Rodeo Queens Donate Items To CAAFA

Lost Dutchman Days royalty donated numerous items to the non-profit organization

By Meghan McCoy
The News

The Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queens decided to hold a donation drive for CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) to help support a local organization by providing numerous items they collected from the community in less than a month.

Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queen Taylor Umlah said they wanted to help someone in their back yard who does not necessarily get a lot of publicity. "We want to stay locally and do what we can to help our community," she added. Umlah said she intends on taking advantage of her position as the Rodeo Queen to help a different organization within the community every month especially now because of the economy.

Umlah, Lost Dutchman Days Senior Teen Queen Felicia Havins, and Lost Dutchman Days Junior Teen Queen Saskia Davies donated almost 100 items to CAAFA on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Books, magazines, clothing, cosmetic items, hygiene items, shoes, toys, purses, cleaning supplies and paper products were generously provided to the non-profit organization that helps individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

Donation boxes were placed at Gold Canyon Golf Resort along with individual families collecting donations after the Rodeo Queens decided they wanted to help CAAFA at their last monthly meeting.

For more information about CAAFA, visit their Web site at caafaaz.org or call 480-982-0205.

Lost Dutchman Days Junior Teen Queen Saskia Davies, Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queen Taylor Umlah and Lost Dutchman Days Senior Teen Queen Felicia Havins participated in the Gila County Rodeo/Parade earlier this year.

Rodeo Queens Have Logged Many Miles Since Winning Title

Nearly 1000 miles since February

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The 2008 Lost Dutchman Rodeo Queen has already traveled the state of Arizona representing her town's western heritage, along with promoting next year's Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo, while making life-long friends and a great deal of memories as she rides.

Lost Dutchman Rodeo Queen Taylor Umlah, along with Lost Dutchman Days Senior Teen Queen Felicia Havins and Lost Dutchman Days Junior Teen Queen Saskia Davies won their titles in February 2008.

"As Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queens we have proudly represented Apache Junction all over the beautiful state of Arizona," Umlah said.

She added that the Payson Spring Pro Rodeo, in conjunction with the Miss Rodeo Arizona Pageant was their sixth rodeo they have attended since winning their titles. "We watched as Katie Rose Hill passed the crown on to Miss Casey Joe Rose, the new 2008 Miss Rodeo Arizona. The pageant seemed bitter-sweet in the end, we have all gotten to know Katie over the last year, participating at some rodeos together," Umlah said.

Rodeo Queens, Umlah, Havins and Saskia have participated in various hosting town's parades with an entire team who helps them get ready for the event in just a couple of months. When the Queens and their trusty steeds are out and about, they are always dressed from head-to-toe in their traditional purple, silver and black colors along with a touch of sparkles, which represents the traditional colors of the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo.

Umlah said they won 1st Place in the Buckeye Pioneer Days Parade and Rodeo for the Best Costumed Riders in March. "We owe special thanks to Eva Parker for making such great parade shirts and Tim Kruser for creating such amazing chaps for me," she added.

So far Umlah has traveled 978 miles this year, with more than half of the year to go.

"I owe a special thank you to the Apache Junction Mounted Rangers. Not only do they help put our Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo together, but they have helped sponsor me this year," Umlah said. "I would not be able to represent our city and famous rodeo without their support and help."

The Queens next stop was at the Flagstaff Pine Country Pro Rodeo last Friday, June 13 through Saturday, June 15.

CAAFA Director of Services Shannon Reyes, Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queen Taylor Umlah, Lost Dutchman Days Senior Teen Queen Felicia Havins, Lost Dutchman Days Junior Teen Queen Saskia Davies and CAAFA Domestic Violence Advocate Heather Dumas. The Queens donated numerous items to CAAFA on Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

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and issues going on in the community," explained Moore.

Skinner agreed with Moore that this coming November was not the right time to go for an override. She said she believed that the district needs to be very sensitive to the response they received from the voters last November and should listen to what they (voters) are trying to tell the them. "People are saying enough, we want change," Skinner said.

On the other hand, Young disagreed with her fellow colleagues about their decision to not pass the override. "I think it's their (the voters) job to make the decision of cutting teachers," she said. Young said the district is the biggest employer in the area and that cutting the necessary district personnel, to stay within budget would have a profound effect on the community. "How will it help the economic problem if we cut 40 jobs," she added. "It's our job to help the economy."

McNamara agreed with Young that the voters need to be asked for their approval of the Override before they cut that many employees from the district. She expressed that the district has done everything they could to cut down expenses. "We are down to bare bones and we have to go out for the override," McNamara said.

After a long discussion and disagreements between the board members, Skinner asked the board to vote on the agenda item because she felt they would not agree on the issue no matter how much time they spent sharing their thoughts.

Both Skinner and Moore agreed that they would like to revisit the M&O budget override in 2009, so they would have ample time before hand to further educate the community about the override issue.

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through June 30, 2009.

• The authorization of City Manager George Hoffman to request that State Lands Selection Board allow the city to annex approximately 32 acres of State Trust Land at the northeast corner of the South Meridian Drive and West Elliot Avenue alignment. This first step in the proposed annexation of the described lands will help facilitate the master planning and development of the State Lands in Apache Junction under the state's Urban Planning Permit. This request has been prepared in cooperation and coordination with Desert Communities LLC and the State Lands Department staff.

There will be two public hearings during the meeting. Fox Tobacco and Liquor, which has a beer and wine liquor license, wishes to sell liquor. After the public hearing, the council will make a recommendation for approval or denial to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

The second hearing deals with proposed Ordinance No. 1321, amending the Apache Junction City Code, Chapter 3, Administration, Article 3-6, Department of Public Safety, by modifying Section 3-6-3, Subsection (B), appointment and dismissal; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency. Council has directed staff to modify the code provisions relating to the ratification of the Public Safety director appointment. Because a new Public Safety director was appointed and ratified by the council on June 3, the desired code revisions should be adopted without delay, according to the agenda.

During the June 17 meeting the city council will also fill the vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Apache Junction Fire District Tentative Consolidated Budget
Fiscal Year 2008/2009

General Fund	Account Total	Division Total	Grand Totals
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	530,460.89		
Benefits	214,549.31	745,010.20	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	38,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	5,800.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	27,100.00		
Services:	401,560.01		
Facility	31,000.00		
Operating	25,115.00		
Professional	345,445.01	472,460.01	$1,217,470.21
FINANCIAL SERVICES	2,549,771.55	2,549,771.55	$2,549,771.55
TECHNICAL SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	234,845.74		
Benefits	100,533.44	335,379.18	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	18,300.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	120,800.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	213,245.00		
Services:	91,515.00		
Facility	22,100.00		
Operating	26,565.00		
Professional	42,850.00	443,860.00	$779,239.18
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	2,400.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	1,000.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	5,855.00		
Services:	221,390.00		
Facility	5,100.00		
Operating	66,830.00		
Professional	149,460.00	230,645.00	$230,645.00
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	6,022,255.07		
Benefits	2,524,998.18	8,547,253.25	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	39,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	33,050.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	132,700.00		
Services:	220,716.25		
Facility	99,725.00		
Operating	62,391.25		
Professional	58,600.00	425,466.25	$8,972,719.50
MISSION READINESS			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	277,190.57	277,190.57	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	14,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	8,350.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	19,375.00		
Services:	116,845.00		
Facility	14,100.00		
Operating	3,915.00		
Professional	98,830.00	158,570.00	$435,760.57
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	263,491.34		
Benefits	109,914.79	373,406.13	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	7,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	5,150.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	15,900.00		
Services:	23,700.00		
Facility	0.00		
Operating	4,000.00		
Professional	19,700.00	51,750.00	$425,156.13
DEBT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	$0.00
GENERAL FUND			$14,610,762.14
CAPITAL FUND			$754,300.00
BOND PROCEEDS FUND			$3,409,033.74
RESERVE FUND			$1,512,114.37
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			$37,463.02
DEBT SERVICE FUND			$883,343.87
FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 EXPENDITURE TOTAL			$21,207,017.14

A complete copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the AJFD's Administration office, 565 N. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, AZ, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Mon. - Fri. Budget review copies are also available for public inspection at the AJ Public Library and AJ Chamber of Commerce. A governing board meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing public comments on July 8, 2008, 5:30 PM at the AJFD's administration office.

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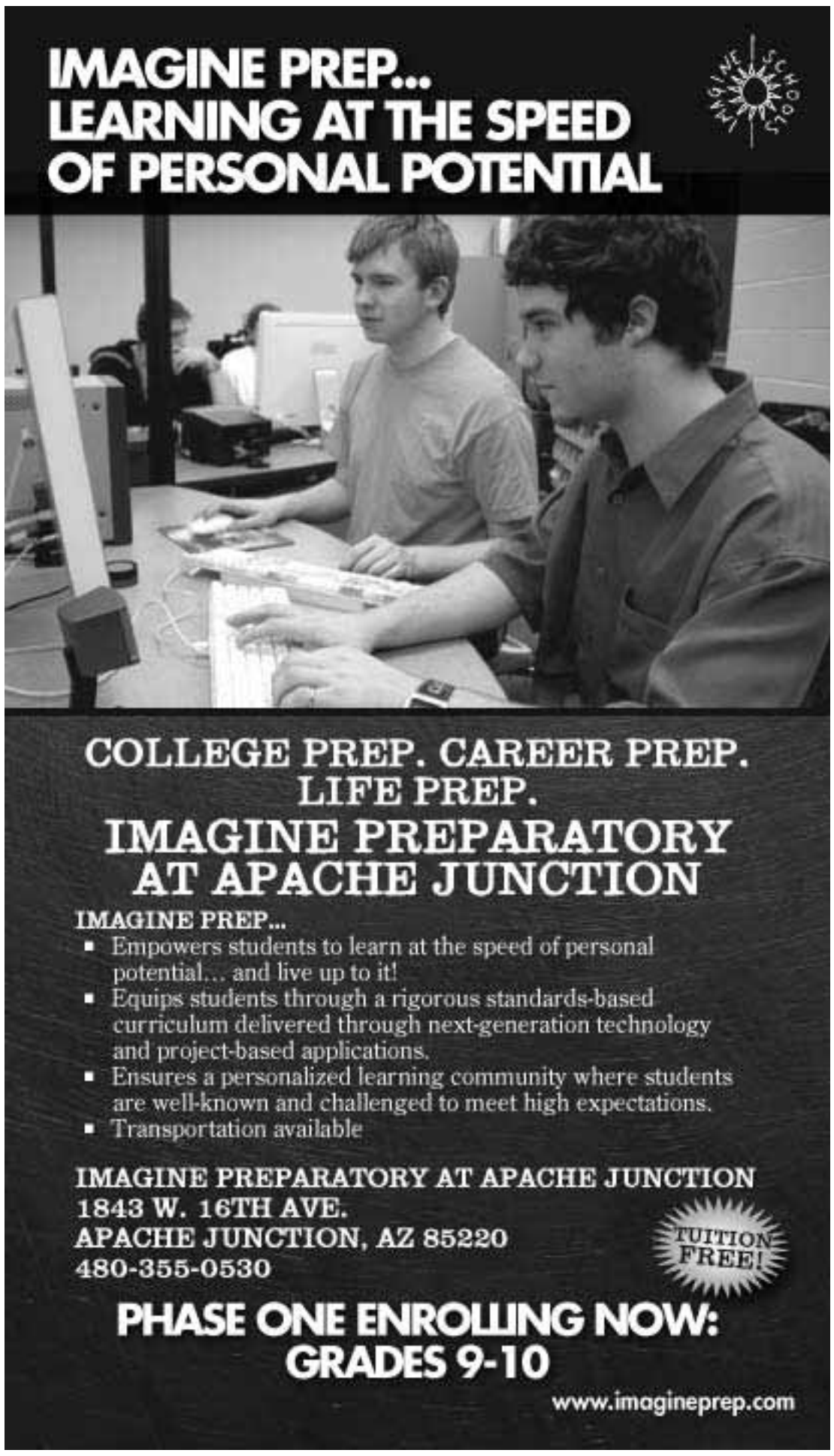
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