

REDEDICATION RIBBON CUTTING

DATE: *October 20, 2020*

TIME: *3:00-4:00 PM*

Location: *Williamson Valley Fire Department (west lower
parking lot)
15450 Williamson Valley Rd, Prescott*

Chairman Brown is cordially inviting you to attend the Ribbon Cutting Event for the rededication of the Grace Marion Sparkes Memorial Bridge located at Mint Creek and Williamson Valley Road .

Grace Sparkes was born in Lead, SD, on January 21, 1893 and came with her family to Prescott in 1907. She helped organize, and was secretary, of Prescott Frontier Days for 30 years. She was known throughout the West as “the girl who bosses 200 bronco busters.” She helped establish the rodeo rules, many of which are still in use today. Sparkes is also credited with coining Prescott's slogan: "Cowboy Capital of the World."

The original Mint Creek Bridge was dedicated to her in 1953. Years ago, the original plaque was removed and stolen.

Grace Sparkes passed away at age 70 on October 22, 1963 and was buried in the family plot at Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott.

She was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 1985.