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FREE

Special Olympics Torch passes through by Campbell's Law Enforcement Team!!



The key relay of the Torch is handed over at Winchester and Knowles Avenue.



Vice Mayor Dan Furtado and Police Chief Gary Berg are in step.



Heading from downtown past The Campbell Press to the Pruneyard.



The main organizer, Sgt. J. Finson Campbell, Police Dept., with Kelly, Special Olympics athlete.



The crew passed the San Tomas overpass and Camden Ave.

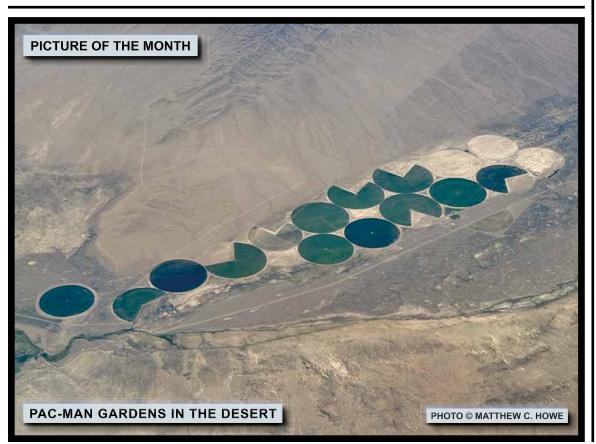
The Torch makes its final destination to the Campbell Police Department

A very special thank you to everyone here who made this happen.





Everyone stops and cheers as they run through the Pruneyard near Rock Bottom.





WORD OF THE MONTH

"EXPEDITIONARY"

[Ex-puh-dish-un-airy]

ADJECTIVE

One who is engaged in an expedition of military warfare in a foreign territory.

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HAPPENINGS

Museum Happenings July 2025 Summer at the Museums

There's something for everyone this summer at the Campbell Museums! Check out
our full lineup of events and
be sure to stop by the museums and gift shop, located in
the historic Carriage House.
New Campbell-themed T-shirts
and hats just arrived—don't
miss them!

Theck out what's happening this season at the Campbell Museums—from fundraisers that support our mission, to community partnerships that bring history to life.

Scroll down for all the exciting details, and make this summer one to remember—with us!

CAMPBELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM & AINSLEY HOUSE PUBLIC HOURS:

Both Museums are open: Fridays through Sundays, 11am to 3pm.

During the school year, the Historical Museum will open at 12:30 when on site field trips are taking place.

The Campbell Museums are proud to be part of the Blue Star Museums program! From May 17 – Sept 1, 2025, we're offering free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families. This national initiative, led by the NEA and Blue Star Families, honors those who serve with access to museums across the country.

Free Museum Day – July 19 11am-3pm Explore Campbell's history for FREE! On Friday, July 19, enjoy complimentary admission to both the Campbell Historical Museum and the Ainsley House. Bring your friends and family and discover the stories, exhibits, and charm of both museums. Don't miss this chance to check us out!

CAMPBELL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES STARTS JULY 10!

The City of Campbell is bringing you 8 weeks of FREE live music every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 PM at Orchard City Green / Ainsley House!

- Concessions provided by the Campbell Museum Foundation! Enjoy tasty BBQ, nachos and drinks all proceeds support the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House.
- ₱ Big THANK YOU to our July 10 sponsors:
- Lazy Dog Restaurant serving up cold beer!
- **Burrell School Vineyards & Winery** providing their award-winning local wine!

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We're grateful for your support in kicking off the series!

Bring a blanket, your crew, and summer vibes — it's going to be a season of great music, good eats, and community fun!

Join the fun and campbellmuseums.com.



HERE'S HOWE

It's always difficult to

write and reflect about our great city of Campbell when I'm thousands of miles away, but this has been my life for over 30 years. I have somehow managed (thanks to Nancy, Lisa and all our contributors) for the last several years to get this newspaper out. As many of you know (and for those that don't) I have been in the music business, in one way or the other since I graduated from Campbell high school. In 1978, I joined a local original band as a keyboardist, (though many knew me as a drummer at Campbell High) and later attended De Anza college studying music and broadcast, but soon worked as an audio recording engineer in various studios (including being the chief audio engineer for Chuck E. Cheese in Sunnyvale and later for NASA Ames in Mt. View) and then started an audio-video production and record company in San Jose with friends that at one time had over 30 employees. With the many paths and hats I've worn throughout my career, I somehow ended up on the road as a hand-held camera operator for the likes of Whitney Houston and Janet Jackson

in my first year of touring back in 1994. It only got better. I could namedrop all day with all the many artists I have had the pleasure to work with over the years, but I will spare you. Over 16 years ago I became a touring video director starting with the bay area band Journey, and then for the likes of many other great rock and pop bands of our time including Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band, Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder and so many more. This has led me to being away for months at a time each year. That being said, it will be frustrating to miss the entire Orchard City Green concert series (that I just highlighted in our last issue) among other events this summer. I just heard the first group was wonderful and the rest of the lineup this year should be great as well. It will be up to friends and family to inform me of what is happening in my hometown while I am away on my current music tour. I wish you all a great summer and I will see many of you when I return in September!



THEN AND NOW





I found this pic in our office in a Campbell Express photo album that I believe was taken in 2004 when parts of the light rail were still being constructed. You can see the stacked up railroad ties in the THEN image. The parking lot for the VTA was yet to be built as tractors sat about to grade the area. NOW for over 20 years, it has been a viable place to park to use the light rail and the trees have grown beyond adulthood, blocking much of the original view.

Angels on Stage

You'll find them on stage: the Angels of Angels on Stage. Completing its 17th season, Angels on Stage is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering children and young adults with disabilities of all types and degrees (the Angels) while changing the world's perception of disabilities through an inclusive performing arts program.

"I've been here since the inception," stated Executive Director Nina Duncan. "I joined as a family member when I registered my niece." Nina has served as stage/production director for AoS for several seasons and has served in a variety of theatre support staff roles, such as costume designer, entertainment coordinator and stage manager.

Angels on Stage offers a myriad of ways to volunteer, including its unique Buddy Coach program, a cornerstone of AoS. Buddy

Coaches receive ongoing professional training to equip them to be successful as they work with individual Angels to help the Angels build skills in social interaction, blocking, lines, choreography, and much more. Some Buddies accompany their Angels onto the stage, providing support during performances. Friendships develop among the differently-abled individuals, and many Buddies, who first volunteered to gain school credits, return season after season.

Registration will soon open for AoS's one-week "summer camps" which develop one-act productions and present them to the public. Summer camps offer Angels and new volunteers the opportunity to sample the program.

The journey to the premiere production begins in September with online pre-registration, followed

by auditions for parts that guarantee every participant a stage presence and at least one line. Four months of dedicated Saturday rehearsals culminate in two weekends of performances beginning in late January. Show days become a celebration of achievement, filling the theatre with palpable emotions: the Angels' resolute pride and the audience's overwhelming love and recognition for the Angels.

AoS engages the broader community by collaborating with local organizations to provide customized performances, workshops, and programs often involving their tour group, "The illuminators". A gala fundraiser is set for August 23 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Angels on Stage and its inspiring video can be found at https://www.angelsonstage.org/ or contacted at info@angelsonstage.org.

PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Campbell's Summer Season Brings Music, Community, and Meaningful Moments

Campbell is in full summer swing with music, meaningful events, and strong community spirit. A highlight was the Garden Concert at the Ainsley House, featuring Tony Lindsay and his talented band. Tony, known for his 25 years as lead vocalist with Santana, was part of the group during its 11 Grammy Award wins. Local music lovers also remember his days with Bay Area group Spangalang, which lit up venues like Smoky Mountain during the lively '80s music scene.

In those days, Campbell had a thriving nightlife with bars like The Bodega, The Outlook, The Black Kettle, The Parlor, and the still-popular Khartoum. Music poured out of these venues almost every night. Many longtime residents recall favorite local bands like Hush, Y&T, The Tubes, The Joe Sharino Band, The Garage Band, and Sage. Campbell is also proudly linked to national acts like The Greg Kihn Band, The Doobie Brothers, and Huey Lewis and the News.

Though the music scene has evolved, live shows still bring us together. The HouseRockers will close the summer concert series at Orchard City Green on August 28—don't miss it!

Local talents continue to shine. Thom and Mary Ellen, a beloved duo, will be featured at the August Garden Concerts. Billy Moore, a member of The Cocktail Monkeys, is also performing in this summer's concert series. Check the front page for the full lineup.

Campbell also had the honor of hosting the Special Olympics torch as it passed from Los Gatos Police to Campbell's department before heading to Santa Clara University. It was a quiet but powerful show of unity and service.

On page 3, don't miss our feature on Angels on Stage, an inspiring nonprofit helping students with special needs experience the performing arts.

Looking to build healthier habits? Expert Jason shares the benefits of yoga in an article on page 5—a perfect way to refresh your routine.

This year's Relay for Life, hosted by the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, brought the community together to raise funds and honor loved ones affected by cancer. Thank you to all who walked, donated, and supported the cause.

The Chamber's 60th Annual Golf Tournament is coming up—details are on page 6.

Calling all alumni: the Campbell High School all-class reunion is coming this September, with ticket sales already passing 200. Check page 5 to RSVP.

Another proud moment: the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation will unveil a new memorial sign on July 19 at 10 AM, honoring all branches of the military. All are welcome.

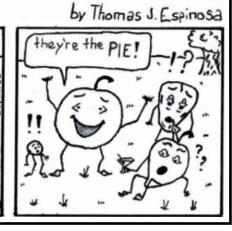
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Icant wait for the has entered the Pie Eating contest.

They'll be great

Contestants!





JULY



CAMPBELL REAL ESTATE

ADDRESS	SALES PRICE	B/B	AGE L	OT SIZE	SQ. FT			
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES								
Cameo Drive	\$3,235,000	4/3	72	12152	2496			
Virgina Avenue	\$2,600,000	5/3	76	9375	2124			
Queens Court	\$2,250,000	4/2	61	8000	1687			
Century Drive	\$2,200,000	4/2	62	6000	1486			
Montezuma Drive	\$1,950,000	5/2	64	6161	2208			
Fairlands Avenue	\$1,900,000	3/2	65	6660	1721			
Paula Drive	\$1,845,000	4/2	64	6500	1398			
Gazelle Drive	\$1,820,000	3/2	51	6000	1502			
Jeffrey Avenue	\$1,720,000	3/2	64	6222	1320			
LaPradera Drive	\$1,700,000	3/2	68	7412	1272			

SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES						
S. San Tomas Aquino	\$1,308,000	3/2	46	1300	1728	
Campisi Way	\$1,179,000	2/2	17	1441	1532	
Monte Villa Court	\$1,100,000	3/2.5	41	715	1360	
Dot Avenue	\$920,000	2/2.5	41	848	1344	
Apricot Avenue	\$870,000	2/2.5	44	580	1240	
N. 3rd Street	\$660,000	2/1	54		798	
N. 1st Street	\$650,000	2/1	54		903	

VALLEY NEWS





JONS INTERNATIONAL 2025-26

President West SJ/Campbell Lions

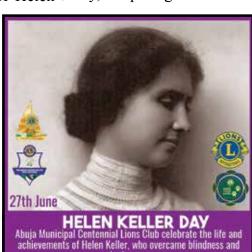
Today, members of Abuja Municipal Centennial Lions Club take a moment to honor the legacy of Helen

Keller, born on June 27, by reflecting on her contributions as an influential author, passionate advocate, and extraordinary figure whose impact continues to resonate.

In 1925, Keller famously urged the Lions Clubs to stand as "Knights

of the Blind," challenging them to combat preventable blindness.

Her passionate plea has become a cornerstone of the Lions' mission globally, inspiring initiatives



such as vision screenings, guide dog programs, and efforts to ensure accessible eye care, all aimed at drive Lions projects that

preventing blindness and enhancing vision health for those who cannot afford it.

These efforts demon-

June 27 HONORING **HELEN KELLER**

strate the enduring power of Keller's call to action, as her words continue to

allow people to experience the world with renewed clarity. As we celebrate nearly a century since her

> appeal, Keller's spirit lives on in every Lions endeavor dedicated to enriching lives through improved vision and sight.

To learn more about Helen Keller's partnership with the Lions and their impactful vision

Campbell High Reunions -

September 2025

projects, please watch this insightful video: https:// youtu.be/gN8kr8y7dHs



New CVMF Memorial Sign Unveiling – Come Celebrate with Us!



Big news, Campbell! The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation (CVMF) has a brand-new, shiny Memorial sign—and we're pretty excited about it.

This isn't just any sign. It's bold, beautiful, and built to last, just like the veterans it honors and the

city it represents. Crafted by the talented duo Bill Gould (Artik Architecture) and Mike Repanich (Good Citizen Design), and brought to life by the pros at ProSigns, this stunning placard pays tribute to all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. It also reflects the very best of CVMF and the City of Campbellhonor, service, and pride. It pairs perfectly with Campbell's sleek new library and the impressive new Police Department HQ.

So, mark your calendars and bring your friends, family, neighbors—even your dog if they behave - for the unveiling on Friday, July 19 at 10:00 AM at Campbell City Hall. There will be smiles, stories, and a few proud tears as we celebrate this meaningful moment for our community.

See you there—we promise it'll be a sign of good things to come!

Ahoy, buccaneers! Calling all Campbell High grads 1900-1980. An all class reunion is being held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from noon to 5 pm in the Orchard City Banquet Hall at our old high school. A tour of the refurbished theater, now the "Heritage Theater" and accessible areas of the campus will also take place Friday afternoon, September 12.

Register for this event at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/campbell-high-allclass-reunion-2025-tickets-1353773405699?aff=oddtdtcreator.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes admission to the event and your choice of box lunch and drink. Registration deadline for the reunion is August 23. Souvenir T-shirts are also available on the site. For our out

of town guests, the registration site gives links to local hotels holding special rate room blocks for reunion attendees. Questions to dturner67bucs@gmail.com or Campbellreunion2025@ gmail.com.

Former Campbell High teachers, coaches, and administrators attend free! Contact dturner67bucs@ gmail.com for details.

BONUS for Class of 1975.

A 50 year reunion dinner also will be held Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 6-10 pm in the Roosevelt Redwood Room Q80 at the school (old band room) For more information, send e-mail to campbell50yrs@ gmail.com.

Return to Campbell High for a weekend of reminiscing and reconnecting! Go Bucs!

By Margaret Schieck, Co-President

Happy 249th Birthday to the United States of America. July 4th is our most significant holiday in July.

July 26th is also a red-letter day in American History, it is the 35th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This declaration of the Rights of people with Disabilities is much younger than most people realize.

The June meeting of the Campbell Area Chapter of AARP reflected the truth of the old adage "the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray". Kerry Per-

kins, our scheduled speaker, unfortunately became ill and had to cancel her appearance. On short notice, our members came through and put together a presentation on various places and purposes on which they are expending volunteer time. The information was well-received and hopefully inspired more members to become engaged in volunteer work. Kerry has rescheduled to November, so we won't miss out on her presentation.

Traditionally, July also begins our "pack a backpack" campaign for Sacred Heart Community Services. We contribute backpack and school supplies for

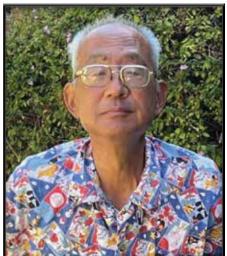
Our July 15th meeting will feature entertainment by a local Female Barbershop Quartet. We are certainly looking forward to hearing that program. In August, our speaker will be from the Access Advisors Group from the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums, who will give us information and updates on the museums' special programs, both virtual and in person.

The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Avenue, in Room Q 80. Coffee and browsing are ready at 9:15 a.m. and the formal meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. One does not need to be a Campbell resident to join this group. We hope to see you at our next



...AND MORE ~

OBITUARY



Guy Sueo Takamatsu 1957-2025

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done for and through His servant Guy.

Guy Sueo Takamatsu was given life by his Creator and was born on February 13, 1957, in Inglewood, California, the child of Mike [Mikio] and Harriet [Tsuneyo] Takamatsu. In childhood and adolescence Guy lived in Carson, California, attending Carson High School and graduating from Edison High School (Huntington Beach, California). After graduating high school, Guy studied at San Jose City College (San Jose, California), and earned a BA in Business Administration from San Jose State University (San Jose, California), and thereafter obtained a paralegal certificate from Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, California). In early adulthood (1977), Guy received the gift of Holy Baptism.

Guy lived in Campbell, California, for most of his adult years, making many friends and acquaintances in and

about the community of Campbell, and well beyond. He was a frequent patron of many a local shop, market, library, festival, etc., and daily could be found travelling the streets and communities of the South Bay Area. Guy was a contributor of articles to print and electronic publications, and assisted in several English as a Second Language or language acquisition community programs.

Since 1984, Guy was a communicant member of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. In this congregation of God's people, for decades Guy was fed and nourished by Jesus' Word and by His very body and blood in Holy Communion. Guy was a regular attendee of Christian Education classes, and was a vigorous and passionate

promoter of endeavors and activities of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Guy greatly enjoyed learning and reading, connecting people of similar interests and/or circumstances with one another, and himself making connections with people. Guy was a valued advocate for and promoter of Birthright San Jose (a pro-life support network for women facing unplanned pregnancy). In younger years Guy studied and enjoyed martial arts, and had a lifelong love of history. Finally, on June 2, 2025, God blessed Guy with a holy death and took him home to rest in the arms of Jesus Christ to await the resurrection of the dead.

Guy was predeceased by his mother, Harriet Takamatsu, and by his brother, Neil Takamatsu. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his father, Mike Takamatsu; by his cousin, Will Takamatsu (Tiffany); and by many other family members, neighbors, friends, acquaintances, and church family.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our brother, Guy.

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Origins and Philosophy of Yoga By Jayson Hemp

Yoga has a long and colorful history. Although most Westernized styles focus largely on the physical aspect, its origins can be traced back to Northern India over twothousand years ago, where there was far less focus on poses. Ascetics (hermit like sages) would sit in a meditative state for hours or even days at a time. Some of the first written occurrences of the word "yoga" are found in ancient Indian religious texts called Vedas and Upanishads, from which Hinduism is based upon. They also reference a six-fold yoga method that includes breath control (pranayama) and meditation (dhyana).

Around the 5th century the Yoga Sutras, a collection of verses in Sanskrit written by a sage Patanjali, expanded upon

(sustained, effortless meditation), and Samadhi (being absorbed fully into the moment).

Some of the Yama concepts include Ahimsa (non-harming to self and others), and Aparigraha (non-attachment or not setting expectations on an outcome). Some of the Niyama concepts include Tapas (self-discipline) and Svadhyaya (self-study, reflection).

Around the same period, there were separate but similar schools of thought and practices born from roots in Jainism & Buddhism. However, it's not until around the 15th century when the *Hatha Yoga Pradipika* outlined additional physical poses. The term *hatha* has a few different interpretations - one of which is the union of the sun (*ha*) and



these ancient texts and formed the foundation of the "eight limbs of yoga", which include moral guidelines to live by to achieve self-realization or enlightenment. They are: Yamas (how you relate to the world), the Niyamas (internal focus), Asana (seated posture - only one pose identified), Pranayama (breath control), Pratyahara (sense withdrawal), Dharana (focused concentration on a single point or object), Dhyana

the moon (tha). The Pradipika includes 15 postures, many named after animals such as gomukhasana (cow face pose) and matsyasana (fish pose). It also describes the "channels of the subtle body" including the nadis and chakras, kundalini, energetic locks (bandhas), and the flow of prana (life force energy).

During British rule, yogis were considered outcasts in India and associated with gypsies, mystics, and thieves. Some made a living by demonstrating how much they could contort their bodies.

At the turn of the 20th century, there was a Westernized revolution blending Hatha yoga with British gymnastic stretching routines and promoted internationally by popular gurus such as B.K.S. Iyengar and K. Pattabi Jois. This is where we get our Sun Salutations and Warrior poses for example. One could argue that perhaps the physical practice helps us get out of our heads and into our body.

(Please consult with your doctor before pursuing any new form of exercise.)





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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Sixty Years, 18 Holes, Thousands of **Dollars Raised Sixty Years, 18 Holes,** Thousands of Dollars Raised

The Campbell Chamber Community Foundation is holding its 60th Annual Golf Tournament at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club on August 27, 2025



Foundation's signature event, the Annual Golf Tournament, returns on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, for its milestone **60th year**—a remarkable legacy of community, camaraderie, and giving back. This year's tournament promises to be the biggest and best yet, bringing together golfers of all skill levels for a memorable day on the green at the stunning Cinnabar Hills Golf Club.

More than just a day of golf, the tournament is the Foundation's largest fundraiser

The Campbell Chamber | of the year, with proceeds supporting the Campbell Toy Program and scholarships for graduating seniors from Campbell high schools. Every swing helps make a meaningful difference in the lives of local youth and families.

> Participants can expect a fun-filled 18-hole round on one of the Bay Area's premier courses, complete with on-course games, contests, and a lively atmosphere that reflects the spirit of Campbell's close-knit community. The day concludes with a post-tournament banquet,

where players can relax. share stories, and celebrate their contributions to a great cause.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just starting out, this scramble-format tournament is open to all and offers the perfect blend of sport, scenery, and social impact.

To learn more, register, or explore sponsorship opportunities, visit Campbell-Cham-berFoundation.org

Join us in honoring 60 years of tradition and community impact—one round at a time.

Money Empowerment by Jill



Time for a Midyear Financial Checkup

With half the year behind us, a midyear financial checkup can help individuals and families stay on track, adjust goals, and avoid year-end surprises.

Just like a physical checkup helps catch potential health issues early, a midyear money review can prevent small financial missteps from turning into major problems.

Here re are few tasks to consider.

1. Revisit Your Budget

Compare your actual spending over the past six months to what you had planned in January. Are you overspending in certain areas like dining out or streaming services? Are there unexpected expenses or income changes? Adjust accordingly for the rest of the year.

2. Check Your Emergency **Fund**

Experts recommend having three to six months' worth of expenses in an emergency fund. If you've dipped into yours, consider setting up automatic transfers to rebuild it. If you don't have one yet, now's a good time to start, even \$25 a week adds up over time.

3. Assess Your Debt

Review all your outstanding debts, including credit cards, student loans, auto loans, and your mortgage. Check interest rates and consider whether it makes sense to consolidate or refinance. Make a plan to pay down high-interest debt first.

4. Evaluate Your Retirement **Contributions**

Are you contributing enough to your 401(k), IRA, or other retirement accounts to meet your year-end goals? Increasing contributions midyear, even slightly, can make a big difference by December.

5. Review Your Credit Report

Each person is entitled to a free credit report from all three major credit bureaus once a year at AnnualCreditReport.com. Midyear is a great time to check for errors, unauthorized activity, or opportunities to improve your credit score.

6. Update Financial Goals

Life happens. Maybe you had a job change, bought a home, or welcomed a new family member. Review the goals you set at the beginning of the year and revise them if necessary. If you didn't set any, now's the time to define clear, realistic goals for the next six months.

7. Tax Check-In

Check your current tax withholdings, especially if your income or family situation has changed. Use the IRS withholding estimator to avoid a surprise tax bill next April.

The Bottom Line:

A midyear financial checkup isn't about judgment, it's about being proactive and making adjustments. Even small changes now can bring peace of mind and position you for a stronger financial finish to the year.





Tony Lindsay, an 11-time Grammy Award Winner, starts Ainsley's Garden Concerts. The money is used to pay for school field trips, preservation work on the 100-year-old Ainsley House, and to partner with the City of Campbell on new exhibits.







Ribbon cutting photo left to right: Robert Sapien, San Jose Deputy Fire Chief; Christina Egan, Santa Clara County's Medical Hospital Administration and O'Connor Regional Medical Center Rep.; Tammy Anastasia, MA Dementia/Alzheimer's Author; Jeff Slichta, COO Watermark Retirement Communities: a first Resident Sybill Somers and Watermark Caregiver, Brenda; Kellie Shearer, Executive Director; Michael Mulcahy, District 6 Councilman for San José; Tony Crane, Dining Service Director of Watermark of San Jose; and Dale Boyles with two Representative's Assistants from Alliance.







CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

At its June 17th regular meeting, the Campbell City Council adopt ed its budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026, a period which began July 1st of this month. Altogether, the City's balanced budget includes \$90,195,234 in its general fund and \$16,548,490 in its capital projects fund, for a combined total budget of \$106,743,724.

Passing a balanced budget under the current economic conditions has been challenging not just for Campbell but for many neighboring government agencies as well, including other cities and the County of Santa Clara. However, Campbell has a long history of responsible financial management. In the end, a number of different mechanisms allowed the City to meet the goal of passing a balanced budget.

Given increased costs from inflation and contractual agreements with vendors, in addition to the decline of sales tax around the region, these cost-saving measures included the freezing of most vacant positions and foregoing the use of temp workers. Additionally, department heads had the discretion to help fund 1% in cuts from each department. These cuts varied but included tactics such as curbing discretionary funding for travel, as an example. The flexibility of the process allowed for each department to make recommendations for the savings in expenditures which would least impact the City's most important services. (As an example, the Campbell Police Department maintained existing service levels for sworn officers).

One of the City's main goals was to preserve, to the greatest extent possible, existing service levels, which also means protecting our employees — the human capital which allows the City of Campbell to function and serve its residents.

These challenges were necessary not just because of current conditions, but also due to a lawsuit challenging Measure K, a sales tax revenue measure which Campbell voters overwhelmingly approved in 2024. Because of this lawsuit, the City could not plan on using funds which otherwise would have become available this year. The lawsuit was not due to specific actions taken by the lawsuit, but instead advanced novel legal arguments which, if accepted by courts, would impact many cities around the region. (A similar lawsuit recently failed in Alameda County). The lawsuit is being vigorously opposed through the efforts of the City Attorney.

In a separate action, though one which bore a strong relationship with the budget, was the approval of Memorandums of Understanding with the various bargaining units representing many City employees. The contracts forewent cost of living or other salary increases, while making positive adjustments to the City's support of employee healthcare benefits.

Altogether, the budget process, which was managed efficiently and transparently with at least four previous Council discussions feeding into it, was a strategic one. The need to find savings in expenditures was balanced with the ability to think and plan strategically for the City's current and longer-term priorities, such as maintaining service levels for key programs to the greatest extent possible.

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DISTRICT NEWS



By Susan Ellenburg

Let's be honest.

We're not ending homelessness fast enough.

Despite years of well-intentioned efforts and massive public investment, the number of people losing their homes in Santa Clara

(hence, the term "permanent, supportive housing"). That's the model that works, and we have the data — and the lived experience testimonies — to prove it.

But too often, the conversation and the goals get side-



This is a Measure A project in Campbell set to begin construction in 2027

County continues to rise. The challenge isn't a lack of strategies or data—we have both. The issue is leadership, shared responsibility, and a long-term commitment to what actually works.

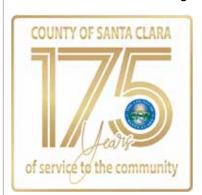
Let's be even more clear: Homelessness is a housing problem.

The County is a safety net service provider for indigent and low-income residents. The County doesn't have jurisdiction over the housing supply. And, while we clearly need to continue expanding access to the vital services that are our mandate to provide, it remains true that even when we reach the capacity to meet every need related to mental health, addiction, and trauma, without access to affordable and stable housing, people will remain unhoused. Housing must come first, often in conjunction with services tracked. Talk about ending "unsheltered" homelessness sidesteps the expensive and time-consuming investments that must be made in both permanent housing and in homelessness prevention policies. Fingers get pointed as to who is responsible for addressing this clear crisis and the public's very reasonable frustration and disillusionment grow and grow.

The truth is, I'm focused on County accountability. Believe me, I have lots of opinions about what cities, the state, and the federal government should do, but I believe every level of government must first hold itself accountable for what it can and must do, rather than focusing on what others should be doing. Then we can all come to the table clear on our own responsibilities and well-positioned for collaboration.

The County's Role: Services, Not Construction

As a rule, Counties don't build housing or have control over land use decisions other than in unincorporated areas. The core mission of Counties is to provide services – health, mental health, substance use disorder, food security, and more - for indigent and lowincome individuals who have no other options. This County opted to step into the housing finance arena in 2016 through the passage of Measure A—the \$950 million housing bond —to increase the affordability of building permanent supportive housing units. Since then, we've funded 57 projects across 11 of the 15 cities in the County and have gotten thousands of people into housing. All Measure A funds have been allocated. 28 projects have been completed and are operating at capacity; the others are in various stag-



es of construction including waiting for city entitlements or other permits, or perhaps state tax credits or other funding elements.

Now, we return to our primary responsibility: providing safety net services for

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City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

In the May 27th meeting of the Campbell Planning Commission, we discussed Campbell's progress on the sixth state-mandated RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) cycle, and what we might do to improve our performance. In late 2022, we developed Campbell's Plan For Housing, for the period 2023-2031. The state mandated that we plan for 2,977 homes; we planned for 3,870, as of now, we expect 690 over that interval.

Staff explained the shortfall; the two biggest reasons are that, first, we planned for most of the growth to be high-density housing; supply chain problems, inflation, higher interest rates, and labor market issues have affected the market-rate segment. Second, the fragile financing systems used by subsidized housing have been disrupted. Though there are two major 100% below-market-rate projects approved by the city, one at the Winchester VTA station and one at 60 West Hamilton, neither has the funding to proceed.

Looking forward, staff brought up several options; the response from the Planning Commission was to push harder and do more. Staff considered reducing park fees for some projects; these are fees which the city collects in order to purchase land for and to build new parks. The Commission suggested that capital projects should be, like the new library and police station, financed by bonds paid for by everyone in the city rather than by taxing only new housing.

Likewise, staff suggested increasing flexibility on the provision of inclusionary zoning; this is a requirement in which a multi-family developer must

set aside a percentage of their units for lower-income people. It's politically popular but economically backwards in that it taxes new housing to build new housing. As a result, in many cases raising the requirements has led to fewer subsidized (and fewer total) homes being built, as 100% of nothing is still nothing. The Commission was divided on how to proceed, but opinions ranged from allowing developers to pay into a city fund for housing rather than provide some units, or to remove the requirement entirely.

This is a conceptual question; is it better to allow more market-rate housing even if it means fewer subsidized apartments? To what extent should we try to match the specific goals set out by RHNA, versus attempting to achieve an affordable housing market in general? What do we really want to accomplish?

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Fountain Blues & Brews Festival Delivers Record-Breaking Celebration in San Jose

The 42nd Annual Fountain Blues & Brews Festival lit up downtown San Jose on June 14 and 15 with a record-setting, two-day celebration of blues, community, and craft beer-marking what organizers have called the most successful year in the event's 40+ year history.

Held at Plaza de César Chavez, the festival expanded to a full weekend for the first time, drawing its largest-ever crowd. More than 3,000 music lovers filled the plaza on Saturday alone to see Grammy winner Christone "Kingfish" Ingram headline a powerhouse lineup featuring national blues legends and local rising stars.

"This year's festival marked a new chapter in our story," said Suzanne St. John-Crane, president of the Fountain Blues Foundation. "By expanding to two days, we doubled the music, the brews, and the joy. It was a celebration of the blues, San Jose, and the incredible community that's kept this festival thriving for over four decades.'

Saturday's roster also fea- | a robust craft beer expetured the Greaseland Allstars with Fillmore Slim,

rience with over 40 brews on tap from top region-

al names like Almanac,

HenHouse, Bare Bottle,

and Narrative Fermenta-

tions. Food trucks, artisan

booths, family games, and

a Musical Instrument Pet-

ting Zoo rounded out the

San Jose Mayor Matt Mah-

experiences-warm eve-

nings, cold beer and great

support, along with that of

sponsors like Applied Mate-

rials and Heritage Bank,

helped bring the expanded

First launched in 1981 at

San Jose State University,

the Fountain Blues Festi-

val has grown into Northern

California's longest-running

blues festival. Now orga-

nized by the Fountain Blues

Foundation, a nonprof-

it dedicated to promoting

blues music and education,

the event continues to hon-

or the genre's roots while

vision to life.

experience.



Musical Instrument Petting Zoo A young festivalgoer gets hands-on with a digital drum kit as her father looks on, part of the Fountain Blues Foundation's newest family-friendly addition-the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo.

the acclaimed Mike Zito, and the high-energy M'sip-

pi Slide. Sunday's Father's Day lineup didn't disappoint either, with blues-rock veteran Walter Trout capping a day that included 2024 B.B. King Entertainer of the Year Vanessa Collier, Southern soul master

an, speaking about the Alabama Mike & The Reveexpansion, noted, "Founlators, and the vibrant tain Blues & Brews is one of San Jose's best summer live music. What more could you ask for?" His

Christone "Kingfish" Ingram on Stage Christone "Kingfish" Ingram electrifies a near-capacity crowd at Plaza de César Chavez during his Saturday night headlining set at the 2025 Fountain Blues & Brews Festival.

The weekend's highlight came Saturday night when Kingfish, fresh off his featured role in Oakland director Ryan Coogler's hit film Sinners, stepped off the stage mid-performance and soloed through the crowd in a moment that had hundreds of phones in the air and smiles across the park.

fusion of Aki Kumar's Bollywood Blues Band.

The music flowed nonstop across two stages, including the intimate Poor House Bistro Stage, where standout sets from Kyle Rowland Band, AC Myles, and youth talents The Blue Notes added variety and depth.

Festivalgoers also enjoyed | festival can be.

embracing its future. In 2025, the blues didn't just come to San Jose-they thrived there. And for many

in Campbell and beyond, this unforgettable weekend may have set a new standard for what a local music

current economic uncertainty, as well as because of the Mea-

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JULY MOVIES By Sam Wilson



How to Train Your Dragon - B-

Franchise director Dean DeBlois's (2002's "Lilo & Stitch") faithful to a fault live-action remake forgoes intense realism for the original's kid-friendly tone. A young Viking (Mason Thames, "The Black Phone") befriends a dragon in a world where humans fight dragons. The questionable video game CGI, cartoonish feel, and often shotfor-shot re-telling results in an amusing yet pointless money-grubbing emulation. Gerard Butler (300), Nick Frost (Hot Fuzz), and Nico Parker (HBO's "The Last of Us") co-star.

28 Years Later - B+

Academy award winning director Danny Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire) and writer Alex Garland (Ex Machina) resurrect the franchise famous for introducing running zombies with a mesmerizingly exhilarating coming-of-age tale. A family in guarantined Britain leave their small island community to travel into the dangerous mainland. The epic starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson (Nosferatu), Jodie Comer (The Bikeriders), and Ralph Fiennes (Conclave) is electrifying, boasting a creative aesthetic, stylistic editing, and beautiful cinematography, although the final 30 minutes slows to a crawl.

M3GAN 2.0 - C

Boneheaded sequel misguidedly undergoes a complete tonal shift into mindless sci-fi action camp. Gemma (Allison Williams, "Get Out") resurrects M3GAN two years later to track down Amelia, a new military-grade weapon of similar AI technology. The horror aspect made the first a hit so the shift towards generic action and dull humor works against it. Takes inspiration from "Terminator 2: Judgement Day", making the villain a protective protagonist battling a similar foe.

Materialists - B

Marry for love or money is the question in this thoughtful modern-day existential love triangle. A New York City matchmaker (Dakota Johnson, "Susperia") finds herself torn between a wealthy perfect match (Pedro Pascal, "Gladiator II") and her imperfect poor ex (Chris Evans, "Knives Out"). Writer-director Celine Song (Past Lives) deftly steers away from traditional rom-com towards authentic drama. The chemistry lacks but strong dialogue and dynamic actors make this worthy.

The Life of Chuck - B+

Profoundly moving drama with depth based on Stephen King's short story. Told in reverse focusing on different chapters in the life of an ordinary man (Tom Hiddleston, "Avengers: Endgame"). Writer-director Mike Flanagan (Doctor Sleep, Gerald's Game) continues his streak of King adaptations with undeniably his best film. Memorable performances from Chiwetel Ejiofor (Doctor Strange), Karen Gillian (Guardians of the Galaxy), Mark Hamill (Star Wars: The Last Jedi), Matthew Lillard (Scream), and Mia Sara (Ferris Bueller's Day Off).

Bring Her Back - B-

Strange albeit well-crafted horror from talented rising directors Danny and Michael Philippou (Talk to Me). Siblings move in with a foster mother (Sally Hawkins, "The Shape of Water") harboring a terrifying secret. A serious, uncomfortable downer, focusing on grief without humor but the brothers expertly control the tone and tempo providing edgeof-your-seat suspense. Effective acting led by a committed eerie Hawkins helps overcome the unremarkable premise.

From the World of John Wick: Ballerina - C

Shameless cash-grabbing "John Wick" imitation stodgily re-treading familiar territory. An unconvincing Ana de Armas (Blonde) stars as an assassin on a revenge mission. Director Len Wiseman's (Underworld, Live Free or Die Hard) tropey spin-off lacks the quality world building and colorful characters the series is known for, amounting to diminished returns.

Dangerous Animals - B-

Decent R-rated thriller with bite rising above its kitschy premise. A shark-obsessed serial killer (Jai Courtney, "Suicide Squad") on the Australian Gold Coast kidnaps a free-spirited surfer in order to feed her to the sharks, so she must figure out how to escape while trapped on his boat. Courtney's enthralling performance assists in keeping this afloat whilst the script and direction are sharper than expected despite the familiar beats.

CITY NEWS

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The new budget will aim to implement the City Council's priorities, which began to be developed, and were officially approved, earlier this year. Those priorities included Long-Term Land Use Planning, City Infra-

structure, Financial Stability, Sustainability, and Community Health and Safety.

Overall, the budgetary process, after hard work by City staff. resulted in a positive outcome which will mitigate what would otherwise be potential impacts to service levels. However, it will be crucial for

the City to maintain a fiscally responsible approach given sure K lawsuit.

the City of Campbell.



DISTRICT NEWS

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residents who rely on us. It's what we are funded and mandated to do.

The county spends approximately \$47.4 million each year for shelter operations and more than \$400 million each year on programs and services related to homelessness. Moreover, we invest nearly \$800 million across all Behavioral health services. With programs like the 988 mental health crisis line, expanded behavioral health services, and care coordination, we are delivering where it counts.

Since July 2022, we've added 208 new behavioral health beds which translates to support for more than 2,000 additional people annually. That is real capacity.

That is care.

We Know What Works. So Why Aren't We Doing More of It?

The 2020-2025 Communitv Plan to End Homelessness is our region's strategic roadmap. It's grounded in a Housing First approach, shaped by more than 8,000 voices—including people with lived experience, service providers, and advocates. It focuses on three simple, powerful strategies:

1. Address Root Causes of Homelessness

Tackle systemic failures like income inequality, a lack of affordable housing, and structural inequities that were actually designed to have a disparate impact on people of different races.

2. Expand Prevention and **Housing Programs**

Keep people from falling into homelessness and rapidly re-house those who do.

3. Improve Quality of Life Provide services that restore health, dignity, and stability.

And the results? Since 2020.

17,485 people moved into stable housing.

33,193 people received homelessness prevention services.

23,228 people accessed shelters and temporary housing.

These aren't just numbers they're people. Our neighbors. Families. Futures.





Wednesday, July 2 6:00 pm **Blue House**

Thursday, July 3 6:00 pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, July 4 **CLOSED HAPPY 4TH!!!**

Saturday, July 5 7:30 pm **Joint Chiefs**

Sunday, July 6 5:00 pm **HOOTENANNY**

Wednesday, July 9 7:00pm **First Call**

Thursday, July 10 6:00 pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, July 11 7:30pm **FishHook**

Saturday, July 12 7:30pm RJae Hass **Band and Friends**

Wednesday, July 16 6:00pm Kurt, Johnny and Jim Bruno

Thursday, July 17 6:00 pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, July 18 7:30 pm **Engine Room**

Saturday, July 19 7:30 pm **Lauren Halliwell Band**

Wednesday, July 23 6:00 pm The Breaux Show

Thursday, July 24 6:00 pm

Pro Blues Jam Friday, July 25

7:30 pm **Whole Shot**

Saturday, July 26 4:00pm Steve Thunderberg 7:30pm Rusty Rock n' Roll

Wednesday, July 30 6:00 pm Ryan & Ryan

Thursday, July 31 6:00 pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, August 1 7:30 pm Kaye Bohler

Saturday, August 2 2:30pm Rick Alegria **Student Recital** 7:30pm Cadillac Jack

Wednesday, August 6 6:00 pm **Ghosts of Calico**

Thursday, August 7 6:00 pm **Pro Blues Jam**









Saturday, July 12 Tempo Kitchen and Bar, Gilroy 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 16 Svaedel Swedish Community, Morgan Hill 7 PM to 9 PM Pool Party, Private Event

Sunday, July 20 Satori Cellars Winery, Gilroy 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Wednesday, July 23 Westmont Senior Living 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM Senior Happy Hour

Sunday, July 27 Downtown Saratoga Car Show with Chubby's All-Stars 11 AM to 4 PM on the main stage

Tuesday, July 29 Los Gatos, Saratoga Recreation Senior Summer Picnic 11 AM to 1 PM

Saturday, August 9 Tempo Kitchen and Bar, Gilroy 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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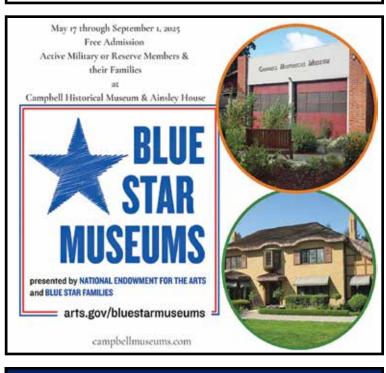
Wednesday, August 27 Little Lou's BBQ Campbell 6 PM to 7 PM Acoustic Showcase with special guest, Paul Kent





(L-R front) Aanya Prakash, Alstan Linneaus, Miles Chou, Rick Alegria, Joey Latourette, Gabi Lau, Arjun Seshadri, Taddy Fujimura Mason Lam

(L-R back) Lenz Beckenbanze, Skylar Lindquist, Joan Oloff Solomon, Walter Wirth, James Banke, Gary Jin



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ENTERTAINMENT



Italian Family Festa Returns with a Weekend | Before the Song: "Mayor of Silicon Valley" of Food, Fun, and Festivities for All Ages!

The heart of Italy is coming to | The event brings together gen-San Jose this summer — and everyone's invited! The 43rd Italian Family Festa returns to History Park on July 26 and 27, offering a vibrant weekend of Italian culture and entertainment. Best of all, admission is FREE!

Presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF), this beloved tradition celebrates its biggest milestone yet — the 50th Anniversary of the IAHF — with expanded attractions highlighting Italian American heritage.

"This year's Festa truly has something for everyone," said Ken Borelli, Co-Director of the Festa. "From Musical Acts to the Children's Zone and Grape Stomp, we're opening our arms to the entire community to join in the celebration — free of charge."

erations, offering a full weekend of fun for all ages:

- Grape Stomp: A crowd favorite, the grape stomp draws laughter and cheers as participants, including local celebrities, hop into barrels for a messy, joyful tribute to winemaking tradition.
- Wine Garden & Tasting: Featuring six regional wineries, including long-time supporter Guglielmo Winery, plus live music to sip along to.
- Children's Zone: Little ones can enjoy interactive crafts, magic shows, storytelling plus more!
- Roman Encampment & Swordsmanship Demos: Step back in time with living history experiences and demonstrations that make learning fun.
- Cultural & Culinary Stage: Pizza tossing demonstrations, beginner line dance

lessons, Italian folk costume fashion show, learn how to use garden flavors in an Italian kitchen, explore family



Creativity at the Festa Children get hands-on with paint,

glitter, and crafts in the Children's Zone at the Italian Family Festa a favorite stop for families enjoying a fun and colorful day together.

genealogy, join in a cooking demo and more.

 Live Entertainment: Amazing lineup including The Mina Project, Opera San Jose, Millennium Sounds Orchestra-Saturday Night Street Dance. Gold Money Band and Thom & Mary Ellen Duo.

The entertainment lineup this year is especially rich. Opera San Jose will present beloved selections from classic operas, offering a rare treat for music lovers. Guests will also enjoy a special tribute to Italian music legend Mina — a powerful performance that captures the elegance, passion, and vocal artistry of one of Italy's most iconic singers. These perfor-

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"Going to California" by Led Zeppelin

Now that summer's here, it's time to...travel! But... only in California? Yes! I've actually said on the radio that because we live in California, we should be able to enjoy lots of traveling and vacationing our whole lives without ever leaving the state! Think of it: Lake Tahoe, Napa, Yosemite, Monterey Bay/Carmel/Capitola/ Santa Cruz, San Francisco, the Sierras, Disneyland and SoCal, and let's not forget...Campbell!

When Led Zeppelin first landed in California, they felt the love for California so intensely that they wrote a song about it: "Going to California." I'd love to be able to tell you Led Zeppelin's song "Going to California" was written about the band's experience here in Northern California. But I can't.

The "canyons" they sing about are those of Southern California. The song even refers to those canyons starting to "tremble and shake" a nod to the earthquake the band felt during a visit to Los Angeles.

The music community around Southern California's Laurel Canyon fascinated Led Zeppelin. Joni Mitchell was part of that community, and Joni had a song titled, "California." It became the inspiration for Zeppelin's "Going to California." And when I say it's one of their best songs, I don't mean that it's merely an opinion. It's fact, and I can prove it.

Many believe the best rock drummer ever was Led Zeppelin's John Bonham. He made every song breathe, march, and swing-but not "Going to California." As a matter of fact, he doesn't even play on it. And only the *greatest* of songs could stand without as even as much as bell tree from the world's great drummer!

So check out the albumtheir fourth-and while you'll hear no drums on "Going to California," you'll hear Bonham making up for it by playing twice as loud on the song, "When the Levee Breaks." ©

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay's Classic Rock, weekdays 9am-2pm



Grape Stomp Tradition

Local celebrities step into barrels for the always-popular grape stomp at the Italian Family Festa — a lively tribute to Italy's winemaking roots and a highlight of the weekend's entertainment.

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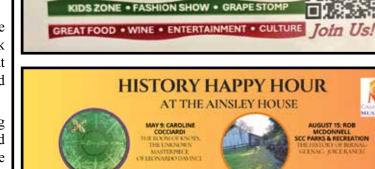
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Also coming up: the Italian Festival, full of food, entertainment, and grape stomping (see page 8), plus Rick Alegria's Drum Recital on August 2 at Little Lou's, a great event for music lovers of all ages.

Lastly, the Friends of the Library feature on the back page highlights fundraisers that support reading, learning, and community connection.

Thank you, Campbell, for being such a supportive and engaged town. Stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer!





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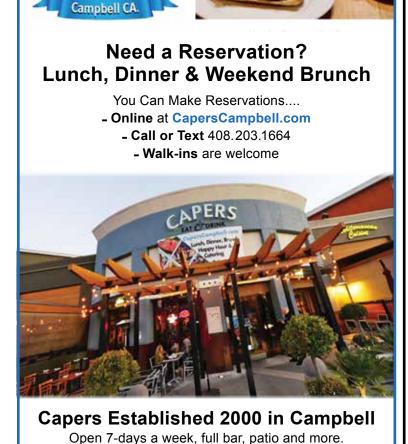






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By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

Berries

Isn't it just awesome to bring freshly picked berries from your garden in for your next meal? Berries are a real taste of summer as I was recently reminded by a friend visiting from Florida who said "berries back home sure don't taste like these". So many things we take for granted living in this rich agricultural paradise, growing berries should not be one of them.

Growing some berries can be more than the average home gardener wants to take on. For example, blueberries need ideal soil and water conditions in order to produce adequate fruit to feed a family. Raspberries and black berries need a lot of room and attention.

Most berries prefer acid soil with a pH of 5 to 6.5 while our soil hovers around 7.2. Trying to change our alkaline soil to acid can prove exceptionally expensive and not practical but | by starting out with a dedicated container and using planting mix especially created for acid loving plants, you will be significantly more successful. By using an acid fertilizer such as

used for azalea and rhododendrons will also help. Lowering pH to increase nutrient availability to your plants can be complicated. Acidifying your soil can be accomplished by using an acid type fertilizer, something created for specifically acid loving plants.

Strawberries are simple to grow. Strawberry plants are usually available all year but planting this time of year will not guarantee a crop. Strawberry plants send off runners in the fall which can be planted directly in your garden beds. This method is reliable and allows you to have selected. Strawberries planted as a border plant can former University of California Research Station in Santa Clara (BAREC).

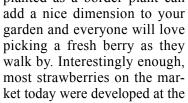
Blackberries and raspberries are plants are readily available. see and taste what variety you They will need regular watering

until established and remember to make time to maintain their wild growth habit. Then there are the bird and critter issues.

There are a number of varieties of berries that may not be familiar to you including goji berries. This plant, native to China, is drought tolerant and is considered a "super food". Goji berries can easily take over your allotted garden space, growing up to 13 feet tall if left unpruned but with regular pruning, they can be easily managed. They provide a long summer harvest, are relatively disease and pest free and are self pollinating. Their taste is somewhat sour or tart but don't let that deter you from giving them a try. The health benefits are a great plus.

Our farmers market's are one of the incredibly wonderful benefits of living in such a diverse agricultural area. I urge you to visit your local farmers market and try some fruits that are not familiar to you. Most vendors will gladly share a taste or two. As I scan the internet it seems there is a market everyday of the week. Take the family and friends and make a day of it. Once you decide which berries you prefer, growing your own is a fairly easy process.

Finally, I will be attending the Italian Family Festa July 26 & 27, and giving a talk on Herbs. Stop by and say hello. Visit ItalianFamilyFestaSJ.org for schedule.



a another story because of the excessive thorns. Newer thornless varieties have been developed, however, I find vining varieties to be the most labor intensive of the berries I have grown. The space and water they need outweighs convenience. The most common way to grow these berries is to plant bare root plants directly into your garden soil in the early spring when

A Gesture Of Good Will For Bill

Bill: Honoring the Legacy of Bill Beedle Through Kindness

My dad, Bill Beedle, had a way of making people feel seen, even in life's smallest moments. Whether it was a friendly wave, a helping hand, or a simple smile, he gave from his heart without expecting anything in return. He was humble, generous, and kind-and his quiet gestures left deep imprints on those around him. After his passing, I found myself searching for a way to carry that light forward. That's

italianfamilyfestasj.org

A Gesture Of Good Will For | how A Gesture Of Good Will | For Bill was born.

> What started as a personal tribute to the kindest man I've ever known has grown into something much bigger-a community movement based on compassion and kindness. The idea is simple: honor my dad by doing what he did best-spreading goodwill. Random acts of kindness, no matter how small, have the power to change someone's day, or even their life. To my surprise and great honor,

the City of Campbell, California-

where my dad spent many meaningful years-recognized his legacy with an official proclamation. It celebrates not only the life of Bill Beedle, but the kindness movement created in his name. I can't express how much it meant to have the city acknowledge what so many of us already knew: that Bill made the world a better place just by being himself.

This proclamation isn't just a document-it's a call to action. A Gesture Of Good Will For Bill encourages everyone to follow in my dad's footsteps. Whether it's paying for someone's coffee, checking in on an elderly neighbor, or leaving a note of encouragement-small acts of kindness are the seeds of change that create powerful ripple effects.

To help keep the movement going, I've created A Gesture Of Good Will For Bill T-shirts. Each shirt proudly carries the message of kindness and helps fund my mission to pay it forward-whether through care packages for the unhoused, support for struggling families, or organizing community kindness events.

Every shirt purchased helps me keep my dad's spirit alive. Every act of kindness performed in his name brings comfort to my grieving heart. If my father taught me anything, it's that we all have the power to make a difference, even when we think no one is watching.

If you feel moved to join this journey, I'd love to hear from you. You can email me at agesture of goodwillforbill@gmail.com or share your kind act on social media with the hashtag #Good WillForBill. Let's create a wave of goodness that reaches far beyond anything we could imagine.

Thank you for reading.

With love, Susan Reams



ADMISSION







Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

SUMMERTIME BLUES?

Time for a check in! Summer is about halfway over, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to see how it's going. Is it going as planned, or do you need to readjust? It's not too late to make this a positive, successful summer. What's going well? What could use improvement? So many people get stuck in a rut, and think they have to stay there. Not true! But you do need to make a decision to make better decisions. Wanna make this a better summer for you and your family? It's your choice. Look at your summer since it started in June. What has worked well for you? What has not gone the way you planned? While it's a little bit late to change what's already happened, there is plenty of time to make this a memorable summer full of happy memories. Look around the city you live in. I bet there's still plenty of activities on the calendar for the last couple months of summer. Look outside your own city and see what's

Joey Chestnut, the competitive

eating legend, returned to the

happening nearby. Did you get a chance to see fireworks on the fourth of July? Take a look around, and see where fireworks are being displayed. I know that many minor league baseball parks are presenting fireworks at the end of the game on Friday nights. Do some investigating, and you'll find many things to do. You may think that everything is full, all camps are full, etc. Remember, there's always room to add people to an event or program, just inquire. People are always dropping or leaving a program they've paid for when something comes up. You need to do a bit of work to get the information you need, but it's usually worth it. As I've mentioned before, you don't need to break the bank when making summertime plans. I know a family of five who went to Europe one summer, and when I asked the kids what the best part of summer was, they all agreed that it was the nights they slept under

the stars. The parents were a little bummed out when they realized the kids had more fun camping in the backyard than traveling around Europe! Think outside the box. You might find something to do that you've never tried before. Give it a shot! You may end up enjoying it more than you expected. I think the key here is to approach the remainder of the summer with positive enthusiasm. If you don't have much luck in your hunt for fun, remember that it's not too late to read a book, watch a classic movie, do a project in the garden, help a neighbor in need, put a few care packages together for the homeless and deliver them...GET CRE-ATIVE!!! Imagine putting a little effort into this last leg of summer, and creating some memories that will be long lasting! You don't need to spend money you don't have to make this summer great. Good luck! I can be reached at jay@fathermattersinc@aol.com.

Explore Legendary Rivers of the World By Susan Lola River cruising opens doors to

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- Lyon's kitchens creating culinary magic
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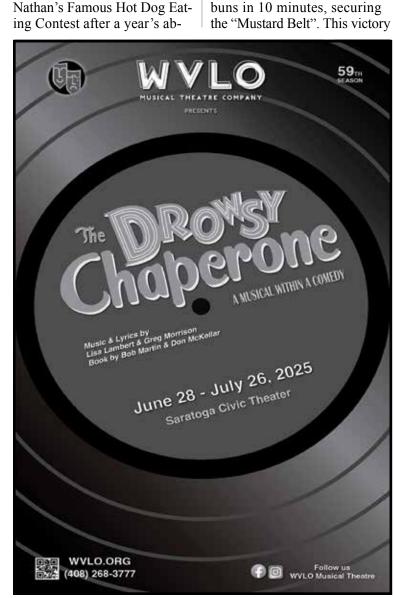
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- Traditional quintas welcoming visitors with centuriesold hospitality
- Ancient Roman ruins emerging from mist-shrouded hills
- The spectacular Douro Valley's untamed beauty

DANUBE – Germany to **Hungary to Romania**

- Budapest's Parliament Building glowing like a jewel at twilight
- Vienna's grand palaces echoing with classical music

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Nathan's 4th of July Hot Dog Contest Winner is Back! sence and clinched his 17th title. marks his return after a sponsor-He consumed 70.5 hot dogs and ship dispute with Impossible buns in 10 minutes, securing Foods led to his absence last year.

> Joey Chestnut is from San Jose and a local hotdog hero! Although he has competed in many other contests, including foods like hard boiled eggs 141 in eight



minutes and shrimp cocktail eating, he set a new world record of 21 pounds in eight minutes! He holds 55 world eating records from hot dogs and his personal best is 83 in 10 minutes. This year he added Traditional tacos 126 in eight minutes and 15.75lbs of bologna in eight minutes at the Ultimate Bologna Showdown in Knoxville, TN and set a new world record in the process on May 10, 2025.

Chestnut's win was impressive, though he fell short of his personal record of 76 hot dogs set in 2021. Despite the near miss, he expressed satisfaction with his performance and anticipation for future competitions.



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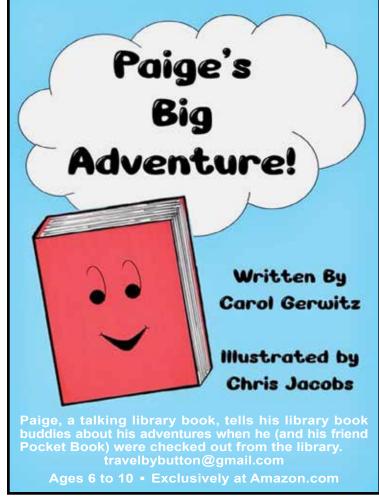


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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

San Tomas Expy./Budd Ave. Unknown (S) stole (V)'s license plate from their vehicle. The stolen plate was located on another vehicle and recovered. (S) remains unknown and at large.

E. Hamilton Ave. (V) was changing in a women's dressing room when she saw (S) holding a phone over the stall. (S) is at large.

Los Gatos Creek Trail Report of (S) slumped over on the creek trail. (S) was contacted and determined to be under the influence and in possession of drug paraphernalia and alprazolam. (S) released from custody and transported to hospital.

W. Hamilton Ave. Three masked (S)s forced entry into business and attempted to steal the safe.

E. Hamilton Ave./S. Winchester Blvd. (S) committed multiple CVC violations and evaded officers upon initiation of a traffic enforcement stop. (S) was determined to be DUI. Arrested.

Hollis Ave. (S) and (V) were in a dispute. (S) struck (V) on the neck with her fists; (V) sustained injuries. (S) was determined to be the aggressor. Booked.

S. Winchester Blvd. (S) deposited 15 fictitious checks from (V)'s account without (V)'s consent totaling \$33,972.08. (S) is unknown and at large.

Peggy Ave. (V) discovered an unknown (S) utilized her PII to obtain two student loans totaling \$4,175. She became aware after receiving documents from the loan servicing company.

S. San Tomas Aquino Rd. An unknown (S) entered (V)'s locked vehicle by unknown means and stole tools.

S. Bascom Ave. Reporting Party (RP) flagged down officers advising (S) stole food. (S) fled on a bicycle and was apprehended nearby. (S) had two prior theft convictions and was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Arrested.

S. Winchester Blvd./Budd Ave. (S) threw an empty beer can

at an officer's patrol vehicle. (S) was too intoxicated to care for himself, provided a false name, and had warrants for a probation violation. Arrested.

Marathon Dr./W. Hamilton Ave. (S) hit (V) with her car then pinned him between her car and his car preventing him from leaving. (S) was determined to be DUI. Booked.

S. Winchester Blvd./E. Campbell Ave. While in a moving vehicle, (S) fired several airsoft rounds at (V), striking him in his left elbow. (S) is unknown and at large.

N. San Tomas Aquino Rd. (S) and (V) were contacted due to a noise complaint. (S) was determined to be the restrained party in two served no contact orders protecting (V). Booked.

Budd. Ave. (S) was providing alcohol to (J)'s at the park. (S) fled upon CPD arrival. (S) was located and booked.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) was reported to be shoplifting. (S) fled officers and resisted arrest. Arrested and was found

to be in possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia and to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was seen driving on top of a parking lot island. (S) was determined to be driving under the influence. Booked.

S. Winchester Blvd./Camden Ave. (S) hit (V) in the face not causing injury and fled the scene. (S) had multiple outstanding warrants and was located and arrested.

Abbey Ln. (S) took \$2700 out of (V)'s bank account without her consent and with intent to deprive her. (S) is at large.

Los Gatos Creek Trail/S. Bascom Ave. (S) started a fire in a heavily vegetated area, possessed meth and drug paraphernalia, was under the influence of a controlled substance, and attempted to destroy evidence. Booked.

Camden Ave. (S) and (V) Got into an argument. During the argument (V) said (S) threw a can at (V). (S) said (V) threw

the can at her. No independent witnesses. To DA.

Creekside Way An unknown (S) stole hardware from the base of a City of Campbell signal light pole during an unknown time period.

S. Bascom Ave. (V) was walking when (S) rode by him on a bike numerous times. (S) threatened (V) but then fled once he saw (V) had called CPD. To Special Enforcement Division for follow up.

W.CampbellAve.Unknown(S) threw a rock through the front glass door of the business, entered and stole two (2) Apple iMac Computers, then fled in a light colored hatchback.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) willfully exposed himself in front of a restaurant's front window. Upon a search of (S)'s property, methamphetamine, paraphernalia, and two dust removal cans were located. (S) was determined to under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

W. Hamilton Ave. (S) shoplifted liquor and a ready meal, then fled in a Mercedes.

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LOCAL Books Inc.

By Drew Howard and Christine Cargnoni

Happy July, readers! We hope you've had a wonderful first month of summer, soaking up the sun and reading good books!

We're so excited to welcome local author Helen Taylor on July 20th at 2pm for a book signing. She will be coming by to talk about and read her children's book Chasing Guano, which tells the story of Heather Lynch's discovery of a penguin supercolony and her team's mission to protect it! This is perfect for any young readers who love science, nature, and penguins!

We encourage you to stop by and pick up a bingo sheet for our Book Bingo! All ages are welcome to participate. If you get four in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, bring your sheet to the store to claim your prize! If you get a blackout by filling out every square on the bingo sheet, you will be eligible for even bigger prizes. Feel free to ask one of our booksellers any questions you have about Book Bingo!

If you need ideas to start, here's a list of books that fill out some of the categories!

First, here's a young adult pick to fill the comic book or graphic novel square. You and Me on Repeat by Mary Shyne is a rom-com about a teenager on graduation day trapped in a time loop. He thinks he might be able to escape the loop if he can get his crush to kiss him. But he might not be the only one looping...This one is a fun and excited read for teens and young adults!

For one of our kids categories—a book about two friends—Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake is a delightful story about two unlikely roommates. It's a great lesson in compromise and overcoming prejudice, with Quantum Leaping chickens! Skunk and Badger become great friends in the end, so it's perfect for this category.



As for our middle school readers, Cinderella and the Beast (or, Beauty and the Glass Slipper) by Kim Bussing fits the fantasy book category! This fun novel follows Cinderella and Belle as tween girls who end up swapped and living each other's stories! In this novel, Cinderella finds herself in the Beast's castle, caught in a frustrating journey to break the spell, while Belle finds herself at the mercy of the stepmother and wicked stepsisters. This is a compelling story of unlikely friendships and intricate world building, where the stories get turned on their heads and with an exciting plot of high stakes and magic!

Lastly, as a recommendation for our adult readers, Eighteen by Alice Loxton is a fascinating history book that can fill one of two categories: a book that teaches you something, or a book about a real person. Eighteen follows the lives of eighteen eighteen-year-old in Great Britain over the centuries, delving into their lives and taking readers on a journey through Britain's history. She has a creative, unique approach to historical writing, and this could be a great pick for someone eager to learn more about younger people from the past.

Any of these recommendations will work for the space labeled "a book recommended to you", so you're welcome!

Thank you for your support as we continue to navigate Chapter 11, and do not forget to stop by and say hello! We have countless more recommendations in-store, and are always happy to help find you a new favorite! As always, check our website for updated information regarding our book clubs, and join us for Storytime at 10:30 every Thursday morning.

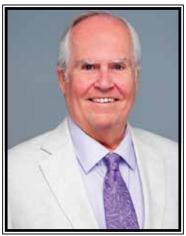
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A lot of discussion in the public domain about Realtor's commissions has led to misunderstands and, frankly, false information. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) settled a suit in Missouri, new paper work became required but the flow of money within a Real Estate transaction barely changed. However, several prominent reporters and politicians, including former President Biden, put out the word that sellers would no longer have to pay the buyer's side commission and that they're be a resulting reduction in costs of home buying. This was misleading at best and simply inaccurate at worse.

In California, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) generated new forms and most of the other associations within the state followed suit to implement the settlement. In CA, there was no change to the law regarding Realtor compensation; i.e. commissions, or who would pay. The CAR purchase agreement did provide two lines within which a buyer could request concessions and/or compensation. These are two of the ways a buyer's Agent commission can be paid. The seller's Agent commission, per the new listing agreement, is now limited to only the services they provide. Concessions are usually credits

the seller gives to the buyer to cover some expenses. Repairs or closing costs are a couple of examples of concessions. With these credits, the amount of money the buyer brings to pay the seller is reduced. Depending on what other agreements the buyer may have made, however, the amount of money they need to bring in to close the transaction, may or may not be changed. A buyer may have agreed to pay their Agent via the concessions that were negotiated.

Most commonly used, though, is the line covering compensation. Line 3G3 says that the seller agrees to pay the buyer's

Agent compensation; i.e. commission. This aligns with past practices and is the most often selected option for a buyer's Agent to receive their compensation. Why would a seller agree, though? Because the seller's goals have been met and, in all likelihood, his bottom line, i.e. net proceeds, is

In all cases the money goes to the escrow company who actually pays all the vendors and Agents. If the buyer's Agent is being paid through a concession, then it will show up as a debit to the buyer. If line 3G3 is in play, then it becomes a debit to the seller. Whatever the compensation is, it's always negotiable and negotiated by the client with his Agent.

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ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

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mances, along with many others, make the Festa an unparalleled cultural experience - and remarkably, it's all free.

Of course, no Italian celebration would be complete without food. Attendees will enjoy authentic dishes such as pasta, meatballs, calzones, polenta, gelato, cannoli, Italian beer and specialty Italian beverages.

"The Festa is a joyful nod to our roots," said Gene Guglielmo of Guglielmo Winery. From purple feet at the grape stomp to the music and food it's tradition, fun, and heritage all in one."

Beyond the festivities, the event supports the IAHF's mission of cultural preservation and education, with over \$12,000 in scholarships awarded last year. The Festa also features outreach booths, artisan vendors, and opportunities to join or support the foundation.

Whether you're of Italian descent or simply love great food and fun, the Italian Family Festa welcomes everyone to experience la dolce vita -San Jose style — History Park on July 26 and 27.

For more information, visit www.italianfamilyfestasj.org and follow #ItalianFestaSJ for updates and sneak peeks.

EXPLORE LEGENDARY RIVERS OF THE WORLD

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- The stunning Wachau Valley's sunlit vineyards
- Melk's awe-inspiring Baroque abbey
- The dramatic Iron Gates' towering cliffs

MEKONG - Cambodia to Vietnam

- Angkor Wat rising from morning mist
- Floating markets dancing with daily life
- Ancient silk-weaving traditions surviving time
- Gilded temples reflecting river waters
- Rice paddies stretching to the horizon

MISSISSIPPI - Louisiana to Tennessee to Minnesota

- New Orleans jazz filling sultry nights
- Antebellum mansions gracing riverbanks
- Civil War stories echoing through time
- Mark Twain's river tales coming alive
- Memphis blues touching the soul
- **COLUMBIA & SNAKE Oregon to Wyoming**

- Columbia River Gorge, sculpted by glacial floods
- Multnomah Falls, one of the most famous in the Pacific Northwest
- Mount St. Helens active volcano
- Granite-walled Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America
- Walla Walla's vineyards and colorful fields of wheat, asparagus and onions





Huge thanks from The Friends of the Campbell Library!

Whether you have made a direct donation to the *Love Our Library* campaign, donated items for our book sales and jewelry sales, donated proceeds from your eBay sales, or bought items from our fundraisers, we are extremely grateful!

The new library is on schedule to open this fall, and The Friends are still busy fundraising to help make it one that our whole community can be proud of. Donations of any amount are always welcome, and gifts of \$250 or more are publicly recognized on their website. If you would like to see your name on the donors' wall in the new library, gifts of \$500+ will be acknowledged in a permanent display. There is also the option to remain anonymous or to make a donation in honor of others. For names to appear on the wall when the new library opens, donations need to be received by August 31st. Amounts at the various donor levels received after the end of August will be added to the donors' wall at a later date.

Donor levels are as follows: Supporter - \$500 - \$1,999 Partner - \$2,000 - \$4,999 Benefactor - \$5,000 - \$14,999 Legacy - \$15,000+

As well as raising funds for the new library, the Friends of the Campbell Library are proud supporters of a wide range of library-related events. The annual Silicon Valley Reads community engagement program takes place each February and March. This year's SCCLD Summer Reading Program's theme is Level Up at Your Library, as in previous years, the Friends are donating funds for the free summer events and book prizes. Throughout the year, various events and invited speakers hosted by the library are funded by the Friends, including the marionette show at the Carol of Lights. The Friends have also helped fund the Story Walk boards in Jack Fischer Park.

August will be an exciting month for The Friends, with several events already on the calendar. On *Sunday, August* 3rd, they are planning to have an information table in the non-profit area of the Campbell Farmers' Market: if you are around, please swing by, you'll have an opportunity to take your photo with Lollie the Frog!

The next large-scale used book sale is planned for Saturday, August 9th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the shady patio outside the Campbell Express Library. As well as books of all types and for all ages, there is normally a wide selection of games, puzzles, audiobooks, DVDs, Blu-Rays, and CDs. In addition, there will be a great selection of beautiful new hand-crafted items, made by our talented volunteers. These unique items make wonderful gifts, and they usually sell out. A new favorite is Lollie the Frog, a knitted toy who loves being read to! If you complete the Summer Reading program and have Book Bucks, come and spend them at the sale. There is also a small but mighty ongoing

book sale in the library - look for the cart: it has a wide variety of materials, with something for all ages, and payment may be made by cash, check, Venmo, or Zelle.

Also, mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 13th, and plan to have dinner from the Chipotle restaurant at 1815 S. Bascom Avenue for dinner! It'll be the first day back for our local high schools, and a fundraiser (4:00 pm - 8:00 pm) There is no additional cost; please let the cashier know that you're part of the fundraiser before paying. If you order online, use the Promo Code XGHGCKZ on the Chipotle app or website: pickup must be scheduled for this specific restaurant during the fundraiser timeslot (and not delivery, to count).

The Friends are already planning another Vintage Jewelry Sale to be held once the new library opens, and are happy to accept donations of all types of jewelry - new and old; fine and costume: pins; brooches; watches; rings; necklaces; bracelets; bangles;

cufflinks; earrings (pairs or singles). Bagged items may be dropped off at the Campbell Express Library.

Love Our Library canvas tote bags are available to order online in a variety of sizes and colors, and the ongoing See's Candies Online Fundraiser includes gift cards and mugs as well as chocolates and 'warm-weather-friendly' candies. eBay auctions are hosted periodically. The Love Our Library campaign can also accept donations via GoFund-Me and PayPal Giving Fund, as well as employer matching funds via Benevity.

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