science center located in Sudbury, Ontario since 2011.

He led funding efforts and opened Canada's third digital laser IMAX Theatre at Science North and is the executive producer of the IMAX films "Wonders of the Arctic" and the forthcoming "Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope," a documentary grounded in Jane Goodall's philosophy of hope, drawing on historical footage of her early primate research and her current work as a global advocate for environmental and wildlife conservation.

Arizona Science Center, located at 600 E. Washington St. in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, a range of interactive online science content, the Dorrance Planetarium, and the Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater.

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777 E Circle Rd.....	\$1,650,000	1146 W Royal Palm Rd.....	\$ 980,000	2144 E San Juan Ave.....	\$ 700,000	4231 W Monte Cristo Ave	\$ 520,000	1132 E Orangewood Ave..	\$ 419,000
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Inspiring the next generation of musicians

By Kathryn M. Miller

Washington High School (WHS) senior Jonathan Blanco discovered a love of music in seventh grade. And now, as he gears up for graduation, he is ready to bring his own music education on his journey to inspire the next generation.

A student in Jason Landaiche’s Instrumental Music program at WHS for all four years of high school, Jonathan says that, while he came late to music, it has become an integral part of his life.

It was Landaiche — described by Jonathan as “a great educator,” and “really inspirational” — who helped Jonathan find a deeper connection to music.

“I just fell in love with it, passionately,” Jonathan shared. “And with that passion, I can use it to perform or continue to be a professional musician.”

But he also wants to share that pas-



Washington High School students pose for a picture before their performance with the Arizona Music Educator’s Association (AMEA) Northwest Region Honor Orchestra in Flagstaff on Feb. 19. Pictured, L-R are: Yariza Estrada, horn, sophomore; Janet Rostran, violin, junior; Vanessa Villalobos Ixcotoyac, violin, sophomore; Jonathan Blanco, trombone, senior (photo courtesy of WHS Instrumental Music).

sion with others and intends to pursue a music education degree after graduation.

“I feel like that passion can help me be a better educator.” Adding, “I feel it’s important for kids to find a way to express themselves.”

Jonathan has been a member of the WHS Concert Band, Marching Band and, more recently, Orchestra, through which he had the opportunity to play with the Northwest Region Honor Orchestra in February of this year.

“We played with a bunch of people who enjoy making music as much as we do. It was a really cool experience,” the student shared.

Regardless of whether students continue playing music beyond high school, the important lessons that they learn playing as part of a band will stick with them, Jonathan said.

“They learn to be part of a family — a group that’s really close. They learn about responsibility, punctuality... And I think, if you love it, it’s more than just the music itself, you become a better person; it makes you an all-round good individual. And I think that’s important for life — to be a better person and do what you love at the same time.”

Musicians and composers throughout history have said that music can change the world. In the right hands, while it may not change the world overnight, music, and music education, can forever change one corner of the world. And there is no telling how far that positive ripple effect will travel.

Environmental club maintains Missouri Ave.

By Kathryn M. Miller

If you have driven along Missouri Avenue from 7th Street to 16th Street in the past 10 years, you may have seen a group of students hard at work picking up trash. Those dedicated students are the Madison No. 1 Middle School Environmental Club, under the guidance of sixth grade Science teacher Lisa Vaaler.

Vaaler, who has been teaching at Madison No. 1 for 21 years, mostly in sixth grade Science, is the advisor and founder of the Environmental Club.

“I started the Environmental Club after we moved into the new building of our school, about 14 years ago,” Vaaler shared. “Our club has done so many activities over the years.”

In addition to the three to four clean-ups per year on their section of Missouri Road through the Adopt-a-Street program, the fifth through eighth grade Environmental Club members started a recycling program on campus through the City of Phoenix.

“Every classroom has a blue bin for recycling, and we have large blue bins behind the school,” Vaaler shared. They also recycle plastic bags and bot-

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Members of the Madison No. 1 Environmental Club pause for a photo during a clean-up along their adopted street in December 2021 (photo courtesy of Lisa Vaaler).

ties to help raise awareness on campus about how plastic is detrimental to the environment and conduct campus clean-ups. The club also participated in a program for a while through Terracycle, which collected non-recyclable pre-consumer and post-consumer waste with lunch and home items collected.

Vaaler shared that the group has taken field trips to recycling plants as well as the Scottsdale Community College CNUW program (Center for Native & Urban Wildlife) — a program that she helped start 20-plus years ago as a student at SCC.

“It teaches the kids about biodiversity and native species/plants,” the teacher shared, adding that an Earth Day outing for the group is in the planning stages.

While the past few years have been a challenge due to COVID, Vaaler says that she is grateful that they are finally once again able to get out and do more group activities. And residents will

once again see the industrious students out cleaning up their adopted patch of Phoenix roadway.

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION
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Mark your calendars for Glendale Union High School District graduations. All graduations will be held at the Grand Canyon University Arena, located at 3300 W. Camelback Rd., Building 38, Phoenix.

North Central high school graduation dates and times are May 23 for Washington High School (4:30 p.m.) and Thunderbird High School (8 p.m.), and May 25 for Sunnyslope High School (1 p.m.)

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Washington High School volunteers at local garden

Excellence in service continues at Washington High School (WHS) as the Interact Club volunteered recently at the community garden on Glendale and Central avenues.

WHS Interact students did some spring planting, which included squash, radishes, zucchini and chard. The group also did some composting.



Washington High School's Interact Club students volunteered recently at a community garden (photo courtesy of Glendale Union High School District).

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Simis students and staff improve their community

Madison Simis Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) accredited school in the Primary Years Programme (PYP).

International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Inquiry learning helps students learn while building on what they already know. The instruction is student

centered with a hands-on approach. Students create meaning through understanding. The aim is to develop lifelong learners through the process of inquiry

At Simis, students and staff “take action” to improve their community. Recently, 25 staff members spent a Saturday morning sorting food for food boxes at St. Mary’s as the social event for the month.

Simis also participated in Hat Day as a fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma society on March 4.

In April, Simis students are planning a book drive to collect books and make bookmarks for a school in Phoenix that

has a goal to help families expand their home libraries. This will culminate on April 5, when Arizona IB schools will do a collective day of service. Kindergarten teacher Melissa Brammer also has organized her class families and friends (almost 90 of them) to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children.

Part of being an IB school is helping kids take action in various ways. Kids take action by participating in large events, like those mentioned, but also every day by continuing their learning outside the classroom. They research, explain, create projects and do things for others as ways of taking action.

District receives communications awards

The Madison School District communications received recognition in this year’s Arizona School Public Relations Association’s ASPRA*tions Awards program, which honors excellence in school public relations and communication.

The district received Awards of Excellence for its newsletter, “The Madison Scene,” and podcast, “Parenting Future-Focused Kids.”

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Native American program hosts career night

On March 2, Phoenix Union High School District’s Native American Education Program hosted a career night event at Cahokia PHX, a female-owned, Indigenous-led SocialTech and Art Space in downtown Phoenix.

According to staff the career night was a very successful event that offered students the opportunity to network with “creatives, professionals, and college and career representatives.”



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Student government honored as ‘outstanding’

Camelback High School’s Student Government received the Outstanding Council of Distinction Award at the Arizona Association of Student Councils State Convention in February. This is the highest award given to Student Governments in the state that go above and beyond the requirements of the charter.

In addition, the Camelback Student Government advisor, Kenya Corrigan, was awarded Outstanding Advisor of the Year.



Members of the Camelback High School Student Government attended the State Convention this year and earned “Outstanding” award (submitted photo).

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WESD offers kindergarten readiness program

Parents of incoming kindergarten students are invited to enroll their student in the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) kindergarten readiness program.

The free, four-week, half-day kindergarten readiness program will take place May 31 – June 23, for children who are starting kindergarten in the fall. This program is available at 27 locations in the WESD and includes breakfast and lunch. Young learners will gain social skills, practice kinder routines and more.

To participate, students must be registered in the WESD Kindergarten program for the 2022–23 school year. Families can enroll at the Welcome and Registration Center, 3200 W. Cholla

Ave., or online at www.wesd.schools.org/registration. For additional information, contact the district at 602-347-2600.

Mini grants awarded to teachers, staff

The Washington Education Foundation (WEF) in March awarded 50 mini grants, totaling \$25,325, to WESD teachers and staff during a virtual celebration. The individuals, who represent 18 sites and 30 projects, will have the opportunity to enhance the learning experience for their students.

The WEF also presented a new grant, the Mary Brandt Literacy Grant, to Brianne Nickerson at Roadrunner Elementary. The grant honors veteran WESD educator, literacy specialist and longtime member of the WEF, Mary

Brandt, who passed away last summer. The awards presentation ended with a moving celebration of Brandt and a toast of sparkling cider in her honor as well as to the grant awardees. Prior to the virtual celebration, the WEF provided goody bags and certificates to the recipients.

CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Midtown Primary to host inaugural Book Swap

Midtown Primary’s annual Family Picnic this year will be served with food for thought as an effort to get more books into not only the students’ hands but their families’ as well. The annual event, which will be held in the form of a book swap, will offer a mashup of fun

to support literacy, community connection and National Poetry Month, which is in April.

The idea is for families to bring a gently used book for every family member participating and, in return, they will receive a book of their choice. In addition, donations are coming in and the organizers hope to provide age-appropriate books for everyone. Families attending also will get to see and hear a variety of poetry written and read by the school’s K-4 students.

The event will take place Friday, April 1, from 5:30–7 p.m. at the school at 4735 N. 19th Ave. The event will include meals, refreshments and many fun-filled activities for the whole family to enjoy. Anyone interested in enrolling their children at Midtown Primary are invited to join the fun.

For more information, call 602-265-5133 or visit www.midtownprimary.com.

Brophy shows support for Ukraine, refugees

In March, Brophy College Preparatory showed support for Ukraine by hosting a lunchtime forum to discuss the events and a prayer service where all members of the community were encouraged to wear blue and yellow.

The school invites the community to stand in solidarity with Ukraine by donating in support of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). Visit www.brophyprep.org/support-ukraine.

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The Brophy archery team repeated as state champions in both bullseye and 3D disciplines (submitted photo).

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Supporters also can purchase a limited-edition blue and yellow Stampede T-shirt for \$10 from the Brophy Varsity Shop (<https://brophy-varsity-shop.square.site>) with proceeds going to JRS.

Archery team takes state championship

Brophy College Preparatory's archery team repeated as state champions in both bullseye and 3D disciplines at the Arizona Archery State Championship on March 5. Brophy archers beat their 2021 championship score by 14 points.

Brophy to host annual fashion show fundraiser

Brophy College Preparatory will host the 2022 Fashion Show: Let Your Light Shine, Wednesday, April 13, at JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn. The show will feature Brophy's class of 2022, with fashions from Neiman Marcus. All proceeds benefit the Brophy Financial Aid Fund.

The social hour and shopping will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the fashion show and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the Brophy Fashion Show, including reservations and raffle tickets, visit www.brophyprep.org/giving/fashion-show.

Xavier juniors raise \$58,000 for LLS

Bryn Murphy and Riley Dowdall, both juniors at Xavier, raised over \$58,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) through the organization's Arizona Students of the Year campaign, earning them the title of Students of the Year Runners Up.

Every year, LLS, a national non-profit organization that funds federal blood cancer research, holds a state-wide campaign in which high school

student teams compete to raise the most money. Bryn and Riley organized an all-female team, nicknamed the "Fearless Fighters," and worked to raise money throughout the seven-week campaign, which ended March 4.

The team raised almost 120 percent of their original goal and helped break a record for the most successful Students of the Year campaign for Arizona.

Upon completion of the campaign, Bryn said, "This cause is so important to me because my grandmother (Phoenix resident Irma Rodriguez) died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2019. It is my mission to honor her memory by helping people suffering from blood cancer, and we did just that through this journey. We are so proud of our team, and we are incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors, donors, friends, and family for helping us earn the Students of the Year Runners Up."

Xavier soccer team wins wins 12th state title

Xavier College Prep Gators won its 12th girls soccer state title in the 6A conference state championship. The student-athletes played regulation time, followed by two, 10-minute overtimes, then two five-minute quarters, and finally won in penalty kicks against Perry High School, 3-2.

It was the Gators' 16th state championship match appearance in school history.

Spiritline brings home awards from Nationals

Xavier's entire Spiritline had a winning weekend in Anaheim, California, at USA Nationals. They brought home several awards in the top advanced divisions. Jazz received fifth place and Pom received third place. Xavier also came home with three National Titles in All Girl Stunt, Show Cheer, and Crowleader divisions.



2022 Summer Camps

Registration forms available in the office or at MadisonHighlandPrep.org

Football

Mon through Thu
July 11th – 28th • 8:00 am – 11:00 am
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat football staff will focus activities on strength and conditioning, teambuilding, football skills, and drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$200.00**

Cheer

Mon through Thu
July 25th – 28th • 8:00 am – 11:00 am
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat cheer staff will focus activities on conditioning, cheer and dance skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$75.00**

Pep Band

Mon through Thu
July 25th – 28th • 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The Pep Band staff will focus activities on preparing for performance during the upcoming football season. Band instruments are required for the camp. **Fee: \$75.00**

Men's Soccer

Mon through Thu
July 11th – 28th • 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat soccer staff will focus activities on conditioning, formations, transitions, and set pieces. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$75.00**

VEX Robotics

Mon through Thu
July 18th – 28th • 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The VEX Robotics staff will focus activities on design, programming, and build skills in preparation for the 2019-2020 VEX competition game. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$125.00**

Aerial Drones

Mon through Thu
July 11th – 14th • 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The Aerial Drones staff will focus camp activities on technical skills in preparation for the 2021 Aerial Drones competition. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$75.00**

Women's Volleyball

Mon through Thu
July 18th – 21st • 8:00 am – 11:00 am
This camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat volleyball staff will focus activities on conditioning, volleyball skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. **Fee: \$75.00**



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Easter Service - 9:30 am
Brunch - 10:30 am
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Senior Living

Free resource and wellness fair scheduled

Home Instead has teamed up with the Family Life Center at North Phoenix Baptist Church to host a free wellness fair for older adults in the Phoenix area.

The Health Springs Eternal Wellness Fair, scheduled for Friday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is free to the public and promises to be not only a wealth of information and resources for seniors, their caregivers and loved ones, but lots of fun too.

At the event, guests will find nearly 70 indoor vendors offering a variety of resource information on home health, hospice, local senior living communities, rehab, attorneys, mobile doctors, insurance specialists and more.

The day will also include demonstrations and games, speaker breakouts, artwork by seniors, senior dog adoptions, food trucks and a flu shot clinic and health check area. Door prizes, goodies and giveaways will be offered throughout the day.

North Phoenix Baptist Church is located at 5757 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix. Contact the church at 602-707-5903 or visit www.nphx.org. For information about Home Instead Senior Care in central Phoenix, call 602-857-9221 or visit www.homeinstead.com/808.

Celebrate Earth Day, more at Phoenix senior centers

With 15 senior centers in the City of Phoenix, older adults have the opportunity to find a variety of activi-

ties and classes that will suit their needs and interests.

In North Central, residents can visit the Devonshire Senior Center, at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. (602-262-7807), and the Sunnyslope Senior Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave. (602-262-7572).

The Devonshire Senior Center offers food boxes the first Tuesday of every month through the St. Mary's T.E.F.A.P. (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). Other programs and activities are offered 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

April highlights include Art with Christy Friday April 8 and 22, and Art All Around Us, presented by the Phoenix Art Museum, April 12. Regular daily activities range from morning mindfulness and chair volleyball classes to documentary film programming and a weekly technology hour.

At Sunnyslope this month, in addition to its regular monthly programs held between 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the center will host AARP tax volunteers who are filing taxes again for those age 50 and older. The free program is available by appointment only, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make an appointment, visit <https://aztax-aide.org> or call 602-935-9384 to leave a message.

Also at Sunnyslope this month, residents both young and old can enjoy an Earth Day celebration, Saturday, April 23, from noon to 3 p.m. Presented in partnership with Keep Phoenix Beautiful, the day's activities will include outdoor games, information from community partners and Earth Day activities.

GENERATIONS

For more information on program-
ming, contact the individual center or
visit www.phoenix.gov/seniorcenters.

Duet relaunches caregiver
mentor program

More than 53 million Americans
provide unpaid care for one or more
loved ones, taking on a journey that
many experience but few identify with,
according to the National Alliance for
Caregiving. Duet: Partners In Health
& Aging is a Phoenix-based nonprofit
organization challenging the norms of
being a family caregiver through sup-
port groups, resources and programs.

Duet has relaunched its Caregiver-
to-Caregiver Mentor Program to help
connect isolated family caregivers in
need of support with other caregivers
who understand the complexities of the
caregiving journey.

“Many caregivers don’t give them-
selves the credit for the strength they
demonstrate, because they see it as the
natural thing to do,” said Duet caregiv-
er services director, Janet Richards. “By
creating a one-on-one connection with
someone who has been on the journey,
we hope to elevate them and encourage
them to remain connected to support
systems.”

Participants of the program will
receive a weekly check-in phone call
from their assigned mentor, who will
offer a listening ear and possibly discuss
any concerns the caregiver may have.
Duet’s mentor volunteers are caregivers
themselves that are in a stable place on
their journey, or whose loved one has

passed. They receive training before
being matched with participants.

Caregivers interested in being
matched with a trained mentor who
has been through the caregiving jour-
ney should contact Richards at
richards@duetaz.org or call 602-274-
5022, ext. 141.

Learn more about programs offered
through Duet at www.duetaz.org.

Kids & Families

Gear up for summer
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Families looking for artistic educa-
tion programs for those ages 6 to 18
may want to check out Phoenix Center
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Classes in art, music, theatre, writ-
ing and dance are offered late spring
and into summer. In addition, teens
who are interested in getting more
involved in the local arts community
can also join the Teen Artist Guild (also
known as TAG) for a small semi-annu-
al fee and attend the Center’s unique
“Meet the Artist” events, enter art in
TAG art shows, and participate in TAG
open studios and events.

Art classes kicking off in May
include online and in-person Youth
Digital Art Class and Creating an Art
Journal with Nik Ridley and Stroke of
Genius with Nancy Price. Youth inter-
ested in dance may want to check out
Beginner Hip-Hop with Phillip Curtis,
an eight-week class that begins May 19.

For the music lovers, Beginner
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Palm Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 10

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9 a.m. Contemporary Service

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

A contemplative service centered around a Holy Meal in the Upper Room.

Good Friday Worship Concert

Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

Featuring the First Church Concert Choir with Soloists, Organ, and Chamber Orchestra.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 17

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Hallelujah!

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10 a.m. A Taste of Easter - light sweets - and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Traditional Service



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Guitar for Kids with Pedro Pérez begins May 19, and Youth Piano 1 with James Melberg kicks off June 4.

While there is a fee for the classes, financial aid may be available for those who qualify. Call 602-254-3100 to speak to a patron services associate.

For more information or to sign up for classes, click on the "Classes" link at www.phoenixcenterforthearts.org.

Free writing workshop offered to Valley teens

Mesquite Library, part of the Phoenix Public Library system, is offering a free, teen focused writing workshop this month.

Geared for teens with an interest in writing, the Write Place Write Time program allows participants to work on a new project with the group, explore different types of writing and media, and spend time on their own personal writing, no matter what form it takes (fan fiction, sci-fi, poetry, etc.).

This is a fluid environment to celebrate and explore writing without the pressure of a grade or the constraint of rigid rules. No experience is necessary, and sharing writing is not mandatory (though encouraged).

Scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 4:30–5:30 p.m., the Write Place Write Time program is offered in person and online.

Mesquite Library is located at 4525 E. Paradise Village Pkwy. N. To register for the program, visit the library website and click on the Mesquite Library link under "Locations." To find other classes throughout April and beyond, visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Foster care and adoption info sessions available

Arizona's Children Association's (AzCA) will offer in-person and virtual

foster care and adoption information sessions for Valley families during April and beyond.

AzCA welcomes traditional and non-traditional, single or two-parent families regardless of race, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin or disability. The organization licenses homes for kinship, community, therapeutic foster care and respite care as well as provides adoption certification services. They work with all families to provide a temporary (foster) or permanent (adoption), safe, loving and supportive home where children of all ages can grow and develop.

The information sessions will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. The in-person sessions will be held the first Wednesday at 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite 200, in Phoenix. Virtual sessions are held the third Wednesday of the month via Zoom.

Call Tania Granados at 480-341-1340 or e-mail tgranadosperez@arizonaschildren.org to register for a session. For additional information about AzCA, visit www.arizonaschildren.org.

One Day at Camp event for families

Stepping Stones of Hope will host a day long program that provides awareness for children, teens and their families to understand issues of trust, family dynamics, interpersonal relationships, guilt, anger, memories, homes and dreams.

The One Day at Camp event will be held Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave.

For more information, call 602-264-7520 or visit www.steppingstone-sofhope.org.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Support local, celebrate Record Store Day

Originally conceived in 2007 as a way for independent store owners and employees as well as musical artists and customers to celebrate the unique culture surrounding record stores, the first Record Store Day (RSD) took place April 19, 2008. Today there are Record Store Day participating stores on every continent except Antarctica.

During the annual events, special vinyl and CD releases and various promotional products are made exclusively for the day. While the last two years have taken on a different flavor due to the pandemic, festivities frequently include performances, meet and greets with artists, DJs spinning records, and more. Since 2008, the list of titles released on Record Store Day has grown to include artists and labels both large and small, in every genre and price point. The list includes a wide range of artists, covering the diverse taste of record stores and their customers.

In and around North Central Phoenix, celebrate Record Store Day at Stinkweeds, 12 W. Camelback Rd. (www.stinkweeds.com, 602-248-9461); The “In” Groove, 3300 N. 24th St. (www.theingroove.com, 602-957-2453); The Record Room, 2601 W. Dunlap Ave., #15 (www.record-roomaz.com, 602-460-0040); Tracks in Wax Records, 4741 N. Central Ave. (www.tracksinwax.net, 602-274-2660); and Zia Records Phoenix, 1850 W.

Camelback Rd., and Thunderbird, 2510 W. Thunderbird Rd. (www.ziarecords.com).

Check with your local store to find out which of the 2022 releases they will carry. Learn more about Record Store Day 2022 at www.recordstoreday.com.

DanceWise showcase set for April 16

DanceWise Dance Studio will undertake its biggest venture so far — a full-scale show at the Madison Center for the Arts scheduled for April 16.

The locally owned and operated ballroom dance studio opened its doors Oct. 3, 2020, in the middle of the pandemic. Some might say it was a foolish move, but owners Julianne and Paul Daniells say they saw a need for dancing in the community, and with their wealth of years of experience as professional ballroom competitors and teachers, they set out to bring a fresh approach to the dance scene in Uptown Phoenix.

In October 2021 they celebrated their first year in business with a dance showcase. They sold out all of the available seats and had to turn some people away.

The pair realized that they needed a bigger venue for the next showcase. After looking at other locations, they settled on the Madison Center for the Arts.

“The production team at the Madison has been so helpful to our stu-

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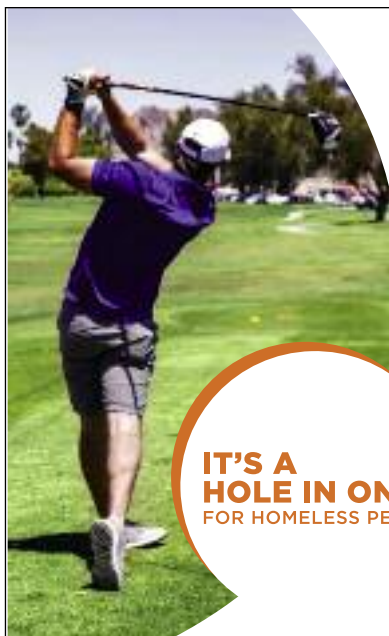
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dio in putting together this spectacular show,” Julianne said. “As you may know, ballroom dancing typically moves around the floor, and we have been working to adapt that dance style for the stage. Our students are extremely enthusiastic about this challenge, and it gives us an opportunity for exciting and different costumes, lighting and effects.”

To make this showcase even more special other local dance studios have been invited to collaborate to represent the best aspects of dance, not just technically, but to get to the heart of why dance and the arts are so important.

“Dance is a universal language,” said Paul. “We deliberately did not want all of the dancing looking the same, so we have included other dance styles and music from around the world. This showcase is going to be a journey, and the theme is Owliver’s Travels. Owliver is the DanceWise Dance Studio logo, an owl in a tailcoat and bow tie. So, our Owliver is going around the globe seeing dancing to music from different continents and countries. Dance generates emotions, not only for the performers, but for the spectators, and we want to take you on that journey with us”

Tickets for the all-ages show will be available from the Madison box office: 602-664-7777; www.themadison.org. DanceWise Dance Studio is located at 5555 N. 7th Street, Phoenix. For more information, call 602-493-6595 or visit www.dancewiseaz.com.

On The Town

From live, local music to national touring artists and internationally acclaimed musicians; from opera and live theater to art exhibits and artistic cultural celebrations, here are just a few of the events taking place on the town in April.



Johnny and Jaalene, Kid Ramos

April 2
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

Jermaine Lockhart

April 2
The Nash
<http://thenash.org>; 602-795-0464

Sarah Shook & the Disarmers

April 5
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

The Jeff Hamilton Trio

April 8
The Nash
<http://thenash.org>; 602-795-0464



(photo: Tim Trumble Photography)

‘Così fan tutte’

April 8–10
Arizona Opera
www.azopera.org; 602-266-7464

‘Beauty and the Beast Jr.’

Bender Performing Arts
April 9–10
Madison Center for the Arts
www.themadison.org; 602-664-7777

Rockabilly Sunday Afternoon/ California Angels

April 10
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

‘Ain’t Misbehavin’

Black Theatre Troupe
Thru April 10
Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center
www.blacktheatretroupe.org;
602-258-8128

‘Nina Simone: Four Women’

Thru April 10
Arizona Theatre Company
www.arizonatheatre.org; 602-256-6995

Phoebe Bridgers

April 13
Arizona Federal Theatre
www.arizonafederaltheatre.com;
602-379-2800

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ASU Jazz Night

April 14
The Nash
<http://thenash.org>; 602-795-0464

Gangstagrass

April 15
Crescent Ballroom
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Meute

April 19
Crescent Ballroom
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Orville Peck

April 19
The Van Buren
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Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters

April 20
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The Hu

April 21
The Van Buren
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'The American Rhapsody'

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April 22
The Phoenix Symphony
www.phoenixsymphony.org;
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Carole Pellatt Quartet

April 23
The Nash
<http://thenash.org>; 602-795-0464

Rosie Flores & The Talismen

April 23
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981



(photo: Tim Trumble Photography)

'Schoolhouse Rock Live'

Childsplay
April 23 – May 22
Herberger Theater Center
www.childsplayaz.org; 480-921-5700

'Broadway Cabaret'

Ballet Theatre of Phoenix fundraiser
for Convergence Ballet
April 24
www.ballettheatreofphx.org;
www.convergenceballet.org

Hot Chip

April 24
The Van Buren
www.thevanburenphx.com



'Desert Rider'

April 24 – Sept. 18
Phoenix Art Museum
www.phxart.org; 602-257-1880

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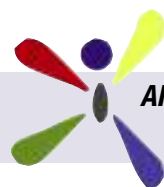
April 28
Chars Live
www.charslive.com; 602-607-5568

The Jimi Primetime Smith/ Bob Corritore Blues Band

April 30
The Rhythm Room
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'The Color Purple'

Through May 1
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Café Chat
Sample pan-Asian fare
at Moto Sushi

By Marjorie Rice

The menu at Moto Sushi + Spirits + Sustenance has its roots in pan-Asian cuisine, but the restaurant's history tracks back to a different culture — high-speed racing at the Indianapolis 500.

Vince Heppler opened Moto Sushi in 2005, but his interest in Asia dates back to 1969, when his grandfather's body shop was chosen to paint the car Mario Andretti drove when he won the race.

"There was a guy named Tommy Tsumi on the racing team," Heppler said. "He was from Japan, where he was also a race car driver.

"My grandparents, who owned the body shop along with my father, went to Japan to visit Tommy. He introduced my grandparents to owners of a body shop in Tokyo. They thought it would be awesome if their son, Sam, could come to the United States to



Vince Heppler with two of his passions: sushi and, in the background, beer. From left, customer favorites "April rolls," spider roll and surfer roll (photo by Marjorie Rice).

work with my parents.

"He lived with us for a year, and he turned me on to the great culture, the food, everything, of Japan. I fell into it, 100 percent."

Heppler started working at a local

Japanese restaurant when he was 19, and in 1983, after several years learning on the job about Japanese cuisine, Heppler opened Shogun restaurant at Cactus and Tatum. He also continued his education, visiting Japan several times.

"There were maybe four or five sushi bars in the entire state when we opened, not like around every corner like it is today," Heppler said. "I was the first non-Asian sushi chef in town. I knew that because I knew every sushi chef in town."

Today, his brother Bruce is Moto's sushi chef.

Shogun's mainly Japanese menu expanded to include other Asian cuisines, and Heppler sold Shogun in 1991 to focus on a new project: Shogun Express.

"We took the Shogun concept in a fast-food direction," Heppler said. Shogun Express grew to eight locations. All but one Shogun Express location was sold, and the remaining site, on 16th Street near Glendale, became Moto Sushi, opening in 2005.

Why Moto? Heppler also is a motorcycle enthusiast, so he combined 'moto,' which means original, or origin of, with sushi to christen the new business.

The menu, a combination of Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai and Korean influences, ranges from familiar

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appetizers (edamame, dumplings and spring rolls) to pho and miso soups, fried rice and pad Thai noodles and a customer favorite: Moto chicken salad, a mélange of shredded cabbage, sliced chicken breast, celery, scallions and crispy noodles with sesame dressing and peanuts. It was on the original Shogun menu in 1983 and has remained ever since.

Pad Thai is another favorite, and the Papa Tran riblets. But this is Moto Sushi after all, and the star is sushi.

In addition to traditional sushi, sashimi and rolls, one customer favorite has local roots.

About 10 years ago, 3TV meteorologist April Warnecke participated with Moto in a charity event, for which Heppler created his “April roll,” stuffed with crab, sauteed shrimp, cream cheese and jalapeno, then fried tempura-style, sliced and topped with spicy tuna and scallions and served with eel sauce.

“April gave us a list of ingredients she liked and we created this roll,” he said. “It’s been on the menu ever since.”

Other favorites include the spider roll — soy paper and nori wrapping soft shell crab, cucumber, yamagobo (pickled

burdock root), kiaware (sprouted daikon radish seeds) and avocado; and the surfer roll — spicy tuna, cucumber, avocado, shrimp and smelt roe with eel sauce.

The Moto menu reflects another Heppler passion — craft beer.

“The one thing I found was that no matter where we went, whether it was Japanese, Chinese or other Asian food, there never was a good beer selection,” he said. “We combined sushi and craft beer, and we’re the only one in the state that does that.”

There’s an ever-changing array of bottled and on-tap beers from every corner of the world, and dozens of beer taps — each one different — hang from the ceiling over the bar.

“Every one of those handles has been on tap here, and we have at least that many more in storage,” Heppler said. “We have a very eclectic collection.”

Moto Sushi + Spirits, at 6845 N. 16th St., is open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2 to 8 p.m., Sunday. For more information, call 602-263-5444 or visit www.mrmotorising.com.

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Dining Briefs
Wrigley hosts second annual Wine Festival

Dinners, live music, master classes, visiting sommeliers and some of the wine world’s biggest names — all this and more can be found at the second annual Wrigley Mansion Wine Festival, coming to the Valley April 28 – May 1.

Held at the historic Wrigley Mansion, the four-day celebration begins Thursday, April 28, with an exclusive Krug Champagne Dinner for 10 in the kitchen at the Chef’s Table.

Friday, April 29, features a Winemaker’s Dinner in the main dining verandas, hosted by Scherrer Winery’s founder Fred Scherrer and Master Sommelier Michael Jordan. Guests will enjoy unparalleled views and menus crafted by Chef CJ Khaley and pastry Chef Jolie Skwiercz.

The main event, the Grand Wine Tasting, held April 30, is a walk-around tasting that moves from the living room to the Garden Room and outdoor Garden Terrace. Guests will have the opportunity to sample more than 100 wines, talk and taste cheese with Chef Tracey Shepos Cenami from Kendall-Jackson Wine Estate & Gardens, savor Petrossian caviar, and enjoy bites from

the Wrigley Mansion chefs. Featured wines include selections from Scherrer Winery, Gran Moraine, Frog’s Leap, Hartford Family Winery, Kistler, Heitz, Jonata, Hilt, and many more.

A portion of proceeds from the Grand Wine Tasting will benefit Almost There Rescue: A Mom & Pups Rescue.

The festival closes out with Sunday brunch May 1 in Geordie’s Restaurant and Lounge, which will feature sparkling wines from Italy, France and Spain.

Tickets for all events are available via Tock. Wrigley Mansion is located at 2501 E. Telawa Trail. For more information, call 602-955-4079 or visit www.wrigleymansion.com/wine-festival.

Cartel opens Coronado location

In March, the Arizona family-owned Cartel Roasting Co. opened a new location in heart of Phoenix’s historic Coronado neighborhood.

Housed inside a restored 1915 bungalow at 2205 N. 7th St., Cartel Coronado will offer a full menu of Cartel’s coffee beverages, alongside pastries and breakfast burritos.

“We’ve done our best to preserve as much of its original look by leaving intact the facade, the charming fireplace and many small details throughout,” said Cartel co-owner, Amy Silberschlag. “Our team has also worked hard to make some slight but meaningful changes to create a comfortable, welcoming environment for our guests. We look forward to joining and serving the amazing community in Coronado and around it.”

Founded in Tempe in 2007 with a single coffee cart, and still family-owned by Amy and Jason Silberschlag, Cartel is a top specialty coffee retailer and roastery in Arizona, and now has 11 locations across Arizona, California and Texas.

Cartel Coronado, open 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily, features plenty of cozy nooks perfect for sipping and lounging inside the compact 1,217-sq.-ft. space. Guests can also kick back on the expansive front porch, or the spacious grounds filled with shade trees and seating areas.

For more information, visit www.cartelroasting.co.

New restaurant celebrates region’s heritage, history

The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown unveiled Caracara restaurant in March as one of the final phases of a property-wide renovation.

Described as “a celebration of the local Phoenix community’s heritage and history, showcasing locally-sourced

ingredients in Sonoran-inspired dishes and hand-crafted cocktails,” Caracara invites guests to immerse themselves in the destination with a modern design incorporating lush greenery and warm, earth tones along with an expansive 14-foot tree in the center of the dining room. Outside, the perimeter of the patio is lined with Cara Cara orange trees, the inspiration and namesake for the restaurant. The menu uses locally sourced ingredients to commemorate the heritage and history of the local Phoenix community.

Executive chef Chaz Frankenfield and Caracara’s chef de cuisine, Angy Dykstra, say they were inspired by the five C’s of Arizona: cattle, citrus, copper, cotton and climate, which served as an important role in Arizona’s economy early on and continue to play a strong cultural role in the community today. Their menu changes seasonally and uses locally sourced ingredients, influenced by the rich traditions of the Southwest, including Native American and Sonoran-inspired dishes.

Caracara is located on the hotel’s southeast corner, accessible through the ground floor lobby of the hotel and the 3rd Street entrance. For more information, call 602-817-5400 or visit www.caracarestaurant.com.

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