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BRIEFS

Lancer girls hoops set to open league

The Avalon High School girls varsity basketball team opened up its season over the weekend in their own Avalon Tournament, going 2-3 in their first five games.

The Lancers defeated Norte Vista, 46-38, in their most recent win. Jasmine Reyes led the team with 14 points, while freshman Vikki Soto contributed 12 points. Another freshman, Hannah Hoefs, contributed eight points, while Jasmine Cruz chipped in six.

The Lancers are coming off a 14-8 season last year in which they finished third in the San Joaquin League. The Lancers will open league play at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, at home against Fairmont Prep.

City provides 40 families with Thanksgiving dinners

On Nov. 20, the city of Avalon held its Thanksgiving Food Basket drive. Every year the city of Avalon puts on the drive with the financial help of the Lions Club, Rotary Club and BBK Law Offices. Catalina Beverage worked alongside the city to lower the cost of the products as well as donate their time with delivery. The city was able to help 40 local families in need have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner included a 14 lb. turkey, stuffing, baked potatoes, gravy, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Everyone was able to pick their dinners up at the Teen Center. If you know anyone who is in need and can use extra help during the Christmas holidays let David Hart know at the city, 310-510-0220.

Flag football sign-ups

The city of Avalon is accepting registrations for youth flag football. There are two co-ed categories: 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. Registration continues to Jan. 5. The first games will be held Jan. 13. For more information or to register, visit recreation.cityofavalon.com.

14th Ladies Christmas Brunch set for Dec. 1

The 14th annual Ladies Christmas Brunch will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1. For tickets, call Claudia at 310-809-0629.

Jerry Dunn, owner of Buoys & Gulls, presents a check to Gina Long from the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation. Courtesy photo

Dunn donates to preservation of Chimes Tower

'Avalon by the Sea' Reyn Spooner shirt sales, raised funds

FOR THE ISLANDER

Jerry Dunn, owner of Buoys & Gulls, presented Gina Long from the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation a check for $3,873 on Monday—donated from the sales of the 'Avalon by the Sea' Reyn Spooner shirt.

Built in 1925 by William Wrigley Jr. and his wife Ada Elizabeth Wrigley, the Chimes Tower symbolizes the love of Catalina for both Avalon residents and visitors alike. The Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation was established to ensure that future generations will continue to experience the enchanting tones, as well as the beautiful structure that houses them.

The donation from the sales of the Reyn Spooner shirt and Catalina Chimes Tower Christmas tree decoration at Buoys & Gulls will benefit the restoration and preservation of this beloved Avalon landmark.

Local jobless rate decreases to 2.4%

BY CHARLES M. KELLY

Avalon's unemployment rate has been steadily crawling down since the last month of summer.

Not only are the numbers decreasing, but Avalon's jobless numbers have been consistently better than those of Los Angeles County, the state of California and the nation.

Avalon's unemployment rate decreased by a 10th of a percent in October, according to data recently released by the California Department of Employment Development's Labor Market Information Division.

Avalon saw a 2.4 percent unemployment rate last month, according to the state's latest statistics.

The October jobless numbers would not include the Catalina Island Company layoffs of an estimated 25 that took place earlier in November. (The Employment Development Department currently puts Avalon's workforce population at 2,100 individuals.)

The September unemployment rate in Avalon was 2.5 percent, a 10th of a percent lower than the August rate, which was 2.6 percent.

Los Angeles County saw a 4.6 percent jobless rate in October 2018, which was unchanged from a revised 4.6 percent in September. (Before the statistics were revised, the state reported a 4.5 September jobless rate in Los Angeles County.)

Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was

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Council OKs Mole float repair deal

Harbor master describes repair as good for 10 years

BY CHARLES M. KELLY

The City Council this week approved a proposal to spend no more than $105,000 to have Al Larson Boat Shop repair Float #1 at the Cabrillo Mole.

In other news, the council continued to the meeting a proposed ordinance concerning accessory dwelling units.

Cabrillo Mole float repair

Larson Boat Shop gave the lowest of three bids—less than $81,000—to repair the float for two years, according to Harbor Master J.J. Poindexter's staff report.

"However, in addition to being the lowest responsive bid, Larson's Boat Shop's quote includes an option to sand blast (rather than manually sanding) the entire float, plus the application of four coats of marine grade paint, which is estimated to extend the life of this float for another 10 years," Poindexter wrote.

The float project was originally on the consent calendar. Items on the consent calendar are generally voted on collectively, without discussion, unless pulled at the request of a council member or the public. Council Member Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy pulled the item for further discussion. She wanted to know how Al Larson Boat Shop could give a quote without visually inspecting the float.

Poindexter said he sent them photos. He also pointed out that it was an old float and its exact condition wouldn't be known until it was taken out of the water. He said the float had been in the water for years. According to his staff report, "Summary: Float #1 at the Cabrillo Mole has not been removed from the water for maintenance since 2009. At this point in time, this float is in dire need of maintenance."

MacGugan-Cassidy also expressed concern that time and materials could lead to cost increases. Poindexter said, "I think we can keep a pretty good eye on it," but he also said he didn't want to send the float over for repairs and have to send it back two years later.

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