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Welcome to the 2017 Home and Leisure Show, as presented to you by the Daily Independent Day.

The list of vendors for this year’s Home and Leisure Show is bristling with talent and service. The current list of vendors scheduled to attend include: Lifetime Exteriors, Mediacom, Kitchen Craft, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Hockett’s Builders Supply, JW Enterprises, Bobby Wayne’s RV, Eastern Sierra CPF, Bernie’s Landscaping, Merry Maids, Lapham Construction, So-Cal Solar, EZ Rentals and Sales, Coldwell Banker, AltaOne Federal Credit Union, MousePrint, Susan Neves Photography, Yelton’s Flooring, Waste Management, Custom Spas Direct, IWV TV Booster, Cheryl McDonald, China Lake Museum, Stacia Mehl-Ford (Juice Plus), Perfectly Posh, PDA Beef Jerky, Cordell Construction Company, Encore Spas, Snow Orthodontics, You-Niquities, Windows, Walls, ‘N Floors, Dewey Pest Control, Tu Tu’s, Pacific Tile & Granite, Convict Lake Resort, The Very Good Baking Co, Las Cabanas, Damsel In Defense, Taylar Bridgeman (Lula Roe), Kristen Rye (Lula Roe), Tammy Kirk (Scentsy), The Outpouring Coffee, Renegade Hydration, Windows Plus Jennie Sandidge (Essential Oils), Schroeder’s Kettle Corn, Ridgecrest Elk’s Lodge 1913, High Desert Horse-shoe Pitcher’s Club, Ridgecrest Optimist Club, Michael’s Certified Air.

A drawing will also be done on March 12 at 2 p.m. for a chance to win a 3-day, 2-night vacation at any Hyatt, Hampton, Marriott, Hilton or Wyndham property. Must be present to win.

The Home and Leisure Show takes place at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

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China Lake Airshow sees return of Blue Angels, plenty of acts

The China Lake Airshow marks the return of the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy’s flight demonstration team to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake for the first time in 23 years on March 18 and 19.

The world renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels will appear at our Air Show. Pushing their F/A-18 Hornets to the limit, the Blues will amaze you with their speed, precision and daring maneuvers. The team is stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, during the show season. However, the squadron spends January through March training pilots and new team members at Naval Air Facility El Centro, California.

With the Blue Angels come a schedule chock full of additional exciting performances, including the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Team - The Black Daggers, flight demonstrations by The Spitfire MK XIV and F6F Bearcat, Spencer Suderman Pitts, Jacque B, famous hang glider Dan Buchanan, and Anna Serbinnenko.

The airshow will include a variety of vendors and static displays, including the F-35 jet fighter.

Gates open at 9 a.m., flying starts at noon and ends at 4:30 p.m. Gates close at 5 p.m. The China Lake Airshow reminds people that it does not release times for specific performers. Performance times can change without notice. Aircraft appearing are subject to change due to many reasons beyond our control, to include but not limited to, maintenance, weather, or other circumstances.

Local traffic should use east/west streets to access Downs St. Proceed north on Downs St. until reaching W. Inyokern Rd. Turn right (east) onto W. Inyokern Rd and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake. Traffic arriving from northbound US-395 should continue north past S. China Lake Blvd. (initial Ridgecrest entry) and continue north until reaching W. Inyokern Rd. (SR-178). At W. Inyokern Rd., turn right (east) and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Traffic arriving from southbound US-395 should exit at W. Inyokern Rd. (SR-178) At W. Inyokern Rd., turn left (east) and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Please check entry restrictions at www.chinalakeairshow.com.

Traffic arriving from northbound Hwy-14 should exit at SR-178 (W. Inyokern Rd.) and proceed east through Inyokern, CA. Continue east and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

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Bernie’s Landscaping: Quality service, great scenery

This year has been one of California’s wettest on record but it remains important to protect our water resources. Bernie’s Landscaping specializes in designing outdoor living spaces that are efficient and low-maintenance to help customers better manage and regulate their water usage. Bernie Mondragon, owner of Bernie’s Landscaping, is leaving behind traditional greenery for a more modern and environmentally responsible design.

As a new customer of Bernie’s Landscaping, Mr. Mondragon will meet with you to discuss your vision for your new yard, your budget and ways to effectively xeriscape. Bernie’s Landscaping enjoys helping homeowners with all phases of landscape design. If you don’t quite know what you want, their wide range of experience can offer suggestions that are both aesthetically pleasing and functional such as decorative rocks which also act as mulch to prevent weed growth. In many of the designs, Bernie’s Landscaping incorporates artificial turf neatly shaped and bordered by uniform bricks, or colorful desert gravel. Often native plants along with rock arrangements are incorporated into the design to reduce or eliminate the need for water while adding color and depth to the xeriscape design.

The demand for water will continue to grow in California therefore water conservation is a way of life. In an effort to help homeowners conserve even more water, Bernie’s Landscaping also offers a yard maintenance service. The benefits of having a licensed contractor maintain your yard are immediate and save both water and money. Bernie’s Landscaping is able to help maintain irrigation systems and suggest preventive repairs to avoid costly water leaks. They also provide guidance on how to program irrigation timers based on yard design, weather, and time of year. Their expertise in lawn maintenance can help a yard survive the harsh heat and limited watering schedule by maintaining higher mowing heights and mowing after irrigation days.

A common misconception is once a yard has been xeriscaped it requires no maintenance compared to a traditional landscape. The amount of maintenance your yard will require depends on the design of your xeriscape. Bernie’s Landscaping is able to create designs with smaller turf areas and plants adapted to Ridgecrest’s climate. When a homeowner opts for a xeriscape design they will enjoy a yard with fewer problems, such as disease and insect control and also benefit from lower demands for water and fertilizer. Additionally, drought tolerant plants mean weeding and pruning will be less frequent. However, every yard will require some watering, pruning/mowing, pest control, feeding, and weeding.

Bernie’s Landscaping has been in business for ten years and evolved from yard maintenance to include a complete residential and commercial landscaping design and construction company. He will have a booth at the Annual Home and Leisure Show at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds on March 11 and 12. Homeowners are encouraged to stop by and share their ideas for a new yard. Bernie’s Landscaping has a wide range of experience from artificial turf to stamped concrete and pavers; they are ready to make the design process easy and enjoyable.

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General admission and parking is free, but there are premium seating options available.

Premium Box Seats are a fantastic way to get a great seat for the air show, right on the flight line and close to show center. Box seats are close to food vendors and have private restrooms. Children 3 and under sitting on laps do not require a ticket. The Saturday and Sunday tickets are $30 for adults and children ages 4-12.

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Cool grays have dominated home design palettes for the last five years. Look to 2017 to gently shake things up with a focus on fresh neutrals that bring warm and cool tones together to create versatile color with timeless appeal. Those warmer hues include complex taupe, beige, khaki and brown colors, including Poised Taupe, the Sherwin-Williams 2017 Color of the Year. Here are four new home decor themes pairing well with the colors:

* Cornflower hues. The combination creates a charming palette ideal for French countryside aesthetics.
* Organic re-imagined. Create an updated nature-inspired palette with citrus green, weathered bronze, mustard yellow and light, cool-toned blue.
* Wine and taupe. Saturated color pairings evoking deep moods are gaining in popularity. Taking cues from baroque and romanticism designs, the palette is reminiscent of vine-ripe fruits, dramatic wine colors and deep blues.
* Yellow pop. Gray tones always provide a clean modern base, but contrasting these hues with vivid colors transforms any room into a contemporary paradise.

**Lights out: 4 ways to prepare for a long outage after the storm**

In recent years, storms have become more intense and frequent, and a recent Stanford University study shows power interruptions last 75 percent longer in abnormally windy years with major weather events. Here are tips for remaining safe and comfortable in an outage:

* Keep water and non-perishable food for a week. Travel may be difficult. In case your well water pump isn’t working, store enough for one gallon per person daily. Remember a manual can opener and propane-operated cooking stove.
* Have backup lighting. To reduce fire hazards, swap candles and kerosene lanterns for battery-operated flashlights and lamps.
* Plan for contingencies. Keep enough cash for a few days if stores can’t process

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**Tips to stop drafts, save money and improve your home**

Drafts from often overlooked spaces waste energy and cause higher energy bills. Try these techniques for easily, quickly and inexpensively sealing and insulating these areas:

* Attic stairs: Add an insulated cover that seals the stairs and stops drafts and energy loss.
* Whole-house fans and air-conditioning vents: Buy a seal made of textured flexible insulation, install it over the ceiling shutter, secure it with Velcro and trim it to fit.
* Fireplaces: An open damper on an unused fireplace can raise a home’s heating-energy consumption by 30 percent, and glass doors may not stop drafts, even if a damper is shut. Try a removable fireplace plug, a pillow-like device made by Battic Door.
* Clothes dryer exhaust ducts: A dryer vent seal can prevent air leakage while keeping out pests. A shuttle allows warm air, lint and moisture to escape when the dryer is in use.

5 gross home maintenance tasks you must do this spring

Some spring home maintenance tasks are enjoyable and uplifting, like planting flowers in the yard and giving the front door a fresh coat of paint. Then there are the jobs you’d rather not think about because they’re not fun and downright gross: cleaning your teenager’s room, for example.

You can probably put off the deep dive into junior’s room without much harm befalling your home, but here are five undesirable maintenance tasks you should tackle this spring:

* Cleaning out gutters and downspouts. Clogged gutters can cause water damage to your home.
* Draining the water heater. Sediment buildup inside a tank can cause it to fail.
* Having the septic system serviced and/or pumped.
* Checking the foundation for cracks, damage, insect infestation and debris.
* Getting rid of mold on trim and siding. That green slime not only looks bad, but if left unchecked it can damage siding.

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