

Characters color country fair



Thomas Reiser aka "Rusty Nuggets" is a volunteer firefighter and guitar maker. His band Fabulous Ricks played the fair Saturday night. Sarah Mondt has been dubbed "Lucky Nugget" because boyfriend Tom shoots a can off of her head during wild west reenactments. Fair organizers admit that his marksmanship is not an issue — the can is tied to a string.



Photos by Tony Richards

Candy Gerard of the canyon-based Shadybrook bluegrass band makes music at the Oct. 11-13 Silverado Country Fair. Candy is also a violin teacher.

Orange Rotary to assist school

The City of Orange Rotary Club has announced plans to fix up some areas of the badly deteriorated 49-year-old Orange High School.

The Rotarians are planning to donate a \$5,000 grant from Rotary International with a matching \$5,000 from their own fundraising. They also intend to commit 1,200 to 1,500 volunteer hours to upgrade the school's library, where computers are over 15 years old, chairs and tables are broken, carpet is damaged, and window blinds are inoperative.

Club President Heidi Larkin-

Reed cited Orange High as an example of the conditions existing in most schools within the Orange Unified School District (OUSD) that have not been upgraded for years.

"We can make a slight dent in what is needed with this project," Reed said. "But we need the entire community to get behind the effort. The quality of our schools plays a role in the decision making process of companies deciding to locate in the community. We need excellent schools if our community is to prosper."

Holiday Hope marks 18th year

Holiday Hope is an event where families from local shelters gather for a warm meal, clothing bags, food, gifts, haircuts, manicures, massages and a visit with Santa. Hosted at Orange Presbyterian Church, the holiday event welcomes over 1,000 people every year.

For this year's event, slated for Saturday, Dec. 7, the group is seeking donations of clothing in all sizes for men, women and children. It also needs "gifts" that children can give to their parents.

At Holiday Hope, each child

is able to select a gift for his parents — a candle, frame, necklace, decorations, or make-up. Other needed items are \$10 gift cards for the older children, wrapping paper, bags and ribbon for the parent gifts and toys for Santa to distribute. Volunteers are also needed for the day of the event. Hosts will take a family to each "station," help wrap gifts, distribute food and other items.

To volunteer or donate items contact Marsha Zembower at (714) 283 3842 or mzembower@socal.rr.com or Judy Sollee at (714) 858-8030.

"Yachts" of holiday fun coming to VP

So says the theme of this year's Villa Park Dry Land Boat Parade, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8. The parade will start promptly at 5 p.m. moving out from the Towne Centre, looping through the community and ending back where it began.

At parade's end, the Grand Marshall will preside over a tree lighting ceremony, and trophies will be awarded to parade floats in various categories. VP Rotary will grill hotdogs and brats; other food vendors will serve seasonal goodies; and school and service organizations will offer creative outlets for fundraising.

A parade map can be found at vpsfoundation.org, as a vendor and participant registration forms. Materials may also be obtained by calling (714) 998-1500.

OPAWL collects for Joanie's Purse project

The Orange Park Acres Women's League is participating in Joanie's Purse holiday project to provide pocketbooks filled with personal care items, snacks and small gifts to women in Orange County shelters and transitional programs.

The League is seeking donations of large to medium purses (new or gently used); sample or travel-size shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, deodorant; nonperishable packaged crackers, granola bars or fruit rolls; socks, jewelry, notepads or pens.

Women's League volunteers ask that donations be received by Dec. 6, so they have enough time to assemble purses before the holiday deadline. Items may be dropped off at 11141 Meads Avenue.

Locally famous food featured at OHS program

The Orange Historical Society is planning to "eat its way around Orange" during its bi-monthly meeting Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. The program will feature the fare from six long-time Orange restaurants.

Representatives from each establishment will present a brief history of the restaurant and its current status. Each will bring food samples to share with meeting attendees.

The historical restaurants of Orange include Arthur's, Rutabegorz, the Hobbit, Marie Callendar's, Los Cabos Mexican and Watson's, the city's oldest eatery.

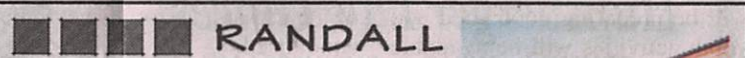
Trinity Episcopal is located at 2400 No. Canal St. The public is invited; there is no charge.

Emergency rates increase

The Orange City Council voted to increase emergency ground transportation rates for residents at its Oct. 8 meeting.

The primary increase is for ambulance responses to emergency calls. The existing rate was \$717 per call, plus mileage. The new rate will be \$731, plus a similar increase in the mileage charge.

During the discussion regarding the increase, it was revealed that the city's emergency management service is no longer in compliance with existing regulations and that actions by city staff will be required to assure it is brought up to standard.



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