

Music Store to lead choir's summer camp

Children from South Tempe and West Chandler will once again have the opportunity to shine at the Chandler Children's Choir summer camp this year.

Experts from The Music Store will be among those leading the weeklong camp, to be held June 20-24 at Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 S. McClintock Drive. Children ages 6-15 are invited to participate. The cost is \$205 through May 31 and increases to \$230 after that date.

Kids will learn vocal, dance and acting from the Chandler Children's Choir artistic staff and campers will take part in ukulele classes and perform pieces for friends and family at the end of the week. The camp culminates with the children on stage performing with a live band for friends and family.

Information: chandlerchildrenschoir.org

KMS students honored at Poetry Slam

Nineteen Kyrene Middle School students took to the stage in the school's Poetry Slam program that drew some 70 parents, students and fans of the performers.

Four of the students were recognized for outstanding performances, including Shannon Amjadi, a sixth-grader, who performed Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Women," and Sofie Chung, a seventh-grader, for performing her own poem, "Wired Minds." Alex Pichardo, an eighth-grader,

was also honored for his rendition of "59" by Harry Baker.

Aidan Ruiz, an eighth-grader, received the highest number of votes from the judges and was the overall winner with his recitation of "To This Day" by Shane Koyczan.

'Picnic' coming to MCC Theatre this month

Mesa Community College's Theatre & Film Arts Department will present *Picnic* at 7:30 p.m. April 22, 23, 28 and 29 and 2 p.m. April 23 and 30 at the MCC Theatre.

Tickets, ranging from \$9 to \$12, are available by calling the MCC Box Office at 480-461-7172; online at mesacc.edu/arts; or at the door.

Directed by MCC Theatre & Film faculty member Kevin Dressler, *Picnic* is the story of a small Kansas town and the women who live there. When a handsome drifter, Hal, arrives, their lives are turned upside down.

And when Hal and Madge fall in love, their passion is strained by Madge's betrothal to another man and Hal's drifting ways. A look at America in the '50s, *Picnic* is a tale of desire and restraint that tugs at the fabric that holds comfortable society together.

The theater is on the south side of MCC's campus at 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa.

50-plus health, wellness event at Pyle Center

A free health and wellness expo for adults age 50 and up at Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., takes place 8 a.m. to noon April 14.

More than 50 vendors will gather to provide information on products and services of interest to seniors. Offerings include free class demonstrations and observations, giveaways and door prizes, free chair massages, a free healthy breakfast and more.

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital will provide blood-draw screenings, blood pressure and pulse oximetry, while Valley ENT will perform hearing screenings.

Information: 480-350-5211

Richardson, Hall, Olson in April 9 Showcase

Popular musicians Walt Richardson, Chuck Hall and Hans Olson will appear at Tempe Center for the Arts during a Songwriters Showcase performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

Tickets are available online at tca.ticketforce.com.

Arredondo girl heading for math finals

There are those who might call someone who really likes math and does well at it a "mathlete." So it is with Evelyn Briseno-Rodeo.

The Arredondo Elementary fourth-grader loves math. It's her favorite school subject. And her hard work and success in math has paid off.

Evelyn placed sixth in the Central Arizona Elementary School Math Championships recently, which means she qualifies for the state championships May 7 in Tucson.



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