

Cartwright's finds new chef: Seth Montez Crane

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After a more than four-month search, Cartwright's owner Eric Flatt has found his new chef. Seth Montez Crane has taken the place of former chef Kevin Janeski, who departed the Cave Creek [restaurant](#) this summer.

Montez most recently worked at Christopher's and, before that, he spent seven years at Lon's at the Hermosa.

Yet, appropriately for the Arizona ranch-centric Cartwright's, Montez says he relies strongly on his [Native American](#) background for his culinary inspiration. A member of the Seneca tribe of western New York, he says he practiced locavore principles long before there was a word for it, picking fresh food from the garden and

helping his uncle butcher cattle.

No immediate changes are planned for Cartwright's menu, which features Arizona beef, Colorado range-fed lamb and North American elk and buffalo, slow-cooked over mesquite wood.

Details: Cartwright's Sonoran Ranch House & Lounge, 6710 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek. 480-488-8031, cartwrightssonoranranchhouse.com.