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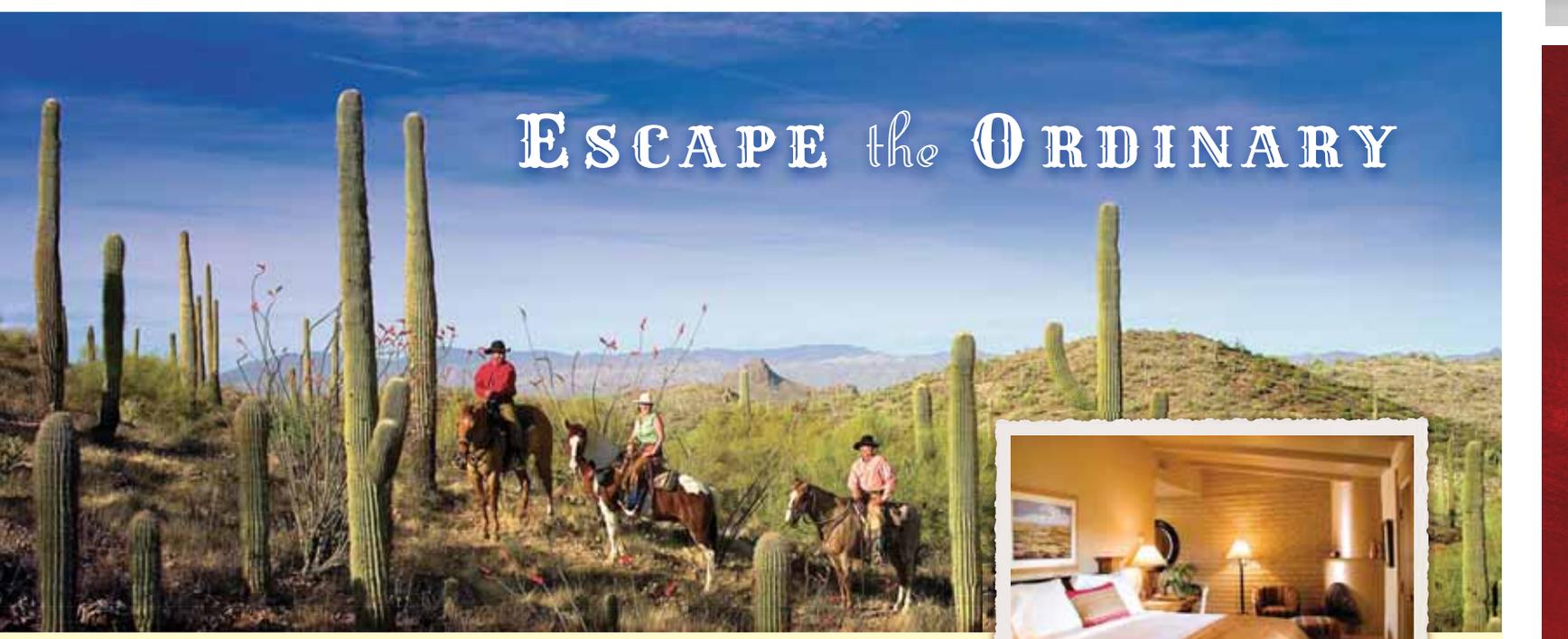
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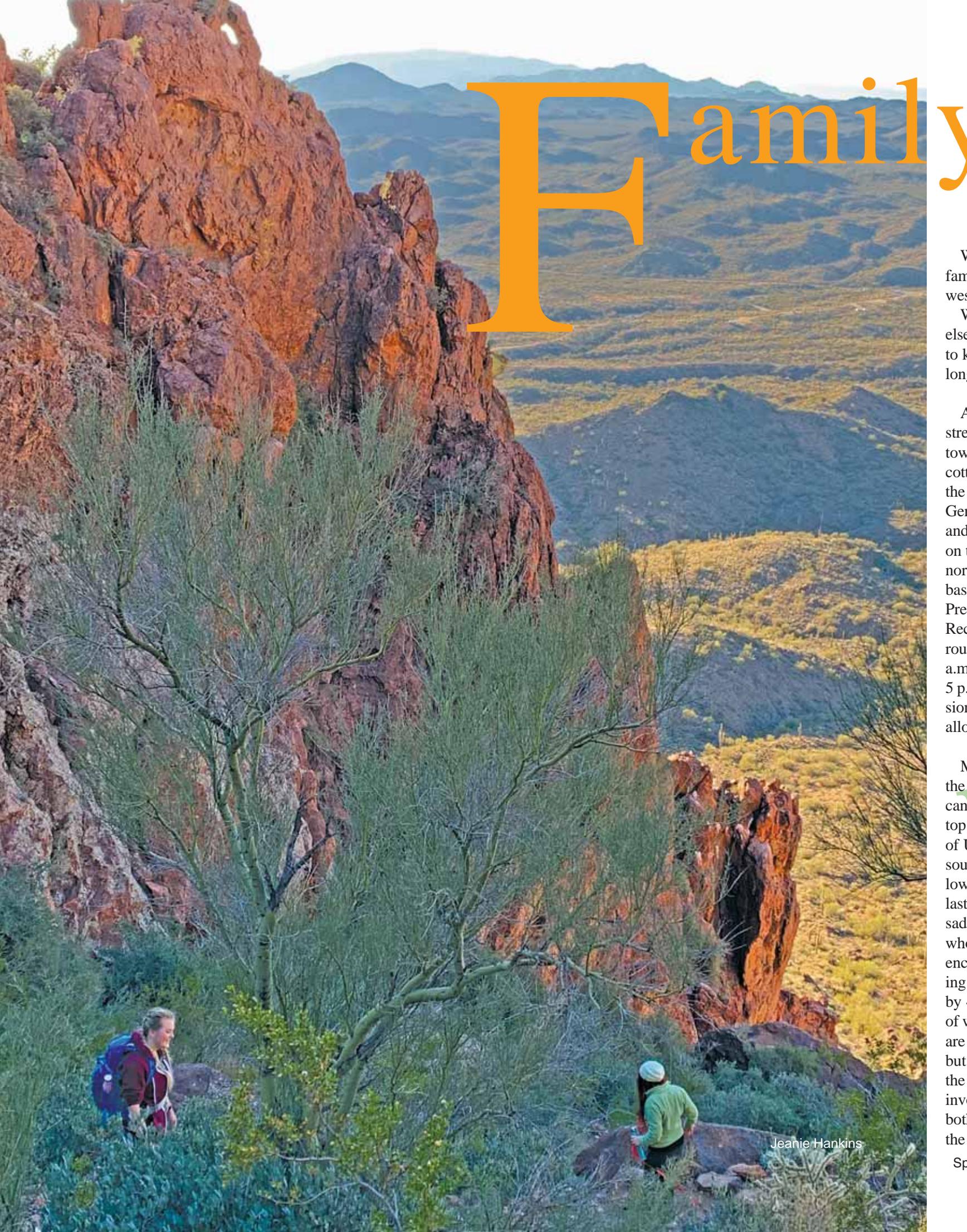
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Family Adventures

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Wickenburg might not immediately jump off the map as a family destination, but hold on a minute, Pardner! This little western berg is actually a fun get-away for families.

Whether you are headed through town in route to somewhere else, or are here for a few days visiting family, there's plenty to keep kids and parents entertained for an hour, a weekend, or longer.

An easy and educational hiking experience can help everyone stretch those antsy road-trip legs. Just a couple of miles south of town on US 60, the Hassayampa River Preserve exists in a lush cottonwood grove. The river flows above ground year-round in the preserve and lures countless species of birds and wildlife. Gentle hiking trails wind through the Preserve, past a small lake and along the river. A visitor center offers tons of information on the history of the Preserve as well as facts and photos of Sonoran Desert wildlife. Educational tours are offered on a regular basis, and a ranger often hosts special events for children. The Preserve is owned and operated by Maricopa County Parks and Recreation. The Preserve is closed Monday and Tuesday year-round. From May 7 through Oct. 8, visitors are welcome from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the remainder of the year, hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (the trails close 30 minutes prior to closing time). Admission is \$5 per person, and children under 12 get in free. No dogs allowed. For more information visit maricopacountyparks.net.

More-avid hiking families will want to make time to climb the landmark mountain on Wickenburg's skyline. Vulture Peak can be seen for miles as travelers approach, and a hike to the top makes for great photos and memories. From the intersection of US 60 and West Wickenburg Way, about a 15-minute drive south on Vulture Mine Road reveals the trailhead. From the lower trailhead hikers will ascend for about 2.5 miles, with the last mile being steep and challenging. Those who make it to the saddle (just below the peak), and the more adventurous climbers who make it all the way to the top, will all find amazing views encompassing Wickenburg, the Valley of the Sun and a sweeping pristine desert panorama. An upper trailhead is accessible by 4-wheel-drive and cuts the distance in about half. Take lots of water, and go when the weather is cool. Snacks at the summit are a great reward. The family pet can make most of the hike, but a leash is recommended due to plentiful cactus alongside the trail. The last stretch isn't recommended for dogs because it involves hand and foot climbing and is a challenge to traverse both up and down. After the hike the whole family can head to the Chamber of Commerce office, downtown Wickenburg on

Frontier Street, for a certificate commemorating the climb.

Or, if scenery is what the family craves, but hiking isn't in the cards, head over to BC Jeep Tours near the downtown roundabout and get ready for a rollicking ride you won't soon forget. Experienced drivers know the best roads for wild flowers and beautiful desert vistas. Chose a short or long trip, and be absolutely sure to bring a camera. If you want to drive yourself, check out Happy Trails Powersports Rentals for off-road vehicles.

If romping and running are the order of the day, Coffinger Park on North Tegner Street offers modern playground equipment, fenced and filled with wood shavings for soft landings. The park has shady picnic areas next to swings, merry-go-rounds, slides and plenty of grassy lawn for those who need to run and play. Coffinger Park is also home to the public swimming pool. The modern pool includes seven competition lanes, a zero-depth play area with water feature, a double loop slide, lounge chairs and shaded tables, as well as lockers and showers. The pool is open from Memorial Day until early August. Life-guards are on duty, and admission is only \$1.50 for swimmers ages 3-17. Kids 2 and under are free and adults get in for \$2. Season passes and family passes are available. For pool hours this season, call (928) 684-5451 ext. 1543 or visit the Town of Wickenburg's webpage. Click on Parks & Rec and Coffinger Park.

On the west side of town, Sunset Park features the Splash Pad with zero-depth, wet and wacky fun in a western-themed layout with a bucket spill, water canon and a rock formation waterfall. The play area is adjacent to covered picnic tables, restrooms and traditional playground equipment such as slides and swings. The splash pad is not staffed, and admission is free. To find Sunset Park drive west on US 60 and look for the park on the right, about 3.5 miles from downtown.

After family adventures, everyone will want to grab a bite to eat. We recommend Rancho Bar 7 for family dining, Sizzling Wok for a Chinese treat, and Anita's Cocina for amazing Mexican fare. Finish up with a delicious treat at Kona's Frozen Yogurt!

After refueling, take the family downtown to the Historic Saguaro Theatre which shows a current feature film nightly, as well as a classic movie on a monthly basis. Downtown also offers educational, historical fun along Frontier Street at Desert Caballeros Western Museum, the historic 761 Locomotive and Drover Caboose, and authentic early military Jeep outside the American Legion.

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Wickenburg, Ariz. – Desert Caballeros Western Museum is proud to host the 14th annual 'Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West' Invitational Exhibition and Sale. For the over a decade, *Cowgirl Up!* has attracted emerging and established women artists from all over the West who depict the Western lifestyle in painting, drawing and sculpture. Each year, more than 300 applicants are reviewed and fewer than 60 are selected as representative of the West's top female fine art voices today.

Cowgirl Up! is much more than a show. It's a crossroads where artists, collectors and art enthusiasts come together to explore what it means to be a Western artist. In fact, more than 50 of the *CU!* artists make the trek to Wickenburg for opening weekend each year. *CU!* artists ride the range of techniques, styles, and mediums, from traditional to contemporary. All of the art is available for purchase, meaning that each sale supports the endeavors of women artists working today and of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. *CU!* art can be bought throughout the run of the exhibition at the Museum or online at westernmuseum.org

During the exhibition's opening weekend, March 29 – 31, 2019, Frontier Street in front of the Museum will transform into a tented venue for catered dinners, dancing, live auctions and an artists' quick draw. Friday evening, March 29, will include the Miniatures Sale and Artists and Patrons Party. The evening will finish with a street dance under the tent to music by Trio Rio. Saturday, March 30, is a full day, beginning with a presentation by Dr. Katherine Benton-Cohen of Georgetown University in the morning and finishing with the popular Bash and Bid Sale for pieces in the Main Gallery, and Artist Awards Ceremony. The chuckwagon breakfast and artists' quick draw on the morning of Sunday, March 31, is a perennial favorite. More than a dozen of the *Cowgirl Up!* artists in attendance line the street, armed with paintbrushes and sculpting tools. Their mission: to create a piece of art in 90 minutes. After the time is up, the art goes straight to the auction block for the audience to bid on. Tickets for opening weekend events range from \$10 to \$275 and are now available at westernmuseum.org.

Paintings and sculptures will remain on exhibition throughout the run of the show, which closes on May 12, 2019. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Thomas Moran, "A Passing Storm", oil on canvas, DCWM Collection

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Frederic Remington, "Broncho Buster", 1895, bronze, No. 7, DCWM Collection

Art enthusiasts are sure to marvel at the array on display in Wickenburg.

One could easily enjoy an art walk on any given day in Historic Downtown Wickenburg. From those with a taste for distinguished Western art to those who enjoy the vibrant and whimsical, everyone will find something to enjoy.

The **Desert Caballeros Western Museum** is well-known for its Western art collection. A larger-than-life Joe Beeler bronze graces the corner of the Museum property at the main intersection downtown. Inside, numerous members of Cowboy Artists of America are featured in an expansive main-floor gallery. Originals by Frederick Remington, Charles Russell, John Coleman, Joe Beeler, Ed Mell and Cynthia Rigden are on display. Now featured alongside the classic western art is photographer Scott Baxter's 100 Years/100 Ranchers collection. And everyone has to stop and stare at Curt Walters' original oil painting of the Grand Canyon. The museum entrance is on Frontier Street, one block west of Tegner.

Additional distinguished artwork can be sampled at **Heritage Square** – located a block from the museum on the corner of E. Wickenburg Way and Valentine Street. The **60West Gallery**, recently opened by well-known Palette knife painter Dusty Kinman, includes works from featured local artists as well as visiting artists. The location also includes a classroom, art supply store, frame shop, and a wide variety of Giclee reproductions. Step in to see what else awaits. For more information visit 60westgallery.com or call (541) 206-2543

For artwork with flare, take wing over to **Gramma Lizard's**, also located in Heritage Square. This store is full of beautiful furniture

and artwork with a surprising, vibrant southwestern flair. Owner Artist Nancy O'Donnell – affectionately known as Gramma Lizard – sells an array of original artwork, including hand-painted furniture, paintings, and a multitude of beautiful art pieces including decorated cow skulls. One of O'Donnell's specialties is her Desert Flamingos, a mythical bird she created and which can only be found in Wickenburg. (See opposite page for more on that.) Gramma Lizard's is located at 274 E. Wickenburg Way in the heart of Heritage Square and is open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday. Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information call (928) 671-1254, or stop in at 274 E. Wickenburg Way.

For other beautiful, original works of art on display and for sale, pop into **Gina's Place**, also in Heritage Square and **Twisted Dogwood** on N. Tegner. For the grand finale, visit the galleries at the Wickenburg Art Center on S. Tegner. Creativity, appreciation and encouragement are palpable energies at the Wickenburg Art Club (WAC). Founded 54 years ago and run completely by volunteers, the center tells the decades-old story of what makes people want to gather, share and participate.

Welcoming new folks into the mix brings new energy, and they are always welcome. WAC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is almost 200 members strong with a base of members who live in Wickenburg year round, and the snowbirds that come back every winter to revisit their friends and continue to stay involved with their art.

General meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., September - May. Guests are welcome to attend. The art center, located at 188 S. Tegner St., is home to two galleries, open studio, classes and workshops in many areas of art, clay and writing. Within the club, there are the Photography Group, Clay Group and Hassayampa Writers Group. For more information, call (928) 684-0483.



Charles M. Russell, "The Navajos", 1919, oil on canvas, DCWM Collection

Desert Flamingo

By Art Pulis

The Desert Flamingo has begun to grasp the attention of local ornithologists as they flock to Grandma Lizards to take a look.

But, you may ask, what is the Desert Flamingo? To find out, locate Nancy O'Donnell at Grandma Lizards, a small art gallery nestled behind Verizon and the old Texas Hotel and across from the community center. Nancy will quickly tell you that, "Once you drink of the water of the Hassayampa River, you may never speak the truth again."

The origin of the Desert Flamingo entails great speculation. Some believe that a Florida strain of the Flamingo broke free from Hialeah Racetrack on the back of a rescue horse who landed in Wickenburg as part of the team-roping explosion. The bird then found companionship with a local bird on the Hassayampa and the rest is history. Others believe that a Florida bird, while attending one of the annual rides of the woman's riding group, Las Damas, may have escaped the ride and gone down the river to Wickenburg seeking love. Still others believe the birth had something to do with a meeting between local wood artisan, Curtis Garrison and Nancy.

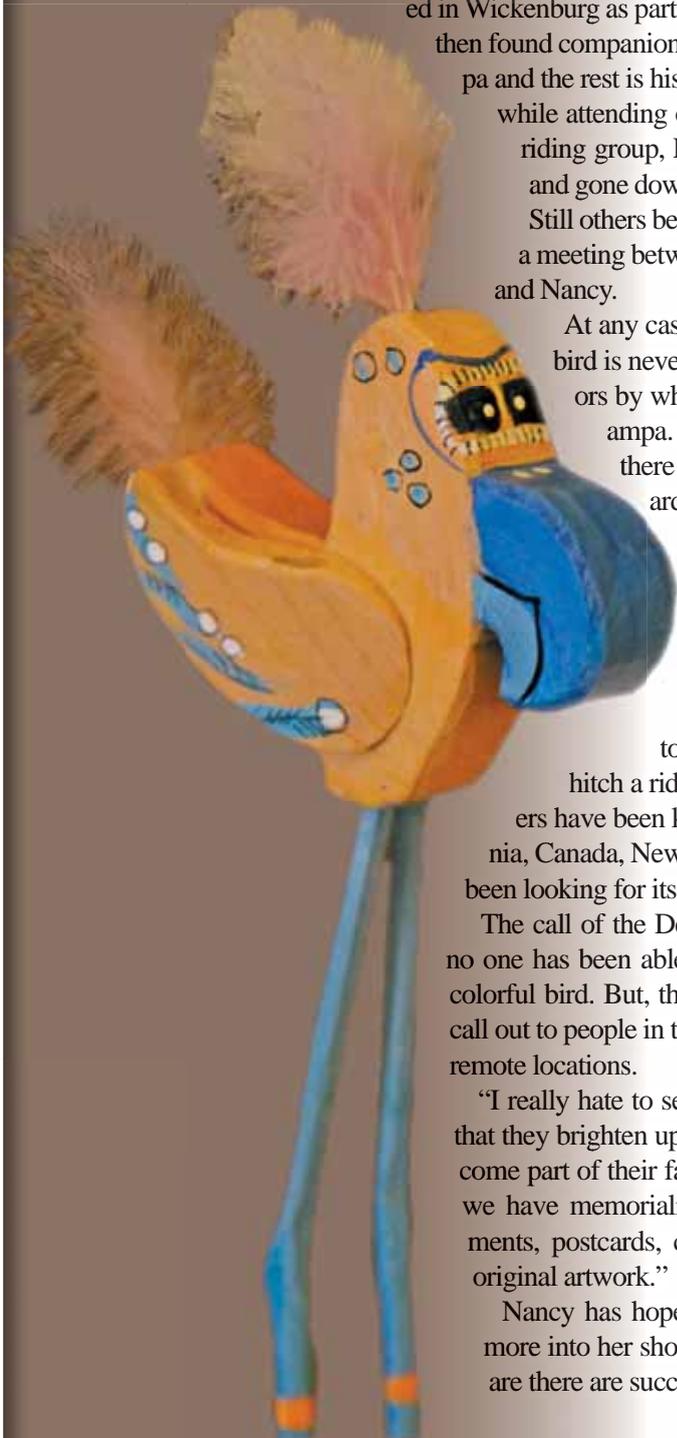
At any case, we do know a couple of things. The bird is never over 12 inches in height, changes colors by what it eats, and lives only in the Hassayampa. Slightly over 300 have been seen, and there are no two alike. In fact, Grandma Lizard individually numbers each one as they fly into the shop, and many have been named as they join other patrons. She notes, "They are rarely seen by the sane and sober."

The migrating pattern of the Desert Flamingo has been very interesting to observe. One is known to frequently hitch a ride on a horse to Box Canyon, while others have been known to travel as far as Idaho, California, Canada, New York, and other states. One must have been looking for its roots since it was seen back in Florida.

The call of the Desert Flamingo is a total mystery since no one has been able to attribute any specific sound to the colorful bird. But, they must have a call as they apparently call out to people in the shop, and are often taken to new and remote locations.

"I really hate to see them go," said Nancy. "But I know that they brighten up the homes of many people as they become part of their families. In order to retain their images, we have memorialized them on towels, Christmas ornaments, postcards, cutting boards, rolling pins, and other original artwork."

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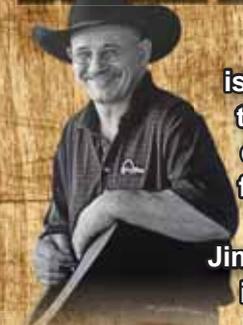
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Wickenburg, Arizona, is known for its friendly attitudes, almost perfect weather and a great western atmosphere where team roping has been a favorite past time for more than 50 years. Once dubbed the Dude Ranch Capital of the World, places like the Wickenburg Roping Club put on jackpots and practice roping's regularly. In 1992, then dude ranch, "The Wickenburg Inn", owned by Merv Griffin Jr, built a roping arena to attract winter visitors to the area. Little could anyone envision the impact this would have on the area, however when team ropers from around the world started to congregate in Wickenburg, it seemed a natural fit, and as the saying goes, "if you build it they will come". This equestrian sport, not much more than a weekend event, in the late '90s and 2000s has now grown into a major industry for Wickenburg, a town now known as the "Team Roping Capital of the World".

To put the history into perspective, in the 1990s and 2000s, Beaver's Horsecworld Arena would put on ropings every Tuesday and Saturday in the winter months. A lot of these ropings were Open Roping's, where any caliber of roper would come, visit with all their friends and enjoy ropings that hosted around 100 to 200 teams per event.

In 2002, in order to handicap ropers to make the playing field more level between professional ropers and the weekend roper, a universal numbering system called the Triad System was created. This universal numbering system classifies a roper by his or her experience, winnings and other factors. When this system was put into place, it made it easier for ropers from all over the country to travel to different areas and still be competitive. This, coupled with the ability for ropers to get on the internet and check out the quality of ropings that were being offered in Arizona, created the perfect atmosphere to draw the team ropers to Wickenburg. More arenas were built and ropings started to become a daily event. In 2011, Rancho Rio, a venture between Ty Yost and Ty Grantham and with the backing of friend Bob Crosthwaite, opened its gates and now has become one of the most prolific arenas in Arizona.

Along with Rancho Rio, in any given season there are no less than six arenas within a 60 mile radius from Morrystown to Wickenburg to Aguila. Two busy arenas located downtown Wickenburg – Simpson Ranch and the Downtown arena. On the outskirts of town, the Everett Bowman Rodeo Arena hosts a lot of ropers.



Anie Wayman-Trujillo

In Morristown, Western Trials and Hooves and Horns arenas stay busy throughout the cool season. West Wickenburg, actually located in the Aguila area, is another one of the many places where a roper can throw a loop.

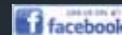
The Chamber of Commerce estimates that the Wickenburg area grows from a population of about 10,000 year round residents to over 14,000 residents between October and April, with many of those winter visitors coming for the equestrian events. These seasonal residents rope, shop, eat out, and invite their friends to come and enjoy the true western lifestyle the community has to offer. Often those visitors decide to put down permanent roots and stay in the area.

With more and more ropers coming to enjoy the Wickenburg area, the caliber of the roping's varies between weekend jackpots to high dollar qualifiers, such as Rancho Rio hosting events as part of Yost's National Team Roping Tour and World Series of Team Roping qualifiers. Now, there are at least a couple of roping events held at one or two arenas every day, and it is not unusual to have 400-500 teams per roping.

Along with roping, riders can find practice arenas, and Wickenburg has started to see an influx of other equestrian events such as barrel races, horse sales and clinics.

To quote a sign at Rancho Rio, "Every Day is Saturday in Wickenburg". For more information and roping schedules please visit www.wickenburgchamber.com roping schedule.

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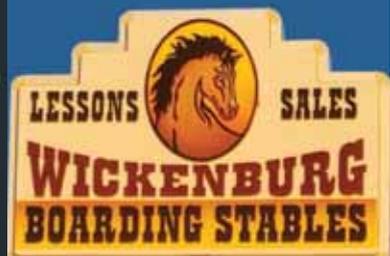
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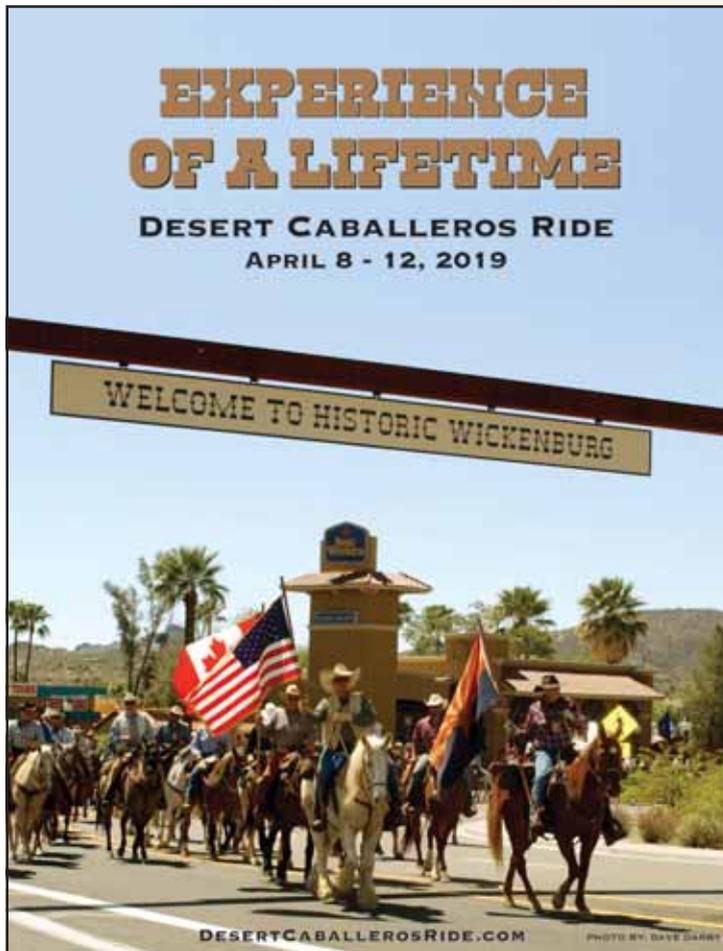
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Day 1

Grab a bite of breakfast at Nana's. (See ad on page 17)

10 a.m. Desert Caballeros Western Museum. Two full floors, plus more. Large art gallery, indoor western town, dude ranch memorabilia, touchable exhibits ... and an audio tour! You'll need a couple of hours, or more. (See ad on page 12).

Noon Go to Lunch! Anita's Cocina is right downtown. (Ad on page 22)

1:30 p.m. Head back to the Museum to finish your visit. You're on Frontier Street, so when you're done at the museum, walk over to the visitor center in the old railroad depot on the way, visit Locomotive 761. Arriving at the Visitor Center, 216 N. Frontier St.) you're ready to enjoy the **Historic Downtown Walking Tour**. (Brochure guides available at the visitor center.) Make your way around town on the first half of the Walking Tour. Browse in the shops, enjoy talking sculptures and imagine the early days of historic buildings still in use. Take your time, there's a lot to see and learn.

4:30 p.m. Head over to Rancho Bar 7 Restaurant (ad on page 22) to get off your feet and refresh with a cold drink, an amazing cheeseburger or steak and a visit to their wonderful salad bar. While you're at dinner, call to arrange a visit the following day at the Historic Henry Wickenburg House. (928) 684-5603.

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9:30 a.m. Vulture City here we come – Arizona's newest ghost town desitination. The town around Vulture Mine has literally been rebuilt from the ground up. Using actual remains and historic photos, craftsman have lovingly restored this amazing piece of Arizona history. Visitors can see, touch and feel the past in a blacksmith shop, post office, assayers office/vault/guard headquarters, brothel, bunkhouse, kitchen, dining hall, dance hall, bar and a hanging tree! Plan to use up the whole morning. Kids will love it! (See ad on page 29 for more info.)

Noonish – grab some lunch at the Sizzling Wok. (Ad on page 23)

2 p.m. Remember that appointment you made last night to view the Henry Wickenburg House? It's time! Drive to the end of S. Washington St. A trip into the home of Wickenburg's founder, Henry Wickenburg, will be the perfect ending to your historic tour.



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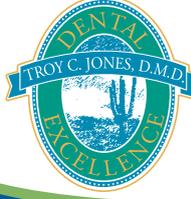
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Granite Mountain Hotshots State Park

In Memory

By Anie Wayman-Trujillo

The Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park was dedicated on Nov. 30, 2016, in memory of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who, on June 30 2013, gave their lives in the line of duty fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire, west of Yarnell, Arizona.

Since that fateful day in 2013, the Arizona State Parks Department along with other governmental agencies, friends families and private foundations have worked tirelessly to provide a permanent monument dedicated to the Granite Mountain 19, at the site where the tragedy occurred.

The State Park includes a 2.85 mile trail through the Weaver Mountains which leads to an observation deck where the actual fatality site, 400 feet below, can be seen. Along the trail leading to the observation deck, “based on their rank and tool order” are 19 granite plaques, spaced 600 feet apart. Each shares a photo and story of one of the Hotshots. A Tribute Wall is also provided for visitors to leave notes and other mementos. Once at the observation deck, another .75 mile trail provides hikers access to the Fatality Site, where 19 gabions, one for each Hotshot, encircle the site where they made their last call. A memorial flagpole and benches surround the site.

Upon arrival at the parking lot, visitors can immediately recognize the rugged terrain of the area as they are met with vertical steps on the side of the mountain leading to the trail. The 7 mile round trip trail to the Fatality site covers steep and rocky terrain and is considered a challenging hike.

Unique to any other State Park, this is the only Memorial State Park in Arizona and was designed to give visitors a glimpse at the environment wildland firefighters are exposed to. Commemorative benches along the trail and additional information about wildland firefighting are provided. The park was designed not just as a hiking trail, but to allow the visitors time to sit, reflect, pay tribute to and remember who the Hotshots were and what they experienced. It is there for people to envision the job that is done by wildland fire fighters every day”, stated Michelle Thompson, chief of communication for the Arizona State

Parks. “Visiting this Park is a life changing experience and we’re proud to be a part of such a Memorial.”

Set on the edge of State Highway 89 against the side of Weaver Mountain, the parking lot and trailhead provide a small area where visitors can read about the Granite Mountain Hotshots, find restroom facilities and information about the trail. Benches and information are provided at that trailhead for those who choose not hike the trail but would like to sit, reflect and pay tribute.

Visitors to the Memorial will now also be able to view a new life-size bronze statue of a wildland firefighter that was dedicated to the Memorial in May of 2018 by the Wildland Firefighter Guardian Institute. The statute was a gift to the Institute from the Facebook Watch program Returning the Favor, starring Mike Rowe. The statute, by artist Matt Glenn of Provo, Utah, incorporates features from each of the hotshots and was done intentionally so that, when completed, the statue would feel familiar, with the stance and the determined look.

Since the dedication of the Park, Thompson states that visitor records indicate that as of the beginning of 2019, more than 62,000 visitors have stopped at the site, with visitors coming from all over the world to pay their respects to the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

Due to the restricted area available at the trailhead, parking at the site is limited to 12 spaces. Of those 12 spaces 1 site is dedicated for ADA parking and there are 4 additional parking spaces for motorcycles.

In order to accommodate visitors, Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park offers a shuttle service Fridays-Sundays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last shuttle pickup is 4 p.m. This service is free, with a recommended \$5 donation. The shuttle departs from the town of Yarnell. Visitors should look for the signs that designate the shuttle site.

June 30, 2019, will mark the 6th year since the fateful day. A memorial service is planned at the site.

For more information about site times, what to bring to be prepared to hike, the memorial service and other information visit az.stateparks.com or call 877-MYPARKS. The site is staffed with a full time Arizona State Park Ranger who is available to answer questions.



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Yarnell Daze 50th Annual Mountaintop Festival May 18, 2019

By Deb Miller

The Yarnell-Peoples Valley Chamber of Commerce (DBA Weaver Mountains Chamber of Commerce) is proud to announce its 50th Annual Yarnell Daze annual mountaintop festival to be held Saturday, May 18, 2019. This one-day festival offers activities for the entire family and is the perfect day trip. Free events will commence from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A major event at Yarnell Daze is the Highway 89 parade which features antique cars, floats, horses, clowns fire trucks and more. This year's grand marshal will be Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer. Learn more about Dolan at <https://dolanellis.com/>.

Other activities include arts and crafts and food vendors on the main vendors field and other locations, and firefighter cadets will demonstrate their skills. A fine arts show will be held along with a KidZone with games and crafts, and a special show for youngsters at the Yarnell Public Library.

Musical entertainment will include outdoor dancing with the Redneck Rock Stars band whose Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/redneckrockstarsbandaz/>, plus great food at the main stage bar and grill. Additionally, a popular easy listening stage located in the vendor field will feature myriad local talent, with AZ AirNet providing free Wi-Fi through Main Street. Visitors can take a chance on raffle prizes and 50/50 tickets and visit the state park memorial site for the Granite Mountain Hotshots, St. Joseph's Shrine, and an Indian tipi. (Activities are subject to change.)

Shoppers may also find something unique at one of Yarnell's many distinctive antiques shops and gift nooks. Yarnell is nestled in the Weaver Mountains at 4,800 feet elevation in the top of the Bradshaw Mountains on historic Highway 89, north of Wickenburg. Visit the festival's page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Yarnell-Daze-Annual-Event-3rd-Saturday-in-May-1537472946529803/>

This event is listed on festival.net, and for more information contact Trish at (928) 277-6674 or by email at InfoOnTheHill@gmail.com.

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Hotshot Tribute Wall commemorates fallen

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Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial Tribute Wall

62,000 visitors from as far away as the Marshall Islands have paid their respects to the fallen 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots. The Tribute Wall allows visitors to leave an item of remembrance. The tribute wall is located along the trail on the ridge overlooking the Fatality Site. It is common for firefighters to trade hats or service badges from their station of duty, and these are the most common mementos left as a tribute.

Although the Arizona State Parks periodically collects the items, all items are cataloged with an exact description. Then, an interactive map is tagged with a "pin-head" at the location where the item came from.

The items are preserved through the Tribute Fence Preservation Project, a permanent collect at the Arizona State Library and Archives. The interactive map is on the Arizona State Parks website and allows viewers to click on the colored "pin-heads" that will then bring up a details on the item. www.azstateparks.com



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Los Caballeros Come Out and Play

Jeanie Hankins

By April Morganroth

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Mike Miller, the director of golf at Los Caballeros says it's, "Arizona's best kept secret, kind of like a diamond in the rough."

What's new?

Well, if you don't already know, the Los Caballeros Golf Club is no longer an exclusive "Member's only" club. Miller said, "We want to let people know that we exist, first of all, and are now open to the public for a daily play."

Senior board of directors member Tom Truston said the decision to open the club up and invite the public came nearly 7 years ago. But the newest member on the board, Ronald Snow says, the best part of that decision is members and non-members are treated with the same red carpet experience from the moment they drive up.

"No one is treated any different, whether they are a golf member, social member or daily play person – everyone will be greeted with a golf cart attendant to take their bags and give the same 5-star service."

All three men agree that it is their goal to ensure that everyone receives the "gold-standard," are on a first-name basis with staff and will want to return after their first visit. "It's very important to us, very important that members or non-members want to return.

We want to continue to cater to them in such a way they will fully enjoy their time spent here," Truston said.

What's unique about Lost Caballeros golf course?

The rolling terrain, two beautiful lakes and abundance of strategically placed bunkers have four sets of tees well suited for a "wide variety of playing levels," from those just starting out to those who prefer more of a challenge.

Each golfer, member or not, are invited to practice on one of the driving ranges, practice putting greens or can choose a short-game exercise area. Each course is designed to be a traditional championship course with challenging 135-slope ratings, extending out to 7,014 yards.

However, their "signature hole" can be found in the 13th, which can be played 605 yards from the rust tees and features several changes in elevation. It also includes a small well-protected undulating green. This particular holes has been featured as "one of the most challenging par 5 holes in the state," by various golf experts.

Snow says the atmosphere of the club is so "welcoming and inviting" that people don't even have to be a golfer to enjoy the amenities they offer. That's because Los Caballeros also has a social club, where on any given day ladies can be found playing Bunco in the club restaurant.

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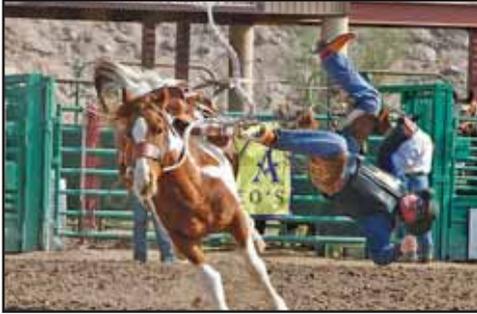
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Festivities begin on Thursday, Feb. 7, with the Brown's Amusements Family Fun Carnival opening at 4 p.m., in the downtown district.

Nashville artist Tracy Byrd will perform, Thursday, Feb. 7th and Friday, Feb. 8th the show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts. To purchase tickets only for the Webb Center concerts call (928) 684-6624.

The official opening gets underway on Friday, Feb. 8 on Frontier Street at 10 a.m. with western act by actor stunt man Will Roberts. Beautiful classic cars are on view on Frontier Street from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The main festival area on Valentine Street in the historic district will see exhibitors at the Wickenburg Art Club artisans' fair, and juried fine art show. At the community center you'll find daily activities such as gold panning, arts/crafts, and food court from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with the carnival running throughout the evening. Nearby, the free stage entertainment area is set-up for live music each day starting at noon.

One of the highlights on Friday is the first show of the Desert Stagers old fashioned melodrama, held in the historic Saguaro Theatre at 7 p.m., \$10 nightly throughout the

celebration. The parade is on Saturday at 10 a.m., and one of the largest in Arizona with 75 entries including horses, historic wagons, classic auto's, floats, marching bands, and youth groups. After the parade a western barbeque is sponsored by the Wickenburg Saddle Club at 11 a.m., and the first performance of the National Senior Professional Rodeo & Open Rough Stock, held at 2 p.m. at the Everett Bowman Arena, located at 935 Constellation Road, just one mile east of downtown. Admission: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$5 students & children (6-17), 5 and under are Free. Gates open at noon. Grandstand seating at the rodeo sells out, so get there early or bring a lawn chair.

Downtown events continue on Sunday, as well as gold panning competitions, and the Mucking and Drilling Contest. The second performance of the Senior Pro Rodeo is at 2 p.m., and at 7 p.m. is the final performance of the Wickenburg Desert Stagers Melodrama.

The Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce is the proud producer of the celebration each year, along with the Town of Wickenburg, partners and sponsors.

For more information, and tickets call (928) 684-5479 or visit online at:

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