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It is one of the biggest events taking place in the Town each year, and the Cave Creek Rodeo Days celebration rides into town this month. This year, Cave Creek Rodeo Days is celebrating 41 years of preserving western heritage and promoting the sport of professional rodeo.

Produced by an all-volunteer committee and sponsored by **Sanderson Ford** in Glendale, Cave Creek Rodeo Days 2018 takes place March 17–25. The **Kiwanis Marketplace** in Cave Creek is a Platinum Sponsor this year.

“We cherish our western lifestyle,” says **Cave Creek Mayor Ernie Bunch**. “Our entire community is coming together for Cave Creek Rodeo Days. This event celebrates everything we love about our town.”

Not only is the Rodeo a community-wide effort, it is award-winning, and was voted first place for the 2017 Justin Boot Best Footing Award in the Turquoise Circuit. The award is given to the rodeo that had the safest, most consistent ground conditions throughout the entire rodeo, ensuring a safe and level playing field for the barrel racing contestants and their horses.

More than just a weekend event, after the naming of the 2018 Rodeo Queen and Teen on March 10, Rodeo festivities officially kick off at 9am Saturday, March 17, with the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Parade through the Town of Cave Creek. Immediately after the parade, the **Buffalo Chip Saloon & Steakhouse** will host mutton bustin’ for the children beginning at 11:30am, and the official kick-off dance beginning at 8pm.

The Cave Creek Rodeo Golf Tournament takes place Monday, March 19, at **Tatum Ranch Golf Course**, and the live rodeo action will thrill spectators March 23–25.

Cervi Championship Rodeo is once again supplying championship stock for the Cave Creek Rodeo, with the Cervi family overseeing and participating in every aspect of the rodeo production.

The three performances of the Cave Creek Rodeo (and two Slack performances) will take place March 23–25 at the **Cave Creek Memorial Arena**, 37201 North 28th Street in Cave Creek. In the middle of the action, join the **Kiwanis Club of Carefree** for a Rodeo Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 24, 7–11am, in Carefree’s **Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion**.

Those who would like to enjoy the 41st Cave Creek Rodeo Days VIP style, need to be in the Stockman’s Club, a private area that offers catered food, complimentary beverages, preferred parking and close-to-the-action seating for every PRCA performance. Friday night’s banquet will be served by **Peaks & Valley Restaurant**; Saturday night by **Indigo Crow**; and Sunday by **Q-to-U-BBQ**. Purchase tickets online at www.cavecreekrodeo.com.

Turn the page for details on all the
2018 Cave Creek Rodeo Days celebration events!

Photo by Greg Westfall

Rodeo Days 2018 Kicks Off March 17 *Parade, Mutton Bustin' & Rodeo Dance*

Early Saturday morning March 17, bystanders start lining the Town's main street to catch the beginning of the Historic Western Parade, which starts at 9am. New this year, the **Shriners** will bring Kayla the Camel and her buddy the burro, Mahala, to the parade. Several businesses will be serving breakfast along the way. Cave Creek Rodeo Days is celebrating 41 years of preserving the Town of Cave Creek's western heritage and promoting the sport of professional rodeo, and the Rodeo Days Parade brings the entire town out to showcase its western spirit.

Immediately after the parade, **Buffalo Chip Saloon & Steakhouse**, 6823 East Cave Creek Road, will host the mutton bustin', where children ages 4-7, and weighing less than 75 pounds, ride a sheep across the arena for 6 seconds to win prizes. The cost is \$10 per contestant and signup begins at 11:30am with the event starting at 12:30pm.

Saturday evening, the official Cave Creek Rodeo Days kick off dance is held, also hosted by Buffalo Chip Saloon & Steakhouse. Dancing starts at 8pm and continues well into the night.

Visit www.cavecreekrodeo.com for Rodeo Days information.



MAYOR BUNCH WRITES...

By Mayor Ernie Bunch

March in Cave Creek is yet another exciting event-filled month for us.

The biggest thing in March has to be the Rodeo.

The Rodeo Parade starts at 9am Saturday, March 17 — Saint Patrick's Day! This is always fun, and I'm told we've got some entries you just have to see to believe.

Get there early so you don't miss anything! This year's Mutton Busting competition is being held at The Buffalo Chip Saloon. Great entertainment watching kids ride sheep that don't really want to be ridden!

On Monday at Tatum Ranch Golf Club, we have the Tournament. Check in starts at 10:30am with a 12:30pm Shotgun Start.

The Rodeo features three performances: Friday, March 23, at 7:30pm; Saturday, March 24, at 7:30pm; and Sunday, March 25, at 2pm. Friday night, March 23, David Lee Murphy will be performing at 10pm inside at Harold's. Your Friday Rodeo ticket will get you into the performance for free or you can pay concert entry at the door until we reach capacity. The concert is sponsored by Sanderson Ford and KNIX Radio. There will be remote parking for the rodeo with bus transportation to and from the Rodeo Grounds. Check the website for further details on this. There is much more information online at www.cavecreekrodeo.com!

This event is one way that Cave Creek continues to celebrate our Western Heritage so come on up and enjoy the festivities.

Many things are going on in town and we've got Bike Week coming up as well, so, if you're making long-term plans for entertainment, be sure to include Cave Creek.



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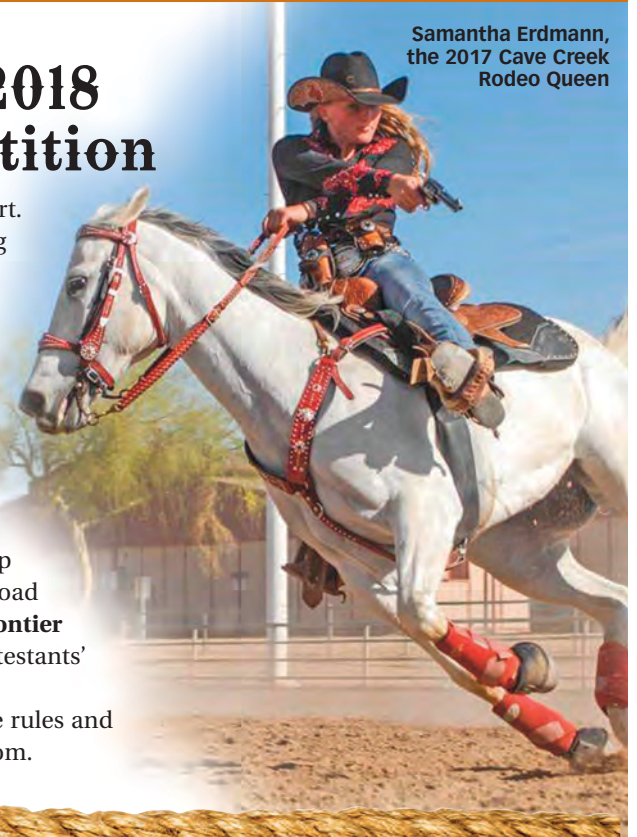
Cave Creek Rodeo 2018 Queen & Teen Competition

Every rodeo needs a queen, and every queen needs a court. The **2018 Cave Creek Rodeo Days** organizers are seeking young ladies who want to promote the sport of rodeo and the western way of life through its Queen and Teen pageant events. The 2018 royalty will ride the ring and participate in the parade. Royalty must portray good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflect the careful and humane treatment of animals.

The Queen contestant must be 17 years of age and not older than 23. Teen contestants must be 13 years of age and not older than 17. An adult chaperon will accompany the teen.

The competition, held March 10, will consist of horsemanship pattern and interviews at **Outlaws**, 6705 East Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek. There will also be a dinner/coronation held at **Frontier Town**, 6245 East Cave Creek Road, to showcase the contestants' speech, modeling and extemporaneous questions.

The deadline for contestants to enter is March 3. Complete rules and additional information can be found at www.cavecreekrodeo.com.



Samantha Erdmann,
the 2017 Cave Creek
Rodeo Queen

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Three Days Of Rodeo Action Kick Off March 23

The Cave Creek Rodeo Days brings its Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) performances back to the Cave Creek Memorial Arena March 23-25. The Town of Cave Creek and the Rodeo Days committee invite Valley residents to attend the three-day event that celebrates the town's western heritage and tradition of professional rodeo in Cave Creek, while also helping support local charities.

WPRA Slack gets the rodeo party started Friday, March 23, 9am-noon, with the first main performance beginning at 7:30pm. Friday night's performance

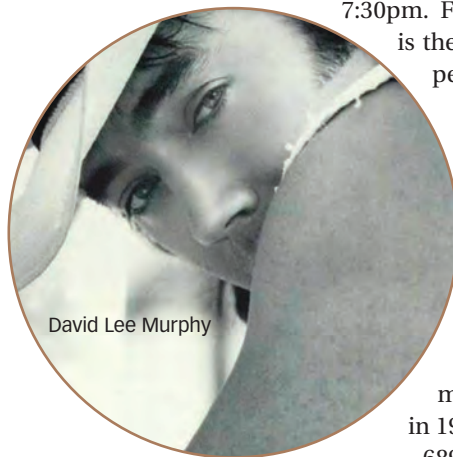
is the Wrangler National Patriot performance. The Wrangler National Patriot program was created to provide funding and support for America's wounded and fallen soldiers and their families. More than \$800,000 has been donated to date.

After the performance, at 10pm, **David Lee Murphy**, an American country music artist signed to MCA Nashville Records in 1994, will be live in concert at **Harold's Corral** 6895 East Cave Creek Road. Entry to the concert is free with a Rodeo ticket. Tickets will also be available at the door at \$22. The concert is presented by **Sanderson Ford** with an appearance by **Tim & Ben** from **102.5 KNIX**.

Cave Creek Rodeo has recently teamed up with the **Man Up Crusade** to bring "Purple Night" Saturday, March 24. The Man Up Crusade (www.manupcrusade.com) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating public awareness on the issue of domestic violence. The Saturday performance begins at 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 25, catch the second Slack performance from 9am to 1:30pm, followed by the Wrangler "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" main performance, which begins at 2pm.

Cave Creek Memorial Arena is located at 37201 North 28th Street in Cave Creek. Tickets for Cave Creek Rodeo Days may be purchased online at www.cavecreekrodeo.com for \$22 or at the gate for \$25.



David Lee Murphy

Tee Off At Rodeo Golf Tournament

Tatum Ranch Golf Club, an award-winning Robert Cupp-designed golf course, will host the Cave Creek Rodeo Golf Tournament Monday, March 19.

Sign-in is at 10:30am with tee off at 12:30pm. The cost to participate is \$150 per person or \$600 for a foursome. Included in the price are the green fees, cart and range balls; the tournament will include hole-in-one, closest to pin and longest drive contests. A prime rib/chicken banquet and awards dinner will begin at 6pm with a silent auction from 5pm to 8pm.

Tatum Ranch Golf Club is located at 29888 North Tatum Ranch Drive in Cave Creek. For more information about the tournament and other Rodeo events, visit www.cavecreekrodeo.com.

New Parking Plans For 2018 Rodeo Days

Parking at the rodeo grounds has always been a challenge and full of frustration. This year, the Rodeo committee will use buses from **Cave Creek Unified School District** to help alleviate parking issues. The buses will do two things: alleviate parking at the rodeo grounds and keep people from waiting in line for tickets at the rodeo grounds.

Buses will start running for the first rodeo performance Friday, March 23, and will follow on Saturday night. There will be two pick-ups in Cave Creek: Harold's Corral and the parking lot behind the Post Office; the busses will then proceed to the **Cave Creek Memorial Arena**.

There will be three buses with the first pickup at Harold's Corral at 5:30pm, with two other buses following up every fifteen minutes. They will leave the rodeo grounds immediately after the rodeo performance. Those who have not purchased a rodeo ticket prior to the event may purchase a ticket on the bus (cash only). If a rodeo ticket has previously been purchased, pick up a wristband on the bus. Computer-generated, printed receipts will not be honored, only physical tickets.

Visit www.cavecreekrodeo.com for a complete bus schedule.

Cave Creek Rodeo & Man Up To Host Domestic Violence Awareness Night

The **Cave Creek Rodeo** recently teamed up with the **Man Up Crusade®** to bring "Purple Night" to the Rodeo Saturday, March 24. The Man Up Crusade is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating public awareness on the issue of domestic violence. The Man Up Crusade, founded in 2012, chose professional rodeo and the **Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA)** as its vehicle of choice to spread the word about the epidemic of domestic violence and teen dating violence.

Across the nation, the color purple and the purple ribbon have been adopted to show support for victims and for advocates to honor those who have lost their lives at the hands of someone they once loved. On Purple Night, all rodeo participants, fans and support personnel are encouraged to wear purple to show their support for this great cause.

"The cowboy is an iconic image of strength and fortitude that has transcended generations not just in the west but throughout the United States and many other countries," says founder **Sheriff Kieran Donahue**



of Canyon County, Idaho. "That is why I felt it was so important to involve this lifestyle from the very beginning. The cowboys and cowgirls can once again lead by example and together with rodeo's enduring fans show that by working together we can make a difference."

The Man Up Crusade encourages all rodeos they partner with to identify a charity of choice in their community to bring awareness and generate funds to those local organizations in need.

Chrysalis of Phoenix (www.noabuse.org) will be the charity of choice for the Man Up Crusade Purple Day at the Rodeo.

Learn more about the Man Up Crusade at www.manupcrusade.com. For additional information on the Cave Creek Rodeo, visit www.cavecreekrodeo.com.

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Kiwanis Join As 2018 Rodeo Sponsor

Group to host Rodeo pancake breakfast and more



The **Kiwanis Marketplace** in Cave Creek is a Platinum Sponsor for the **2018 Cave Creek Rodeo Days**. The Kiwanis will provide rodeo tickets for all children age 10 and under for each rodeo performance. The children will receive a Kiwanis ribbon for their entry. The Kiwanis are supporting the Royalty scholarship program for the newly crowned Queen and Teen. The Kiwanis will also be assisting with the purchase of the trophies for the young cowboys and cowgirls who participate in the mutton bustin' competition held at **Buffalo Chip Saloon & Steakhouse** March 17.

In addition, join the **Kiwanis Club of Carefree** at the Rodeo Pancake Feed Saturday, March 24, 7-11am, at the **Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion** in Carefree. Meet the 2018 Rodeo Queen and Teen, who, along with the Rodeo Princesses will be helping with the pancake breakfast, which is supported by **Harold's Corral** and the **Roastery of Cave Creek**. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

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Visit www.cavecreekrodeo.com for additional Rodeo Days information.




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Sonoran Festival of Art Extravaganza Set For March 9–11



Artist Christopher Heede in the studio



Chris Heede, Large Raku Vase with Maple Handle, 26 inches tall; Photo: Morrie Farbman



Christopher Heede, large wood fire vase; Photo: Morrie Farbman

A diverse selection of juried artists will exhibit and sell their paintings, drawings, sculpture, jewelry, photography and mixed media creations during the **Sonoran Festival of Art Extravaganza** Friday through Sunday, March 9–11 at **Stagecoach Village**, 7100 East Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek.

Coordinated by the nonprofit **Sonoran Arts League**, the free event takes place 10am–5pm daily, and will feature art workshops and demonstrations, culinary arts demonstrations and the performing arts. The festival will also include a community resource expo featuring area nonprofits, businesses, health, public safety and other educational information, and a youth art “For Art Stuff” garage sale fundraiser.

“We’re very excited to announce a new partnership with the **Arizona Culinary Institute**,” said **Pat Bell-Demers**, Sonoran Arts League executive director. “During all three days, their master chefs and students will work closely with the executive chef and owner, **Carlos Marquez**, from **Indigo Crow** to create a culinary courtyard in front of the popular restaurant. A craft beer garden will accompany the food area, and 25 percent of all food and beverage sales will benefit the Sonoran Arts League. In addition, visitors will also be able to see the culinary masters create sugar sculptures, chocolate boxes and other creative culinary pieces of art.”

The Sonoran Art League’s annual garden party fundraiser and silent auction will take place Saturday, March 10, 5–9pm, in the open courtyard of Stagecoach Village, along with the awards celebration for K-12 students. Admission is free, with 25 percent of all food and beverage sales benefitting the League. The fundraiser will also feature live music and a silent auction that will include more than 120 items.

“We invite everyone to come experience the arts and help us celebrate our creative community,” Bell-Demers said. “Whether you are a serious collector or just looking for inspiration, you’ll find a diverse selection of original fine art. Between the visual, culinary and performing arts, and our community resource expo, this will be a fantastic event!”

For additional information, call 480.575.6624, or visit www.sonoranartsleague.org.

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Cave Creek Museum Home Tour & Garden Boutique

Cave Creek Museum's biggest and most celebrated fundraiser of the year, the **Homes Through Time Tour**, will be held Sunday, March 11, from 10am to 4pm. Thanks to the generosity of private homeowners in the area, the doors of some of the most historical, unique, eccentric, amazing, and just plain "over-the-top" homes in the Desert Foothills region that the Museum serves are opened to the public for a single day. And be sure to visit the ever-popular Kitchen & Garden Boutique located at one of the show homes.

This year's self-guided tour will include the Wind Horse Ranch B&B and Equestrian Resort, the Coffee-O'Malley Home and Art Studio, the Monachino Home (this year's Kitchen & Garden Boutique) and the Davidson Home.

Wind Horse Ranch B&B and Equestrian Resort

This newly opened Bed and Breakfast on Continental Drive has been a dream of owner **Louise Hoffacker** for many years. She has created a peaceful retreat where guests can stay, practice yoga, bring their horses or rent horses to ride the local trails.

The property, formerly the De-Railed Ranch B&B, was purchased a little over a year ago by Hoffacker and restoration was begun. The classic territorial main house is decorated with beautiful art and furniture collected from all over the world. "I chose the name Wind Horse Ranch in reference to the Tibetan symbol for strength, prosperity, and providence," said Hoffacker.

Also, on the property is an

underground bunker built of buried railroad cars. This space is currently being remodeled as a recreation, meeting and game room.



Monachino Home

This beautiful territorial home sits on a secluded lot overlooking a huge wash. The interior has classic southwestern finishes combined with a gorgeous kitchen and baths. Traditionally decorated, the home features many unique pieces, authentic prints and paintings, blended to give a feeling of comfort and peace.

The home includes four individual, uniquely named courtyards. One of these delightful courtyards will house this year's Kitchen & Garden Boutique, which is always a favorite Home Tour event.

Coffee-O'Malley Home & Art Studio

One of the early homes built on the west side of Black Mountain, the Coffee-O'Malley home includes many of the home's original features, magnificent views and many of artist

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Davidson Home

Elaine Coffee's original paintings. "I paint what I observe, mostly people and the passing scene," noted Elaine Coffee describing her subject matter. This includes a whimsical collection of oil paintings featuring Santa Clause in many adventures.

A separate artist studio, designed in keeping with the architecture of the home, was constructed to bridge a wash that meanders through the property. The studio has magnificent views and more of Elaine Coffee's art.

While the house is single story and easy to access once reaching the driveway, it has very little parking and the dirt road can be rough for walking. Therefore, shuttles will be provided from the parking lot on the corner of Surrey Drive and Cave Creek Road to take visitors to and from the property.

Davidson Home

This home is described as a contemporary Territorial. The former owner renovated and expanded a small Territorial into a larger, architecturally unique home. Patio additions with contemporary rooflines give the traditional Santa Fe style home a unique, almost Frank Lloyd Wright, feel.


The addition of a huge open family room and kitchen area with raised ceilings creates a more contemporary look. The sunken living room is authentic to the origins of the house yet blends beautifully with the newer additions. A master suite was also added at the other side of the house, which incorporates high ceilings with some traditional features.

Throughout the home is a great deal of fine art, authentic early movie posters, theater related collectables and many other collectable and film related memorabilia.

No pets, food or beverages, or photography will be allowed within the homes, and no children under the age of 12 will be admitted. Some of the homes are on uneven terrain and may not be handicap accessible.

Tickets are available at www.cavecreekmuseum.org, by phone 480.488.2764 with a credit card or at the Cave Creek Museum. The ticket price is \$40 if purchased through March 6, and \$45 March 7-11, or until sold out. The Cave Creek Museum is located at 6140 East Skyline Drive, Cave Creek. Tickets will not be available at the Home Tour.

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Etania Hosts Native American Jewelry Trunk Show



Etania Jewelry & Boutique in Cave Creek will host a trunk show March 9-10 featuring **Appaloosa Native American Arts Collection**. This special showing will include vintage as well as new Native American jewelry designs from over 50 Native American artists. Owner **Melanie Hurley**, as well as her parents, **Joe and Bettye Keel**, will be on site both days from 10:30am to 6pm to bring guests these treasures. There will also be a drawing for a necklace and earring set featuring sterling silver coral, tiger eye, mother of pearl, black jet and melon shell. Born and raised in Grants, New Mexico,

Hurley spent a lot of time on the Zuni, Laguna and Acoma reservations. Her love of the Native Americans, as well as her appreciation for their talents and creativity, has grown over the years and continues to grow. Hurley and her husband, **Bill**, are carrying on the legacy created by her parents, who have over 50 years' experience in the business. In the past, they employed over 100 Native American silversmiths. Their knowledge regarding Native American jewelry is vast and extensive. Hurley and her husband travel the U.S. to bring these special items to the Valley. They

continue to learn daily of Native American tribes and crafts and add to their knowledge. They find their adventures through New Mexico and Arizona in acquisition of jewelry, pottery, baskets, kachinas and artwork to be exhilarating and are very proud to be able to share such beauty of the Native American Art and culture with their patrons. Etania Jewelry & Boutique is located in the Las Tiendas shopping center in Cave Creek at 6140 East Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek. For additional information, call 602.429.0505 or visit www.etaniagems.com.

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Pictured, L-R: Charlie Siddle and Marty Ceccarelli of MC Development in front of the newly-opened Hidden Rock model home at the February 8 grand opening event.

The Griggs Group Realty Executives is now handling sales for the MC Development property, Hidden Rock at Cave Creek. A fully-furnished model home is now complete at Hidden Rock, and the community attended a grand opening event February 8.

Located right in the heart of Cave Creek, Hidden Rock is within walking distance to cultural shops, unique and creative dining and a great nightlife. Homes start at \$695K and offer two standard models, the Agave and the Golden Barrel — both with flexible floor plans that can be customized to meet the homeowner's needs. Amenities include a community pool and spa, and the HOA maintains the front yard landscaping.

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Celebrate community spirit at the **Block Party Fundraiser** benefiting the **Desert Foothills Library**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-funded library. Slated for March 25, the Block Party will entertain attendees from 1–4pm at the Library, 38443 North Schoolhouse Road. The fundraiser will offer interactive activities

such as live music, classic cars, auction items, a book signing from a local celebrity author and more.

To purchase Block Party tickets or a table for 10 at the Desert Foothills Library, call 480.488.2286 or visit www.dflaevents.org. Tickets include many of the activities, all food and beverages, including wine and beer, for \$125 per person. Must be 21 or older to attend. Interested sponsors may contact the Library directly for information on levels of sponsorship.

Local celebrity authors **Carly Kade**, **Paulette Bodeman** and **Clarissa Burt** will sign and have copies of their books available. Kade is the award-winning equestrian author of *In the Reins* and *Cowboy Away*. Bodeman authored *The Breakaway Girl* and is also a teacher, coach and creator of The Mindful Meditation. Burt, the co-author of *Italian Gluten-Free Gastronomy*, is an award-winning actress, international media celebrity, model and speaker. In the auction, guests will have an opportunity to bid on a beautiful quilt inspired by *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* along with the matching book signed by author **Eric Carle**.

The soulful country stylings of **Chad Bramlet** will provide the event's musical background. The singer-songwriter and Country Showdown finalist has toured and shared the stage with Lonestar, Trick Pony, Thomas Rhett, Chris Young and others.

As Bramlet's smooth, rich voice fills the air, the photo booth awaits the zany picture poses of patrons while spellbinding magicians and fortune tellers mesmerize guests with tricks and readings.



Library organizing committee

Food truck favorites **Wandering Donkey** and **Grilled Addiction**, along with their latest concept **Noodles a GoGo**, will keep partygoers full, with temptations such as burritos, bowls, tacos, savory sandwiches, burgers and sumptuous salads. Plus, the new Noodles a GoGo truck brings noodle and pasta dishes inspired by far-off countries and American classics.

Car enthusiasts can imagine driving one of the **Scottsdale Classic Car Company** vehicles on display.

Guided by **Sonoran Art League** artists, art devotees can purchase a tile to paint onsite for the community art mural. Their tile will join others as part of a large art project displayed throughout 2018 at the Desert Foothills Library.



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Karate Built will have demonstrations and will also offer instructional sessions to break a board. Other exciting activities at the event include **Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue** bird display and auction items and experiences.


"I am volunteer, donor and part of the organizing committee because I want to help the Desert Foothills Library in their mission to encourage culture, education and community for people of all ages," said **Dana Parker**, Desert Foothills Library board member and Block Party organizer.

"The Library is happy to celebrate neighbors joining together to create the cultural framework in the Foothills area of Carefree, Cave Creek, North Phoenix and North Scottsdale," said **David Court**, Desert Foothills Library executive director. "The ongoing financial support from fundraisers like the Block Party allows us to maintain the library collection and add more educational, cultural programs and special events."

Recently, donations and a five-year expansion strategy provided 52 much-needed parking spaces and the current construction underway to increase the size of the building. These renovations and new additions position the Library for current and expected growth in the future.

The Desert Foothills Library is open seven days a week and serves the entire Desert Foothills community with culturally enriching programs, educational events and quality services. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.dfla.org or call 480.488.2286.

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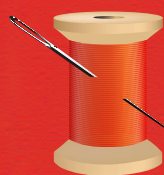
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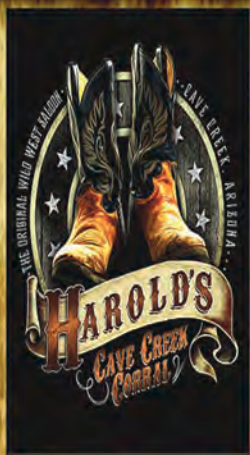


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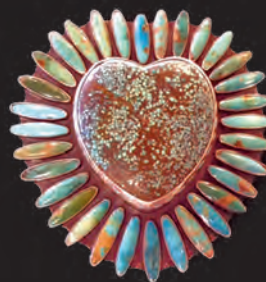
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Desert Foothills Woman's Club, a 501(c)(4) organization in the foothills community, will once again offer scholarships for graduating high school senior women living in the Northeast Valley and foothills area. The club is targeting the population of young women that have economic and family challenges that may prevent them from continuing their education but have maintained a GPA of 2.8–3.8. They are looking for young women who have worked hard to overcome challenges in their personal circumstances, which may limit their educational opportunities. The club suggests that their awards be offered to women students not eligible for many scholarships. Those who are a graduating senior woman with plans for their future education may contact their counseling office at school for information about the Desert Foothills Woman's Club application and apply prior to March 30.

Nonprofit organizations in the foothills community that could benefit from a donation from Desert Foothills Woman's Club, may submit a letter of need before March 30. The organization should include its most recent financial documents, a description of its mission, the history of the organization and explain how the donation would make a difference. The postmark must be no later than March 30 to qualify. For questions, call members of the DFWC Philanthropy Committee: Robbie Ryan, 708.212.2171; Phyllis Henry, 480.575.8407; or Andrea Winters, 619.871.5497. Mail applications to: DFWC P.O. Box 958 Carefree, AZ 85377. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/desertfoothillswomansclub85377.

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MAYOR PETERSON WRITES...

Carefree Announces Its
First Community Block Party



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By Mayor Les Peterson

It's nearing that time of the year again when neighbors get together for a block party to celebrate the changing of the seasons and the joys of living among friends in a vibrant community. Soon, some of our residents will be departing for vacations or to return to their "other" home.



It is in this spirit of friendship and celebration that Carefree announces its first annual "Community Block Party." This community-wide celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 3-7pm. The party

will be located in Downtown Carefree along Easy Street and the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion.

Carefree residents, nearby neighbors in the Foothills area, businesses, nonprofit volunteers and all partners of the Town are invited to join in on the music, activities and fun for all ages. Highlights will include a dunk tank by the Carefree Water Company, games for the kids, grilled burgers and hot dogs, an official pie baking contest, hot dog eating contest, face painting, DJ, card games, beer and wine garden by Venues Café, kid's lemonade stand run by the YMCA, raffle prizes and more! The cost is yet to be determined but it will be affordable for families and seniors.

This will be a good time to reminisce with your friends, meet new neighbors and enjoy our downtown district. This is a time for us to enjoy our neighbors and local businesses, get involved and just celebrate the beauty of our unique town. We hope this becomes an annual tradition. RSVP's are suggested at events@carefree.org or contact 480.488.3686. If you are a local business and want to attend or have the urge to volunteer, please contact vicki@carefree.org.



The **Town of Carefree** is seeking qualified musicians and artisans to provide up-close and personal live demonstrations to the public beginning March 23 and running through May within the **Carefree Desert Gardens**. Up to four artists and two musicians will be featured *per day*, providing a unique experience for residents and visitors to watch techniques in mediums such as oil, water color, sketching, sculpting and many other art forms. Musicians can perform in the Garden as an individual, duo, trio or quartet. All talent will be vetted by the Town of Carefree and applications will be accepted until March 15, 2018.

Applications can be found at the town website, www.visitcarefree.com under Carefree Desert Gardens — click on the "Things to Do" link.



Desert Gardens Seminar Series
Desert Medicinal Plants

JoAnn Sanchez has been a community herbalist since 1979. Now in her 20th year as an educator of botanical medicine, she is adjunct faculty at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, teaching, consulting and supervising the largest plant medicine garden in the Valley.

Carefree Desert Gardens welcomes Sanchez to its seminar series Saturday, March 10. Sanchez is the owner, creator and director of a 700-hour accredited Western Herbalism program, Botanica, taught at the **Southwest Institute of Healing Arts**. She is a professional member of the American Herbalist Guild.

This seminar will offer a unique participatory demonstration of desert plants as medicines. There will be samples to see, touch, taste and take home, as well as ideas of recipes and procedures to try at home.

The seminars, which usually includes a plant raffle, begin at 9:30am and run approximately until noon at the Town Council Chambers, 33 Easy Street in Downtown Carefree. It is suggested that attendees come early as seating is limited. A \$5 (or more) donation is appreciated to support these programs. For information, call 480.488.3686.

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The duo specializes in oils and capture focus on symbolism expressionism.

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In addition to Abdaliev and Maximov, this festival features 150 juried, world-class artists displaying over 5,000 original pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums. Wine

tasting, ice-cold microbrews, as well as rum sampling, are offered for patrons who choose to purchase a souvenir wine or beer glass, with six tasting tickets, for \$10. The event will also host food trucks and sweet treats onsite.

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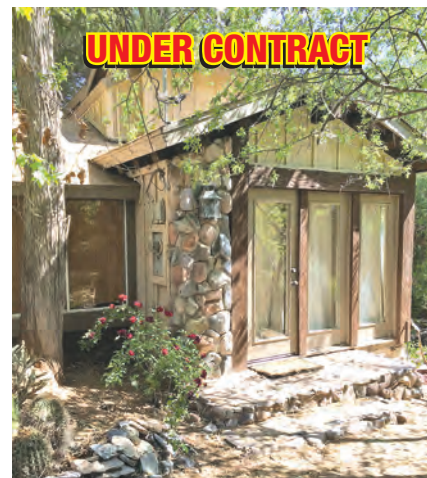
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chooses quality pieces in all different types of styles from western to contemporary, designer to sportswear. She emphasizes the unusual, great quality and great prices.

Carefree Consignment will offer eBay sales for hard to home collectibles and art beginning in March. New items arrive daily, so shoppers are encouraged to stop by often. Those who have quality treasures that they would like to re-home, may call or stop by and talk to Orrico for more information.

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The **Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce** conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, February 6, at Black Mountain Coffee & Café. New owners **Don** and **Lisa Little** were then off to South Korea to cheer on their son, who plays on the U.S. men's Olympic hockey team.

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SOUL CONNECTION

Carefree and Cave Creek: "My Soul Home"



ALLEN NOHRE

Writer

Holland is Renske's home country, 5,400 miles from what she calls her "soul home." Kathie and I met Renske in 2002 when she decided that she wanted a home in Carefree or Cave Creek after looking for second home possibilities in Italy, Spain, Orlando and Palm Springs. She found a lot, built a house, and lives in it for several weeks during three and four visits a year. Her love of living here part-time reminds me to not take for granted that I have the privilege of living full-time in this special place.

As we were leaving her house, early Sunday morning to go for a hike in the Spur Cross Conservation Area, two deer, not more than 30 yards from her house, were gracefully crossing the street when a stag with a full rack of horns followed after them. Renske said, "This is one of the many reasons I love coming here."

She again expressed her connection to this part of the world as we drove closer to the hiking trails in the conservation area. With the mountain peaks of Elephant Butte and Sugar Loaf rising in front of us, she said, "This is my church this Sunday morning."

It takes Renske 24 hours of exhausting travel to get to her soul home, prompting me to ask, "What is it about this place that so captivates you?" She said, "There [are] many wide parking spaces in front of stores and the stores are open so much longer than in Holland."

Then she became more serious and added, "This is like living in a resort. I've traveled the world and stayed in high-end hotels. This is so much better. There is an openness, casualness and sense of freedom that makes it relaxing to be here. My fiancé, Michel, loves it too, and we both enjoy riding our Harleys."

Thanks Renske for reminding us why we live here.

Allen Nohre lives in Carefree with his wife, Kathie. He is a writer for Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center and can be reached at anohre@cox.net.



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Here are the finalists for the Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards:



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Based in Cave Creek, Carefree and North Scottsdale, the Sonoran Arts League is a nonprofit, volunteer-based, arts service organization dedicated to actively advancing art, artists and art education, affirming the belief that art and artistic awareness is essential to the well-being of life and the community.

The 780 members participate in community outreach programs, public art programs, youth mentoring and art education, as well as free veteran art programs and special art programs. Throughout the year, the League produces several popular events, including the annual Hidden in The Hills Artist Studio Tour and Sale, Sonoran Small Works Art Show, Sonoran Festival of Art Extravaganza and the Holiday Artisan Markets. In addition, the League partners with the **Foothills Food Bank** each year to support the annual Empty Bowls Project.

By building strong partnerships with area towns, resorts and libraries,

the League brings free art to the public. Art in Public Places programs include **The Gallery at el Pedregal** and the **Boulders Resort**, the **Desert Foothills Library**, as well as the town of Cave Creek and Anthem.

A new **Center for the Arts** at Cave Creek's **Stagecoach Village**, where the League is headquartered, provides the public with opportunities to create art and learn new skills. The Center also facilitates art events, festivals, exhibitions, shows, group activities and art experiences, and free veteran and youth art classes, providing plenty of opportunities to "Be A Part of The Arts."



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Watson's work harkens back to a time when people took pride in what hat they wore because it was tailor made by a master craftsman. Watson's hats are made with pride and will last

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a lifetime when worn properly. At his family-owned and operated shop in Cave Creek's **Stage Coach Village**, each hat is hand crafted using rare hat-making equipment from 1860.

Watson's hats have garnered media attention from all over the country. His work has been showcased in local and national press outlets including newspaper, magazine and television features. Recently, he was named the official hat maker of the new Netflix series, "Godless."

Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue
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According to chef **Bryan Dooley**, owner of Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue, he never intended for a career in the kitchen. "I was never really planning on being a chef. But life happened."

Dooley grew up in Chicago and moved out west to attend NAU in the 80s. He completed his degree in photography.

But then, Dooley decided to attend to culinary school. He was trained in the classical style, attending the Culinary Institute of America in New York, and spent 13 years as a chef at the luxurious Fairmont Scottsdale, before he opened Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue.

When it came time to open his own restaurant, Dooley and his wife **Donna** wanted to do something a



little more his style, a little more down-home. After all, he comes from a whole family of great cooks.

Dooley and Donna designed Bryan's Barbecue to meet their "Clean Cowboy" look including the menu, the décor and the logo. Since then, Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue has won numerous awards for Best Barbeque.

From traditional BBQ dishes such as sandwiches, plates and combos, to unconventional offerings such as frog legs, there is something for everyone at Bryan's.

The 2018 Celebration of Excellence Awards will be held 8-10am, Thursday, March 29, at Venue's Café, 34 Easy Street in Carefree. The cost to attend is \$25 and includes a gourmet breakfast buffet. Register by March 26 by calling 480.488.3381 or visiting www.carefreecavecreek.org.

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PVCC at Black Mountain Hosts STEAMtastic March 8

Paradise Valley Community College at Black Mountain (PVCC) will host the fifth annual STEAMtastic, an AZ SciTech signature event, March 8. The event uses an innovative, hands-on, approach to promoting science, technology, engineering, arts and math education. The goal of the event is to make STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics & Music) fun by showing attendees how science, technology, engineering, arts and math are a part of their everyday life. PVCC hopes to encourage them to further explore these fields and view STEAM careers as attainable. Event activities are intentionally selected to showcase STEAM fields and make STEAM accessible to both volunteers and community members of varied ages and backgrounds.

"STEAMtastic and our Star Parties provide a great out-of-classroom learning opportunity. Stepping onto a college campus can be scary, but we have young students who have

been coming to STEAMtastic for the past four years, and they now come with their friends and classmates," said **Loretta Mondragon**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Paradise Valley Community College. "They know that this college is theirs too and are looking forward to taking classes with us. It's great to see these young people value education, and, for the college, it's part of our effort to drive positive social change through their educational journey."

The PVCC at Black Mountain campus will be transformed March 8, from 5-8pm. Over 80 STEAM-related activities will be available for attendees to see, touch, smell and taste. Make bubble gum, extract DNA from a strawberry, and practice fingerprinting skills. Or, learn what a Tubulum is and check out a Rube Goldberg machine designed by the PVCC Honors students.

From 7-10pm, the event becomes a star party. The dark skies of North Scottsdale provide the perfect opportunity to view constellations. The **Phoenix Astronomical Society** and PVCC Astronomy faculty will provide telescopes and help guests make the most of this chance to observe the night sky. The Black Mountain campus also features a newly-installed 14-inch Schmidt Cassegrain telescope. This telescope collects 3,136 times more light than the human eye, allowing viewers to explore the colors of the Orion Nebula and storms on Jupiter. To RSVP for the star party, email events@pasaz.org.

Paradise Valley Community College at Black Mountain, a satellite site of Paradise Valley Community College, is located at 34250 North 60th Street in North Scottsdale. To learn more about STEAMtastic, or RSVP, visit www.paradisevalley.edu/black-mountain/steamtastic.

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