

## Entertainment

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get caught in another whirlwind that sweeps them off to Wonderland, where they meet Alice, White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, March Hare, the Cheshire Cat, and many more. Dorothy and Alice must team up to defeat the Queen of Hearts before they find their way home. It's truly a mad adventure. The shows are at 7 p.m. April 15-16 in the Fremont JHS auditorium, 1001 N. Power Road in Mesa. Tickets are available in the Fremont Bookstore in the front office through presale for \$3 each. Tickets will also be sold at the door, but there are no guarantees for tickets because the auditorium can only hold 440 seats each night.

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### QUEEN CREEK — Queen Creek “Festival”:

5:30-9 p.m., in the northwest parking lot of the Queen Creek Branch Library, 21802 S. Ellsworth Road (facing Ellsworth Loop). This gathering of food trucks returns every Friday night. For more information, visit the event Facebook page.

**QUEEN CREEK — “Peter Pan Jr.”:** 7 p.m., Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, 22149 E. Ocotillo Road. \$15 for adults and \$13 for children. Based on the Disney film, Peter Pan Jr. is a modern version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up. The score includes classic Disney songs, such as “Following the Leader,” “You Can Fly,” “The Second Star to the Right” and “Yo Ho, A Pirate's Life for Me.” Tinkerbell will light the way as theater-goers come and see the play. For tickets, visit [www.qcpac.com](http://www.qcpac.com) or call 480-9877469.

### APRIL 16-SATURDAY

**APACHE JUNCTION — Fourth annual Earth Day Celebration and Ladybug Release:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at EarthHeart Park, 625 N. Plaza Drive. Free. Presented by Horizon Health and Wellness and Apache Junction Parks and Recreation. Family-friendly activities and attractions include live music, dancing, face-painting, art projects, photos with a live gnome, bounce houses, piñata-breaking and free raffles every 30 minutes. Kids should wear clothes they can get wet in as there will be a water obstacle course to participate in. Free veggie and fruit samples while supplies last. Help create a community ladybug mural. Free wellness workshops will be presented on tai chi, yoga and raw-chocolate cooking. There also will be vendors with items for purchase. More than 100,000 ladybugs will be released at 10 a.m. For more information, call the Apache Junction Multi-Generational Center at 480-474-5240 or visit [www.ajcity.net/fitfamilies](http://www.ajcity.net/fitfamilies).

**MESA — Dina Preston Band:** The Dina Preston Band is well known in the Valley and has had more than 20 tours overseas entertaining U.S. troops. The band will play old and new county hits and rock n'roll at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at McGavin Ranch, 8840 E. Sunland Ave. in Mesa. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained from Roger Gentry, lot 175, or from the office at McGavin Ranch. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Mr. Gentry at 480-202-6542.

**APACHE JUNCTION — “The Foreigner”:** A comedy presented on weekends April 8-23 by Zao Theatre at Centerstage Church, 550 S. Ironwood Drive in Apache Junction. It is Zao's last production of its 2015-16 season. The central character is Charlie Baker, a painfully shy British proofreader who briefly escapes a disastrous marriage by spending a few days at a remote Georgia hunting lodge posing as a foreigner who neither speaks nor understands English. This fairly simple set-up paves the way for several hilarious and insightful scenes, when the others spill the beans about some rather dark and potentially disastrous secrets (thinking that Charlie has no idea what they're divulging). Show times are 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16; 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22; and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Tickets cost \$15, \$16.52 with the service fee, for adults; \$9, \$10.31 with the service fee, for ages 17 and younger; and \$13, \$14.45 with the service fee, per person for groups of 10 or more. To order tickets in advance, call the box office at 480-924-5122 or visit the Zao website at [www.zaotheatre.com](http://www.zaotheatre.com). On the day of the show, tickets may be purchased at the door. For information on the day of the show, call 602-320-3275.

**MESA — MACFest:** The Mesa Arts and Crafts Festival ends its eighth season 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, on North MacDonald Street between Pepper Place and Main Street. North Mac-Donald is closed to traffic, but parking is available all around the downtown Mesa area. MACFest is a free event featuring unique artist creations, music and fun for the whole family. The festival features the work of established and emerging artists and crafters including woodworking, metal crafts, food items, jewelry, photography, handmade soaps, gift items, ceramics and much more. Regular season shows are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays from October to April. Free admission to the public. Go to [www.macfestmesa.com](http://www.macfestmesa.com) to learn more about being an artist with MACFest or send an e-mail to [info@macfestmesa.com](mailto:info@macfestmesa.com).

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### **MESA — ‘Dorothy in Wonderland’ Musical:**

Students at Fremont Junior High School are putting on the musical “Dorothy in Wonderland,” written by Brian D. Taylor and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc., Englewood

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