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The Man Behind Blacktop Comedy Who Brings the Laughs and Much More



Blacktop Comedy is a true gem in Placer Valley as the area's premier comedy theater that strives to bring the best in improv, comedy, theater and classes - all which would not be possible without Paul Burke, founder and artistic director for Blacktop Comedy.

A Sacramento native, Burke started his journey on stage as a stand-up comic. "I loved making people laugh but found it to be very solitary," explained Burke. "I decided to take a drop-in improv class and they said I did great and asked me to come back; that was in 2006 now 10 years later I am not just performing improv, I'm teaching it as well."

Burke has loved every minute of it. He honed his skills at the renowned Second City and iO theatres in Chicago as well as at the acclaimed BATS Improv in San Francisco where he learned distinct styles of improv. He returned to the area in 2008 and in 2011 his dream and vision of opening his own comedy theater became a reality when Blacktop Comedy was opened.

Blacktop Comedy holds classes and shows every night of the week and they have a strong group of improv artists and students that have been fundamental in the growth of Blacktop.

Beyond regular shows and classes Burke wanted to bring something even bigger to the area and that is where the idea to have an improv festival was born. "I learned so much by going to festivals and seeing a ton of teams that you would never normally get to see and you just really have this great concentration of skill and talent all at one venue," elaborated Burke.

Now in its fourth year, Blacktop Comedy is thrilled to be hosting the California Comedy Festival this June 9-12 where they will offer 10 shows, 16 troupes, and more than 50 improvisers from all across the country. This four day event will also raise money for Evolve U scholarship fund that benefits at-risk, foster youth with free improv classes.

The California Comedy Festival will be at Blacktop Comedy's headquarters at 3101 Sunset Blvd. in Rocklin and tickets are \$10 for a show or \$25 for a festival pass. Six highly sought after improv workshops will also be available to the public where inspiring theater students will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best improv educators in the business! Workshop registration is \$35 and a workshop pass is \$80.

Thank you Paul Burke for bringing laughter to your stage night after night and for teaching others that laughter is the best medicine!

[Click here for more information about Blacktop Comedy.](#)

[Click here to purchase tickets to the California Comedy Festival.](#)

Rockwood Returns June 10-12

Varsity Basketball Tournament Has Woodcreek, Rocklin and Whitney High Schools Joining Forces



Even though the final buzzer may have sounded on the high school basketball season, the games aren't over quite yet. Thanks to the outstanding efforts from Woodcreek, Rocklin and Whitney High Schools who are bringing back their Rockwood Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament this June 10-12 for the third consecutive year.

Host coach's Paul Hayes from Woodcreek, Steve Taylor from Rocklin and Nick French from Whitney will be joining forces to bring this exciting event to Placer Valley at their respective schools, all of which have excellent facilities and truly value great sportsmanship.

"We are very excited about this year's tournament and look forward to the same level of sportsmanship and competition as last year," commented Coach Hayes. "We have reached our goal to have 24 teams like we did last year and we have several local teams competing as well as many from the Bay Area and Northern Nevada."

The format Rockwood uses is to divide the teams into four six-team brackets for pool play on the first two days of the tournament and based on their pool play record the teams will then get reseeded into three new brackets: Gold, Silver and Bronze for the finals which will take place on Sunday, June 12. All teams are guaranteed five to seven games with 20 minute running halves and five minute halftimes.

[Click here for more information about the Rockwood Varsity Basketball Tournament.](#)

Lincoln AirFest

Lincoln Regional Airport Hosts Major Event on June 11



2016 marks the return of the Lincoln AirFest, an amazing event hosted by the Lincoln Regional Airport that has been on a hiatus for the last few years but is set to return on Saturday, June 11 and is expected to attract thousands of aviation fans from all over Placer Valley and the greater Sacramento region.

This event will be kicked-off with an incredible hot air balloon rise that begins at 6:30 a.m. and is sponsored by Cheers Aerial Media. Immediately following will be a delicious pancake breakfast that is \$5 per person. From 7 to 9:30 a.m. tethered balloon rides will be available for only \$10.

Airplanes and classic cars will arrive between 8 and 10 a.m. featuring warbird and specialty airplanes, helicopters, skydiving exhibitions, powered parachutes, military aircrafts and both classic and sports cars.

As a family-friendly event there will also be plenty for children to do and enjoy. A special education exhibit will provide a great learning opportunity that teaches about flight sciences, simulators and robotics. Pilots and mechanics will also be on hand to show how airplanes are built. Beale AFB will have a U-2 space-suit as well as U-2 pilots for children to interact with throughout the event.

10 a.m. is when the official opening ceremonies for the AirFest will take place and guests will be delighted to witness the Beale Air Force Base Honor Guard, a parachute drop and a two-ship T-38 flyby courteous of Beale AFB. Starting at 10:30 a.m. aviation and general merchandise vendors will open for business all while aircraft will be available for viewing on the tarmac.

General admission tickets to the Lincoln AirFest are \$10 and children 17 and under are free plus there is no fee for parking. This is one community event you do not want to miss so make sure to mark your calendars and come out to enjoy what is sure to be a fantastic time!



[Click here for more information about the Lincoln AirFest.](http://www.lincolnairfest.com)

PVT NEWS

Foskett Regional Park Enhancements

Placer Valley Tourism has continued to encourage and assist in the improvement of existing facilities that will enhance our ability to attract tourism-generating events in our footprint. Recently we made a financial contribution of \$145,000 to Foskett Regional Park in Lincoln. Event Organizers have enjoyed using this park for a wide variety of events, however, we have often heard the facility could be even better with the addition of shade, spectator seating and restrooms. The City of Lincoln installed and paid for the additional restroom facility which has already been installed and is ready for use. PVT's financial contribution will be used to for:

- Shade Structures
- Planting Shade Trees
- Dugout Shade
- Bleachers



Pictured is the check presentation that took place at the City Council Meeting in Lincoln on Tuesday, May 24. From the left: CEO of PVT David Attaway, Lincoln Mayor Spencer Short and Owner of the Holiday Inn Express Shan Fazeli.

PVT by the Number

June Events



The Rocklin Brewfest will take place at Johnson Springview Park on Saturday, June 4.

Room Nights Sold

April 2016: 51,662
April 2015: 50,067
YTD: 196,919
Prior YTD: 189,456

Occupancy

April 2016: 75.3%
April 2015: 73.0%
YTD: 71.8%
Prior YTD: 69.0%

Sport Events

I-80 Titan Varsity Basketball Challenge: June 3-4, Antelope

ASA Softball Tournament: June 4-5, Lincoln

California State Cornhole Championship: June 4, Roseville

AAU Basketball Tournaments: June 4, 11, 18, 24-26, Rocklin

USA BMX Racing: June 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Roseville

Basketball Tournaments at Hardwood Palace: June 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Rocklin

Summer Sanders Swim Invitational: June 9-12, Roseville

Rockwood Varsity Basketball Tournament: June 10-12, Roseville & Rocklin

Cal Cup Soccer Tournament: June 10-12, 17-19, Cherry Island Sports Complex

USSSA Softball Tournaments: June 11-12, Lincoln

Olympic Day at Oak Creek BMX: June 16, Roseville

Piece of the Rock Softball Tournament: June 17-19, Rocklin

Professional Women's Bowling Tour: May 12-15, Citrus Heights

[Gold Cup Weekend at Oak Creek BMX:](#) June 24-26, Roseville
[USTA Norcal Wheelchair Championships:](#) June 24-26, Roseville
[USSSA All Stars Tournament:](#) June 25-26, Roseville & Rocklin
[ARFC Independence Cup:](#) June 25-26, Cherry Island Soccer Complex

Community Events

[Thunder in the Valley Show & Shine, Rods & Relics Car Show:](#) June 3-5, Lincoln

[Rocklin Brewfest:](#) June 4, Rocklin

[Fire Station Open House:](#) June 4, Roseville

[California Comedy Festival:](#) June 9-12, Rocklin

[Food Truck Mania:](#) June 9, Roseville

[Lincoln Airfest:](#) June 11, Lincoln

[Courage Run:](#) June 11, Granite Bay

[G3 - Glitz, Glamour & Girlfriends:](#) June 16, Lincoln

[Campfires at Maidu:](#) June 17, Roseville

[Night out at the Museum:](#) June 18, Roseville

[Townsquare Concert Series:](#) June 18, Roseville

[Concerts at Quarry Park:](#) June 18, Rocklin

[Dad's Day at Denio's:](#) June 18, Roseville



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