

Jungle James Animal Adventures rep holds a reptile and Campo sophomore Vivian Tolajian displays her artwork at the Moraga Community Faire. Photos Vera Kochan

Moraga Community Faire & Car Show makes fun-filled comeback

By Vera Kochan

Just like most events that draw large crowds, the Moraga Community Faire & Car Show took a three-year COVID-related hiatus. The 2023 version came roaring back during a beautiful April 29 Saturday that brought young and old out to the Rheem Valley Shopping Center for a day of community conviviality.

Moraga's Chamber of Commerce, along with other sponsors such as 5A Rent-A-Space, Moraga Motors, the Town of Moraga, and U.S. Realty Partners, Inc., helped to make the Faire possible. Live music, food trucks and beverage offerings, a classic car show, a KidZone featuring bounce houses, a magician, face painting, and live animals, as well as an MOFD fire engine, MPD vehicles, a

SportZone, pony rides, community organization tents and vendors selling their wares all added to the festivities.

The Artist's Alley included Vice Mayor Teresa Onoda's paintings in addition to Campo Art, featuring student artists from Campolindo High School. Sophomore Vivian Tolajian only recently became interested in becoming an artist. "During the pandemic I had so much time and really got serious," she stated. "I worked about five hours a day." Tolajian has an eye towards pursuing either art or science (ecology) in college, but she wouldn't mind a career as a comic book illustrator. Her artwork could easily open some doors.

The biggest take-away from the day was the joyful atmosphere. Smiles on faces and laughter in the air signaled that Moraga was ready to party again.

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All 6 Lamorinda Lacrosse teams make it to NCS

Dons boys defeat Cougars in DAL

Campo girls defeat Acalanes in DAL



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All six Lamorinda lacrosse teams qualified for the NCS tournaments with the boys' teams having a combined 36-15 won-loss record and the girls having a combined 36-16 record.

Coming into the tournament, the boys' teams ranking in the North Coast Section II was Acalanes-1, Campolindo-5 and Miramonte-7.

The girls' teams were ranked Campolindo-3, Acalanes-7 and Miramonte-10.

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Acalanes 44 Owen Estee. Miramonte 17 Jack Alcalay. 5 Declan Henderson. Goalie 21 Dante Avicolli

Photo Allison Curletto Acalanes 7 Ella Thomason, Campolindo 30 Catie McCauley

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