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**For those who live in Napa Valley –
and those who wish they did...**

An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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Auction Napa Valley raises record \$16.9 million

The Napa Valley Vintners' 33rd annual Auction Napa Valley smashed all records, snaring \$16.9 million in fundraising for health care and youth education in Napa County. The results exceeded the previous record of \$10.5 million raised in 2005 by more than 60 percent.

Shari and Garen Staglin and children Shannon and Brandon served as chairs of this year's Auction Napa Valley. They did an incredible job of attracting serious bidders with outreach worldwide – including Naples, Florida, which briefly topped the Napa auction partly by offering exotic experiences and merchandise as well as wine.

Most of the 46 lots at our auction also featured trips and experiences you couldn't buy, but some of the biggest hauls featured wine.

The biggest lot, however, gave the bidders nothing but satisfaction. Generous donors donated \$1,000 to an incredible \$600,000 to funding of mental health services for Napa youth spurred by co-chair Brandon Staglin's discussion of his own bout with schizophrenia and Napa County District Attorney Gary Lieberstein's story of losing his own son to mental illness. He bid the first \$1,000.

The message was underscored by a song County signer Billy Dean wrote just for the auction, "Walk with Me," which he performed to many damp eyes.

Top live auction lots (plus Fund-a-Need lot)

- Fund-a-need \$3.7 million
- Dana Estates two at \$500,000 for \$1.02 million.
- Harlan Estate \$800,000
- Screaming Eagle \$500,000
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$450,000
- Darioush and Staglin Family Vineyard \$400,000
- Araujo Estate Wines and Dalla Valley Vineyards \$340,000
- Far Niente/Dolce/Nickel & Nickel and Favia Erickson Winegrowers \$300,000
- Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery and Bure Family Wines/Morlet Family Vineyards/Vineyards 7 & 8 \$280,000
- Robert Mondavi Winery \$260,000

Top barrel lots (each is 10 cases of wine):

- Shafer Vineyards \$78,000
- Realm Cellars \$61,350
- Continuum Estate \$59,200
- Ovid Napa Valley \$52,500
- Cardinale \$44,550
- Kongsgaard \$41,550
- Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery \$37,200
- Gemstone \$34,100
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$33,050
- Vineyard 7&8 \$32,600
- Crocker & Starr Wines \$31,750
- Pahlmeyer \$31,750
- Promise \$31,000

Top E-Auction lots

- Sherwin Family Vineyards \$15,200
- Domaine Chandon \$8,129
- Larkmead Vineyards \$8,000
- Grgich Hills Estate \$7,600
- Beringer Vineyards \$7,227
- Hall \$7,100
- Joseph Phelps Vineyards \$7,100
- Artesa Winery and Gordon Huether Art Gallery \$6,700
- Napa Valley Vintners & Fairmont \$6,600
- Napa Valley Vintners & Riedel \$6,200

The auction day was preceded by festivities. I was able to attend a great dinner at Trefethen Vineyards prepared by Ken Frank of La Toque, and also dinner with energetic music and older wines at Signorello Vineyards.

Friday's Barrel Auction at Raymond Vineyards was superbly organized, and in spite of the heat, was a highlight for most attendees. All the food I tasted was exceptional. Vintners poured barrel samples in the frigid chai while outside, rosés, whites and bubbles ruled.

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R+D Kitchen opens in Yountville

R+D Kitchen has quietly opened in the old California Café/Napa Valley Grille space in north Yountville. The property has been completely renovated with a huge outdoor lounging area, much like Rutherford Grill, little surprise since both are owned by Hillstone of Houston.

They serve lunch and dinner daily with a limited menu focusing on sandwiches and lighter meals.

At lunch, expect about five sandwiches that change often and five salads, with about that many courses like meatloaf and ribs at night at reasonable prices.

In spite of the prime location for tourists, their emphasis is on locals and that extends to having a high percentage of the wines from Napa Valley, even within a few miles of the restaurant.

Silo's likely to close

Silo's may close at the end of June, remodel and make a major change from a club format.

For planning purposes, the Napa Valley Jazz Society is assuming the June 16 show with San Francisco Jazz Quartet will be the society's last show at Silo's.

The Jazz Society is working to move the July 14 Vince Guaraldi Tribute to another venue; a back-up is already planned but they're looking around.

The Jazz Society views this challenge as an opportunity to diversify. Its August show will be at Miner Family Winery, nothing is yet scheduled for

September and the October show will be at the Robert Mondavi Winery.

Owner Harry Price has been looking for another tenant to take the Silo's space for some time and use it more regularly.

Nothing is signed yet, but could be soon.

June specials at Uva Trattoria

During June, Uva Trattoria serves grilled Caggiano beer sausage, warm bun with sautéed onions, sweet peppers and Moretti beer battered onion rings and a pint for \$10 Sunday nights at the bar/lounge.

Tuesday nights, try Wagyu Kobe burger and pint for \$10

At lunch, Uva serves a panino and choice of salad, soup or fries for \$10.

There's now plenty of parking nearby, too!

Smoothies at Oxbow

Oxbow Produce & Grocery is now making healthy smoothies and they're even opening early at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays to serve those going to the Napa Farmers Market who want to resist the delectable pastries.

The Green Jeans juice is a blend of kale, romaine, parsley, celery, cucumber, apple, lemon/lime ginger and turmeric juices that they say "will quench your thirst and boost your vitality for a day at the market or the office."

The new manager is Daniel Bleakney.

Sunday brunch at Uva Trattoria

Uva Trattoria Italiana is starting Second Sundays brunch beginning July 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy JW's \$9 bottomless mimosas along with Motown music.

Dog Bar at Bardessono

Happy hour for you and your best friend - \$20 includes one drink special and light snacks from Lucy Restaurant on Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3 and Oct 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. **Pope to build up at Tuscany**

Though plans are incomplete, Mark Pope confirms that he will build a multistory building where Tuscany now stands at the corner of First and Main in Napa.

Stanly Lane resort project moving

Newly formed SKB Hotel Group of Portland is teaming with Jeff Selby, developer of The Four Seasons Denver, and Randy Nichols, developer of The Spire and Clayton Lane, to develop the 90-acre property once targeted for a St. Regis. It may be another brand, however.

The estimated cost of the project, which would include a resort, homes and a winery, is \$275 million.

The group has an option on the property, but no sale has been consummated.

Silverado Premium Properties now owns the 450 acres there that includes the proposed resort that was gerrymandered into the city of Napa in its pro-growth days. Right now, the property is planted in productive vineyards.

Jeff Selby has been shepherding the project for seven years since the beginning before the recession hit and has entitlements from the city of Napa.

In recent years, developers have putting the limited investment capital available in renovating older properties, but the market has opened up, as evidenced by recent announcements of action on the Silverado and First Street property in the Oxbow district that once was to be a Ritz Carlton.

SKB Hotel is part of ScanlanKemperBard, which has recently invested in a series of troubled projects from Portland to Phoenix in months, and is now venturing into the upper end of the hospitality industry.

Bob Scanlan is chairman and CEO of SKB. Hotel veteran Robert Riley will lead the hotel arm,

which will provide capital and other services to the hospitality industry.

Riley was formerly CEO of the Hong Kong-based Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, Le Meridien Hotels and Resorts and Armani Hotels.

In unrelated, but nearby, new, I hear rumors that the Carneros Inn will soon sell for a good price, too.

Napa City Nights welcomes summer

Napa City Nights begins its sixth season in downtown Napa's Veterans Memorial Park Amphitheater this Friday evening, June 7 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The season runs through Sept. 13, featuring local and regional acts.

Always free and fun for the whole family, Napa City Nights is sponsored by the city of Napa, Foundation for Napa Recreation and sponsors.

A group of volunteer musicians and music lovers with a passion to support the local music scene in our community formed Napa City Nights in 2008.

Their vision was to provide a free downtown summer concert series for local families and tourists. This event has grown over the past five years drawing as many as 10,000 attendees per season.

This event showcases artists in Napa's outdoor venue along the Napa River Walk in walking distance from hotels, wine bars and restaurants, enticing attendees to enjoy the local culture of downtown Napa.

Visit www.napacitynights.com for more information.

Art by Cretarolo at Westin Verasa art gallery

The revolving art gallery at The Westin Verasa Napa is currently showcasing works from Sue Cretarolo, a local artist whose artwork is inspired by the connections of the past and present, with spectacular attention to scale, color and surface.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in art from Stanford University, Cretarolo developed a keen eye for color, shape and design as a graphic designer and

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fine artist over 30 years. After retiring as a partner in Artefact Design in Palo Alto, she has focused her creativity on painting, encaustic and metalwork. Her work will be on display from June 3 to Aug. 30.

The Westin Verasa Napa's art gallery is between Bank Bar & Café and the Solera Courtyard. Representing solely Napa Valley artists, the gallery allows guests to view art specific to the region, while allowing artists to showcase their work in a gallery-type setting at no cost. All artwork on display is available for sale directly from the artist.

The gallery is open to the public and admission is free.

The Westin Verasa is at 1314 McKinstry St. in Napa. For more information, visit www.WestinNapa.com.

Take Me Home at Yountville Center

Whiskers, Tails and Ferals has partnered with Yountville Arts for its summer exhibit "Take Me Home" at the Gallery at the Yountville Community Center.

The exhibit features the work of local photographers (Laura Gregory, Donna Cordeiro and Mark and Patricia Uffelman) and their animal subjects.

Cats and dogs ready for their homes are featured in the gallery. Visitors are encouraged to appreciate the artistic value of the photographs and be inspired to adopt a pet.

"Take me Home" will be on display through the end of September. New animal photographs will be added as animals are adopted.

Museum and Lincoln Theater in Art of Cool

Napa Valley Museum. in partnership with Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater. presents a two-month-long celebration of the music and art of Miles Davis, "The Art Of Cool" June 8 through July 28.

The exhibition will feature 35 pieces of artwork by Davis at Napa Valley Museum and Lincoln Theater, plus special events, programs and a film screening.

Davis has long been noted for his restless artistic aesthetic, which played into his changing the course of music five times, his continued status as a fashion icon, and his globally recognized artworks, which most recently have been featured in Paris, Brazil and Montreal to outstanding acclaim.

His musical legacy is firmly intact, with landmark album *Kind of Blue* still the best-selling jazz record of all time.

The Miles Davis: The Art of Cool exhibition will include a multitude of facets that represents the true genius of Miles Davis.

The exhibition features his sketches and oil paintings and some personal items including one of his prized trumpets, a 1989 Grammy Award and a Miles Davis Yamaha Amplifier.

The exhibition was inspired by *Miles Davis: The Collected Artwork*, a new book by Scott Gutterman with Miles Davis. Scheduled for release on October 10, 2013, the book is a collection of Davis' artwork.

Here are the programs in the celebration:

Miles Davis: The Art of Cool will be on display June 8 to July 28 at Napa Valley Museum. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors, \$2.50 for children and free for museum members.

Napa Valley Museum and Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater host the opening reception for the exhibition of Davis' artwork, presented by Miner Family Winery on Friday, June 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.. Enjoy an evening of jazz from the Graham Bruce Quintet, hors d'oeuvres by Dean & Deluca and wines from Miner Family Winery and Kieran Robinson Wines. The cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for guests. Reservations are required to info@napavalleymuseum.org or 944-0500.

Guided tours will be offered on the third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. The tour is included in admission. No reservations are needed

Napa Valley Museum presents Jazzland and other stories, a new exhibit of Edmund Ian Grant's paintings, opening on Thursday, June 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Many of the paintings were influenced by Grant's musical and jazz background. They will be on display May 23-June 30.

Jazz Day for Kids

Jazz Day for Kids at Napa Valley Museum on Saturday, June 22, is an afternoon of music-based activities geared towards grades K-12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. With activities for every age group, stations include rhythm exercises with small percussion instruments, building jazz trumpets, instrument discovery zone, creating jazz-inspired art, and master classes with local musicians. The goal is to introduce jazz to kids of all ages in a variety of hands-on ways that are both engaging and fun. The program is free.

Maxine Gordon, wife of famed jazz musician Dexter Gordon, will speak about Gordon's life and his role in *Round Midnight* at Napa Valley Performing Arts

Center at Lincoln Theater on Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. Following the 131-minute film, Maxine Gordon will host a Q&A. Proceeds from the film will support the Lincoln Theater and Napa Valley Museum. The cost is \$10 per person. Visit www.lincolntheater.org.

Napa Valley Museum presents an Evening with Miles presented by jazz producer Bruce Hopewell on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. This multimedia presentation includes video and audio of Miles Davis during the 1950s and '60s and intimate stories of Miles and his life in New York City. Admission is \$20 for guests. Reservations are required.

Live in the Lobby at Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater Friday, July 26. 5-10 p.m. Free. Visit lincolntheater.org or call 944-9900.

Miles Davis Tribute Concert at Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater on Saturday, July 27. Visit lincolntheater.org for details.

For more information about the exhibition and events, visit www.NapaValleyMuseum.org.

Napa Vintage Market weekly indoor market

Napa Vintage Market hosts a weekly indoor vintage and antique market every Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with 15 to 25 new vendors weekly.

The items being sold will be vintage, antique, modern, handmade, repurposed, jewelry and more. It's a great spot to shop for decorating your home, gift buying and garden art.

Admission is free. Visit napavintagemarket.com.

Napa Vintage Market is at 810 Randolph St. in Napa.

Meritage Resort hires chef Krisztian Karkus

The Meritage Resort and Spa has hired Krisztian Karkus as its new executive chef.

Karkus comes to the Meritage Resort from a sister property in the Meritage Collection, The Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach, Calif., where he was executive sous chef.

With his experience in working at resorts throughout the country and around the world, Karkus, who grew up in Hungary, plans to continue to introduce new flavors and dishes to the resort's four main dining restaurants and to its banquet offerings, while keeping in line with the resorts distinctly Tuscan and Napa style.

Karkus' career has taken him to spots around the world including Tokyo and Jamaica.

To learn more, visit TheMeritageResort.com.

Wellness at Festival del Sole

Wellness programs will bring health experts and fun mind-body experiences to this year's Napa Valley Festival del Sole.

New for this year are free Wellness Conversations at Bardessono. Three nationally acclaimed doctors will hold interactive lectures with light morning refreshments. Each session begins at 9 a.m. The series kicks off on July 13 with Dr. Melina Jampolis discussing the role of nutrition in disease prevention. On July 19, Dr. Bruce Conklin of the Gladstone Institutes will speak about the biomedical research organization's life-changing work in the realm of disease prevention and treatment, while Dr. David Agus rounds out the series with a return appearance on July 20 that addresses whether we can live fully until our last breath.

Admission for these talks is free, though advance tickets are required through the website.

In addition to these talks, Dr. Wendy Bazilian, a Mediterranean diet expert and author of *The SuperFoodsRx Diet*, will discuss living a well-nourished life during a Mediterranean Diet luncheon on July 18 at Silver Oak Cellars. Admission is included with a VIP Pass for July 18 that also includes premium seating for that night's Sarah Chang concert at Castello di Amorosa, which is sold out for single tickets, and a casual BBQ dinner at Alpha Omega Winery.

Also returning is the popular Yoga in the Vineyard series with sessions at 9 a.m. on July 14 and 21 at Entre Nous. Led by local winemaker and yoga instructor Nicole Abiouness, this experience includes an hour-long morning yoga session overlooking the vineyards of Entre Nous followed by a poolside tasting of the winery's wines. Single tickets are \$39 on the website.

For more information or to buy tickets and passes, visit www.festivaldelsole.org.

Seeking talent

RockNapa and Celebrate! Napa Valley are looking for local artists, musicians, performers and more to fill their stages:

RockNapa, a blend of Napa Valley wine, song, and food, will take place at Charles Krug Winery on July 17 and 18 and Aug. 15 and 16.

The series will offer a festival atmosphere on the winery's Great Lawn and a VIP experience in the beautifully restored 100-year-old Carriage House,

featuring Napa Valley premium wineries and culinary creations to match.

RockNapa is seeking vendors, exhibitors and performers from Napa County and the surrounding areas whose work exemplifies the experience of summer nights and classic rock 'n' roll.

Here are some of the disciplines they are looking for:

- Screen printing/unique apparel
- Jewelry
- Photography
- Music performances and participation
- Graphic novels
- Zines
- Large scale art — murals, panels
- Interactive art projects
- Textile arts and crafts
- Unusual innovations and gadgets

The deadline to apply is June 17.

Celebrate! Napa Valley, the reincarnation of the Napa County Fair, will be held July 3 to 7 at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga.

It is the only event that brings together the best in Napa Valley's food, wine, art and culture in one venue to showcase the talents and products of the entire community. Over five days, more than 20,000 visitors will have the opportunity to see, taste, touch and experience the Napa Valley lifestyle.

Here are the vendor and artists it is looking for:

- Artists in Action is seeking artists to produce new artwork over the course of the five day event.
- Glass works/on-site glass blowing
- Sculpture (varied media)
- Painting (varied media)
- Drawing
- Jewelry making
- Music performances and participation
- Textile/fine craft
- Art exhibitions
- Musicians and performers
- Artisan vendor booths

The deadline to apply is June 7.

Get more details at www.artscouncilnapavalley.org.

SenseSational Summer Discovery Days

Napa Valley Museum presents SenseSational Summer Discovery Days every Tuesday and Thursday from June 18 to July 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Give your kids the chance to experience Napa Valley this summer in a whole new way. Kids get a chance to see, touch, smell, hear and taste the valley's historical, cultural and artistic treasures. Whether they bake traditional Native American acorn bread, smash geodes or create handmade paper, their five senses will come alive during the SenseSational Summer Discovery Days at Napa Valley Museum. The cost is \$7 per child. Spaces are limited and reservations are required. Call 944-0500 to reserve spots for your kids.

June 18 Dig It! A hands-on adventure exploring the archaeology of the Napa Valley Museum's meadow. — Young archeologists will actively engage in archaeological research as they work beside professional archaeologists in the field. Afterwards, campers will use picks and shovels to discover buried artifacts and analyze their discovery.

June 20 Circle of Life — For more than 4,000 years, Napa Valley was home to Native Americans. Kids will learn about the culture and history of Napa Valley's original settlers during this exciting afternoon. After touching, seeing and exploring Native American artifacts, attendees will make traditional acorn bread.

June 23 Adventures in Art: Da Vinci, Picasso, Dali — Oh My! — Let your child discover his or her inner artist during this inspirational art session. Students will learn basic painting techniques from a professional artist and then will be encouraged to create their own masterpieces. There will be plenty of paint on hands, so young artists should wear paint-friendly clothing.

June 25 Westward Ho! — Go back in time to pioneer days and learn about the pioneer women and men who helped shape the valley's history. Students will get the chance to interact with artifacts such as tools, instruments and toys that date back to the 1850s. Afterwards, students can dress up in period clothing and roast beefsteak on an open fire.

July 2 Fire and Ice! — Can you imagine the Napa Valley as a vast exploding world of volcanoes and earthquakes? In this session, kids will learn the fascinating geologic history and discover the unique cataclysmic forces that created the valley. Campers

will explore rocks, gems and minerals then head out to the meadow to hunt for buried geodes. After the hunt, geologists will don safety glasses and crack open geodes to see if there are any crystals hidden inside.

July 9 Take a Walk on the Wild Side, a special visit from a representative from the Carolyn Parr Nature Center to learn about the many animals who roam the valley including quail, raccoons, beaver and even mountain lions. Kids will get a chance to touch and explore animal pelts and learn all about the riparian corridor of Napa Valley.

July 11 Viva Mexico! — Learn about the rich customs and traditions of early Mexican settlers in Napa Valley through a study of the art, music and food of Mexico. Following the discussion, students will decorate their own Dia de los Muertos sugar skulls.

July 16 The Ancient Art of Paper Making The Egyptians did it – why can't we? Explore the lost art of paper making on this special day. Visitors will get the chance to make paper using water vats, screens and felt pads. The paper can then be dried and bound to make beautiful books or canvasses for artful masterpieces. They will have flower seeds available in a special "plant a paper" project for those visitors who wish to keep Napa beautiful.

July 18 The Good, the Bad and the Ugly! — What is the proper way to handle a California King snake, and if you spot a rattlesnake in your backyard, who are you going to call? Discover the answer to these exciting questions with a visit from Joe and Wendy from the Napa Reptile Club. They will bring dozens of reptiles and amphibians for kids to both touch and not touch including California King Snakes, rattlesnakes, tarantulas and Bearded Dragons.

July 23 Weaving Wonder — If you can tie a knot then you can learn to weave. Visitors can learn one of three weaving techniques to make a scarf, a wall hanging or a beautiful triple-strand friendship bracelet in this special session. They will be using soft, colorful cotton yarn and paper to demonstrate finger, popsicle stick and basket weaving techniques.

July 25 Color Me Collage — Who are you anyway and what do you like most in the world? Get ready to paint, pinch and glue a variety of colorful objects to create a one-of-a kind masterpiece collage. Using pictures, photographs and an assemblage of recycled objects, artists will get the chance for self-discovery as they learn the art of collage-making. Bring a picture to truly personalize your creation.

Scientopia Summer Camp

Scientopia will offer its fifth year of summer camps this year. Registration is open for the all days during the 12-week camp session. Camp will run from June 3 through Aug. 23.

You can select 9-1 p.m. or 9-4 p.m., for full weeks or just days you need.

Call 259-1559 to reserve your space. Spaces are filling up quickly.

Music at Uncorked at Oxbow

Uncorked at Oxbow has open mic nights on Thursdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. twice a month featuring local and visiting artists.

In June, they offer live music every other Thursday.

Celeste Carducci-Ahnfeldt says, "An amazing array of talent has been performing over the past two years. We have regular musicians and vocalists and biweekly new performers arrive to join in with other musicians, or perform alone."

Guitars and a keyboard are on site for the musicians.

The tasting salon is also bringing back its Wednesday Local Artists series 5:30-7 p.m. when talented artists showcase their painting, jewelry creations and studio artistry.

They sell Ahnfeldt and Carducci wines by the glass or bottle with light appetizers served in the early evening.

Upcoming open mic nights are June 13 and June 27.

Call 927-5864 or visit www.uncorked-at-oxbow.com.

Uncorked at Oxbow is at 605 First St. in Napa.

News for the wine community

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars to build new center

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is building a state-of-the-art visitor center overlooking its estate Fay and S.L.V. vineyards.

The winery broke ground June 1 on a new 6,000-sq.ft. visitor center and hopes to complete the project in summer 2014.

Ted Baseler of Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Marchese Piero Antinori of Marchesi Antinori, who jointly own the winery, will unveil plans in July.

Barcelona-based architect Javier Barba created the design for the new visitor center to take advantage of the views of the estate vineyards and the Stags Leap Palisades.

He also designed and oversaw the building of the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Arcade, the Great Room

and the Round Room in the 34,000-square-foot wine caves, a four-year project that completed in 2000.

The new visitor center will have a similar contemporary look and uses materials that blend with the winery setting and elements from the land. Architect Daniel Macdonald of AIA Architects, Inc., and Landscape Architect Sandra Reed of ZAC Landscape Architects are implementing his vision.

The new visitor center will cost approximately \$7 million to build, a financial commitment shared by the partnership of Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Marchesi Antinori. Together, they purchased Stag's Leap Wine Cellars in August 2007 for \$187 million. The sale included the estate's brand, Napa Valley winery and estate S.L.V. and Fay vineyards.

Conn Creek Winery unveils new tasting room

Another Ste. Michelle property has recreated its tasting room.

Conn Creek Winery has remodeled its tasting room, adding significant tasting space, including a new private Anthology Salon (named for the winery's flagship wine) and additional seated tasting options.

This remodel continues a transformation that began with the opening of the winery's acclaimed Barrel Blending Experience three years ago, which offers guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to taste barrel samples of Cabernet Sauvignon from 15 of Napa Valley's sub-appellations – or AVAs – and blend their own bottle to take home with them. The Barrel Blending Experience has quickly become one of the most sought-after winery experiences in the region.

Women for WineSense career program

The Napa/Sonoma Women for WineSense chapter kicks off its 2013 professional career development program with a daytime leadership seminar on Thursday, June 6 at Chimney Rock Winery.

The event will be headed by Geni Whitehouse of Brotemarkle, Davis & Co. in St. Helena

The event is subtitled, "Discover Your Own Brand," with a number of seminar presentations and exercises designed to help attendees build their own brands.

Showcasing the organization's wine industry membership expertise will be presenting professional members:

- Margaret Martin, former director of leadership development for Mezzetta
- Susan DeMatei of Wine Glass Marketing in Napa

- Cindy Deutsch, national retail chain manager, TGIC Importers, Inc.
- Karen Jess-Lindsley, CEO of Lindsley Lighting and a former WWS national president
- Julie Johnson, winemaker/vintner of Tres Sabores Winery and co-founder of WWS

The chapter allocated \$4,000 in scholarships in 2012 to four students enrolled in wine/viticulture studies at U.C. Davis, Sonoma State University, Napa Valley College and Santa Rosa Junior College.

Tickets are \$79 at WWS-Chimney-Rock.Eventbrite.com or 996-8740.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars hires Notaro

Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Marchesi Antinori have named Marcus Notaro the winemaker for Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, which the two companies acquired in 2007.

Notaro was the winemaker for Col Solare, another Ste. Michelle-Antinori joint venture on Red Mountain in Washington, devoted to producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines.

Ted Baseler, Ste. Michelle's President and CEO, described Notaro's Cabernet winemaking expertise as critical to the partners' decision to name him to lead the winemaking program at historic Stag's Leap Wine Cellars.

"Marcus' career has focused almost exclusively on producing iconic Cabernets and Cabernet-based wines," Baseler said.

Since 2003, Notaro has been honing a style of Cabernet Sauvignon that unites Old World and New World traditions and innovations.

In this process, he has worked directly with Renzo Cotarella, chief of winemaking for Marchesi Antinori. Ste. Michelle and Antinori share equally in winemaking for Stag's Leap though Antinori owns only 15 percent of the winery.

This week in Napa Valley **Regional French dinner**

The regional French dinner served nightly at Bank Café and Bar this week features the food of Aveyron in southern France.

The three-course menu is \$34:

- Beet salad with horseradish and Roquefort
- Chicken breast with white beans and tomato
- Strawberry crepes

Family Night at Farmstead

Monday, June 3 is Family Night at Farmstead, featuring a three-course fixed menu for \$28:

- Salad of arugula with strawberries, Redwood Hills feta, toasted almonds and citrus
- LMR beef ragu with potato gnocchi and herbs
- Farmstead cookies

It also offers kid's favorites such as a grilled cheese sandwich, grilled chicken with greens and mac and cheese.

The regular menu is also available.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch is at 738 Main St. in St. Helena.

For reservations call 963-9181 or visit www.longmeadowranch.com.

This week at the Cameo Cinema

Monday, June 3

Iceman 3 and 8:30 p.m.

The Great Gatsby: 3D 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

The Great Gatsby 3 and 8:30 p.m.

Iceman 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Napa Valley Dreams 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every hour on the hour (40 minutes)

Love Is All You Need 3 and 8:30 p.m.

The Great Gatsby: 3D 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

Napa Valley Dreams 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every hour on the hour (40minutes)

The Great Gatsby 3 and 8:30 p.m.

Love Is All You Need 5:45 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Napa Valley Dreams 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every hour on the hour (40minutes)

Star Trek: 3D 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Napa Valley Dreams 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every hour on the hour (40minutes)

Star Trek: 3D 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 Star Trek: 3D 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

French Alliance Presents: Comme Un Chef 12 p.m.

Summer Film Series Tuesdays, July 16 - August 6: Four Films of David Lean (Brief Encounter, The Elephant Man, Ryan's Daughter and Lawrence of Arabia) \$40. for series.

The Cameo Cinema is at 1340 Main St. in St. Helena. Phone 963-9779 or visit www.cameocinema.com.

Fried Chicken Night at Farmstead

Tuesday, June 4 is Fried Chicken Night at Farmstead, featuring a special three-course menu for \$35:

- Little gem wedge with blue cheese dressing and bacon
- Fried chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and greens
- Something sweet

The regular menu is also available.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch is at 738 Main St. in St. Helena.

For reservations call 963-9181 or visit www.longmeadowranch.com.

Documentary: A Fierce Green Fire

Napa Valley Opera House will air the documentary *A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet* on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement – grassroots and global activism spanning 50 years from conservation to climate change.

Written and directed by Mark Kitchell and narrated by Robert Redford, Ashley Judd, Van Jones, Isabel Allende and Meryl Streep, the film premiered at Sundance Film Festival 2012, has won acclaim at festivals around the world, and in 2013 begins theatrical release as well as educational distribution and use by environmental groups and grassroots activists.

Tickets are \$7 at NVOH.org or 226-7372.

Shoe guys at Angèle support NEWS

Wine Women & Shoes Napa Valley presents a charity guest bartender at Angèle on Wednesday, June 5 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Shoe guy Myles Davis and some of his fellow Wine Women & Shoes shoe guys will be bartending.

All tips and a portion of the proceeds during the hours when the shoe guys are bartending will be donated to Napa Emergency Women's Services.

Come for drinks and stay for dinner: Angèle has offered to donate a portion of proceeds from dinners served at the first seating as well.

For more information, contact Myles Davis at 974-5584 or Rebekah Barr at (559) 201-3130.

Reserve for a 6 p.m. dinner at 252-8115.

Angèle is at 540 Main St. in the Napa Mill.

California Creole Night at Farmstead

Wednesday, June 5 is California Creole Night at Farmstead. Some sample dishes could include:

- Chicken and tasso ham jambalaya ya-ya
- Smoked chicken gumbo with trinity and rice

The regular menu is also available.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch is at 738 Main St. in St. Helena.

For reservations call 963-9181 or visit www.longmeadowranch.com.

Tweetup time at Quent Cordair Fine Art

It's Tweetup time again at Quent Cordair Fine Art.

Join NakedWines.Com in the gallery in downtown Napa from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, for wines from the Nakedwines portfolio.

They ask that you Tweet and Facebook while you are there about the wines you enjoy.

The event will be limited to the first 100 people who RSVP to Cordairart@gmail.com.

Visit www.cordair.com or call 255-2242

Quent Cordair is at 1301 First St. in Napa.

Music at Uva Trattoria this week

- Wednesday, June 5, Collaboration (Jazz Groove Fusion)
- Thursday, June 6, Le Jazz Hot (Jazz with a French twist)
- Friday, June 7, Bernard Anderson & Old School Band (R&B-Jazz)
- Saturday, June 8, Jami Jamison Band (Jazz-Swing-Blues)
- Sunday, June 9, James & Ted Jazz Duo (Piano music)

Winemaker Wednesday at 1313 Main

1313 Main's Winemaker Wednesday on June 5, features Cyril and Blakesley Chappellet from 6 to 8 p.m.

1313 Main is at 1313 Main St. in downtown Napa.

Farm-to-table cooking classes

Karen Schuppert is teaching a series of farm-to-table cooking classes at Hurley Farms this summer and fall. The first one is Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She will prepare three farm-fresh dishes for \$35.

Hurley Farms is at 2083 Silverado Trail in Napa. Space is limited; Email her at karen@cook4seasons.com to attend.

You can also visit www.cook4seasons.com.

June Tunes at ECHO

ECHO gallery in Calistoga features June Tunes on Thursday, June 6, at 8 p.m.

The guest musician is New Zealand songwriter and guitarist Brett Hallan Holland for a set of acoustic fingerstyle guitar.

It's a free show. Follow ECHO on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/echocalistoga

ECHO is at 1348 Lincoln Ave. in Calistoga.

Music at 1313 Main

Grover Anderson will appear at Music at 1313 Main June 6 from 8 to 10 p.m. Grover Anderson declared that his goal is to "Celebrate life through emotion." He is an emerging singer-songwriter in Northern California. A graduate of UC Santa Barbara, he was a two-time finalist in the Road to West Beach Competition. With his laid-back style and intricate vocals, Anderson has opened for notable artists including Dhani Harrison, Tristan Prettyman, Bushwalla and Joey Ryan (The Milk Carton Kids). Visit www.reverbnation.com/groveranderson

Butcher's Happy Hour

The first Thursday of each month is Fatted Calf's Butcher's Happy Hour.

It features a butchery demonstration, wine from a local winery and snacks. It's free, and a great way to get the inside scoop on great pork and wine.

Brian Culbertson's Napa Valley Jazz Getaway

Brian Culbertson brings the second annual Napa Valley Jazz Getaway to town this week, and if it's not as big as BottleRock, it will bring 1,500 fans to Lincoln Theater and the Opera House to enjoy smooth jazz, comedy, wine and food.

Some tickets are available. Check the website.

It starts with a welcome party outside The Lincoln Theater Thursday, June 6, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with DW3 plus BC, Sinbad, Eric Darius, Michael

Lington and Paige Bryan. Come hungry, because food and wine will be for sale. In celebration of Mustards Grill's 30th anniversary, chef Cindy Pawlcyn will be on site with all three of her Napa Valley restaurants – Mustards, Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen and CP's Wood Grill – serving their favorite menu items. Miner Family Winery will serve Napa Valley Jazz Getaway Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. Advance tickets are \$49, \$55 at door.

The dynamic package of BWB (Norman Brown, Kirk Whalum, and Rick Braun) are returning to the stage together for a summer tour, and Brian Culbertson will join them for this special night at the Napa Valley Opera House twice on Thursday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$99

Larry Graham & GCS, Sinbad & BC at Napa Valley Opera House. The Friday, June 7 night concert events feature Culbertson as he jams with Larry Graham and Graham Central Station plus guest comedian Sinbad. There will be two shows, at 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$99.

Brian Culbertson & Friends at The Lincoln Theater

The first "BC & Friends" night at The Lincoln Theater in Yountville is going to be spectacular and will feature returning guest comedian Sinbad plus Eric Darius, Michael Lington, Ray Parker Jr. and Selina Albright along with Brian and his band. In addition to the concert event, you'll be invited to a pre-show silent auction and wine tasting reception to benefit The Grammy Foundation. Many winery partners will offer complimentary pourings. Tickets are \$129.

For event information and to buy tickets, visit napavalleyjazzgetaway2013.com.

St. Helena Farmers' Market

St. Helena Farmers' Market is held in Crane Park every Friday from 7.30 a.m. to noon during the summer.

This week, on June 7, bring the kids and enjoy these activities at the market:

9.30.-10 a.m.: Kids' Story Time - Garden Bug Heroes. Led by Amanda Tuttle, market educator, "Are You a Ladybug?" and "Are you a Spider?" will be featured.

10.30 a.m.: Puppet Show, Tim Giugni will be back at the market with his puppet mastery. It's always a favorite for adults and kids alike.

And for adult foodies, Pauli Halstead will be at the market from 8 to 11 a.m. to sign her cookbook, *Primal Cuisine, Cooking for the Paleo Diet*.

A former St. Helena resident and owner of the catering company The Best of Everything, Pauli Halstead brings her extensive experience as a Bay Area and Wine Country chef for over 30 years. Halstead's new book invites you to discover how the foods of our ancestors are still the best choices when it comes to optimizing your physical and mental health. These foods are wild-caught fish, grass-fed meats, pastured poultry and dairy products, (all high in Omega-3 fatty acids), organic vegetables, nuts, seeds and berries. The recipes are free of grain, gluten, sugar, refined products, chemicals, antibiotics and hormones.

Music at La Condesa this week

- Friday, June 7 One Frequency-Flamenco/Dub Reggae
- Saturday, June 8 Sean Garvey-Country/Rock/Folk
- Sunday, June 9 Geo Sarkiss-Gypsy Jazz/Flamenco (3 to 6 p.m.)

La Condesa is at 1320 Main St. in St Helena.

Phone 967-8111.

Cheers to Five Years!

Cheers! St. Helena is celebrating its fifth anniversary when it kicks off on Friday, June 7.

Join locals on Main Street for Napa Valley wines, shopping, bands, food and activities.

The event is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A tasting passes is \$35. A Season Pass/Shop Local is \$75, which includes all three events (June 7, Aug. 2 and Oct. 4).

Live Music at Farmstead

Farmstead will feature the live music of the Jimi James Band at its Outdoor Bar on Friday, June 7.

The Grower's Happy Hour menu is available with dishes that could include:

- Pulled pork nachos with Vella cheddar and Fresno chili salsa
- Pimento cheese dip with fresh chips
- Artisan cheese plate
- Country pork pâté with walnuts

The regular menu is also available.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch is at 738 Main St in Saint Helena.

For reservations call 963-9181 or go online to www.longmeadowranch.com/farmstead-restaurant.

Silo's presents the Ray Charles Project

Silos presents the Ray Charles Project in two shows, Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Charles' impact on popular music still reverberates, even into this second decade of the 21st century.

The Ray Charles Project is fronted by Santana lead vocalist and 11-time Grammy Award winner Tony Lindsay and guitarist Chris Cain along with blues singer Linda Tillery.

They are backed by a Hammond B-3 player Eamonn Flynn; bassist DeWayne Pate and drummer Deszon Claiborne.

General admission is \$25 and reserved seating is \$30 in advance at www.silosnapa.com or 251-5833, or \$35 at the door.

Silo's is at 530 Main St. in Napa

Tom Eddy at Wine Train Vintner's Lunch

Guest vintner Tom Eddy will be on board for Vintner's Lunch in the elevated Vista Dome Car of the Napa Valley Wine Train on Friday, June 7 to explain the pairings, answer questions, or chat about wine and food as the train traverses Napa Valley.

It features a multiple-course gourmet meal with courses paired with wines.

West Coast Beach BBQ at Silverado Resort

The Grill at Silverado Resort throws a California-style BBQ from chef de cuisine Pablo Jacinto with refreshing summer wines Friday, June 7, as part of its Friday Night Supper Series.

Tulocay Cemetery walking tour

Cemetery historian Nancy S. Brennan will lead a tour of Tulocay Cemetery with special guest Gil Patchett in a Napa County Landmarks tour on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$20 for others. RSVP at www.napacountylandmarks.org, by phone at 255-1836, or via email to info@napacountylandmarks.org.

Check in at the Old Office by 9:45 a.m.

Tulocay Cemetery is at 411 Coombsville Rd. in Napa.

Bourassa Vineyards Burgers and Bordeaux,

Bourassa Vineyards Wine Club pick-up party will be on Saturday, June 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Enjoy burgers and Bordeaux varietal wines and barrel tasting. Vic will be grilling up his bison burgers with bleu cheese.

Call Dana at (800) 499-2366 to RSVP. The cost is \$25 per person.

Pine Ridge Stags Leap Cabernet release

Pine Ridge will have a party to release its 2010 Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon on Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nibble on hors d'oeuvres prepared by winery chef Janet Sheehan paired with select Pine Ridge wines. Enjoy day-of-event wine specials.

The cost is \$45. RSVP to 800 (575) 9777 or Concierge@pineridgewine.com.

Gretchen Kimball's painting studio sale

Gretchen Kimball's painting retrospective studio sale will be held Saturday June 8 at the barn at Moulds Family Vineyard from 3 to 8 p.m.

Call (415) 341-7030 if you have questions.

The barn at Moulds Family Vineyard is at 3075 Dry Creek Road in Napa.

Meritage Resort "First Blush" wine tasting

The Meritage Resort and Spa invited all California wineries to submit wines in its inaugural First Blush California Rosé Wine Competition and now everyone is invited to taste the winning wines on Saturday, June 8.

Almost 90 wines were submitted for this competition, from appellations throughout California. The judging supervised by writer Bob Ecker took place on Monday, May 6.

The public is invited to taste many of the award-winning wines while enjoying live music and small bites at The Meritage Resort and Spa from 1 to 4 p.m.

The wines were entered in two categories: "Dry" and "On the Sweeter Side."

The top winner in the dry rosé category was Jelly Jar Wines; the top award for "On the Sweeter Side" was given to M^{énage à Trois} by Trinchero Family Estates.

Tickets are available from Cellar Pass for \$25. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Napa's Cope Family Center. For complete information and tickets visit themeritageresort.com.

Garage Band 101 for Adults

Garage Band 101 for adults by Napa School of Music will be at Silo's on Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m.

The show will feature two bands playing the music of the '80s. This completes 16 weeks of rehearsal with the Napa School of Music's instructors, Thomas Kenny and school director Peter Sykes.

The last four shows sold out in advance.

Ticket are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door

Get splashed by a vintner!

Winemakers and vintners visit Cindy Pawlcyn's Wood Grill and Wine Bar every Saturday night from 6 to 8 p.m. and offer a small complimentary sample "splash" of their wine to diners.

On June 8, Clay Mauritsen from Mauritsen Wines will be the guest splasher.

Rockshow: Paul McCartney Wings Over America at the Opera House

The Napa Valley Opera House will screen *Rockshow: Paul McCartney Wings Over America* on Saturday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

Rockshow is a 1980 concert film by Wings, filmed during their 1976 North American tour. It features 30 songs from four concerts of the tour. This was part of the Wings Over the World Tour that also spawned the triple live album Wings Over America. McCartney remained reluctant to make the entire film available to the general public until now.

The running time of 141 minutes includes an exclusive 12-minute interview with Paul McCartney. Tickets are \$10 per person at nvoh.org or 226-7372.

The Fab Four Beatles tribute

The Fab Four – the ultimate tribute to the Beatles – plays at the Uptown Theatre on Saturday, June 8.

The Fab Four is elevated above other Beatles Tribute by their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles' songs, the Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing.

This stage show includes three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles ever-changing career. This loving tribute to the Beatles has amazed audiences around the world. Hear record-perfect live performances of such classics as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "A Day In The Life," "Twist And Shout," "Here Comes The Sun" and "Hey Jude."

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$35/\$45 at www.uptowntheatrenapa.com or the box office (259-0123 ext. 6).

Music at the Bale Grist Mill

Local musicians gather to play traditional music at the Bale Grist Mill the second Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. notably June 9. Listen to music, tour the mill, picnic under the oaks or take a hike. If you play, bring your instrument and join in.

Visit napavalleystateparks.org or email jeanne.marioni@parks.ca.gov.

The cost is \$5 per adult; \$2 for kids over 5.

Where Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park is at 3369 St Helena Hwy. North (Hwy 128/29) of St. Helena.

Creativity Jam at di Rosa

Di Rosa presents a Creativity Jam, an unconventional, fun-packed family arts event featuring artist-led projects by Nimbus Arts and interactive musical sessions scattered around di Rosa's galleries and grounds Sunday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Buy tasty treats from Marks the Spot and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, plus free wine tasting for the adults, courtesy of Saintsbury.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. Click www.dirosaart.org for tickets. Di Rosa Members call 226-5991 x17 for a discount code.

Di Rosa is at 5200 Sonoma Highway in Napa.

Live music at Goose & Gander

Goose & Gander presents its Summer Sundays Live Music Series from 1 to 5 p.m. with no cover while dining and enjoying beverages on the patio.

It features Kate Gaffney and Chris Haugen on Sunday, June 9.

Call 967-8779 for reservations. Goose & Gander is at 1245 Spring St. at Oak in St. Helena.

Future events

TwentyFour Wines dinner at Tarla

Tarla Mediterranean Grill will host a winemaker dinner with TwentyFour Wines in Napa Monday, June 10 6:30 p.m.

Menu:

- Marinated grilled shrimp spinach-fennel purée, walnut pesto and cilantro paired with 2012 Sauvignon Blanc
- Spice-rubbed New York strip with blue cheese polenta, asparagus, grilled tomato and Lacinato kale with 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Short ribs of beef with wild mushroom-green garlic risotto, pickled fennel and microgreens served with 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Star-anise-scented braised lamb with currant-pine nut and basil tabbouleh, pickled sweet peppers and upland cress with 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Chocolate-cherry clafoutis with chocolate gelato and 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

The cost is \$124 and seating is limited to 100.

Call 255-5599 to reserve your table.

ARTwalk opening VIP gala

Join Arts Council Napa Valley in celebrating the launch of Metamorphosis, the third ARTwalk public sculpture tour, at the Andaz on Wednesday, June 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a sunset reception complete with fine sparkling and still wines and local entertainment while supporting local arts.

The event proceeds help Arts Council Napa Valley to advance the arts through diverse cultural programs such as arts advocacy, education, and marketing.

Tickets are \$80 each or \$150 per couple.

Staff of nonprofit members of the Arts Council can call for a special rate.

Reserve your tickets at <http://bit.ly/10ExFO6> or contact Olivia Everett at 257-2117 ext. 2 or olivia@artscouncilnv.org

Launched in 2010, the Napa ARTwalk is a rotating, temporary outdoor sculpture exhibition showcasing a variety of three-dimensional artwork throughout downtown Napa. Featuring a new theme each exhibition round, the ARTwalk supports the creation of sculpture from regional artists.

Get more information at napaartwalk.org.

Creative Writing Camp—Napa Writes

Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater presents Creative Writing Camp – Napa Writes July 29-Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is its inaugural summer writing workshop as part of its Arts Education Initiative. This one-week workshop, designed for children grades K-12, will guide youngsters through the basics of storytelling and illustration as they create a short graphic novel, comic book or illustrated story.

Each child will publish his/her work and attend a book signing at Copperfield's. Kids will work in age-level groups.

There are discounts for multichild registration. Scholarships are available.

Visit www.lincolntheater.com for more information or call 944-9900.

Napa Humane presents Walk for Animals

Downtown Napa again “goes to the dogs” for Napa Humane’s second annual Walk for Animals, a morning walk through Downtown Napa (with or without a dog!) on Sunday, Aug. 4.

More than 400 walkers are expected to attend this morning full of family- and dog-friendly activities, live music, doggie contests, a raffle and more at Veterans Memorial Park, located on Main Street in Downtown Napa.

Animal-loving walkers register online and create a personalized profile page, set a fundraising goal and have the option to join or create a team. In support of their participation, walkers then collect donations from family, friends and colleagues by distributing their profile link via email, Facebook and Twitter.

And fundraisers are encouraged to get creative in their fundraising efforts, from putting a donation jar on their desk, brown-bagging and using the savings toward their goal, to holding a rummage sale. At the walk, teams are also encouraged to get into the spirit with creative dress and accessories for themselves and their dogs (there will be an award for the “Best Dog Costume” and “Best Team Theme”).

Every registered walker receives a Walk for Animals T-shirt and a goodie bag. From Napa Humane gear to an iPad, prizes are an incentive to raise funds.

To register, create or join a team, make a donation or get more information, visit napahumane.org or call 255-8118 x205.