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September Kicks Off Busy Schedule of Events in Palmdale

PALMDALE – The month of September brings to Palmdale a full lineup of events for the entire community:

Kiwanis Duck Races

The 10th annual \$1 Million Dollar Kiwanis “Duck Race” will be held on **Friday, Sept. 4** from 6 to 9 pm at DryTown Water Park, 3850-B E. Avenue S, Palmdale.

Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Palmdale West, the proceeds of the duck race will go back to the community and benefit more than 70 local schools and youth organizations.

Admission is \$5 for spectators. DryTown Water Park attractions will be open for use; the lazy river will close at 7:30 pm for the races. There is no requirement to adopt a duck to enter the event. Ducks are \$5 each and may be adopted online at www.duckrace.com/antelopevalley.

In addition to the chance to win \$1,000,000, several great prizes will be awarded including: 1st Place - \$1,000 Sam's Club Gift Card; 2nd Place - \$700 Home Depot Gift Card; 3rd Place - \$500 Walmart Gift Card; 4th Place - \$450 Sports Package; 5th Place - \$400 Best Buy Gift Card; 6th- 12th Place - Dining and Entertainment Packages.

Antelope Valley International Heritage Festival

The 21st Annual Antelope Valley International Heritage Festival will take place **Saturday, September 12**, from 9 am to 3 pm at Poncitlán Square, 38315 9th St. East, in Palmdale.

This free event provides an opportunity for local residents to share their cultural heritage through ethnic foods, multi-cultural dance, costumes and artwork.

The event was started in 1995 by community cultural organizations, to reduce intolerance in the local community. The organizations work together to foster mutual understanding among the diverse ethnic groups of the Antelope Valley.

For more information, please contact Robert Alvarado, Committee Chairperson, at 661/406-8801.

Gracefest

Dating back to August 2007, GraceFest has become the Antelope Valley's Premier Music and Message festival. GraceFest returns to the Palmdale Amphitheater on **Friday and Saturday Sept. 18 and 19**, for two amazing nights of music and fellowship. Friday presents the new Worship Night featuring special music performed by John Stratton, The Outsiders and Jake Hamilton & The Sound on the main stage from 5 to 8 pm. Admission is free.

Saturday's main event will run from 1 to 10 pm and will feature the Newsboys as the headliner, plus Hawk Nelson, Ryan Stevenson, Jake Hamilton and more. Local bands that will also take the stage include String and a Prayer, Real Life Worship SCV, Chris Correa, Journey Worship Band, Angela Hearn and a Tribes and Nations

Ceremony. GraceFest is a family event featuring music ministry, merchants, vendors, kid's games, a youth performance stage, concessionaires, interactive arts, speakers, prayer ministry and much more. Tickets are \$20 for general admission Current ticket prices are Gen Ad. single tickets \$20, Gen. Ad. Group tickets of 6 or more \$15, ages 10 and below are free. This year a special VIP ticket is available for \$75, see the website for more details at www.gracefestav.com.

AV Vets 4 Veterans Classic Auto & Motorcycle Show

The 6th annual AV Vets 4 Veterans Classic Auto & Motorcycle Show is happening on **Sunday, Sept. 20** from 12 noon to 4 pm at Poncitlán Square, 38315 9th St. East, in Palmdale. This free event that benefits Antelope Valley veterans, will feature live music by Boys Nite Out and the Boogie Woogie Mamas, Halau Hula) Kanoelani Polynesian Dancers, craft vendors, food, face painting and more. A poker run at 9 am, which will begin at AV Harley Davidson, will be part of the fun. There is a \$25 entry fee for the poker run. For more information, please call 661/714-0454 or email events@avvets4veterans.org.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life – Palmdale will take place on **Saturday Sept. 26** at Highland High School, 39055 25th St. West, Palmdale. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 9 am with a Survivor's Lap to kick things off. A Caregiver's Lap, Luminaria Ceremony and Closing Ceremonies will be part of this important fundraiser in the fight against cancer.

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