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business briefs

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Brown Avenue Businesses Prep a Party

Rallying around the Lafayette Art Gallery, in the historic Forge building at 3424 Mt. Diablo Blvd., businesses on Brown Avenue are planning an informational celebration to raise awareness about the eastern part of Mt. Diablo Boulevard at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8. Dave Roberson of Bonehead's Texas BBQ, slated to open soon in the former location of Bo's Barbecue, will offer a sampling of his dishes and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce is providing wine and sponsoring a raffle - donated prizes include artwork and handmade items.

Acalanes Grad Wins Entrepreneur Award

BetaVersity.com

Blake Marggraff, who graduated from Acalanes High School in 2011, recently won the St. Louis qualifying competition for the Entrepreneurs' Organization's Global Student Entrepreneur Award. Marggraff, now a senior at Washington University, is the founder of BetaVersity, a program that designs physical and virtual environments for learning-by-doing in order to keep STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students engaged and interested through the completion of their studies. Marggraff will compete for the title of Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year in April, 2015. The Global Student Entrepreneur Award program recognizes entrepreneurs who are running profitable businesses while still in school.

Lamorinda Residents Achieve High Score

Ameriprise

100 Pringle Ave., Suite 420, Walnut Creek

Tatia MacKinnon and Rosemary Galloway, two financial advisors with Ameriprise Financial, both ranked in the top 25 percent of all Ameriprise advisors in a client relationship study. The study was conducted by a third party research organization.

News from the Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Ribbon-cutting for East Bay Shoulder Clinic & Sports Rehabilitation, Inc. at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 100.

Moraga

Don't miss the chamber meeting featuring Jack Clark, the most successful coach in American rugby history and an accomplished corporate speaker, at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive - free to all chamber members and their guests. Clark, a Moraga resident, has compiled an overall Cal record of 618-90-5 and led the Bears to 22 national championships since becoming Cal's rugby coach in 1984.

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