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Janey Way Memories:

Hot Rods



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Shown here is a scanned image of a promotional magnet of the fifth annual Hot Rod Heaven event held in 2011.

Everyone who grew up in Sacramento in the 1950s-60s remembers K Street. We referred to it as “the drag.” Every Saturday night, if you owned a car, or had one to drive, you headed down town to K Street.

My friend, Johnny “the barber” Waldron owned a car – a hot rod. He had saved the money to buy it while working at a gas station on 56th and Folsom Blvd. Back then, when you stopped to buy gas, someone pumped your gas for you, put air in your tires, checked your oil level and washed your windows. They called those places service stations. That is what Johnny did to earn some cash.

He saved his earnings until he had enough money to buy a 1932 vintage ford which he repainted and “souped” up so that it went fast.

Then, every Saturday night, John drove to K Street to drag. He would hop in the car, and drive down Folsom Boulevard to Alhambra, then turn right, go by the Alhambra Theatre then turn left onto K Street. The drag went all the way down to 3rd Street where you turned right, and went over to J Street where you drove up to 19th and J streets to Mel’s Drive-in

There, Johnny usually stopped to have a burger and a shake. Afterward, he went across 19th Street to the empty lot on the corner and parked. There, the guys stood

in front of their hot rods and custom cars and checked out all the other cars that cruised by. If a really hot car, or hot girl, drove by, they were sure to “ooh and ah.”

It was a ritual back then and we all loved it. I never had a hot car like Johnny, but I went down there none the less, to look for girls and maybe a party to go to.

These days, John, now in his 70s, still owns a hot rod. He shows it off now and again at events like the Autorama and Hot August Nights in Reno, along with his friends from the Italian Hot Rod Association.

They are hosting their own car show on June 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It takes place around the corner from Johnny’s Barber shop on 52nd Street and Folsom Boulevard and promises to be a great event. John says they expect to have around 200 cars on display. The show costs \$20, includes lunch, and benefits the Sac PD K9 Association.

So, if you have the time, and want to go back to a simpler and more colorful place in time, come on over and check it out. Johnny will be there, and I will too, recalling yet another “fast and furious” Janey Way memory.



Towels, toiletries and luggage collected for local foster youth through United Way’s Women in Philanthropy

United Way’s Women in Philanthropy collected 253 towel sets, 48 pieces of luggage and hundreds of toiletries last week for Sacramento County foster youth preparing to emancipate from the system and live on their own for the first time.

“I’ll never forget hearing an emancipated foster youth talk about drying herself off with her clothes because she didn’t have a towel,” said Lorrie Wilson, co-chair of United Way’s Women in Philanthropy. “And many foster youth leave their foster homes carrying their clothes in a garbage bag instead of a suitcase.”

The drive supported Sacramento County’s Foster Youth Emancipation Basket program, which receives the towels and toiletries. Luggage is given to foster youth in United Way’s financial stability initiative that is working to ensure more households in the region, including foster youth living on their own, are financially literate and able to save for the future. Through the initiative, foster youth take financial literacy courses and can earn funds toward matched savings accounts.

“These towels, luggage and toiletries are a concrete way that we can address these kids’ im-

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Sausage city Made-Rite Sausage Co. had East Sac connections

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is the third article in a three-part series about sausage factories that operated in Sacramento.

As a sausage city, Sacramento was once home to several sausage making plants, two of which were Clauss & Kraus and the Pureta Sausage Co., which were featured in previous articles of this series. And also part of the city's sausage making legacy was the Made-Rite Sausage Co.

Made-Rite, which specialized in sausages, hot dogs, luncheon meats, hams and bacon, was established at 3351-3361 2nd Ave. in Oak Park with five employees and one service truck in June 1930. The plant's address was generally referred to as 3353 2nd Ave. during its long history.

The business's original proprietors were East Sacramento residents, Frederick W. "Fred" Becker, of 1512 34th St.; Joseph Reichmuth, of 3424 I St.; John F. Tucher, of 2711 M St. (now Capitol Avenue); and Joseph Dillier, of 1107 56th St.



Frederick W. "Fred" Becker, one of the Made-Rite Sausage Co.'s original owners resided in this house at 1512 34th St. during the early 1930s. The home was originally a single-story dwelling, but a second story was added to the residence for the large family of Elmer and Jayne Demmel during the winter of 1956-57.

Later owners of the business included East Sacramento resident Fred Kaelin, Land Park residents Thores G. Johnson and Clarence W. Curnow, and Tahoe Park resident Frank Halter.

Made-Rite was not the first meat vending establishment to operate at that 2nd Avenue location, as the site was previously home to the Oak Park (meat) Market, which was owned for several years by an experienced meat cutter named George F. Gillespie.

Originally, Made-Rite had 2,500 square feet of floor space, but the plant eventually grew to occupy 52,000 square feet of floor space.

In featuring its popular sausages, in 1942, Made-Rite had an advertisement, which reads: "Ask for Made-Rite pork sausage. Tomorrow, serve this sausage delicacy...made with fresh pork...spiced just right for tangy flavor! At your dealers - Made-Rite Sausage Company - Sacramento."

Another one of Made-Rite's sausages was its liver sausage, which was advertised as a more economical product with "real eating enjoyment."

Made-Rite, in 1943, recommended the following: "For a delightful picnic-supper treat, try grilled liver sausage burgers. Just brown slices of liver sausage slowly in

butter and serve between toasted halves of buns. Add onion, pickle relish or chili sauce, as desired."

In a very Sacramento move, considering that the city's official flower is the camellia, Made-Rite offered its Camellia brand products.

A 1950s Made-Rite advertisement includes the following words: "Fresh smoked for flavor! Look for the wrapper with the Camellia on it - the wrapper

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Sausage City:

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which retains the full, mellow, hickory-smoked flavors, and keeps ham in 'just right' condition 'til ready for your oven. Be sure - get Camellia brand at your favorite market."

For many years, this local sausage company used the slogan, "It tastes right, because it's Made-Rite!"

Part of Made-Rite's history was its bowling and softball league teams.

The Made-Rite softball team competed in the same division with the Clauss & Kraus team. Sacramento's Tastee Sausage Co. also had a softball team in a different division.

By the mid-1950s, Made-Rite had more than 200 employees, 48 delivery trucks and was distributing its products in 45 of the state's 58 counties.

A 1955 Made-Rite advertisement notes: "In 1930, only 8 prepared meat items were offered. Today, more than 100 items are distributed to more than 6,500 retail markets. Camellia brand products range from franks and sausage links through prepackaged 'specialty' items like garlic sausage and braunschweiger to smoked meat products such as hams and slab ba-

con. More than 20 varieties of luncheon loaves are produced in Made Rite's spotless kitchen."

And in describing Made-Rite's approach to meat processing, the same advertisement reads: "Starting with choicest cuts of beef, pork and veal, they are prepared with loving care - often to jealously guarded recipes - by men who bring to their craft an Old World skill and perfectionism."

Among the many people who worked for Made-Rite at various times during its history were Bert Ames (1919-2006), a meat cutter and graduate of Sacramento High School; Walter G. Reynolds (1917-1999), a Sacramento High graduate, who also worked for Clauss & Kraus; William Earl Dawson (1916-2006) and Ken Bakkie.

In 1959, the following Made-Rite employees each received a 10-year of service award: Harvey M. Barthel, Carl Bleuel, John Campanell, Mearl Cox, Betty Giles, Orville Giles, Walter Lantz, Irma Michael, Milton Rose, Marjorie Scott, Rynald Spitzer, Lola Viegas and Gene Whitsett.

Barthel (1926-1996), who began working night shifts at the plant, eventually became the company's president.

At a separate time, Clarence W. Curnow, Jr. served as Made-Rite's president.

The 1976 city directory recognizes Thores K. Johnson as the business's CEO.

On Aug. 24, 1984, the then-54-year-old Made-Rite closed, and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from its creditors five days later. And with the plant's closure, 204 people lost their jobs.

At the time of its bankruptcy filing, Made-Rite had a \$3.5 million deficit in debts, and had assets totaling \$2.8 million.

Made-Rite received new life later that year when Stockton residents Joseph L. and Norma Kaeslin purchased the business's assets

and Made-Rite name for \$1.2 million. That sale was approved by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Woodward on Oct. 17, 1984.

Additionally, the Kaeslins leased the building from the Sacramento-based Sutter Developers.

The plant never again achieved the level of success that it had experienced in its heyday.

Due to declining sales, on July 18, 1986, Made-Rite ceased operations, and announced that it would remain closed indefinitely while seeking a plan to obtain financial stability.

But less than a month later, Made-Rite was permanently closed.

In explaining the company's decision to not reopen its doors for business, The Bee, in its Aug. 12, 1986 edition, noted that Made-Rite had gone out of business "after failing to produce a recovery plan to keep creditors at bay."

The closure was especially significant, as Made-Rite was the city's last meat processing company.

Less than a month after the final closure of the business, a five-alarm fire occurred at the old Made-Rite plant.

The Sept. 8, 1986 fire, which occurred in a second story office and storage area, was determined by the Sacramento Fire Department to be "suspicious" in nature, according to an article in the Sept. 10, 1986 edition of The Bee.

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Money Matters:

Low-income women get financial advice from local Soroptimists

By MONICA STARK
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Recycle. Renew. Those are the themes for Soroptimist International of Sacramento's mammoth garage sale to be held starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 20 at the Folsom Boulevard Flea Market at 8521 Folsom Blvd. between Howe and Watt avenues. The recycled household items of Soroptimist members and friends will be sold to raise funds needed to help renew young people's lives.

The proceeds from the sale will go to fund services, which help women and children improve their lives. One such program is the Soroptimist's Money

Matters Program, which teaches low income, at-risk parents and teenagers how to make their money "go further and last longer." This is the fifth year of the Soroptimist members teaching the classes, which have assisted hundreds of young adults in effectively managing their modest incomes. They are taught to clients from different agencies, including My Sister's House and The Salvation Army. Previously, classes were taught at Women's Empowerment and Soroptimists are hoping to teach the classes at the Boys and Girls Club over the summer. Proceeds to fund the Money Matters program specifically go toward purchasing items like calculators, pens, and pencils for the students.

Items for sale will include appliances, collectibles, linens, clothing, games and sports equipment. The sale will begin at 7 a.m. and will last until mid afternoon. Parking is free. Sale display will be in the back of the property on Row 10 on the backside (northside) of the big red barn. Call the Soroptimist hotline at 709-6748 for more information, and visit the website at www.soroptimistsacramento.com.

Valley Community Newspapers spoke with Nancy Wolford-Landers, a member of the Soroptimists who has been teaching the Money Matters classes since their inception. "We're teaching them how to effectively manage their own money. A lot of people come from families



Photos courtesy

Shown here are graduates of the Money Matters course, which is taught by members of Soroptimist Sacramento. These students took the course while staying at the Tubman House, which provides 18 months of housing and support to members of the homeless population. Shown with the students is Nancy Wolford-Landers, a member of the Soroptimists who has been teaching the Money Matters classes since their inception.

that (those skills) haven't been stressed. We find people drowning in debt, so we try to help them take control of their financial situations," she said.

Proceeds from the June 20 sale will fund expenses such as the cost of the workbooks filled with financial tips and recipe books that go hand-in-hand with instruction on shopping wisely. Students can keep the workbook for future reference. "They might not be buying a car yet, but they can get information on car loans. (The workbook) is meant for them to keep."

The courses are comprised of four 60- to 90-minute sessions. Before the first session gets underway, the Soroptimists provide them with an initial survey to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of the students' financial knowledge. A similar survey is provided at the end of the class. "We don't keep track of names, but as a group and we've

seen a quite bit of improvement."

Sessions stress the need for financial planning and how to take control of one's own money - very powerful skills that for many of the participants are victims of domestic violence. "They relate to that," Nancy said. "We talk about financial plans and financial dreams. (On a worksheet) they identify what they want to purchase and how much it will cost them. Then, they turn the sheet over and see if it's achievable based on their income. "We don't want them to be set up for failure. It's very personal. Each person has different dreams. Many of them want to move into their own apartment, but they don't know about deposits - first month's, last month's. They don't think about that. We bring them into reality. For a lot of them, their biggest expense is their groceries. We show them how to make money last when you cook at home. I put a big 10-pound bag of rice down on the table and tell them that it's 10 cents a meal. We give them real tools. We give them cheap shopping lists. We tell them to shop together and split up economy size bags. We also stress the planning and how to take advantage of the season."

A big part of the training program deals with the

needs versus wants. "Do you need name brand athletic shoes? What about fresh fruit? We have them think more rationally. We teach them that when you are in charge, you don't let peer pressure or an advertisement (influence) you. You decide what's a need, and what's a want. You have to be committed to work the plan. When you are in charge, you are more powerful."

Soroptimist Sacramento has about 60 members and meets every Friday at noon at Casa Garden Restaurant (2760 Sutterville Road) except during the months of July and August.

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What: Yard sale to benefit Soroptimist Sacramento

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Details for the concerts are as follows:

Concert A: A Unique Choral Showcase

Saturday, June 13 at 2 p.m. Fifteen Sacramento-area choruses are bringing their best work to Harris Center at Folsom Lake College. It's a once-a-year opportunity to experience the amazing variety and quality of choral music in our area. Each concert features a 25-minute set from each of 5 choruses, representing very different kinds of music. The spring choral season is over, and it's time to hear what you've been missing.

Concert B: A Special Song

Saturday, June 13 at 7 p.m. Each concert will end in a very special way. We have been given permission by the copyright owner to create a new choral arrangement of Let There Be Peace On Earth. Andrew Hudson of The Vocal Art Ensemble composed the arrangement this spring, and it has never been performed before. The singers from each chorus will assemble on stage together to perform the 4-part arrangement, and then they will sing it again in unison, inviting the audience to join us. It will be amazing!

Concert C

Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. Amador Chorale, Cantare Chorale, Davis Chorale, Doreen Irwin Singers, Grass Valley Male Voice Choir, Renaissance Choir Sacramento, RSVP, Sacramento Capitulares, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Sacramento Valley Concert Choir, Sacramento Women's Chorus, Valley Choral Society, The Vocal Art Ensemble, Voices of California and Vox Musica.

"Drive Like Your Pet is Playing in the Streets" sign to be unveiled soon

Photo by MONICA STARK

Janet Gatejen never drove over an animal in her 30 years behind the wheel. "I never even hit a squirrel, but in the last two months, I killed two cats." After the first one, she thought about what had happened and after the second, she visited the animal's owner to pay her respects. This animal rights advocate donates a percentage of her real estate proceeds every month to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and decided to create signs that read: Drive Like Your Pet is Playing in the Streets. She will be unveiling these signs at the June 13 Pops in the Park.



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JUNE

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June 4: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Fire Station 5 Open House

June 6: Fire Station 5, located at 731 Broadway, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

The Folsom Symphony presents: Sport Night at the Symphony

June 6 and 7: Narrated as a sports event, the symphony presents a Monday Night Football theme, featuring Bizet's "March of the Toreadors" (Carmen), Reineke's "Casey at the Bat", themes from Rocky, Chariots of Fire, and Brian's Song, Williams' "Olympic Fanfare and Theme", Peter Schickele/PDQ Bach's hilarious version of the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Harris Center for the Arts, 10 College Parkway. The Saturday, June 6 show starts at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday, June 7 starts at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.folsomsymphony.com or call 608-6888. Tickets range from \$20 to \$55 depending on location.

A theater performance "Anansi, The Spider" to be held at Fairytale Town

June 6 and 7: Show times are 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. In the jungles of Africa lives a tiny spider known as Anansi. Believing the children of Earth need stories to tell each other, he begins a quest to get the golden box of stories from Nyami, the sky god. This story is presented by The Puppet Company using hand and rod puppets with authentic African music, colorful costuming and classical African design. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462.

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Film showing about Sutter's birth place, Kander

June 12: At 7 p.m., Peter Volker from Kander will be in Sacramento at the Turn Verein to show a film about Kander, which is not only the birthplace of General Sutter, but in 1848 there was a fight at Kander where the first "Republicans" (i.e. students etc.) were demanding and fighting for establishing a "Republic of Baden." When they were defeated many of them fled across the Rhine-river and then to the USA. They founded many "Turnvereine" in America. After the film, Peter will have a discussion and answer questions. This is a project of a partnership between Sacramento and Kander. Those interested in this project are invited to join the meeting at the www.sacramento-turnverein.com

Fire Station 12 Open House

June 13: Fire Station 12, located at 4500 24th St., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

June 18: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Planning for seniors workshop

June 18: Tom Nakashima, along with Deborah Short and Eddie Fong of Planning for Seniors, LLC, will be hosting an informational get-together for Boomer with Aging Parents. They will be talking about important issues such as funding option for elder care and asset protection in California, so bring your questions. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be starting at 7 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accs.org.

Family Campout at Fairytale Town

Friday, June 19 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, June 20 at 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 fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Fire Station 7 Open House

June 20: Fire Station 7, located at 6500 Wyndham Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Learn summer safety at ACC

June 25: Increase your awareness so that common occurrences don't leave you vulnerable to crime. This training addresses simple things you can do to make yourself less of a target. We will also talk about scams that are directed toward seniors. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accs.org.

Learn how to plan ahead for the inevitable

June 25: A 25-minute presentation on why everyone should pre-plan funeral arrangements. Eliminate stress and relieve your family of the burden, know all available choices, get what you want, ensure every detail is covered and save money! Free lunch and free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 25, 2015 at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accs.org.

Learn tips for telephone use in an emergency

June 26: Your telephone can be a life saver. You can use it to call for help, to receive emergency announcements and check on loved ones. When there is an emergency, do you have a backup plan if cell towers or telephone lines are disabled? In this FREE workshop, we will provide some things for you to think about in the event of an emergency. In addition, we will review basic safety tips for Natural Gas and Electricity. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accs.org.

Fire Station 10 Open House

June 27: Fire Station 10, located at 5642 66th St., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

A Midsummer Night's Dream & Crystal Ice Cream Fantasy at Fairytale Town

June 27: 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 olde world marketplace and more. Celtic rock band Tempest will perform throughout the evening. Costumes for the whole family are encouraged. No host food and bar. Mix 96's Dan & Michelle will emcee the evening as this year's Honorary King and Queen. Tickets go on sale May 1 at fairytale-town.org. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children ages 2-12. Members receive \$2 off per ticket on advance tickets. Day-of tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 2-12. No member discount on day-of tickets. For more information, visit fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462. Sponsored by Crystal Creamery. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

JULY

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

July 2: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Fire Station 11 Open House

July 11: Fire Station 11, located 785 Florin Road, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Fire Station 13 Open House

July 18: Fire Station 13, located at 1100 43rd Ave., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

United Way:

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diate needs, but it's critical that we also prepare them for the future," said Ruth Miller, co-chair, United Way's Women in Philanthropy. "United Way and its partners are making a collective impact on these kids' lives by helping them save money, learn how to use their resources wisely and make decisions that will set them on track for the rest of their lives."

United Way's Women in Philanthropy brings local women together to help local foster youth across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. A dynamic group of businesswomen, homemakers and community leaders, Women in Philanthropy members are first responders in repairing the financial stability of local foster youth by raising funds for United Way to provide financial literacy courses and matched savings accounts designed specifically for foster youth. Members also hold drives and provide trainings. Women in Philanthropy is part of United Way's team of nonprofits, businesses, donors, volunteers and community leaders working to meet the community's greatest needs, give immediate aid and find lasting solutions for future generations in the areas of education, financial stability and health. To become a member, visit www.your-localunitedway.org/wip.

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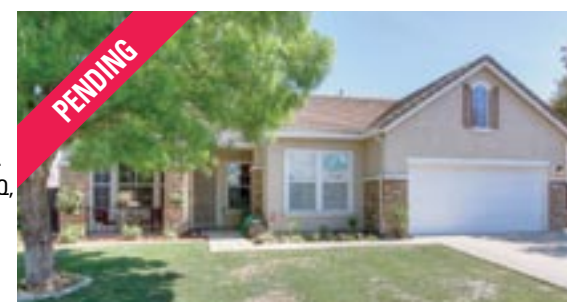
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The Age of Adeline

The MPAA has rated this PG-13. LIONSGATE and Lakeshore Entertainment bring us "The Age of Adeline" in which Adeline Bowman, (Blake Lively), remains 29 years of age for almost a century through a mystery trick of fate during an automobile accident on an unusually snowy night in Sonoma, California in 1933.

In this romantic fantasy that spans the best years of the last century to the present, the eternally young Adeline is constantly running from her agelessness.

That is until she descends one New Years Eve in an elevator with a handsome philanthropist played by Michel Huisman. Twenty-seven floors later, and with some persistence from him, she agrees, with trepidation, to come over for a date.

Romance blossoms, yet she remains guarded with her secret, which is in danger of being exposed unexpectedly when Harrison Ford, playing the father of Huisman, happens to have known and loved Adeline in the 1960s and is certain that it is she, much to the concern of his wife, played by actress Kathy Baker.

If you take your own sweetie to this movie, you'll have wonderful results for this is a lively 107 years of romantic fantasy, handsomely made. The beginning of the movie unravels in a beautiful and clever way and is marvelously imagined and carried out.

The only matter that seemed a bit forced was the closing voice over narration in storyteller fashion, which is the way the movie opens. The narration, by Hugh Ross, was okay, somewhat reminiscent of "The Hudsucker

Proxy" but was a bit much at the end. This movie was directed by Lee Toland Krieger.

Hot Pursuit

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Warner Bros. releases an M-G-M and New Line Cinema comedy which teams Reese Witherspoon and beautiful Sofia Vergara. This is in no way connected to the John Cusack movie of 1987 of the same name. This is more in the vein of a "Dukes of Hazzard" meets "Cannonball Run" and features Witherspoon as a tomboy cop assigned to protect the widow of a drug lord and bring her to trial as an informant.

Off to a shaky start, they must drive a long way to Dallas. The two are at opposite ends in every imaginable way, yet must bond together as they are chased by crooked cops and mad gunmen.

The director of this movie, Anne Fletcher, makes a Hitchcock cam-

eo as a police dispatcher in one early scene. She's worked as an actress before turning to directing. Perhaps she should have stayed an actress.

This movie is unfunny. The chemistry between the two principals never develops, and no matter how charming Ms. Vergara may be, and she is that, she is the only redeeming aspect in this movie, which fails on many levels. Gaps in continuity and the prolonging what would have made a better television episode of 30 minutes is dragged out to 87 minutes.

The preview audience laughed in many spots, however, to me, the entire production seemed trite and forced. Ms. Witherspoon has proved herself an excellent actress and comedienne in other movies, however, here her performance lacks the true ability of her talent, and seemed like she was playing dress-up for a TV skit.

Musical Robot to help kick off McKinley Library's summer reading program

Photos by MONICA STARK
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Musical Robot, a drum and ukelele two-piece band that has been engineered to get kids singing and dancing, will come to McKinley Library on Friday, June 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to help kick off the library's summer reading program. Jason and Scott have been performing together for the last 20 years as musicians, thespians, and puppeteers. Jason Adair is an award winning parenting columnist who spent several years performing with Puppet Art Theater. They are shown here at the Belle Cooledge Library's summer reading kickoff that was held on Friday, May 29 at Belle Cooledge Park.



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Online School ignites STEM learning for local brothers

Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning has become a top focus for educators and industry leaders. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, of 30 occupations expected to grow the fastest over the next decade, almost all will require some background in STEM.

Keeping students motivated is not easy. Many families are actively seeking out engaging learning experiences with strong STEM activities to support future success. One Fair Oaks family decided to give full-time, online education a try.

Brenda Crain, a marketing and advertising executive, and her husband were looking for a curriculum that would challenge their two sons, Zac, 11 and Jacob, 8. At first, they were interested in a public school for advanced learners that offered a greater emphasis on STEM, the arts, and overall student academic and character success, but they were put on a wait list.

After conducting more research Brenda found another public school option that offered STEM activ-



(above left) Jacob conducting a science experiment as part of his school work with California Virtual Academy@ Sutter (his shirt is raised because he had to warm a thermometer under his arm for part of the experiment).



(above middle) Jacob on the first day of school with intentions of becoming a scientist.



(above right) Zac completing school work on the computer.

ities woven throughout the curriculum. California Virtual Academy@ Sutter, a full-time, tuition-free online charter school for students in grades K-12 provided exactly the right fit. The school is an independent charter school authorized by the New Jerusalem Elementary School District in Tracy.

"It meant putting aside my business so I could concentrate on being the learning coach for my boys," said Brenda. "But in one year, we have seen such overwhelming success in their

learning that we have enrolled both sons for next school year, despite being notified there were openings at the brick and mortar public school we originally focused on."

But how do online school students truly engage with their lessons? Through interactive virtual labs, live and recorded instruction with California-credentialed teachers, e-books, videos, mobile apps and more. High school students participate in highly engaging science experiments and math labs that enable them to demonstrate the scientific method, test a hypothesis, enter data and witness various outcomes, all online. In all grades, STEM concepts

are embedded across the curriculum, which is designed with multiple activities to extend and deepen conceptual understanding and provide authentic learning activities.

California Virtual Academy@ Sutter also offers more career-building electives for high school students, such as C++ Programming, Forensic Science, and Engineering Design, and STEM clubs for students to further cultivate their interests. Students use the same types of online tools that many skilled workers are using in their careers today.

Not all aspects of the lessons are online. Students in K-8 receive hands-on science kits, for example,

and all students receive regular textbooks. They are also offered opportunities through the school for in-person learning experiences, like a Yosemite science camp which Zac says he enjoyed the most.

"I'm never bored and I like the science projects," Zac shared. "I can also take the extra time I need during the day to catch up. If I ever fall behind I can get help to really understand the work."

Jacob agreed, "The lessons are really good and even have games to help me practice." Online learning has also allowed flexibility for the boys to participate in extracurricular activities in the Sacramento community, including cooking club, soccer, and family enrichment trips, with a plan to join the Boy Scouts next year.

Brenda has a few thoughts for anyone considering enrolling their children in full-time online school. "I would say that it is a lot of work but the effort is very much worth it. Our kids' knowledge and excitement for learning has skyrocketed."

Kelly Krug is the Curriculum Specialist at California Virtual Academy@ Sutter, an online charter school that provides child-centered learning in grades K-12. The engaging, award-winning K¹² curriculum offers individualized and flexible learning with experienced, California-credentialed teachers.

Mere Mortals to perform at River Park's 4th of July celebration

Rocking the Sacramento area since 1999, this high energy, four piece band features an eclectic blend of talent and experience and will be performing at River Park's 4th of July celebration at Glenn Hall Park. Playing a great dance mix of classic rock, R&B, blues rock, and rockin' oldies, and with over 100 songs to choose from, their song list is tailored to each performance. Mere Mortals also has a 5-star rating on GigMasters, and performs at all types of venues including corporate events, parties, weddings, and wineries in the Sacramento and Northern California area. With a great dance mix of blues, blues-rock, classic rock, R&B & oldies, Mere Mortals is one of the Sacramento area's best party bands.

Rocking Sacramento since 1999, this four piece band features an excellent blend of talent and experience.

Their lineup includes the powerful and versatile vocalist Mark Herin on lead vocals, harmonica, rhythm guitar, and percussion, the exciting lead guitar work of one of the area's best guitarists - Angel Reyes, the driving groove bass playing of Steve Belleci, Craig Ness or John Seymour, in sync with the solid drum playing of Kim Nelson. With very talented optional special guests such as: 21 year old Kyle Rowland on harmonica, Mario Perugini on saxophone, and his 14 year old son Gianni on trumpet, 17 year old Ryder Green on guitar, and two other great guitarists - Brian McGuire or George Pfeifer, Mere Mortals always treats their audience to a great performance.

Their song list includes songs by: Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, BB King, ZZ Top, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, and Van Morrison, to name a few.

Having played venues which include: 4th of July Spectacular at Sunrise Mall, Feather Falls Casino, Jan's Lounge, Laughs Unlimited, The Purple Place, Sierra Railroad and Sacramento River Train, Louie's, Swabbies, Capital Harness Racing at Cal Expo, Kings Games at ARCO Arena, River Cats games at Raley Field, and the Powerhouse Pub, Mere Mortals have proven that they are one of the best dance bands in the Sacramento area!



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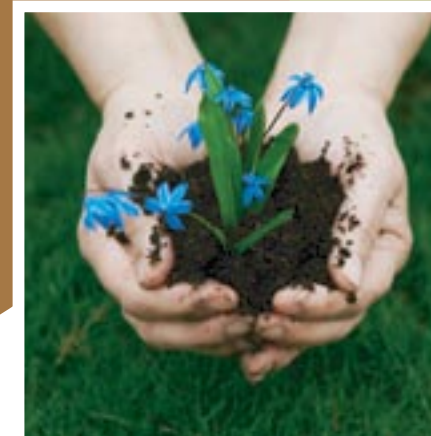


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Millie headed into retirement after more than 10 years serving pediatric patients and their families

By MONICA STARK
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With her soft blonde hair and big brown eyes, Millie has been helping children cope and recuperate at the Sutter Children's Center inside Sutter Memorial Hospital for the past 75 years – dog years, that is. Now, in front of the friends she's made along the way, the 12-and-a-half-year-old lovable Yellow Labrador facility dog will be hanging up her service vest for good.

Sutter staff, pediatric patients and their families celebrated Millie's retirement with a celebration on Thursday, May 21.

Millie, a Canine Companions for Independence graduate, came to Sutter in 2004. She was the second dog in the Child Life Program's Pet Therapy Program. Complete with her own photo identification badge, Millie's unique bedside manner brought joy and comfort to the youngest patients in the hospital. Sutter Children's Center's unique

Pet Therapy Program has been featured in the national and regional media; here is the link to a "Healing Quest" episode that ran on PBS: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te_UvHFuePc.

"Millie has brought immense joy, love and companionship to so many children and families over the years," said Amy Medovoy, Child Life Coordinator. "Millie helped us expand our very unique facility dog program here with three teams of Child Life specialists and facility dogs."

Millie will hand over the reins of the pediatric facility dog program to Marty, who joined the team in 2014. After the move from Sutter Memorial Hospital to the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center in August, the Child Life Program's Pet Therapy Program is hoping to get another dog to join Marty.

The idea of pet therapy at Sutter began before Millie, said the pup's trainer and handler, Jenn Johnson. Pri-



Shown here are photos from Millie's last day celebration.

or to Millie working at the children's center, a volunteer-run pet therapy organization would bring dogs to the center to cheer up children. "The response was that it wasn't enough, especially for the children with long-term chronic illnesses," Jenn said. "They brought so much joy, so we had one of our nurse managers at PICU (pediatric intensive care unit) who had an idea to apply for a dog from Canine Companions (for Independence)."

Hazel was the Child Life Program's first CCI dog, the trail blazer for the program, and it became real clear that Hazel had too much work to do. Further describing Hazel's popularity among the children and how she got involved as a handler, Jenn said, "(Hazel) was so popular and everybody wanted to see her. And really the nurse, Lisa, and child life specialist who was her co-handler, Tracy, they weren't getting their own jobs done because they had Hazel out with everybody else, especially with the oncology population. So an idea maybe I could be a handler of a facility dog and sure enough a year and a half later, then I was matched up with Millie at CCI."

CCI has service dogs for disabled children, disabled adults, hearing dogs, and they have a class of dogs called fa-



cility dogs. Those are for somebody that is able bodied to take into their work environment to work with the population that would benefit from the service dogs.

Before the training there is a whole application process to get a facility dog working at a hospital. Jenn recalls that as she was going through the application process, the dogs

were all being trained from the time they are born and were being raised by a volunteer training program. "It's run by a volunteer puppy raiser, then the dogs go onto the CCI campus (in Santa Rosa) and they have advanced training. They are professional dog trainers. At that point, when

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Millie:

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they are 2 years old, that's when the handlers come in and learn the commands of the dogs and you get matched up with the one that is the most appropriate. Millie found me. So we have been a team for about 10 and a half years."

Jenn, who works mostly with the oncology population, described Millie's daily routine helping children with hospitalization. "Millie became a piece of that. So, if I needed to go meet a new patient who was maybe here for a cancer diagnosis, often times I would take Millie because it softens the introduction. She really helped facilitate so many important, heavy conversations that I've had with children through the years. So basically she would go with me around to see all the children on daily rounds."

Often times for children who were not able to come out of their room, she would lay with them quite a bit later in the afternoon, just to snuggle, to give love, to really lift emotional spirits up. And children just miss their dog, as some of them stay at the hospital for months at a time. So, Millie was a bridge back to many of the children's home life.

At age 12 and a half, signs of Millie's age were showing up on the job. "As dogs get older, her hips aren't great. She was having a hard time getting in and out of the beds to snuggle with kids and to visit with kids, so it became clear that her role was changing a bit and she was starting to slip on the floors. She still had the drive, but physically couldn't do it. Plus, we're about to move to a whole new hospital, a whole new environment, so it seemed like the right time. It seemed like that would be too stressful to make that change" Jenn said.

So, these days Millie is "just hanging out," Jenn said.

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Faces and Places:

A Community of Many Faces at Sutter's Fort

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Continuing a popular series of interactive and fun "Hands on History" activities each month, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) will present a special "Hands on History: A Community of Many Faces" event on Saturday, May 16. The special "Hands on History: A Community of Many Faces" celebrated and honored the richly diverse cultures represented at the fort. In fact, the Gold Rush of 1849 brought tens of thousands of people to California from all over the world. But even before the first gold seekers arrived, Sutter's Fort was already a melting pot of ethnic, social and cultural diversity. In the New Helvetia Diary (the daily log book of Sutter's Fort), there are at least 30 different groups of Native people mentioned as having visited the Fort and/or provided labor for John Sutter. On this special "Hands on History" day, Fort guests were treated to exciting live performances by talented groups such as the Folklorico Aztlan Dancers and the Sacramento Swiss Society, who provided entertaining live music. Fort visitors had the opportunity to meet members of various cultures such as the Hawaiian community and the Sacramento Valley Native people who shared interesting insight, information and anecdotes about their respective cultures. In addition, there were rancho culture demonstrations and French and English fur trappers demonstrating how traps work. Interactive and fun hands-on craft making will be available for kids of all ages who are interested in creating special keepsakes to take home. And, of course, demonstrations of black powder weaponry in action took place including the crowd-favorite firing of Sutter's cannon.



Medical history runs deep in the Sutter district

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In conjunction with the large-scale Sutter Medical Center Community Day, a celebration to open their new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, California State Parks and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park will present special "Hands on History: Sacramento's First Hospital" activities on Saturday, June 20.

Courtesy of Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, admission to both Sutter's Fort and the California State Indian Museum will be free all day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. While Sutter Medical Center will be hosting a large celebration on the grounds outside the walls of Sutter's Fort, there will be a variety of interactive and fun activities happening inside the fort on this special community day.

Even before the famous Gold Rush of 1849 that brought tens of thousands of gold seekers to the Sacramento Valley, John Sutter used a medical book to administer medical care and provided hospital facilities at the fort for the citizens of his New Helvetia settlement and the thousands of Native Americans working on his land and living throughout the valley. Then, shortly after the founding of Sacramento City – the original name of Sacramento – the city's first hospital, Sacramento Hospital, was established in an adobe structure near the fort at the current location of Sutter General Hospital, which was recently renamed the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion.

That day, fort guests will be treated to interpretive demonstrations provided by several physicians and a midwife showing many aspects of 19th century medicine, including dentistry and homeopathic cures. And, as a special guest, Dr. Bob LaPerriere, curator of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History, will deliver interesting presentations about Gold Rush-era medicine at 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. that will include intriguing artifacts on display such as an amputation kit circa 1870, bleeding and cupping implements, tooth extractors, ether mask, wooden splints, early medications and more. Plus, fort docents will lead demonstrations where visitors can get involved and participate as "volunteer victims" to learn more about Gold Rush medicine practices. And, of course, demonstrations of black powder weaponry in action will take place, including the crowd-favorite firing of Sutter's cannon.

Steve Beck, director of educational planning at Sutter's Fort, spoke with the East Sacramento News about more of the details that will be happening inside fort walls on June 20. And, in introducing those details, he said, "We will be talking about the 1840s particular-

ly because of the Sutter connection. We will be focusing on medical care. We will have four doctors, maybe five portraying doctors at Sutter's Fort and the type of medical practices that they use. We will also have a midwife and a period dentist all of whom have incredible knowledge, and material culture goods to support what they are doing. In most cases, even though we have a nice doctor's office with a great display in it (inside the fort, the presenters) have a lot of their own equipment they bring in. It's just outstanding. The public will get to know why doctors were called sawbones. In Star Trek, the doctor is named Bones and that's just short for sawbones, which is just a name that was applied in the 19th century to doctors because they used to saw through the bones."

Beck explained at the time, doctors knew germs existed, but they didn't really realize how microscopic germs are. "That's why they let blood out of you to get rid of the bad blood. The bad blood is making you sick," he said.

As people during the Gold Rush era held different occupations, barbers were doctors and dentists at the same time, explained Beck. "Doctor, dentist and barber: I can do all three. That goes back, you know, Don Quixote de la Mancha."

While medical education for those who worked as doctors during Sutter's time is questionable, Sutter had a medical book and doctors often borrowed it because it was one of the few medical books that existed and available to people in that area.

During the interview with Beck, the historian opened a digital copy of the New Helvetia Diary and searched for the word "doctor" to see how prevalent doctors were in the daily lives of those residing at Sutter's Fort. The diary begins October 1845, and nine pages into the log, Sutter reports to have been "whitewashing the doctor's room," a room that today can be seen with the kinds of tools and medicine bottles that were used during Sutter's day.

By July 1847, one of the regular doctors at the fort, Dr. Bates, was reported to have been visiting the sick "more and more everyday" due to the small pox and malaria epidemic that swept through the valley. Dr. Bates visited rancherias to check on the sick Indians in 1847. Beck explained that because there were so many more Indians in the rancherias, Dr. Bates made house calls.

Stressed that there was nobody around to bring in the wheat from Sutter's Hock Farm, the first large-scale agricultural settlement in Northern California composed of grain, cattle orchards and vineyards, Sutter sent Dr. Bates to tend to the sick at the farm, which was located on the Feather River. Writes Sutter, "I concluded



Patricia Sackett, a volunteer at Sutter's Fort, posed for this photograph to demonstrate the act of bloodletting, a common medical practice during the Gold Rush era minutes before she was making dolls to show children who were on field trips at the fort.

the doctor visit the farm. (Bates had a) saw to cut through people's bones."

One of the sick individuals who Sutter writes about is Sutter's paramour, the daughter of Anashe, a local Indian chief who became ill in 1847. Sutter writes in the log that "the doctor bled Anashe's daughter today and she's getting better." But a couple of days later, she died. "So bloodletting really wasn't the right thing to do as we found out later," Beck said with a slight chuckle.

Among the tragic mistakes made by doctors during the day was the misdiagnosis surrounding the death of Robert Semple, publisher of the Monterey-based newspaper, Californian, the first newspaper published in California. Also a member of the California's State Constitutional Convention, Semple fell off a horse and doctors determined he died from the injuries, so they buried him. Beck said years later, however, they had

to disinter Semple's body and move it because new developments were planned for that location. "When they dug it up, they found the inside of the coffin lid was all scratched. (Semple) probably was just knocked out (after the fall) and came back."

As medical advances have been much a part of the history at the corner of 28th and L streets, it will only continue to be with a new generation of care at Sutter General Hospital's Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center.

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