

March 24 PCFYI: Creating workforce of the future, small business awards and quieter gardening equipment

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Workforce summit draws business leaders, focuses on future of Pima County's labor force

The future of Southern Arizona's job ecosystem and economy took center stage March 16 at a workforce summit hosted by Pima County and its Workforce Investment Board. More than 250 people gathered for networking and discussions about how the workforce is developing in Pima County.

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Board of Supervisors honors 3 companies with 2022 Small Business of the Year Awards

A local coffee shop with a laid-back vibe. A nonprofit trade association working to find solutions for companies in Southern Arizona's construction industry. A family-owned business providing in-home

care to seniors. All are winners of Pima County's 2022 Small Business Awards. The honorees, including Crema Coffee owners Aaron and Amy Wilson (shown here), were recognized at the March 21 meeting of the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Click on the link below to read about what makes each business special.

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Pima Community College, with boost from County, offers 'FastTrack' to in-demand jobs



David Salinas never saw himself working in the information technology field. Even if he had, he probably wouldn't have been able to afford the training necessary to enter the industry. That was until he joined [PimaFastTrack](#), the Micro-pathways program at Pima Community College.

The program is partially funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. PimaFastTrack is one of many stories you'll find featured on PimaRecovers, a website offering public review of grants received by Pima County to address the pandemic.

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Las Artes graduates look forward to new careers, better lives

On Thursday, March 9, it became official. Cheyenne Riviera had made it. She had passed the GED exam.

In doing so, Riviera joined several other Las Artes Arts & Education Center graduates on

the threshold of entering the workforce. But for her, there was another bonus as well. Making her 5-year-old proud.

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Program helps curb noise, emissions from landscaping tools while saving users money

Eric Hostetter, the owner of Hoss Haus Home Improvement LLC, was in the market for new tools. A friend told him about the [Cut Down Pollution](#) program, an initiative by Pima County's [Department of Environmental Quality](#), which enabled him to drop off his old, gas-powered equipment at the Los Reales Landfill in exchange for a receipt. He sent that receipt to DEQ and received several vouchers to use at his local Home Depot store. Hostetter ultimately came out with brand-new, battery-powered equipment and several hand tools. "And it saved me about 400 bucks," he said.



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Reporting crime only requires a phone call

It's easy to prevent crime or share tips on a crime that may have already been committed, thanks to the 88-Crime program, part of the Pima County Attorney's Office.

Check out this resource, in English and Spanish, offering three easy ways to share tips.

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Join Health Department this Saturday for Zumba in the Park

The Pima County Health Department and the Arizona Cancer Center are co-hosting a fitness and cancer awareness event at Rudy Garcia Park, on the southeast corner of South Sixth Avenue and West Irvington Road, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Planned activities include Zumba; a fun walk or run; giveaways; and music from DJ Tony Becino. Participants may register on-site or online at [this website](#).



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Last Valet VITA tax-help session is set for March 30

Pima County residents have one last chance to have their taxes prepared and filed for them at no cost. The Valet VITA program will host its final clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on



Thursday, March 30, at the County's Kino One-Stop, 2797 E. Ajo Way. It typically takes about two weeks for clients to see their tax returns, but an initial visit with a tax preparer only takes about half an hour. Clients should bring their government-issued photo IDs, Social Security cards and all relevant tax documents.

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Young moms are first to complete Pima County support program

One wants to go into the construction. The other, the dental field.

Now, thanks to the Pima County Health Department's AIM 4 Teen Moms program, both Marisol Rangel, 18, and Cristina Sanchez, 17, are well on their way toward achieving those goals. The 12-week program, along with providing the resources needed for success, encourages young mothers to set goals and create a path toward achieving them.



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PACCmobile may be coming to a neighborhood near you

Get an inside look at the Pima Animal Care Center's new PACCmobile. This mobile unit is essentially PACC on wheels, bringing pet services and adoptable animals to directly to the community.

The PACCmobile will be used for everything from adoption and vaccination events to microchipping, spaying and neutering.

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Today is the deadline to apply for Summer Youth Employment Program

Paid summer internships are available for youths 14 to 21 years old through Pima County's [Summer Youth Employment Program](#). But don't delay, the last day to apply is March 24 at 5 p.m. The program



allows young people to earn \$15.75 per hour for 20 to 30 hours of work per week with local businesses, nonprofits or Pima County departments.

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Vote for El Tour de Tucson in USA Today reader poll

El Tour de Tucson has been named a finalist in USA Today's 2023 10 Best Readers' Choice travel awards contest for Best Road Cycling Event. Deadline to vote is Sunday, March 26.

The Chuck Huckelberry Loop received

10Best.com honors for Best Recreational Trail in 2022 and 2021. Click on the link below to vote for El Tour de Tucson today.

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Library urges patrons to switch to Libby app as Overdrive is discontinued

If you are still using the Overdrive app to access digital assets from the Pima County Public

Library, be aware that Overdrive will be discontinued on May 1. But don't fret, there's an even better app — Libby — that is already available for library patrons. Make sure you switch to Libby no later than April 30 to avoid any possible disruptions in your library activities.



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