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Heifer International has Carmichael connection

Carmichael resident Cheryl McKinney recently toured Ecuador with a group of Northern California volunteers for Heifer International.

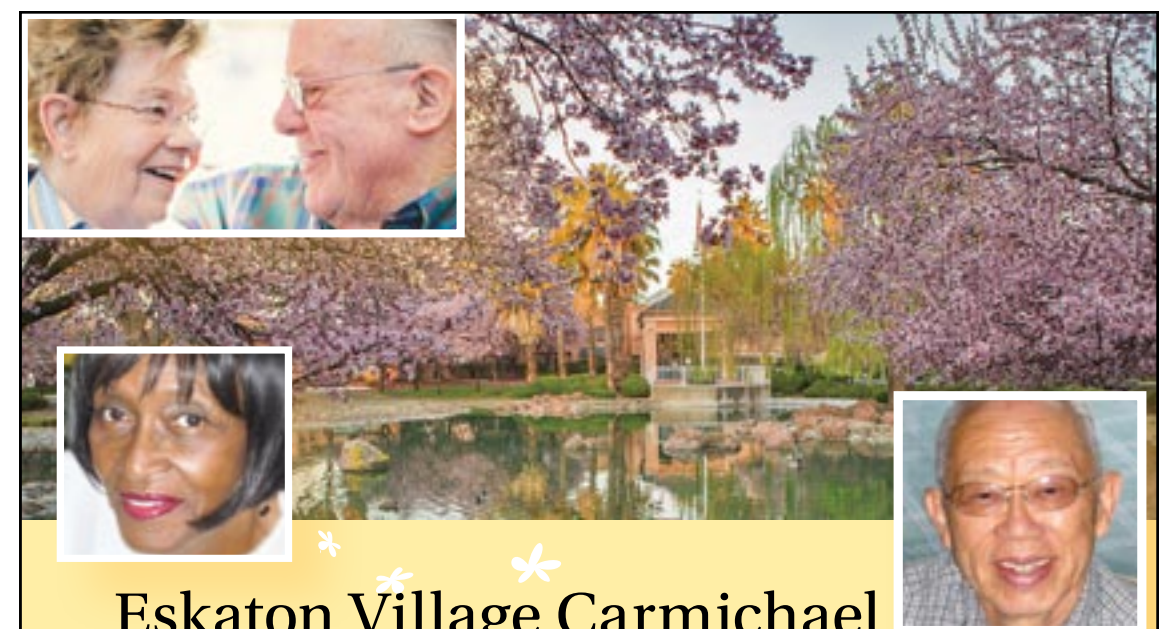
The trip was designed as a field study of Heifer's community development efforts on behalf of small-scale rural farmers. The organization has had a presence in Ecuador since 1954. The group also visited cultural and historic sites.

The 12 volunteers explored banana and cacao groves on the south coast and learned about organic farming practices in a variety of Andean highland locations. In small communities, enterprising local groups of men and women organized in cooperatives are maintaining and, in some cases, reintroducing, indigenous food-production meth-

ods. Clean, organic and sustainable farming practices, known as agroecology, including modest numbers of livestock, companion planting of diverse crops, composting, the use of "living fences" to encourage pollinators and beneficial insects, and seed saving, result in healthier, more attractive produce. Food grown in this way, without synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, has added value in the marketplace.

Heifer International Ecuador employs a development model that values and preserves the contributions of small rural producers seeking to feed their families and maintain economic self-sufficiency. Farmers are encouraged to organize themselves

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Love Horses? Enjoy an equestrian community

By KAITLIN BANE

Popular Sacramento County entertainment venues include great restaurants, sports events, award winning golf courses and fun river days, but you should also know about the County's growing hub for equestrian centers. From barrel racing and cutting, to dressage and English style jumping, there are a myriad of equestrian options to accommodate the expanding sport of horseback riding.

The equestrian industry in America is larger than the textile industry and brings millions of dollars to the Sacramento area. With horses, riders, trainers, farriers and outfitters, the equine community is emerging in prominence as Olympic riders and amateurs alike enjoy the sport. The Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center features more than 350 permanent stalls and often constructs temporary facilities to accommodate major competitions; at one time hosting 1,000 horses. The Center is currently constructing a hotel in Rancho Murieta for visitors to stay during shows and competitions.

"We estimate that we have over 180,000 people coming through the Center each year - people stay here multiple days, so it's really good for local commerce and business," said Maryann Subbotin, Director of the West Coast Equine Foundation, part of the Murieta Equestrian Center. "We have riders who come to practice for 4-H competitions and Olympians competing in International Horse Show, so it is always a fun and open environment."

The Sacramento area is one of the larger areas for equestrian competition on the West Coast. Contrary to the perception that it is a sport only for the elite, Sacramento area facilities focus on sharing horseback riding with people who may not know much about it. "We're open to the public so they can come and visit anytime," said Tim Postel, General Manager of the Murieta Equestrian center. "It's a great place to bring your family and just hang out at the show and enjoy the healthy, wholesome environment that the horses provide."

There is generally no fee for admission to the horse shows at the Murieta Equestrian Center, and with more than 54 events/competitions in 2014 alone, there are several opportunities to see the sport up close.

Leone Equestrian Inc., also located in the eastern part of the County, hosts many dressage, jumping and hunter competition. They allow riders to lease out horses for competition seasons, in addition to providing the training and classes to those wishing to improve their riding skills.

"I think people should know that they're welcome into the horse community," said Maria Dickerson, Manager of Leone Equestrian. "You might come to a barn and see all the big horses and experienced people running around and that could be intimidating, but I encourage people to come. If you were ever fascinated with horses, then come take a look and pet them, you don't have to ride, you can just come in and see for yourself."

From 3-year-old competitors to people in their eighties, there are all types of riders who enjoy the sport and the many equestrian opportunities offered in Sacramento County.

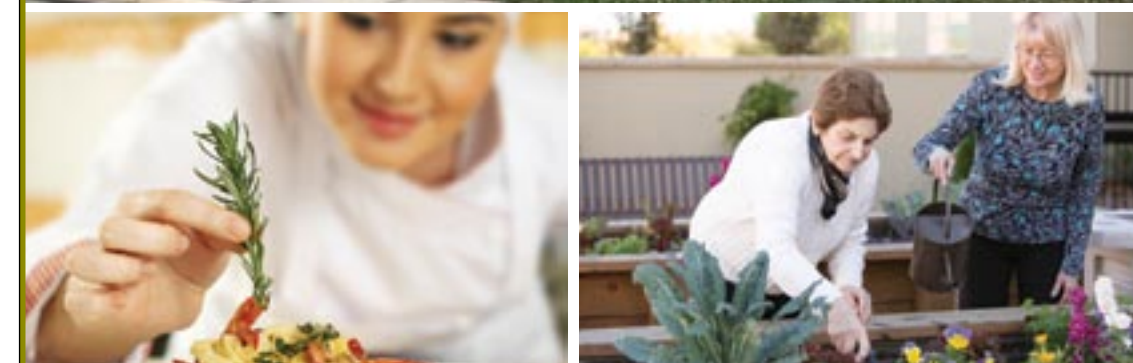
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KVIE Channel 6 made its debut more than a half-century ago

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part nine in a series about local people connected to the early days of television.

The 1950s, as previously presented in this series, brought local television stations to the Sacramento area. And the second to last of the local stations to officially make its debut in that decade was the nonprofit, noncommercial, educational television station, KVIE Channel 6.

On Sept. 23, 1958, KVIE Channel 6 went on the air with one of its early transmissions. The station, however, recognizes its official anniversary date as Feb. 23, 1959.

The aforementioned Sept. 23, 1958 unofficial station debut occurred at 2:15 p.m. with the showing of a pro-

gram called "Music for Young People."

Another unofficial station broadcast by the station happened two days later at 2 p.m. with the presentation of the program, "Music and the Renaissance."

On Sept. 30, 1958 at 2 p.m., KVIE showed the program, "American Art Today."

Other programs were aired by the station on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October 1958.

Those programs were: "Visits with a Sculptor" (Oct. 2, 2:15 p.m.), "Of Science and Scientists" (Oct. 7, 2:15 p.m.), "Understanding Numbers" (Oct. 9, 2:15 p.m.), "Months Before Birth" (Oct. 14, 10:15 a.m.), "At Home with Your Child" (Oct. 16, 10:15 a.m.), "Psychology I" (Oct. 21, 10:15 a.m.), "Before There Was a U.S.A." (Oct. 23, 10:15 a.m.), "Agricultural Policy" (Oct. 28, 10:15 a.m.) and



John C. Crabbe served as KVIE's first general manager.

Photo Courtesy of KVIE

"Great Plains Trilogy" (Oct. 30, 10:15 a.m.).

The Tuesdays and Thursdays educational program format continued until December 1958.

An early KVIE newsletter, which was sent to supporters of

the station in October 1958, gave thanks for the patience of the recipients of the newsletter who were awaiting the station's official debut.

It was noted in that three and a half-page newsletter that once in full operation, the station would have a four hours per

day, five days per week broadcast schedule, and that one of those daily hours would be designated for "in-school service."

In presenting the station's then-upcoming schedule in

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more detail, the newsletter noted: "We plan to begin this service around the first of February or, in other words, coincidentally with the beginning of the second semester. One half hour a day to ten hours a week will be devoted to formal telecourses for credit sponsored by the ten colleges and junior colleges in the viewer area. Seven and a half to ten hours a week will be devoted to programs from the network service, which are produced by colleges and universities throughout the nation. The remainder of the time will be used by various community groups for general education and cultural programs."

KVIE would, however, make its official debut with a Monday through Friday schedule of 6 to 9 p.m., with the exception of the showing of concerts, which would extend the sign-off time to 9:30 p.m.

In regard to early funding for the station, the newsletter referred to a membership campaign that had been completed on Aug. 12, 1958, and it was also mentioned that "cash on hand" for individual memberships totaled \$90,000.

Altogether, \$200,000 had already been raised in cash and pledges for KVIE, which originally operated on the Garden Highway at the studios of KOVR Channel 13. KOVR provided the facilities free-of-charge.

Furthermore, both Channel 3 and Channel 10 assisted KVIE through monetary donations, and Channel 10 allowed Chan-

nel 6 to use its transmitter site and tower at no cost.

KVIE's 10,000-watt antenna and 10-watt transmitter were delivered to El Dorado, southwest of Placerville, in December 1958.

With its placement on a 2,500-foot elevation, the 120-foot-tall antenna, which encircled part of the tower of Channel 10, would allow KVIE to reach viewers in a 2,000-square-mile coverage area.

An article in the Dec. 7, 1958 edition of The Sacramento Union referred to the potential coverage area for the new station as being from "Modesto to Chico, from one valley wall to the other."

The same article noted: "On Jan. 5, 1959, a giant, copper-clad (sic) corkscrew will come to life in the Sierras (sic), about 35 miles east of Sacramento, and a seven-year battle to bring educational television to the Sacramento Valley will have been won."

The roots of that battle could actually be traced back to 1949, when a group in favor of bringing educational television to Sacramento Valley was formed.

And in 1951, the North-Central California Educational Association was established, and was incorporated with the assistance of attorney John E. Malone.

During the following year, Gov. Earl Warren established a committee for the purpose of investigating the creation of an educational television station in the capital city.

The nonprofit corporation, North-Central California

Association for Educational Television, Inc. was founded on June 11, 1952.

It was also in 1952 when the Federal Communications Commission tentatively assigned Sacramento with VHF Channels 6 and 10 and UHF Channels 40 and 46.

KVIE was originally under the direction of John C. Crabbe, the station's general manager.

Crabbe previously spent 21 years working for the FM radio station of the College of the Pacific (now the University of the Pacific). And he also set up educational television offerings at Ohio State University in 1951 and 1952, and worked for the Educational Television and Radio Center (later operated as National Educational Television in New York City) in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Also among the people who originally worked for KVIE were Bill Hopkins, program director and a former employee of Channel 10; Gene Larson, chief engineer and a former employee of Channel

3; Frank Merrill, public relations director; and Dee Black, office manager.

With KVIE's early dedication to working with schools, the station also hired Victor M. Hyden, Jr., former director of radio and television at the University of Kansas, in early December 1958. His role was to lead the development of educational television programs for students, and teachers in training.

It was also in December 1958 that KVIE's cash and pledges total had reached \$214,000.

Additionally, the Fund for Adult Education, a branch of the Ford Foundation, donated \$100,000 worth of equipment.

It was determined that about \$105,000 would be necessary to fund KVIE's initial year, and that sufficient funding had been obtained for the station's second year.

The Union commented on Dec. 7, 1958 that "what happens from then on will be up to viewers in the broadcast area."



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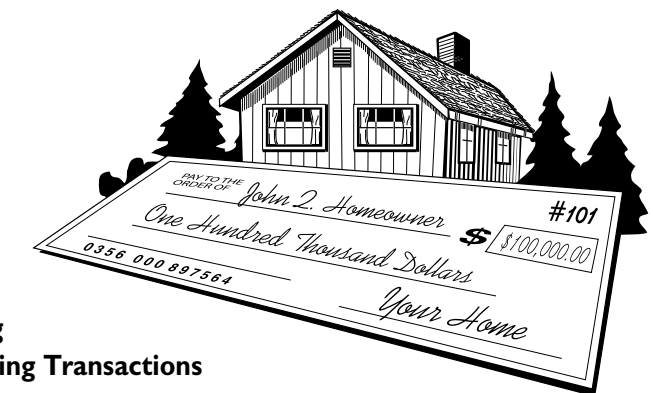
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The Carmichael Seniors Club celebrates its 45th anniversary on April 10

By **MONICA STARK**
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As the bingo numbers are read on a typical Thursday at the Carmichael Seniors Club, 89-year-old Nora Savage is in luck. A number of hers was called out, but she didn't notice right away. Not until her daughter, Kathleen Thomas piped in: "Mother, would you like to take advantage of I-24?" The response was deadpan: "Would? Oh, yes I would." "I keep an eye out. (Mom's) health is good, but she'll get distracted. I just make sure

she doesn't miss a number," Kathleen said about her mom, who happens to be the longest standing member of the club. Nora, a long-time member who joined the club 28 years ago, was recently joined at the meetings by her retired daughter, Kathleen.

Kathleen said she really enjoys spending time with her mom and the club is just another opportunity to do that. She drives her mother to the club meetings when she herself joined back in January.

"She went for years, and when I retired, I went as a guest a couple of times. She had friends who would pick her up. None of them drive anymore. (Mom) said she would just take Paratransit, but I said, no, I will just go with you."

Nora's favorite thing about the club? Just spending time with people. She lives by herself and she's known a lot of those ladies for years. She keeps coming back because of the fun and enjoyment she gets from spending time with her friends she's made over the years.

At the club, birthdays are celebrated; potlucks are shared; and bingo is enjoyed, explained club president Valerie Hobin. "Frequently a bus trip is planned to local casinos. The latest venture is attending local theater production matinees. The club enjoyed the performance of 'Scrooge' at the Christmas holiday season."

The club recently received a proclamation from the Carmichael Recreation and Parks District acknowledg-

ing the 45th anniversary. As the club forges ahead, its objective is to increase membership after a recent decline.

Meanwhile, Kathleen is the youngest club member. "It just seems people working longer, raising grandchildren. The club is great. You get to get out to the community," she said.

Added Valerie: "Club attendance is steady, but it has decreased in the past few years due to many other senior activities in the community and seniors moving into retirement complexes."

In an interview with the Arden-Carmichael News, Valerie said there has been attrition over the years with folks going into retirement homes. "Often they just get too busy once they get into retirement homes," she said.

Valerie said the club works closely with retirement facilities who have their marketing staff introduce members to their facilities. "Often we will have them play bingo and have

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them reach out to the community."

It may be a double-edged sword for the club's membership base – making it so easy for seniors to come to the club, get information about retirement homes, and then leave the club. So, as, Valerie explained: "It's always nice to build up the membership. After all, new people are retiring all the time."

The Carmichael Seniors Club is "just a social group" though if there are speakers, they are generally on safety or security issues. The club has started attending theater productions, like those at the nearby Chautauqua Playhouse.

Valerie described her involvement with the club over the years. A member since 1999, she said that first year she was involved, members urged her to lead the group as its president. "I said, 'no,' but by 2000, I was, which was fun because of the new millennium," recalled Valerie, who had a three-year hiatus as president, Valerie is back. She said some of the changes over the years involve outreach. "For being seniors, they really reach out to the community. The little theater productions, they enjoy those. We try to carpool so everyone can attend," she said.

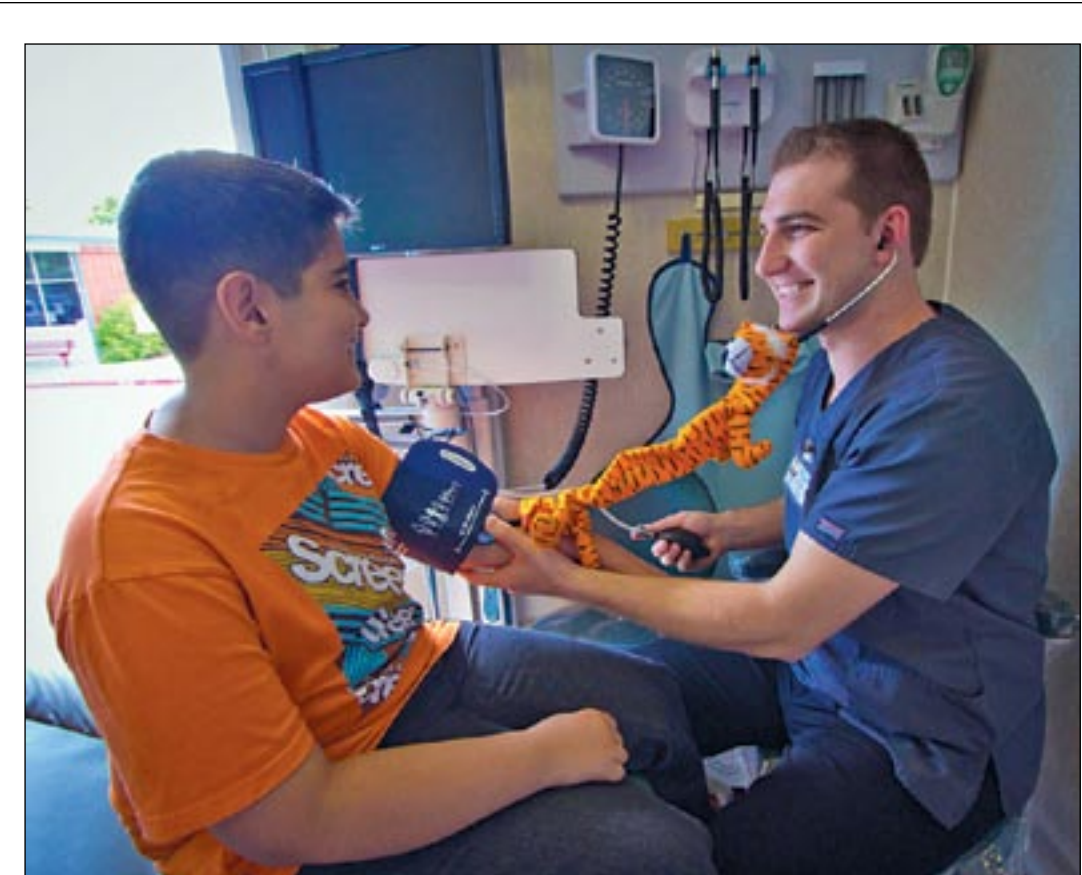
Molly Solis, a past president who has been a club member for six years, added that many members help non-driving members with transportation to the club meetings and activities. Molly speaks highly on her experience at the Carmichael Seniors Club. "I have developed so many new friendships," she said.

While the club has attracted mostly women over the years, men are more than welcome to join in the club activities. "Men come and go," Valerie said, stating that at one time, there were eight in the club, so some Fathers' Day, there was a big to do. "We had a hot dog luncheon. They got pampered," Valerie said.

She remembers one male member in particular who used to make wooden trucks. He lead the group in a special work project held at his home, where club members painted them. After a few work sessions, they donated them to the Sacramento Children's Home. "You just don't get much more satisfaction than to donating to children."

The club meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bingo follows each session. The annual membership fee is \$10. A 50-cent charge is paid each meeting at the door for coffee and condiments.

For more information, call Valerie at 487-5525.



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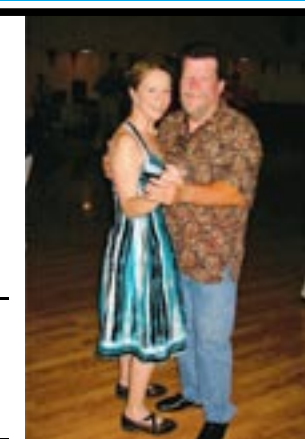
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It's screen-free week for parents and teachers

May 7: Screen-Free Week is an annual event devoted to reducing the time kids spend watching TV, playing Angry Birds, and tweeting their friends. Alan Candee, former supervisor of the Walnut Grove Library, will share the latest research on consequences of excessive screen time and will offer fun suggestions on how to pry your kids away from their TVs, computers, and hand-held devices at a special program, starting at 7 p.m. Possible results? More quality fami-

ly time, improved imagination, better performance in school, and lots more.

Preschool storytime

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Board meeting

May 8: Starting at 7 p.m., Arden-Dimick Friends of the Sacramento Public Library will raise money for materials, programming, and furnishings for the Arden-Dimick Branch Library. They also represent the branch at community events and advocate for the library. The Arden-Dimick Friends welcome members of the public to attend our bimonthly meetings.

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May 13, 20, 27: Starting at 1:30 p.m., there will be a knitting group

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Finance workshop for ages 50-plus

May 15, 29: Developed by the AARP Foundation, this free series of three workshops, which starts at 6 p.m., will make you more financially savvy. Each 90-minute session is designed to foster habits that can improve your financial situation, including budgeting and goal setting, taking charge of credit and debt, developing a savings plan, and protecting your assets. The sessions will give you a good handle on where you stand financially, plus simple, hands-on ways to make measurable progress toward your financial goals. Each participant will receive a free workbook.

Yoga at Arden-Dimick

May 17: Yoga is increasingly popular for its physical and mental benefits. Come to the library at 1 p.m. for a free yoga lesson and experience its grounding, calming effects, while increasing your strength, flexibility and balance.

All skill levels, beginner to advanced, are welcome. Please wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat. Instructor Joan Howell has been teaching yoga for 20 years.

Digital photo frame making

May 17: Come help make digital photo frames to be put up around the library. Starting at 3 p.m., learn how to program a raspberry pi circuit into a mini-computer and hook it up to a LCD screen.

Book Club

May 18: Starting at 2 p.m., join the Arden-Dimick Open Book Club for our "Animals Among Us" series. They'll be exploring humans' relationships with animals in literature and nonfiction. This is a free event that is open to all. This month's book is *The Call of the Wild*, by Jack London.

Wednesday Movie Madness

May 28: Starting at 6 p.m., come see a fabulous feature film, never rated more than PG, in the library's monthly movie series. They'll provide everything (including refreshments)...YOU come and enjoy the movie. Lots of great family fun at the library!! For movie title(s), please call 264-2920.



Canine Corral renovation underway

Clothing drive fundraiser to help offset costs

Carmichael Canine Corral Association in partnership with ReUseIt, is making it easy to de-clutter homes while making a difference locally by hosting a two-week clothing drive from May 19 through June 1. The Clothing Drive will take place at the ReUseIt Donation Center located at 6328 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael.

All donations dropped off at the Carmichael Donation Center during the 2-week period directly benefits Carmichael Canine Corral Association and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Sacramento Area. This unique fundraiser does not cost any money and

promotes responsible recycling, helps our landfills and the environment. It is a great way to give back to the local community while raising money for Carmichael Canine Corral Association.

Donated items that are accepted include usable clothing, shoes, jewelry, belts, purses, backpacks, bedding and linens, housewares, hardware, toys, sporting goods, small working appliances and some furniture.

The Canine Corral was the first off-leash dog park to be developed in Carmichael, California. It has been in operation for nearly 14 years. The Corral is a very popular gathering place for residents of

both Carmichael and the surrounding neighborhoods. Dogs and their owners come from Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Arden Arcade, Citrus Heights, Orangevale and North Highlands. A current survey indicates that approximately 4,400 dogs visit the park each month with over 1100 visits each week. However, after all that time, the Corral was in need of a renovation.

The Corral is now under restoration. The grading work started April 7. The project is scheduled to be completed in mid-September. As with all construction, the Corral board is finding that there are extra costs that are not in their budget. Money

raised during the clothing drive will help fund the renovation.

This unique recycling fundraiser event is sponsored by ReUseIt, a registered, commercial fundraiser in the state of CA and a local business that provides support & service to nonprofit organizations in our local communities. The ReUseIt team has over 40 years of experience in the household recycling industry, and is dedicated to making a difference locally. ReUseIt offers local nonprofit organizations the opportunity to raise important funds for their cause without having to spend a dime. All donations are tax deductible.

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ARTS

Retrospective of the art of Thom Brommerich at Allied Ceramic Arts Institute

On May 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Allied Ceramic Arts Institute is honoring Thom Brommerich's life and art with a gallery show featuring his fine art photography. While Brommerich was known for taking "bee's eye view" photos of flowers and nature, his photography career spanned over 40 years.



The show will take a retrospective look at Brommerich's art and will include photos from his years as a commercial photographer, as well as his more current fine art photography. Organizers are still working on how many pieces will be in the show. In addition to the photos, they will be showing a slide show. There will be smaller prints (11x14) available for sale, and there will be copies of the slide show for sale. Some photos have been "photoshopped," some not.

Born in 1942, Brommerich passed away from after being sick earlier this year on Feb. 1. He graduated from Northlands High School in 1960 and was introduced to photography during his service in the U.S. Army, approximately between the years of 1964 and 1966. After his tour, he earned his degree in Fine Art at Sacramento City College in either 1974 or 1975, followed by attending courses at the now-closed Glen Fishback School of Photography. He started his professional career doing portraits of women and went on to open a photography business with his wife where he photographed, as he put it, "everything from Titan missiles to water-saving toilets."

"Photography is what he lived for. He was an artist in every sense of the word," said his wife, Carol Brommerich who worked alongside him for many years, handling other aspects of the business.

Brommerich took pride in his artwork, and he would spend hours making sure each photo was perfect. He was particular about every aspect of his art, from taking the photo to the matting and frame. Every photo was important to him, and with every one he strived to meet his goal of showing people nature's inner beauty. He would go to places like Capital Nursery on Sunrise and Madison and photograph the flowers and fauna.

Brommerich was active in the Sacramento art scene. His support of local galleries included a year as president of New ArtWorks Gallery. His photographs have shown in galleries around the Sacramento region, including Allied Ceramic Arts Institute, New ArtWorks Gallery and Blue Line Arts.

Brommerich also did multiple shows out at Blue Moon Gallery, which is located near El Camino and Ethan Way. He taught at Glen Fishback School of Photography for 10 years and made many lasting relationships with his students.

"Not only was Thom an amazing photographer, he was extremely supportive of local artists and arts organizations. Always encouraging, supportive and willing to share his wide experience," said Dave Wilkerson, Director of Allied Ceramic Arts Institute.

Admission to the ACAI gallery is free. The gallery is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. Allied Ceramic Arts Institute is located at 7425 Winding Way, Fair Oaks. For more information, call 966-2453 or visit www.acaistudios.com.



Photos by Thom Brommerich

Upcoming at the Chautauqua Playhouse

Groucho: A Life in Revue

This inspired bio musical about The One, The Only begins with Groucho telling the story of the beginnings of the Marx Brothers, their struggles to make it in vaudeville, their rise to stardom, and their eventual break up. Classic Groucho songs, gags, and routines are included. Bob Nathan reprises his acclaimed Groucho, while Chico, Harpo, Margaret Dumont and other women who worked with Groucho and the Marx Brothers, are all portrayed in this heartwarming, funny revue. A hit in New York, across the U.S., and in London, this show will delight Marx Brothers fans, and the as-yet-uninitiated. Visit cplayhouse.org for details.

The Fat Cat and Other Tales

The fat cat eats everything. He starts with the porridge, an old woman, seven girls, eight boys, but the Fat Cat was surprised. Who surprised the Fat Cat?

If you go: When: May 17– May 31; Saturdays at noon and 2 p.m.

Shakespeare at Chautauqua Playhouse!

Downton Abbey devotees will delight in this clever and refreshing new adaptation of Shakespeare's craziest cast of characters where the upstairs lords and ladies get naughty and nice with the downstairs folk in this cunning, wicked and fun night of theater that Shakespeare himself designed as the capstone to the annual festival of light. Widely regarded as Shakespeare's most entertaining and accessible play, "Twelfth Night" is alive with mistaken identity, cross dressing, a set of twins, a retinue of scoundrels and laughs galore. Come see Shakespeare at his rollicking best. Tickets are \$15.

If you go: One weekend only: June 19 (8 p.m.), June 20 (8 p.m.), June 21 (2 and 8 p.m.)

The Chautauqua Playhouse is located at 5325 Engle Road, St. 110., Carmichael 95608.

Upcoming shows at Sacramento Fine Arts in Carmichael

May 13-30: Painting Where the Wild Things Are V

June 3-21: Fiber Art Show

June 24-July 12: "Inner Views," NCA Members Show

July 15-26: "In the Style of the Masters" Open Exhibit

July 29-Aug. 16: Magnum Opus XXV Open Exhibit

Aug. 19-30: Sierra Pastel Society Show

Sept. 2-28: WASH Open Show

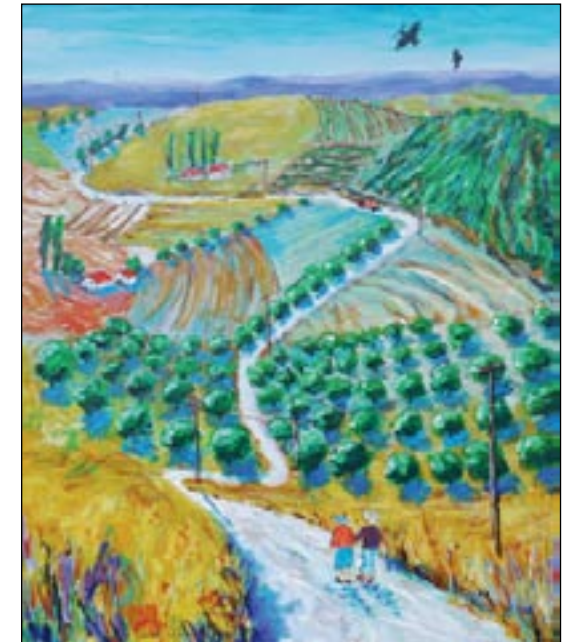
Sept. 30-Oct. 25: NCA Bold Expressions

Oct. 28-Nov. 15: Annual Photography Exhibit

Nov. 18-30: Ars Gratia Artis

Dec. 2-13: San Juan Unified School District K-12 Art Show

Dec. 6: Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show



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SCHOOL NEWS

Sierra Oaks K-8 named California Distinguished School

The California Department of Education has named Sierra Oaks K-8 as a California Distinguished School for its strong commitment and innovative approaches to improving student academic achievement.

The Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools that have made progress in narrowing the achievement gap. Schools that applied for recognition submitted detailed applications outlining the innovative practices they have implemented on campus.

Sierra Oaks was honored for a variety of practices centered on improving student achievement. In the past six years, the percentage of the school's students identified as low income has increased to 41 percent. Through focused, frequent and ongoing teacher collaboration, coaching and student achievement data analysis, the school has seen performance gains among all of its students.

In the area of school climate, Sierra Oaks has seen a drop in suspensions through comprehensive behavior and character education initiatives.

Sierra Oaks has earned the distinction three previous times: in 2008, 1998 and 1987. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized in alternate years.

Spirit of San Juan honorees recognized

The annual Spirit of San Juan awards honor members of the San Juan Unified community who exemplify one of the six positive character traits adopted in the District's Strategic Plan.

Six individual honorees and dozens more nominees were recognized this year for embodying the positive character traits respect, responsibility, honesty, caring, cooperation and courage.

This year's six honorees are: **RESPECT:** Corbin Farias, seventh-grade student, Pasteur Middle **RESPONSIBILITY:** Cynthia Book, science teacher, Barrett Middle **HONESTY:** Daniel Mitchell, fifth-grade student, Skycrest Elementary **CARING:** Cherie Chenoweth, accounting analyst, District Facilities **COOPERATION:** Meghan Case, junior, Del Campo High School

COURAGE: Bailey Hagen, fifth-grade student, Green Oaks Fundamental Elementary

Learn more about them and watch video features about each honoree at www.sanjuan.edu/spirit.

AVID seniors recognized for perseverance, accomplishments

Alejandra Garibay-Gutierrez admits she felt lost and intimidated when she first arrived at San Juan High School. On her first day, she walked into a classroom and saw university posters plastered across the walls.

"The idea of college itself was foreign to me and my family," she said. "However, I knew I wanted something better beyond high school, to do something more."

For Garibay-Gutierrez the answer was Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID.

AVID is a support program targeted at students "in the middle" and is designed to help them prepare for college readiness and success. Recently, San Juan Unified celebrated the accomplishments of 235 graduating AVID seniors during a ceremony at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

"I'm really excited for what's coming next," Garibay-Gutierrez said at the event. In the fall she will head to UC Berkeley to study public health — the first in her family to attend a 4-year university.

"I feel really proud of her and of the school," said her mother, Guillermina.

Of the 235 seniors graduating this year:

-85 percent completed their A-G requirements for a 4-year college
-176 are headed to a 4-year college
-58 are headed to a 2-year college
-91 are the first in their family to attend college.

"You've demonstrated commitment and perseverance," Acting Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Rick Messer told the group.

"It's the day I've been waiting for the past five years," said Mesa Verde senior Luisa Ayala.

More than 2,200 students across San Juan Unified participate in AVID.

STUDENT VOICE: San Juan High students get first-person civics lesson

Editor's note: Earlier this year, five San Juan High School students were selected to learn more about local government in Citrus

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Featuring the resident animals Effie Yeaw Nature Center

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center takes care of more than a dozen non-releasable animals native to the American River system. These animals cannot be returned to their native habitat. In many cases they have been injured, orphaned or grown too accustomed to people.

Birds

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center has five birds: one Northern Saw-whet Owl, Sophia, one Great-horned Owl, Echo, one Red-tailed Hawk, Tanner, one Red-shouldered Hawk, Skye, and one American Kestrel, Rocky.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Effie Yeaw has six snakes, including: three Gopher snakes, Dragonette, Fred and Jasper; two Kingsnakes, Eddy and Bullseye; and one Western Aquatic Garter Snake, Sprite.

Pond animals

Effie Yeaw has two pond animals: Clem, a Western Pond Turtle, and Speckles and Spartacus, Tiger Salamanders.

School:

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Heights by shadowing the city's elected leaders for one evening. The experience taught students about civic engagement, how local governments handle community input and make policy decisions.

The following is a first-person recap written by Shivani Mudaliar, a senior at San Juan High School. See more photos from the evening at www.facebook.com/SanJuanUnified.

I have little interest in politics, but my experience in the Citrus Heights Shadow Program is definitely one I will always remember. Several classmates and I were chosen to participate in an official meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council, and we were able to witness first-hand what goes on to maintain our community.

When we arrived to the front desk of City Hall, I'll admit I was a bit intimidated; there were so many people in suits and formal attire. I felt a little out of place, which was strange to me because I knew that I wasn't too far from home.

The other students and I were fortunate enough to receive a magnificent tour of the City Hall campus and Police Department,

and get a taste of every contribution that goes into the city of Citrus Heights.

We were also lucky enough to sit down and have dinner with all of the city's council members. It was interesting hearing all of their stories and what led them to a career in politics.

My favorite part of the night, however, was when I sat in a huge horseshoe-shaped desk called the dais (which has become my new favorite word), alongside the council members and listened in on a few cases. I may not have known exactly what was going on in each case, but just listening to the public's ideas and comments was fascinating to me.

It was exciting, and an honor, to be a part of the process for a few hours!

I learned more than I expected from this experience. This event opened my eyes to all of the hard work and value the position of a council member holds. I gained knowledge of how the process begins, ends and the effect it has on our city.

I have also learned to keep an open mind about my future, as a result of the many opportunities that are offered within a City Council member.

SOURCE: San Juan Unified

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Heifer International will be one of the exhibitors at the 19th annual Walk on the Wildside in Freepport. Presented by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and its part-

ners, this free, family-oriented day in the country includes lively entertainment and up-close views of many wildlife species.

This event celebrates International Migratory Bird Day, Endangered Species Day and highlights local efforts in protecting and restoring native Central Valley habitats and wildlife. Visitors can enjoy tours of restored wetlands and rookeries on SRCSD's Bufferlands while shopping for native plants, art and photography, and checking out conservation exhibits.

Event Directions: From Sacramento, travel Interstate-5 south and exit at Pocket/Meadowview Road and head east. At Freepport Blvd., turn south Continue two miles on the river road through the town of Freepport. Turn left at the signs (just opposite Cliff's Marina) and contin-

ue until you reach the Beach Lake Picnic Area.

For more information, visit www.bufferlands.com or call (916) 875-WILD. To learn more about International Migratory Bird Day and National Endangered Species Day, visit www.birdday.org and www.stoxtinction.org.

Highlights of the event include the following:

- Wild animal presentations by Wild Things, Inc.
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- Heifer International in Carmichael
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When: Saturday, May 17; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Beach Lake Park, Freepport, CA

What: Walk on the Wildside is a FREE, outdoor festival celebrating local conservation efforts

Who: Hosted by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)

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ONGOING

AARP tax aide seeks volunteers for 2014

The nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers for tax assistance/preparation and leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. You do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to volunteer. For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team in Northern California, contact Ron Byrd at No-CalTaxAide@Outlook.com or visit website at: www.aarp.org/taxaide'

Mahogany Urban Poetry Series - Queen Sheba - poetry readings

Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Women With Good Spirits is a networking group that engages women in the Sacramento community with non-profit organizations that make contributions to our quality of life and care for our fellow residents. Each month, Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The meeting is held at Revolution Wines on the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 p.m. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. Revolution Wines is located at 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodsprits.com or find the group on Facebook.

Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

The Davis Art Center is offering a six-week creative writing class for girls ages 13-18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays starting February 11. The class will offer a positive, supportive space for girls who love reading and writing and are interested in discovering and developing their individual voices. Participants will use short stories by a diverse range of contemporary women writers as jumping off points for their own writing sessions. Each student will pick her best writing to include in a class-produced literary magazine. The

class will be taught by Elise Winn Pollard, who earned her M.A. in creative writing from UC Davis. The fee is \$95 for Art Center members and \$105 for the general public. To enroll, stop by the Art Center at 1919 F St., call (530) 756-4100 or register online at www.davisartcenter.org. Students must be registered at least two weeks before the first class session.

Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field Jumbotron screen and winners announced at a Sacramento River Cats game in April 2014. Winning students and their teachers will also get cash prizes. The grand prize winner's spot may become part of RWA's 2014 television ad campaign. Submissions due Feb. 28. Visit www.BeWaterSmart.info for more information and tips on using water more efficiently and to submit entries or get more information about contest rules, judging and prizes, visit www.sacbee.com/water-spots

California Youth Basketball League taking applications

CYBL is a non-profit year round league for ages 4 through 18 that prides itself on being well organized that aims to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship and self-esteem through coaches, gym official and organizers. Visit www.cybhoops.com or call 391-3900.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.east-sacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

The Sacramento Capitolaire meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: www.capitolaires.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaires.org

Artisan holds Food Drive

Artisan Salon is participating in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive. Over the last 17 years, the Spirit of Giving (SOG) drive has helped Sacramento Food Bank collect and distribute over 4.6 million pounds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families in need. Help support families in need by participating in this year's drive! Artisan Salon is located at 3198 Riverside Blvd.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

MAY

Mad Hatter Meets Sherlock Holmes Fairytale Town fundraiser

May 8: Fairytale Town mixes the zainness of the Mad Hatter with the elementary logic of Sherlock Holmes in its second annual offsite fundraising event. Held at the elegant Masonic Temple from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Mad Hatter Party features chocolate delicacies, wine and food pairings, and live music, plus a live auction and raffle with exciting prizes. All proceeds benefit non-profit Fairytale Town's programs and park improvements. Tickets are \$50 per person. Visit www.fairytaletown.org for more information.

16th Annual East Sac Garden Tour

May 10 and 11: Tour seven beautiful East Sacramento gardens. Enjoy a delicious catered luncheon at the historic Sutter Lawn & Tennis Club, Shop at the unique artisan boutique with 25 vendors. And take a break at the Sweet Stop and Sactotomatoes food truck. Tickets for the tour are \$20 through May 9 and \$25 for the weekend. The luncheon is \$15. Visit www.eastsacgardentour.com. All proceeds benefit the students of David Lubin School.

Scottish Music Workshop and Concert

May 10: Learn to play in the Scottish style from a world-famous master musician; Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Assembly Room (upstairs in the annex building); 2620 Capitol Ave. Workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m. Space is limited so register early to secure your place! Advance registration required. Contact Janet Kurnick at 446-4404 or jkurnick@pacbell.net for more information. Workshop Only: \$20. Concert Only: \$20. Workshop and Concert: \$35. (discount!)

Libertarian Party of Sacramento County presents State Assembly District 9 Candidate Forum

May 15: Meet the candidates: Manuel Martin, Tim Gorsulowsky, Jim Cooper, Darrell Fong, Diana Rodriguez and enjoy some pizza and beer. Round Table Pizza, 1307 Florin Rd. Sacramento; 6-9 p.m.

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

May 17: Starting at 7:30 p.m., this will be a FREE (non-ticketed) Bonus Concert at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St.

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CALENDAR

Angelman Syndrome Walkathon
May 17: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Village Green

Farms, Friends and Fairytales
May 17: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., join Fairy Tale Town for a fun-filled celebration of agriculture! Arrive early to watch Fairy Tale Town's twin Babydoll sheep get sheared, then watch as the wool is spun into thread using an old fashioned spinning wheel. Plus, participate in agriculture-themed hands-on activities, shop the mini farmer's market, and visit with local area farms and organizations. This program is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Movie Night at Marriott Park
May 17: Councilmember Darrell Fong presents movie night at Marriott Park with "Fro-

zen", starting at 8 p.m. There will be free admission, barbecue, and popcorn. Marriott Park is located at 1235 Grand River Dr.

Deane Dance Center presents "The Story of Noah's Ark"
May 17-18: Deane Dance Center's spring production is coming up on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. The center is located at 2300 Sierra Blvd., 95825. The ballet is entitled, "The Story of Noah's Ark." Original music by Henrik Jul Hansen. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12 and children \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 453-0226. Visit deanedancecenter.com for more information.

Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K,
May 24: Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K, 7 to 11 a.m., Village Green.

International Kids Festival
May 24: International Kids Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Land Park Amphitheater

JUNE

The Beatles commemoration at The Crest
June 6-7: "Come Together—A Tribute to the Beatles," incorporating the sights and sounds of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, at 8 p.m. will hit The Crest Theatre on Friday, June 6, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' historic appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," "Come Together" will feature the chorus' interpretation of The Beatles favorites against an original compilation of vintage still photos and video footage of Beatle-mania and U.S. popular culture of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, as well as historical images of Sacramento's LGBT community. Photos and video will be projected on a stage backdrop of six 70-inch screens mounted on a steel frame.

Doggy Dash
June 7: Doggy Dash, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Village Green.

Women of Life Picnic and Songs,
June 7: Women of Life Picnic and Songs, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Land Park Amphitheater.

Puppet Show: "Cinderella" at Fairytale Town
June 7-8: Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a playful puppet show in Fairytale

Town's Children's Theater! Puppet Art Theater Company will perform the classic tale of "Cinderella." Cinderella wants to attend the ball and dance the night away. Unfortunately her step-mother and awful stepsisters conspire against Cinderella, and it is up to her Fairy Godmother to get her to the ball. Tickets are \$2 for non-members in addition to paid park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

A Taste of Land Park
June 8: VIP Member Hour, 3 to 4 p.m.; general 4 to 7 p.m., 14th Street between Vallejo and Markham ways. Neighborhood eateries, live music, wall of wine, regional wineries and breweries, artist's corner. 21 & Over only. Check LandPark.org for tickets.

Family Campout at Fairytale Town
June 13: 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, Jun. 14, 7 a.m. Spend the night in Fairytale Town's storybook park. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices

range from \$25-\$30 per person and include all activities. Member discounts are available. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Juneteenth Festival
June 20-21: Juneteenth Festival, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Friday; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday. Village Green, Expect 3,000 in attendance.

Sacramento Shakespeare Festival
June 23-August 8: Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, Land Park Amphitheater.

Midsummer Night's Dream and Crystal Ice Cream Fantasy
June 28: From 5 to 9 p.m., celebrate William Shakespeare's popular fairy-themed play while enjoying all-you-can-eat Crystal ice cream! This magical midsummer's evening features multiple ice cream tasting stations, live entertainment, hands-on activities, an old world marketplace and more. Costumes for the whole family are encouraged. No host food and bar. Tickets go on sale May 1 at www.fairytaletown.org. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2-12. Day-of tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 2-12. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Faces and Places:

Egg hunt and pancake breakfast

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Carmichael's annual egg hunt and pancake breakfast was held on April 19. Children met the Easter Bunny and enjoyed gathering candy-filled eggs. The event featured vendors, arts and crafts, golden eggs and more.



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Sunday, May 18th at 2 p.m.

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