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Now before you moan and groan, hear me out. Your veggies are only a roast away from tasting better than ever before!

There are so many ways to prepare, pair, and cook veggies to bring out new and unexpected flavors. Today’s recipe features a medley of vegetables that, when cooked together, will leave your taste buds craving seconds.

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Taxpayers Be Wary Of ‘Ghost’ Tax Return Preparers

By Arizona Department of Revenue
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The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) advises taxpayers they should avoid “ghost” tax return preparers. A ghost preparer is paid to prepare a tax return, but does not sign it or include necessary information. The department warns taxpayers to be aware they may be a part of a scam if a preparer won’t put their name on the tax return.

By law, anyone who prepares or assists in preparing federal and state tax returns for compensation must have a valid 2018 Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Paid tax preparers are required to sign the tax returns they prepare on paper and include their PTIN. For electronically filed returns, the preparer must list their name and PTIN.

By not providing required information, it may appear the return was self-prepared, which helps keep the preparer under the radar. Also, ghost preparers may promise a large refund and charge fees based on a percentage of the refund. Taxpayers need to know that preparers are prohibited from charging a percentage of a taxpayer’s refund as their fee.

Taxpayer tips:
• Ask any questions before signing and filing. Ask the preparer to explain deductions, credits and wages claimed.
• Ensure the tax preparer provides you with a copy of the entire return, including schedules if there are itemized deductions or credits.
• Carefully review the tax return before submitting and ensure numbers are correct and schedules add up to source documents.
• Is the preparer available year-round and will the preparer explain how the return was prepared in the event of an examination by ADOR or the IRS?
• Did the preparer explain charges for services in advance?

It’s important for taxpayers to ask questions and carefully review their tax returns because they are ultimately responsible for what is filed, regardless of who prepared the return.

ADOR recommends taxpayers with concerns about their tax preparer should report it to the department’s “Report Tax Fraud Hotline” (602) 542-4023 or at azdor.gov/contact-us/report-tax-fraud.
Sonoqui Wash Trail Design Concepts
Provide Input On April 9
By The Town Of Queen Creek

The public is invited to provide input on design concepts for the improvements along Sonoqui Wash. The concepts will be presented along with the overall project on April 9 at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). The meeting will be held at the Queen Creek Library, Zane Grey Room, 21802 S. Ellsworth Road; it begins at 6 p.m. with the designs available for review at 5:30 p.m.

Sonoqui Wash Feedback received from the public at the meeting held in January was used to create the two concepts that will be presented on April 9. The Town's contracted design firm, Logan Simpson, will take the feedback received at this meeting to complete the final design concepts to present to PRAC and Town Council.

The design focuses on safety, beautification and functionality. The Sonoqui Wash runs through the southern portion of Town. A trail along the wash is constructed from Power Road to Ellsworth Road, with plans to eventually continue the trail to the Town’s eastern border. The Sonoqui Wash trail is part of the Town’s future trail loop that will connect the Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes. The wash trails provide a variety of recreation opportunities and a venue for alternative forms of transportation.

To learn more about the Town’s trail system, visit QueenCreek.org/trails. ★STT
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Outdoor Adventures
Saguaros, Biking, Snakes, and A Party With The Stars
By San Tan Times Staff
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All About Saguaros
Friday, April 05, 2019
09:00 AM - 11:00 AM
San Tan Mountain Regional Park
6533 W. Phillips Road
San Tan Valley, AZ 85142
(602) 506-2930

Friday – Join the ranger for a talk on this majestic green giant of the desert. Learn about its life stages, adaptations, and important place in the lives of many desert creatures. The indoor class will be followed by a saguaro trail walk (1-2.5 miles) on easy/moderate terrain. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and bring water, hat and sunscreen. Meet inside the Nature Center. 9-11am.

MTB 101 - Beginner Mountain Bike Ride and Clinic
Saturday, April 06, 2019
08:00 AM - 10:00 AM
San Tan Mountain Regional Park
6533 W. Phillips Road
San Tan Valley, AZ 85142
(602) 506-2930

Saturday – If you’re looking to learn new skills, increase your confidence on the bike, or simply enjoy the sport like never before, our MTB 101 class is just for you. This is the perfect introduction that teaches all the basic skills needed to ride in the desert & mountain terrain. Get to know your bike and riding equipment, learn how to balance, shift, and control your speed with proper braking, and familiarize yourself with riding protocol and safety. This introductory 30 min class is also followed by a short 3-4 mile ride to practice what you just learned. A helmet is required for safety reasons and please bring plenty of water, and an extra tube and tools to change a flat tire. If you’re a mountain bike beginner and have never ridden on the desert trails, you don’t want to miss this event! Meet at the Main Trailhead. 8-10am.

Rattlesnakes! Fact and Fiction
Saturday, April 06, 2019
10:00 AM - 03:00 PM
San Tan Mountain Regional Park
6533 W. Phillips Road
San Tan Valley, AZ 85142
(602) 506-2930

Presentations at 11am and 1pm (40 minutes, limited seating, arrive early)
Saturday – Join the professionals from Rattlesnake Solutions for an awesome educational experience! In working with thousands of rattlesnakes and people in the valley, they’ve heard every myth and “fish story” ever told. They will go through the top 10 bits of popular misinformation, why people believe it, and get to the real story. Learn to stay safe in the outdoors, what to do if you see a rattlesnake, and most importantly, what not to do. A Gila monster and live rattlesnakes from all around Arizona will be on display (safely behind locked glass!) from 10am-3pm. Presentations will be at 11am and 1pm (40 minutes, limited seating, arrive early) inside the Nature Center. Learn everything you’ve ever wanted to know about our most misunderstood
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By Angela Askey, Executive Director Public Relations and Marketing, CAC

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Five of Central Arizona College’s outstanding students have been selected to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society All-Arizona Academic Team.

All-Arizona students demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends beyond the classroom to benefit society. Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges, Arizona Community Colleges, the Arizona Board of Regents and the Follett Higher Education Group help these students reach their educational goals by awarding scholarships and issuing tuition waivers to any of Arizona’s three state universities: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or the University of Arizona.

Jayden Riedel (Superstition Mountain Campus) received a $750 scholarship as a Second Team scholar. Arcelia Avechuco-Lopez (Aravaipa Campus), Sylvester Howard III (San Tan Campus), Michaela Korges (Signal Peak Campus), and Kelly Myszewski (Maricopa Campus) were named Third Team members and each was granted a $500 scholarship.

The awards were announced during the All-Arizona Academic Team Recognition Ceremony held at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa, AZ on Wed., February 27, 2019.

Nathaniel Bush, a CAC graduate and 2015 First Team Scholar was the keynote speaker and spoke about transformation. Bush graduated with honors from CAC in 2015. His dedication to his collegiate pursuits, fellow students and Phi Theta Kappa membership contributed to his being named to the All-Arizona Academic Team, recognition as a Silver Scholar through the Coca-Cola Foundation and earning a Hites Transfer Scholarship. A full-time student at Arizona State University, he maintains a 4.0 GPA and is on track to be awarded a Master of Social Work this May, achieving this milestone while working full-time as a primary therapist at a Fountain Hills Recovery Center and interning 16 hours weekly. Nathaniel credits his experiences at Central Arizona College for teaching him to love education and awakening a boundless potential that he did not know existed, empowering him with self-confidence and teaching him how to smile.

Jayden Riedel (Superstition Mountain Campus) – Second Team

Riedel plans to transfer to The Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at Arizona State University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. His goal is to work with an environmentally friendly company that strives to create environmentally friendly fuel, resolve the effects of pollution or design alternative means.

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Color Run Reminder

One week left to register
By American Leadership Academy
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There is just ONE week left to register for our Color Run. You are not going to want to miss the family, fun event!

The event will take place on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at 8:00 am. The event will include not only a Fun Run/Walk where you will be doused with color at various color stations, but also a Warrior after party. The Warrior after party will include a DJ, food trucks (Super Farm Super Truck and Udder Delights), face painting, and more.

This event is open to Warrior Families and the public. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come out for a fun event. This event is a fundraising event for our school. All money made goes directly back to our school. With the money earned, we will be putting it towards our Specials programs, an angel fund for families in need, as well as Breast Cancer research in honor of families and staff of ALA who have been battling breast cancer.

Registration is quickly coming to an end. Registration (if you want supplies) closes on Wednesday, April 10th. Don’t wait to register! You can register online at: https://secure.getactivefundraising.com/event/2019---American-Leadership-Academy---Queen-Creek-AZ

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me at: tcericola@alaschools.org.

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Local Recipe: Rainbow Roasted Veggies

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Time to see just how delicious healthy eating can be!

Ingredients

• 2 red bell peppers, seeded and cut into 1/2 inch strips
• 2 orange beets, peeled and cubed
• 16 pattypan squashes
• 6 mini green zucchini
• 1 purple onion, cut into wedges
• 2 tablespoons of olive oil
• 1/2 of a teaspoon of sea salt
• 1/4 of a teaspoon of black pepper

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F, and lightly grease a rimmed baking sheet with olive oil.
2. Arrange the veggies on the prepared pan in the order of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue/purple. Drizzle the olive oil over the veggies and sprinkle with the salt and pepper.
3. Roast the veggies in the preheated oven until browned and tender (20 minutes).

Nutritional Facts

Servings: 1
Calories: 130
Fat: 5g
Carbohydrates: 20g
Sugar: 13g
Sodium: 189mg
Fiber: 6g
Protein: 5g

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Master Gardeners Series: Watersheds
By San Tan Mountain Regional Park
Saturday, April 13, 2019
9 AM – 11 AM
San Tan Mountain Regional Park
6533 W Phillips Rd,
San Tan Valley, Arizona 85142

Earth Day Event and Ladybug Release
By Apache Junction Parks & Recreation and Frontier ACE Hardware and Horizon Health and Wellness
Saturday at 9 AM – 12 PM
Earth Heart Park and Community Garden
625 N Plaza Dr,
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

San Tan Eats at Central Arizona College San Tan Campus
By CAC San Tan and San Tan Valley Chamber of Commerce
SAT, APR 6: 5:00 PM
Central Arizona College
San Tan Campus
3736 E Bella Vista,
San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Road to Country Thunder
By Road to Country Thunder
Saturday at 5 PM – 10 PM
440 N Main St,
Florence, AZ

Dionysus Dash ARIZONA
By Dionysus Dash
Saturday at 8 AM – 11 AM
Windmill Winery
1140 W Butte Ave,
Florence, Arizona 85132
Tickets · $19.99 - $39.99 via Eventbrite

3rd Annual Touch a Truck 2019
By EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS - Queen Creek Campus
Saturday at 10 AM – 1 PM
4567 W. Roberts Road,
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Free Pancake Breakfast
By Rural Metro Fire and Mike Goodman
Saturday at 9 AM – 11 AM
Central Arizona College San Tan Campus
3736 E Bella Vista, San Tan Valley, 85143
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native wildlife. Bring your questions and we’ll see you there! Meet inside the Nature Center.

Sonoran Stroll
Friday, April 05, 2019
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM
Usery Mountain Regional Park
3939 N. Usery Pass Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85207
(602) 506-2930

Enjoy this casual 1-2 mile stroll in our beautiful Sonoran Desert with our Park Ranger. Please bring water and closed-toe shoes. Meet at Trailhead Staging.

Meet Jake the Snake
Saturday, April 06, 2019
01:30 PM - 03:30 PM
Usery Mountain Regional Park
3939 N. Usery Pass Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85207
(602) 506-2930

Visit our Nature Center and see the longest species of snake found in Arizona! Ranger B will be at this drop-in style event to share some amazing facts about this super snake. Visit anytime between 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, April 06, 2019
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM
Lost Dutchman State Park
6109 N Apache Trail,
Apache Junction, Arizona 85119
(480) 982-4485
jvallejos@azstateparks.gov

Purchase tickets online: pictureperfectpark7.eventbrite.com
A picture perfect wine and food tasting fundraiser to benefit the Lost Dutchman State Park. This event is sponsored by Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park (501c3). Proceeds go to the Trail & campsite improvements, programs for kids and the other great offerings at the Lost Dutchman State Park.

$78/couple | $42 single | $15 minors (must be accompanied by adult)

Star Party!
Saturday, April 06, 2019
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
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During this special Star Party, the Superstition Astronomical League provide telescopic views of the moon, planets, star clusters, and galaxies!

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of powering the world’s grid. He serves as Vice President of Student Government, member of the National Leadership Society, member of the STEM program and is a Phi Theta Kappa officer.

Arcelia Avechuco-Lopez (Aravaipa Campus) – Third Team

Avechuco-Lopez will major in communications at the University of Arizona. Her career goal is to create her own traveling tour for various artists. She is a Student Government officer, Phi Theta Kappa officer and received the 2018 Saddle Notes book scholarship.

Sylvester Howard III (San Tan Campus) – Third Team

Howard seeks to obtain a master’s degree in sports business from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. His career goal is to start his own sports academy for young athletes. He is a United Food Bank and Welcome to America volunteer, a Phi Theta Kappa Officer, and serves as an Assistant Basketball Coach.

Michaela Korge (Signal Peak Campus) – Third Team

Korge is a student leadership and Phi Theta Kappa officer, is a food shelf volunteer, and is involved in Venturing. She will transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor of Humanities degree and plans to further her education at the University of Arizona to receive a master’s degree in Library Science.

Kelly Myszewski (Maricopa Campus) – Third Team

Myszewski will transfer to Arizona State University School of Nutrition and Health Promotion to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science (Dietetics). She also plans to pursue a master’s degree in Counseling. Her career goal is to become a Registered Dietitian to assist others in disease management and health maintenance. In addition to being an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, she has been a SEEDs Program Peer Advocate, NATN Mentor, and MDS Wellness Committee volunteer.

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20th Annual Chandler Jazz Festival
By Chandler Jazz Festival and 5 others
FRI, APR 5 - 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM
SAT, APR 6 - 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Dr. AJ Chandler Park
178 East Commonwealth Avenue,
Chandler, Arizona 85225

Free Movie in the Park- Ralph Breaks the Internet
By Gilbert Parks & Recreation and 5 others
Friday at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
130 N Oak St,
Gilbert, AZ 85233-5411

Pinal County Sheriff’s Office Victim Services Golf Fundraiser
By Pinal County Sheriff’s Office
Saturday at 7 AM – 6 PM
The Links at Queen Creek
445 E Ocotillo Rd.,
San Tan Valley, Arizona 85140

Desert Dog Police K9 Trials
By Desert Dog Police K9 Trials
SAT, APR 6: 8:00 AM
SUN, APR 7: 8:00 AM
Saturday at 8 AM – 3 PM
Scottsdale Stadium
7408 East Osborn Road,
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Star Party!
By Lost Dutchman State Park
Saturday at 8 PM – 10 PM
Lost Dutchman State Park
6109 N Apache Trail,
Apache Junction, Arizona 85119

Legacy Traditional’s Spring Fling
By Legacy Traditional School - Gilbert
Saturday at 3 PM – 6 PM
The is a free Event, but the free tickets must be reserved by Apr 6 at 6 PM
Legacy Traditional School - Gilbert
2747 S Recker Rd,
Gilbert, Arizona 85295

Neon Night At The Patio
By The Patio at The Forum and The-Forum
Saturday at 6 PM – 10 PM
The Patio at The Forum
2301 S Stearman dr,
Chandler, Arizona 85286
Tickets by Eventbrite

Once On This Island Jr Show
By Arizona Repertory Theatre for Kids
FRI, APR 5: 7:00 PM
SAT, APR 6: 2:00 PM
SAT, APR 6: 7:00 PM
W San Tan Hills Dr,
San Tan Valley, AZ 85143
Tickets:
Ticketsart4kids.net

World Of Outlaws at Arizona Speedway
By ET Motopark Arizona Speedway and San Tan Ford
Saturday at 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM
ET Motopark Arizona Speedway
48700 N Ironwood Dr,
San Tan Valley, Arizona 85140
ticket
Ticketsworldofoutlaws.com

Papa Johns Family Food Day
By American Leadership Academy - San Tan Valley K-6
Friday at 10 AM – 11 PM
American Leadership Academy - San Tan Valley K-6
34696 North Village Lane,
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