# Schools

## Boys & Girls Club's got talent



Layleh Wishiewski (left) and Avery Berg (right) dressed as lost boys sing a song from "Peter Pan."



Ethan Gazzo serenades the members of the Boys & Girls Club McKee Branch with a song during the end of the summer talent show.



"Party" was the theme of the show that Aiden Larson put on at the Boys & Girls Club McKee Branch talent show.



Times photos by Joey Postiglione

Ellavive Hewett brought the house down with her performance at the local Boys & Girls Club talent show.

#### Board talks vaping

After taking a summer break during the month of July, the Fountain Hills Unified School District Governing board returned for the first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year on Aug. 14.

Vaping prevention

The main item discussed at the meeting, during the information portion was a vaping education and prevention curriculum for FHUSD students, provided by the Fountain Hills Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

The Coalition is using money from the Parents Commission Grant they were awarded in July to fund a curriculum for FHUSD that was developed by Stanford Medicine, called Tobacco Prevention Toolkit.

The material, covered in P.E. classes, would specifically come from the E-cigs/ Vapes Pod of the Toolkit.

At the meeting Coalition member, Shelly Mowrey, showed the Board numbers from Coalition surveys that showed cigarette use has gone down since 2010 among students, but there has been a 108 percent increase in the use of ecigarettes just from the year 2016.

The Board was receptive to Mowrey's presentation and agreed that there was an urgent need for students to see this information.

The Board did, however, ask Mowrey if the program addressed the root issue of

vaping, stress. As part of the money

from the grant, the Coalition has also provided an additional counselor to FHMS who will help students deal with toxic stress.

The board will vote on approval of the curriculum for FHHS and FHMS at its next regular meeting on Sept. 11.

**Care That** 

**Keeps You** 



Trinity Robertson (left) and her friend, Savannah Wagner (right), break it down with a rap at the Boys & Girls Club McKee Branch talent show.

Fountain Hills EVIT staff (from left) Jose Carillo

(cybersecurity), James Brady (recruiter), Linda Nordin

(receptionist), Karla Primosch (digital media), Mary

Trimble (Sports Medicine, nursing assistant, anatomy)

and Bruce Haseley (Digital Media, Business, Computer

"Businesses here have

the ability to either directly

or indirectly support our

students," Dr. Wilson said.

"In some cases our graphic

design students work with

businesses to layout and

design some of their pub-

lications. We also believe

there is real value for our

students to just talk with

business owners about their

experience and what it

house in September for

those in the community

interested in learning more

about the school.

EVIT will hold an open

takes to start a business."

**By Joey Postiglione** 

The East Valley Insti-

tute of Technology (EVIT)

Fountain Hills Campus is

open and ready for the new

school year, complete with

new programs for students

and adults in the commu-

ance of new Superinten-

dent Dr. Chad Wilson,

whose focus is on making

sure that EVIT is doing

the best that it can for the

lieve very strongly at EVIT

is that we have the power to

change lives and we do that

by loving our students and

serving the community," said Dr. Wilson.

to change lives is by adding courses for emerging CTE

fields that students can

bersecurity," Dr. Wilson said.

"We know that is an emerg-

ing field and we want to

grow that program to include

One of ways EVIT seeks

This year we added cy-

One of the things we be-

people it serves.

**ĚVIT** is under the guid-

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nity alike.

### EVIT offerings grow Sign up for **Youth Council**

The Fountain Hills Mayor's Youth Council is a group of teens dedicated to learning how government works as well as representing the concerns of their peers to the Mayor and Town Council members.

More than a communi service organization, the Mayor's Youth Council encourages leadership skills that students in grades 9-12 will use for their entire lives.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m., starting August 27. Mayor Ginny Dickey invites all youth in these grades to complete an application that can be found on the town website, fh.az.gov/myc, or at the Fountain Hills High School Office, kiosks in the Library, Community Center, or Town Hall.

#### **Attorney General warns** about e-cigarettes

Attorney General Mark Brnovich warns that illegal tobacco sales are on the rise and state officials blame the uptick on e-cigarettes to minors.

Brnovich's office is sponsoring an informational session to inform parents about the myths and facts that students have surrounding e-cigarettes at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 17, at Church of the Ascension, 12615 N. Fountain Hills

Blvd. The presentation will include information on the evolution of e-cigarettes and the dangers associated with the device and the chemicals that are inhaled when using them.

Recent data indicates that 51 percent of high school-aged youngsters have tried vaping.

Arizona law bans sales of tobacco products, including devices that vaporize nicotine, to those under age 18. Potential fines range from \$300 for an individual to \$1,000 for a business.



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education or to go right into

classes to students in and

outside of Fountain Hills,

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mer Four Peaks campus

- also rents space to small

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is a mutually beneficial re-

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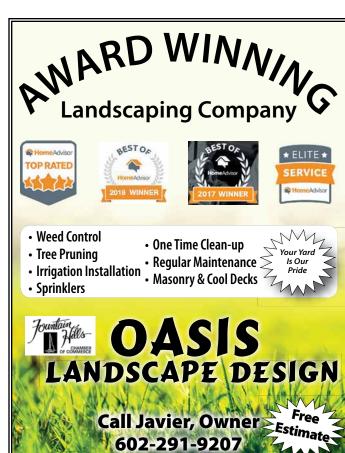
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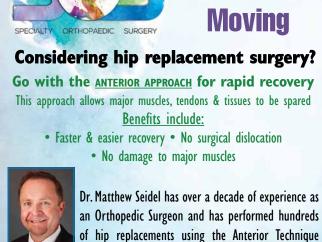
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