

Springbrook leads the way at 8th annual Lafayette Championship Meet

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It's this meet rather than the county meet that LMYA head coach Corey Dolley points to: "We will have some kids go to county and place high there, but the team is more available here with more people cheering them on. Of course, we want the fast times and first places but it's the kids that want to come back for the next practice and the next year and, even though they're not the top swimmer in their group, that stands out for us. They enjoy being with their friends and the community that we have established here and that's what we're really looking to do."

Tryn Kaleel, Sun Valley's head coach, also points to this meet after a successful summer: "Our numbers were down, but the team has done well this season. We had a really good group of 15- to 18-year-olds that have been great leaders. Our senior group have also served as junior coaches and have been the best role models for the younger swimmers."

Oakwood started fresh with a new head coach, Carrie Roberts. Roberts took the challenge head on: "It's been a transition year with a whole new coaching staff but it's been a great summer with the team. We're a smaller team this year, but based on my feedback, a lot more team spirit and just a better camaraderie from the past. I'm re-

ally excited about that. This year, most of our swimmers were beginners and we have no 15-18's on the team. My goal is to try to build the team up and be more spirit based. We have a very young team. I am hoping to build up the older swimmers on the team and get more of a range of swimmers. As the season went on, everyone improved and it's been great to see them grow from the beginning of the season to the end."

Laura Gunderson and Aly McAlister, the co-meet directors from Springbrook, for the second year in a row will be passing on the baton to Rancho Colorados who will be providing the meet directors next year. "Our theme this year was 'The Crazy '80s' since this was our eighth year of our tournament," said Gunderson. "It's been a really friendly atmosphere."

Judy Stanberg, who is on the board of directors has two daughters, Bella (12) and Ava (10), who swim for Springbrook and another daughter, Gabby, who now works as an assistant to the coaches. "We've seen a drop in the numbers with Pleasant Hill dropping out of our league and we would love to have more families come back into it. Some parents mistakenly think it's too intense. We have all levels of competition and the kids just want to have fun. They are recreational swimmers for the most part. It's great for everyone and instills such a great athletic base for the kids."



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INDIVIDUAL POINT LEADERS

GIRLS

6 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

Campbell Pigeon – Springbrook

7-8 YEAR OLDS

Darcy Best – Springbrook

9-10 YEAR OLDS

Maddie Phan – Springbrook

11-12 YEAR OLDS

Katie Kostolonansky – LMYA

13-14 YEAR OLDS

Sophie MacKay – Sun Valley

15-18 YEAR OLDS

Ava MacKay – Sun Valley

BOYS

Cole Carlson – Sun Valley

Max Miller – Springbrook

Daniel Siu – Springbrook

Garrett Chivers - Springbrook

Andrew Sappal – Sun Valley

Will Nagle – Rancho Colorados

INDIVIDUAL RECORD BREAKERS

Katie Kostolansky - Girls 11-12 year olds – 100 IM 106.47; 50 Back 30.01

Will Nagle – Boys 15-18 year olds – 100 IM – 54.89

Garrett Chivers – Boys 11-12 year olds – 50 Back Stroke – 27.81

Maddie Phan – Girls 9-10 year olds – 50 Fly – 31.07; 100 IM – 1:11.23

Claudie Dumais – Girls 13-14 year olds – 50 Fly – 27.205

Springbrook Boys 6 years old & under 100 Medley Relay – 1:33.82

LMYA – Girls 9-10 year olds 200 Medley Relay – 2:12.26

2019 Contra Costa County Championship Meet results:

Teams:

Springbrook: 4 gold, 2 silver and 6 bronze

LMYA 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze

Rancho Colorados 3 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze

Sun Valley 2 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze

High point swimmers:

Maddie Phan (Springbrook) high point leader for the 9-10 year old girls

Katherine Hawkins (Rancho Colorados) high point leader for 15-18 year old girls.

Maddie Phan

Photo Gint Federas



Strong support for downtown vibrancy, but jobs-housing ratio is critical

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Candell said that among the ideas from the meetings, notably the consensus was that no big changes to zoning are necessary but more mixed use should be encouraged.

The report showed support for retaining quality retail, enhancing walkability, and bringing privately and city-owned parking meters onto the same schedule and with the same fees.

Candell said there was strong support for additional strung lighting in the downtown core, from Happy Valley Road to Brown Avenue.

Other ideas touched on the desire to encourage arts and culture downtown, creating kid-friendly spaces and the need to mitigate the increased traffic on Mt. Diablo Boulevard during the afternoon rush as drivers seek to bypass Highway 24.

There was discussion rec-

ognizing the challenges of the East End, not least the current zoning which is "housing by right," meaning that housing developments can come in and need not replace any of the commercial or retail currently there. The report reflects that along with the influx of new state laws there is a risk of losing much of the commercial districts.

This is a particular concern for Mayor Mike Anderson who wanted to see a greater look at the jobs-to-housing ratio, and especially how to retain office space. Anderson made the point that he would like to get it on a legislative agenda so that a metric could be established.

Council Member Steven Bliss agreed. "The jobs/housing piece is really critical," he said. Adding to Anderson's comments, he continued, "Looking for ways we can make the case and actually push for policy at the state level that would factor in the jobs/housing balance is really

key."

This strategic objective along with the other five will

now be organized into a comprehensive report with recommendations on resources

needed, and brought back to the council as a roadmap for the future.

Dine and dance to help buy Adobe

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Greg Smestad, Bernal descendant and author of the National Park Service's "Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Guide," will speak about Rancho culture and have a display at the Fandango.

Thanks to the generosity of community groups and individuals, The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe thus far have raised over \$215,000, but they still need to reach the total purchase price of \$500,000 by September 2021 to complete the

action. As part of the agreement with the developers, J&J Ranch, FJMA will buy the Adobe and over two acres surrounding it by partly funding the restoration. The developers will restore the Adobe to its 1848 configuration, and FJMA will open the Adobe to the public as a museum and learning center.

The sixth annual Fandango will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Art and Garden Center at Wilder. Tickets cost \$100 per person and may be purchased at www.MoragaAdobe.org.

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