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COMMUNITY FAIRE AND BUSINESS SHOWCASE AUCTION ITEMS

These are just a few of the great items available for you to bid on right now! There are lots more at the online auction site: https://communityfaire.betterworld.org/auctions/mwacc-auction-2021. Check out all of the awesome auction lots – with more added weekly! Donations are still being accepted – contact us to add your auction lot to the mix and benefit from this promotional opportunity: events@markwest.org or see pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter.



With the health and safety of our community in mind, we are forgoing our in-person Community Faire and Business Showcase this year; however, the auction must go on...line!

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Fine Print: Must be 21+ to Win





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Steve Plamann President

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The Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the economic well-being and uniqueness of the Mark West Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

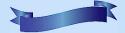
November & December 3rd Tuesday Of Month

January - October 4th Tuesday of Month

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Contact the Chamber for links and attendance information

To host a Ribbon Cutting, contact office@markwest.org



Interested in joining our Ambassador Team? Contact the Chamber at office@markwest.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another fall approaches and much is going on. The Mark West Area Chamber is in the middle of our Silent Auction Community Fund Raiser. This is a yearly opportunity for us all to contribute to our community's needs requiring financial support and get a nice auction item in return. Yes, we have been through a lot together, but we are still standing and even better, we are continuing to move forward. The fires around us remind us of what we have endured and the face masks we still wear remind us that our newest fight goes on. There are many areas of our community that still need to be shored up. The Lunches for Lifesavers program, which supports Emergency Department workers at Sutter Hospital, is still providing meals nearly twenty months after it started. And it will go on! The Chamber Board of Directors is currently deciding how much of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to bolster this well-received and still necessary community program.

Every season brings change. Not having an inperson Community Faire for the second straight vear is another hard blow for our community. "Safety first" was a necessary choice. But our local businesses still need the opportunity to get their products and services out and in front of a new audience. I had a good friend who always said, "With a lot of hard work and a little help from others we can get it done." I agree that we do need both, as some things are



Laura Buhrer, Exchange Bank Larkfield Branch, holds her company's contribution to the Silent Auction. Exchange Bank is a community bank offering personal and business banking services including mortgages, home loans and lines of credit, and SBA loans. They have been serving the local community since 1890 and have a tradition of giving and community involvement. Their employees voted them one of the best places to work in Sonoma county.

out of our hands. So, as a business, you need to hedge your bet. Wishing and hoping are OK, but nothing beats being prepared and having a good "what if" plan. The Silent Auction is our what if plan for helping your businesses get some promotion out to the Mark West community. When you donate an auction item you will get nearly four weeks of recognition and promotion for your business. It will be featured on Betterworld.org, on our Facebook page, and in our monthly community newsletter, the Lark.

So please help your business and your community, and participate in our Silent Auction by donating or bidding. All proceeds go to help our local businesses and the Mark West Community.

Check out our array of auction items online and start bidding today Click on a category or scroll down to see all the great stuff available for you to bid on.

Please email the Mark West Chamber at office@markwest.org and tell us how we can better serve our members and our community.

Steve Plamann, President



Remember: These are just examples of the great auction items you can find online! Check out the entire offering at https://communityfaire.betterworld.org/auctions/mwacc-auction-2021.

ANTHROPOLOGIE KITCHEN BASKET

Anthropologie Apron, Hot Pad, Hand Towel, 3 Dish Towels + Non-Skid Mixing Bowl, Bamboo Serving Claws, Whisk & Mixing Spoon, Measuring Spoons, Ice Cream Scoop, Vintage Recipe Cards, Liquid Hand Soap, Exchange Bank Logo Goodies



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LUNCHES FOR LIFESAVERS STILL GOING STRONG

The Lunches for Lifesavers program continues strongly, supporting the Emergency Department workers at Sutter Hospital of Santa Rosa. This award-winning program was started by Bisordi Ranch with the help of the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce in March of 2019. It was created by Rob and Stephanie Bisordi to show community support for Emergency Department workers as they faced the COVID-19 pandemic, our biggest medical challenge of this century. So far, this program has brought nearly 60 deliveries of meals and snacks to the emergency room workers, with each delivery being enough to feed several. Donations of money have also helped local restaurants struggling during the pandemic by allowing the Lunches for Lifesavers program to purchase many of these meals.

Contributed by Steve Plamann, Chamber President



Rob and Stephanie Bisordi deliver an evening meal to Sutter Hospital even though it was their wedding anniversary.



Girl Scout cookies from Troop 10998 and other snacks provided by Banner Bank, Roni Berg, Holly Sobolewski, and delivered by the Silveira family.



Tracy Hinman from Alegre Home Care provided a meal for Sutter ER.



Snacks provided to ER workers at Sutter Hospital by Santa Rosa High School Snack Shack.



A great meal for Sutter emergency room workers from Sizzling Tandoor,



Molsberry's Market sells food items to Lunches for Lifesaver at cost to help support the program.

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SEEKING NEW MEMBER FOR MARK WEST CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

There will be an opening for a new member on the Mark West Citizens Advisory Council as of January 1st 2022. The Mark West Citizen's Advisory Council is your local government and gives Mark West citizens and businesses a stronger voice in County affairs. It was established in 2016 to advise the County Board of Supervisors on local planning and management decisions related to the Mark West Area. The five-person Advisory Council meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm and provides a forum for public expression to aid the Council in their advisory recommendations. The monthly meetings are currently Zoom-only online meetings, and the links to join are posted at https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Mark-West-



Citizens-Advisory-Council/Full-Calendar/. Click on the date of the upcoming meeting to view the optional links to join the meeting.

The five members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. All members must reside within the referral area. Two members shall be nominated by the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce; one member shall be nominated by the Mark West Union School District Board of Trustees; one member shall be nominated by the 4th District Supervisor from the Fulton area; and one member shall be nominated by the 4th District Supervisor to serve "at large." The current opening will be filled by a member of the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce. The terms are for two years with an option for two more. If you are interested in applying for the upcoming opening, please contact the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce at office@markwest.org.

KOI NATION RESORT AND CASINO PROJECT

Adapted from website content on the Town of Windsor website, September 24, 2021

The Koi Nation, one of the state's federally recognized Native American tribes, announced on Sept. 15, 2021, that it intends to build a resort and casino that includes a 2,500 Class III gaming machine facility, a 200-room hotel, and six restaurant and food service areas on a 68-acre vineyard site just outside of town limits, in unincorporated Sonoma County, just east of the U.S. Highway 101 exit to Shiloh Road.

More information on the \$600 million project (including building illustrations) is here: https://koination.sitedistrict. com/project/. To share your opinion on the proposed project, please see the contact list of tribal and elected representatives on the web page link at the bottom of this article.

Next Steps

Prior to construction of the proposed project, the Koi Nation must secure approval from the federal government to take the land into trust to allow the tribe to exercise its sovereignty over the land. The tribe must also secure approval of a gaming agreement from the governor of California.

Taking Land into Federal Trust

Placing tribal land into trust is a process whereby the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior acquires title to the property and holds it for the benefit of a Native American tribe or individual tribal members. See https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/pdf/Fee-to-Trust_Process_for_Discretionary_Acquisitions.pdf

California Gaming Compacts

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 requires tribes to sign negotiated compacts, or agreements, in good faith, with their state governments to clarify a range of jurisdictional issues surrounding regulation and scope of gaming. Each compact must be negotiated with the state governor, ratified by the state legislature, and finally, approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior. A primer on tribal gaming and community planning in California can be viewed here: https://cproundtable.org/static/media/uploads/publications/tgncp.bw__.pdf

Location, Press Coverage, and Links for Commenting

Visit the Town of Windsor web page at https://www.townofwindsor.com/1303/Koi-Nation-Resort-and-Casino-Project for additional information and a map of the proposed location.



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The annual auction features fantastic packages donated by local businesses and raises much-needed funds to support the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

The funds raised through the auction allow us to continue to advance the economic well-being and uniqueness of the Mark West Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

DONATE TODAY!

Businesses that donate auction lots will receive a variety of promotional opportunities, such as: social media spotlights, print and digital ad placement, as well as highlighted in The Lark!





GET READY TO BID!

We invite you to join us in supporting our local businesses by bidding on the incredible packages they've donated!



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We invite you to join us as a donor in the upcoming Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce Online Auction, which will be shared within the community to promote local businesses participating and to raise much-needed funds that support MWACC efforts!

All donations are welcome! Some examples of those that we have found to be most popular include: Staycations & Travel | Family Party or Adventure | Health & Wellness Packages | Pet-Friendly Items Party Packages (Birthdays, Dinner Party, etc.) | Amusement Parks & Entertainment | His & Hers Shopping Spree Local Sporting Experiences & Autographed Merchandise: Warriors | Giants | A's | Sharks | 49ers | Raiders Wine, Beer, Spirits Tasting Experiences | Dining Certificates & Chef Dinners | Local Art | Music & Theater

AUCTION DONATION FORM

Donations received by September 17th will be included in the online auction when it goes live for bidding on September 22nd!

Donations can be added after the deadline; however, confirming your auction lot early ensures the greatest level of promotional value pre-auction & over the course of the month!

To donate an auction lot, please share the following details:

Company Name:	
Contact Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

Donation Description: Please describe the item(s)/package(s) being donated

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DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE ONLINE BIDDING ONCE THE AUCTION OPENS ON 9/22 WWW_MARKWEST.ORG/COMMUNITYFAIRE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 22 - October 20, 2021 **31st Annual Community Faire and Business Showcase** Like last year, due to the Coronavirus, this month-long event will be wholly online/virtual. We will still have our Grand Prize Drawing and the Epicenter Drawing for



the Mark West School district kids. Our Silent Auction will be online for a month at betterworld.org. After 31 years this event continues to support

our members and community, as our neighborhoods continue to rebuild and grow stronger. Check out all the fun on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Thursday, October 14, 2021 Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30 – 7:30pm Hosted by **Solstice Senior Living** 3585 Round Barn Blvd., Santa Rosa

Wednesday October 27, 2021 Luncheon with **Supervisor James Gore** 11:30am Best Western Plus Wine Country Inn & Suites 870 Hopper Avenue, Santa Rosa Also via Zoom; watch for details.

Thursday, November 11, 2021 Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30 – 7:30pm Hosted by **Anytime Fitness** 620 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Holiday Tree Lighting & Community Event 6:00pm Hosted by **Molsberry Markets, Inc.** 522 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30 – 7:30pm Hosted by **Exchange Bank & Molsberry Markets, Inc.** 500 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

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It's harvest time in Sonoma County! Photo: Whitney Hopkins.



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