Local divers qualified for Zone **Diving Championship**

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Submitted by Michael Soloman

Sherman Diving Club had an exciting start to the summer with three of the team's divers qualified to compete in the prestigious Zone Diving Championship held in Beaverton, Oregon June 13-16. Coach Steve Sherman was excited with the outcome with all three divers qualifying for the final round where top divers from across the country will compete at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Michael

Solomon, 12 years old, did best on his front double flip, 11-year-old Sophie Lehane was very proud of her inward 1 1/2, and 10-year-old Jake Solomon was surprised that his front 1 1/2 went

"Diving at zones was a wonderful experience! I am extremely excited that everyone on our team who went to zones will now be traveling to nationals," said Jake Solomon. The divers Michael, Jake, and Sophie each got within the top seven divers in each of their events.

23rd Annual Fun Run kicks off 4th of July in Moraga



Submitted by Eric Yabu

For the 23rd year in a row, Moraga began its Fourth of July festivities with the Annual Fun Run. Starting and finishing

at the soon to open Canyon Club Brewery, the event attracted nearly 600 par-

ticipants for its 400- and 800-meter Kiddie Runs and 2- and 5-mile races. Before

the start of the races, Lleyton Allen (Campo '22) treated the crowd to a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. The 5-mile race was won by RJ Bloomer (Kensington) in 25:41 while Flora Lai from Houston, Texas won the women's race in 28:40. In the 2-mile race, the overall winner was Tilden Jackson (Oakland) in a time of 11:41. The top female finisher was Moraga's Eliza Roady

Complete results: moragafunrun.com

Start of the 5-mile race with eventual winner RJ Bloomer (Bib 719) and runner-up Teddy Buckley (Campo '21, Bib 717)



5-mile female winner: Flora Lai,



2-mile overall winner: Tilden Jackson, Oakland



2-mile female winner: Eliza Roady, Moraga

OBA Lava Monsters win 10U Mustang Division Championship



Bottom row, from left: Dylan Funk, Adeeb Khan, Julian Arrigotti, Brody Suba, Shawn Kiang, Griffin Waterbury; top row: Wyatt Strand, Claes Bell, coach Jack Bellamy, coach Stan Kiang, Trent Smith, Luke Keevey, Aidan Ma, Tyler Bellamy and coach Louis Suba

After losing their first playoff game, the Orinda 10U Mustang, The Lava Monsters went on to win six straight elimination games en route to the championship. The last two games both went into extra innings.

Lafayette Little League All-Star team win District 4 Championship



Photo Jacob Tabibian

Top row, from left: Zack Tabibian, Andrew Upp, Branson Smith, Reid Habas, Gavin Beers, Marek Mastrov, Joey Martin; bottom row: Ryan Ventrelle, Jimmy Cusumano, Kyle Woodson, Nico Roig, Leo McDonough

Submitted by Sarah **Cusumano and Catherine** Habas

Lafayette Little League's 2019 11-yearold All-Stars baseball team overcame three elimination games to win California's Little League District 4 Championships at the town's Buckeye Fields. The weeklong tournament hosted AllStar teams from Alameda, Concord and Oakland. Lafayette All-Stars went 5-1, beating Alameda on back to back nights in two tight games. As District 4 champions, the Lafayette All-Stars went on to compete in the Northern California Sectional Tournament held in Vacaville. The team is managed by Dan Ventrelle and coaches are Mark Cusumano, David Habas, and Nick Woodson.

Lafayette Little League 10U All Stars win the 2nd Annual Alex **McLin Courage Classic**



From left: Henry Werner, Ty Kniesche (bat boy), Brody McLaverty, Grant Condy, Max Trexler, Drew Asadorian, Brayden Tuiasasopo, Max Kniesche, Caleb Roth, Jake Colclasure, Tyler Winkles, Josh Lee, Jackson Boselli; not pictured, AJ Hastings

Submitted by Linda Choi

In 2018, Lafayette Little League (LLL) renamed their summer tournament the Alex McLin Courage Classic in honor of Alex McLin, a member of the 2016 Majors Champion Nationals who lost his battle against bone cancer. Alex's heroic battle against bone cancer epitomized the courage and determination that made Alex a champion on the baseball field. His courage made him an inspiration to the entire LLL community. The LLL 10U All Stars battled against teams from Orinda, Moraga, Alameda, and Lafayette in the tournament to win the championship game against Moraga on July 17.