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Town of Wickenburg

A Glittering 200th Birthday Celebration for Henry Wickenburg

WICKENBURG, AZ- Join us for a multi-day celebration honoring the 200th birthday of one of Arizona's most influential pioneers, Henry Wickenburg. His legacy has not only shaped the town that bears his names, but the state of Arizona as well. Wickenburg was a German immigrant who discovered gold in 1863, which in turn established the Vulture Mine, one of the wealthiest gold mines in the territory. From the mine to his ranch, and throughout the Town of Wickenburg his adventurous spirit continues on in the charm of a true Western community.

This same spirit will be the heart of the celebration that begins on November 21, 2019 to celebrate Henry Wickenburg's 200th birthday, on his birthday. The Wickenburg Historical Preservation Society, the Town of Wickenburg and a number of other organizations and sponsors are proud to present this celebration that will begin at 11 a.m. at the historic Henry Wickenburg House. Event commencements and honors will be presented to Mr. Wickenburg's remaining relative, Martina Wickenburg who will travel from Essen, Germany to attend the celebration. In addition, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum will host some special items and information on the weekend's activities throughout the day.

Friday, November 22nd the historic Vulture Mine and Vulture City Ghost Town will host a celebratory dinner. This special and exclusive event will be an evening to remember. Amongst the rolling and sky reaching mountains, lies the lovingly renovated remains of a city which once thrived off of gold. A delicious dinner and tour will be set in this historic landscape. For information and tickets, please visit <http://www.vultureminetours.com/henrys-200th-birthday>.

Saturday, November 23rd will be a day that honors the town's heritage through special performances, activities and just plain fun for the entire family. The main activities will be centralized in the historic downtown. The day will kick off on Apache St., with presentations and stage entertainment including:

- Native American Dancers
- Acclaimed archivist and author Lynn Downey
- Wickenburg High School Choir
- A Henry Wickenburg look-alike contest
- And much more!

Stone Park, adjacent to Apache St., will be filled with Artisans and Crafts along with a Vintage Flee Market. A classic car show, wagon rides and food vendors will line Apache St. while nostalgic games for children will also be set up in Stone Park including:

- Gunny Sack Races
- Relays
- Egg and Spoon races
- Gold panning
- And more!

The day ends with a traditional country BBQ + Dance and a rockin' western band that will take place in the Community Center, doors open at 6 p.m. Bring your appetite for not only delicious food, but for the unique raffle that will have custom artisan goods.

Sunday, November 24th don't miss out on your chance to visit the exclusive Flying E Ranch for brunch and horseback rides. More information and tickets are available by contacting info@flyingeranch.com or 928-684-9690.

It will be a weekend of good old western fun in beautiful Wickenburg, Arizona. For a full schedule of events and more information visit www.wickenburgaz.org.