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Editor's Corner

Our whimsical cover collage created by Assistant Editor Jan Vick celebrates our newest art installation. Learn more in writer Tom Surh's "Rock the Flock" article. Writer Robie William's article, "Gallery Artists of the Month," highlights the talented local individuals featured at the RioVision Art Gallery — Jim Ludwig, Jamie Victor, Eugenie Quan-Corral and several "small art" artists.

Everyone knows that art and wine are a natural pairing! Jan Vick's piece, "Delta Roots," showcases Six Hands Winery, one of several amazing wineries in the area.

Hope you're ready for the 74th Annual Bass Derby & Festival! Local historian Phil Pezzaglia provides fascinating background on our first 1933 Bass Derby and new writer Karen Dozier follows with all the "dets" on the current event.

When it comes to our airport, many of us know little more than "Airport Road." Writer Doris Noriega provides interesting details about the Travis Air Force Base Aero Club, right here in Rio Vista. And... Airport Days are back!

Writer Noelle Gomes contributes a fun article about our favorite November event, the 8th Annual Turkey Trot! Writer Linda Jensen follows with fun "Holiday Events" and Laurie Oleksiewicz introduces "Desert Blooms," the first in our "New Business" series.

Special call outs go to Karen Dozier, who also wrote our new "Chamber Corner," and new reviewer Grace Armbrust.

Lastly, don't miss "Like Us? Join Us!" The *Discover Rio Vista* magazine staff has enjoyed an amazing love affair with our community for over eight years — but now we need some help. This is my last edition as Editor and others plan to move on in the future. Some may remember that I resigned a few years back, but "This time I mean it!" I am thankful and grateful to have had this opportunity to nurture our magazine, work with wonderful people, and share fascinating stories about Rio Vista and the Delta with our community.

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COVER: Through the artistry of Assistant Editor Jan Vick, our new sheep art installations take a stroll along the promenade before settling into their new digs on Main Street.

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The long-awaited flock of sheep are now gracing Rio Vista at the corner of Main and Front Streets and at the flood wall at the end of Main in front of City Hall. The flock consists of three ewes (named Picassewe, Sassy and Pastel Skies), one lamb (Skittles) and a ram (Rammy). The ram is the Rio Vista High School whose mascot. This very colorful collection is a joint project of the City of Rio Vista and RioVision's City Art Program (CAP) committee. One of RioVision's earliest projects was working with city staff to create a public art ordinance,



Diane Pierce with Sassy.

Local artists recruited by RioVision completed the artwork, so each of the sheep is very unique. The artists who donated their time and creative talent are: Ellen LaVaccare (Picassewe), Diana Pierce (Sassy), Julie Jacobs (Skittles), Scarlett Dole (Pastel Skies) and Harvey Weinhaus (Rammy).

Ellen is an experienced artist who works with acrylic, oil and watercolor. She noted that painting the ewe was especially challenging because of the very bumpy surface, meant to simulate a sheep's coat, but a real challenge for a painter. Despite these challenges, the artists have each



Julie Jacobs with Skittles.

Rock the FLOCK!

Writer: Tom Surh
Photographers: Diann Murphy & Doris Noriega



Ellen LaVaccare with Picassewe.



Harvey Weinhaus with Rammy.



Scarlett Dole with Pastel Skies.

which was adopted in 2014. The resulting public art fund has been growing with each new development. This project is the first use of this fund, which went to purchase sheep from Cowpainters, a manufacturer of fiberglass animals of all kinds. The city has a number of murals created in recent years and a wind sculpture in the Promenade Park. The flock is the first life-sized animal themed art installation for the city. It brings lots of color, as well as the hope that more public art follows.

created very striking and highly decorative sculptures that highlight the long history of sheep ranching in the Rio Vista area.

Each sheep is accompanied with signage about the artists and has a QR code where more detailed information on the piece and that artist may be found along with an admonition to please not sit or climb on the sheep no matter how tempting that may be!

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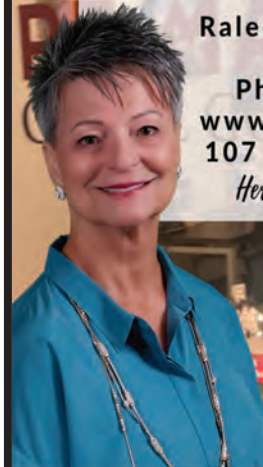
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Delta Roots

Writer and Photographer: Jan Vick

Six Hands Winery, southwest of Walnut Grove on Isleton Road, has been making wine in the Delta for 100 years. Joseph Machado, great-great grandfather to Peter Marks, began farming in Walnut Grove, and started making wine as well as growing other crops, such as cherries. Peter Marks learned wine making from his maternal grandfather and ultimately obtained a degree in plant sciences from UC Davis. His wife, Richele has a degree in genetics. In 1997, Peter, Richele and his father Norman Marks decided to create a winery on the family farm; thus, the Six Hands. But the entire extended family is deeply involved in the entire process of producing delicious hand-crafted wines.

Six Hands Winery is committed to sustainable farming: finding the right balance without pesticides and minimal herbicides. Cover crops are mowed during the growing season to maintain soil moisture levels. They recycle

Six Hands is a family-owned and operated vineyard in the Clarksburg American Viticultural Area (AVA). The home vineyard produces three estate wines: Syrah, Viognier, and Ranch Rosé. Other grapes are sourced from local vineyards: Cusumano Ranch in Lodi for Zinfandel grapes; Cresci Vineyard in Lodi for Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Syrah; Heringer Holland Vineyard in Clarksburg for Chardonnay and Petite Syrah; the Yolo Vineyards in Dunnigan Hills for Albariño, Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache and Merlot; various vineyards in Healdsburg for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier used for the sparkling wine Célébration. All are processed at the winery in Walnut Grove.

The wines are available at a variety of wine shops and restaurants or online at www.sixhandswinery.com. The winery opens its doors several times a year for events for club members and the public. They are



grape must (unfermented juice extracted by crushing or pressing, stems, etc.), into compost for the vines. All work in the vineyard is done by hand. They also mulch vine cuttings. Six Hands uses a timed drip system to preserve our precious water, and all harvesting is done by hand. Solar panels power the entire winery. This makes for a biodiversity that supports not only the vines, but a home for rabbits, coyotes, owls and hawks.



held both in the small tasting room or in the expansive shaded lawn next to the ancestral farmhouse. Often the entire Marks family is there to greet you, discuss wines, harvests, growing and whatever you want to know. This year, the summer picnic offered wine tasting and sales, cheese plates for sale, shaded tables for a picnic and a dixieland jazz band for entertainment. For a pre-arranged visit to the winery, see the "Get in Touch" form on the website.

Clockwise from top: Marks family (from website); Winery and picnic area; Jazz band; the original ranch house.




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The First

This October the City of Rio Vista and the Chamber of Commerce host yet another Bass Festival. But just how did this event get started? The idea of a "Derby" originated with two newspapermen, Phil Rose of Redwood City and Harry Proctor of Oakland. They had the idea of holding a bass derby at Rio Vista to try and interest people in the sport of fishing. In October 1933, the two gentlemen walked into



the Main Street office of "The River News" and presented their idea to editor C. Flodin. Together the men approached the city council and Chamber of Commerce with the idea. Both the City of Rio Vista and the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce were very enthusiastic about their proposal.



On December 5, 1933, a special meeting was held to decide the best means for managing the considerable number of visitors that would be descending upon Rio Vista for the first annual Striped Bass Derby, scheduled

for two consecutive Sundays in the middle of December 1933.

That evening, a committee was appointed of local citizens including C. Flodin, A. Wood, George Gordon, W. Dawley and E. Egbert. Appointed to the position of General Chairman was W. Godsell, the Rio Vista Chief of Police, while Fred Christensen was appointed Chairman. However, Phil Rose and Harry Proctor were known as the directing heads of the contest.

1933 Bass Derby

Writer: Phil Pezzaglia Photographs: Rio Vista Museum

George Augusto and George C. Gordon would manage the job of registration and fish weigh-ins. W. Dawley oversaw landing floats, while A. Wood took care of yacht landings. P. Jacobs, local school principal, and W. Godsell took care of the entertainment, while decorations were under the supervision of E. Egbert. Tom King had the duty of putting up colorful banners around town. The local volunteer firemen and American Legion members would address the parking situation, while the local Boy Scouts of America troop oversaw policing the streets about town. The Rio Vista Fire House on Main Street served as a first aid station with local doctors and volunteer fire department members on hand.



Photos clockwise from top left: 1949 Bass Derby Chairman Braid Pezzaglia and winner W. Evnikall, 1935 promotional photos, 1949 General Chairman Braid Pezzaglia & Queen Barbara Stevenson.

Invitations were sent by the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce President E. Egbert to former U. S. President Herbert Hoover, Governor James Rolph Jr., and Will Rogers, asking that they attend the festivities as special guests. Governor Rolph replied, unfortunately he could not attend, as he would be in the southern part of the state. A telegram was also received from Will Rogers, saying that he

appreciated the invitation, but was working on a picture and could not possibly get away.

Prizes were gathered from businesses in the Bay Area totaling more than \$2,000. The prizes were as follows:

First Prize: 1933 Elto trolling motor (\$104); Gold Watch (\$100); \$50 Cash; Montague "Bambex" (\$20).

Second Prize: There was one prize for women and one for men. Gold Watch (\$50); \$25 Cash.

Third Prize: Fishing skiff (\$37.50); Primo Cuttyhunk line (\$1.50); "Robs" sinkers, (\$1.00); One dozen "MacRose" steelhead flies (\$2.00).

Fourth Prize: Winston custom-built rod (\$37.50); 150 yards of Primo Cuttyhunk line (\$1.50).

Fifth Prize: Winston Rod, choice of surf, trout or bass (\$37.50).

Sixth Prize: "Tarzan" Triple Twist two pants suit (\$28.50).

Seventh Prize: "Ike" Walton reel, 300 yards (25.00); Primo Cuttyhunk line (\$1.00).

Eight Prize: "Norca" reel, a Pilueger reel (\$12.50); Primo Cuttyhunk line, 150 yards (\$1.50); "Robs" Sinkers (\$1.00).

Ninth Prize: Complete bass outfit, rod, reel, line, hooks, sinkers, and leaders.

Tenth Prize: Fishing Rod (5.00); Primo Cuttyhunk line, 150 yards (\$1.00); "Robs" Sinkers (\$1.00).

Ladies Largest Fish: One Boston Fern, eight feet in diameter (\$20.00).

December 10, 1933 – First Annual Rio Vista Striped Bass Derby Semi-Finals

More than thirteen hundred fishermen registered for the three and a half hour semi-finals. The entire area was covered with a thick blanket of fog. One fisherman was quoted with the following description of the fog's effect on the event, "I thought I had the river all to myself until the fog lifted in the afternoon, and I found myself in the midst of about 100 boats."

More than two hundred and twenty people brought in catches weighing five pounds or more. An Alameda resident brought in the largest fish of the day weighing 29½ pounds.

Representatives of Paramount, Fox and Hearst covered the event and Universal filmed newsreel footage. Reporters and photographers were present from International News Services, Associated Press, as well as San Francisco Chronicle and Oakland Tribune feature writers.

December 17, 1933 – First Annual Rio Vista Striped Bass Derby Finals

The one hundred fishermen catching the largest fish took part in the finals of the Derby. As usual for December, conditions were not the best – both fog and muddy waters existed. Rotaro Nakamura of Woodland caught the winning fish weighing 8 pounds. Gertie Hoag of Davis was the lone winner of the Ladies Prize with a catch weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces.

The Derby Returns in 1949

The derby continued annually until 1939 when the decision was made to drop the event. One of the reasons for the decision was the war in Europe.

In 1949, local merchant, Romildo "Braid" Pezzaglia had the idea to revive the event, and it has been held, for the most part, every year since.

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Bass Derby

Writer: Karen Dozier Photographer: Robie Williams

What has striped bass, cash prizes, food and craft vendors, a parade, fireworks, a classic car show, a pancake breakfast, a beer garden, a carnival, a rummage sale, and ten bands performing over three days?

If you guessed the 74th Annual Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival, you are correct! And it all takes place October 7, 8, and 9 in downtown Rio Vista.

The Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival is the longest running fishing derby on the west coast. First held in 1933, it continued each year until 1938 and was discontinued from 1939-1949, most likely due to the war in Europe. It has been held almost every year since.

The fishing derby has three categories: Striped Bass, Sturgeon, and Salmon. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in each category. Top prize for striped bass is \$3,000. In addition to the cash prizes, there are fishing/camping/outdoor gear prizes to be awarded to those placing beyond the first three places. There is also a kids' fishing derby with cash prizes for catfish and fishing gear for those placing beyond third place.

The fishing derby runs from 6:00 am Friday, October 7 until 3:00 pm Sunday, October 9. Winners are announced at the weigh station at the foot of Main St. shortly after 3:00 pm with prizes awarded immediately after. Thank you to Ken Baccetti and the Striped Bass Association (Isleton Chapter) for their help in planning the fishing derby and for their operation of the weigh station at the foot of Main St.

Purchase fishing tickets at the Rio Vista Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce office at 33 N. 2nd St. or online at the Bass Festival website at www.bassfestival.com.

While the fishing derby is taking place, there is an enormous festival going on in downtown Rio Vista for three fun-filled days. An estimated 15,000-20,000 people attend the festival over the three-day period. Special thanks go to Rio Vista Farms/CoCo Farms, our Diamond Corporate sponsor for the festival.



& Festival

At 45 Main St., the Rio Vista Food Pantry hosts the very popular “Catch of the Day” rummage sale. Snap up a variety of gently used items for sale throughout the weekend.

Front St. comes alive with almost 100 vendors selling a variety of food, drinks, desserts, arts and crafts, and all manner of homemade goodies. Several informational tables represent various non-profits and businesses.



The Western Express Railroad train operates Saturday and Sunday, transporting festival goers up and down Main and Front Streets. Hop on board and rest your feet while moving from activity to activity and enjoy the sights and sounds of the music, carnival, car show, and more.

Relax and enjoy ice-cold beer, wine, margaritas, and delicious food items under a huge tent with plenty of tables and chairs at the Pole Barn on Front St. You'll also find the Starlight Stage where ten bands perform over the three days of the festival. Sit back and enjoy the music or put your dancin' shoes on and join in the fun. Bands scheduled to perform include:

Network, Groovy Judy, and Livin' Daylightes — Friday, October 7, 4:00-11:00 pm

River Ratz, Derek Abel Band, Strange Brew, and Briefcase Blues Brothers — Saturday, October 8, 11:30 am-11:00 pm

Michelle Lambert, Afterglow, and Angela Street — Sunday, October 9, 11:30 am-5:00 pm

Karaoke performances take place during band breaks.

This year, we celebrate the return of the carnival, and our festival is back to full-tilt fun on Front St. Last year's carnival fell victim to the pandemic's effects on carnival staff availability where there were not enough workers to go around. Larger carnival rides are located on the west side of Front St. and rides for little ones are located across the street on the river side. Nab discount tickets in advance. The tickets may be exchanged at the carnival ticket booth for an all-day wristband for one person or for a package of several ride tickets that may be shared. Get ready to spin, drop, and zoom through the rides and attractions. Welcome back carnival!

Saturday begins with a Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Rio Vista Lions and the Rio Vista Hot Shots, at the RVFD Fire Station. The Rio Vista Lions also host a classic car show on Main St. Judging of the car entries takes place during the day and prizes are awarded at 3:00 pm.

Saturday evening features a spectacular fireworks show over the river at approximately 8:45 pm. We thank The Dutra Group for donating use of their barge to stage the fireworks and Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery who sponsors this event.

Sunday features a good old-fashioned small-town parade that begins at noon. A variety of groups, non-profits and businesses gather near 7th St. to begin the march down Main St.

An enormous thank you to all the volunteers who put this event together and for the contributions by sponsors and Chamber members. And a special thank you to the City of Rio Vista who partners with the Chamber to plan and bring this event to fruition.

For additional information, please visit the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce in the Rio Vista Visitor Center at 33 N. 2nd St., call at (707) 374-2700 or see their web page at www.bassfestival.com.

See you at the 74th Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival!



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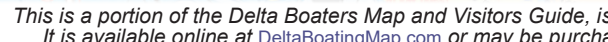
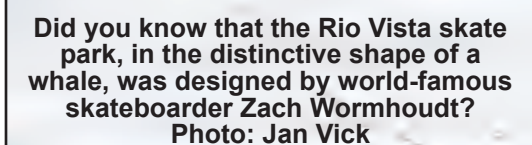
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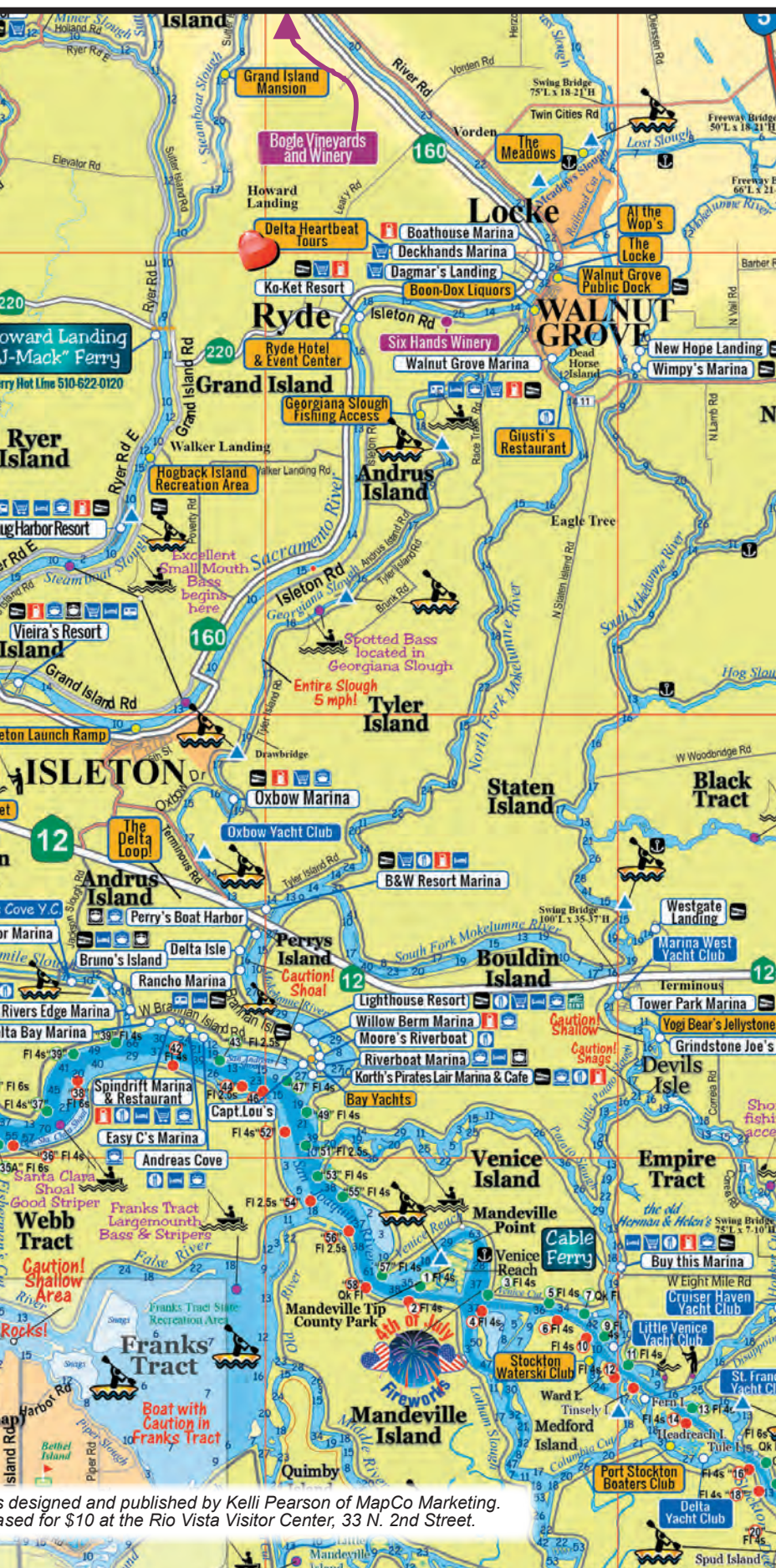




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Did you know that Foster's Big Horn
 offers both elk and bison burgers on
 their menu?
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Flying High in Rio

Writer and Photographer: Doris Noriega

Travis Air Force Base Aero Club

The Travis Air Force Base Aero Club is a flight school that has been at the Rio Vista Municipal Airport since 2006. Offering flight training, plane rentals, aviation instruction, and discovery flights, the Aero Club's mission is to make aviation educational, memorable, and inspiring.



A birds-eye view of the Rio Vista Bridge.

Once in the air the flight instructor helps participants navigate by pressing the right and left rudder pedals. Flights typically cover the East Bay or the Delta. The views are magnificent!

The Aero Club provides an excellent educational and aviation experience. It offers training for Private Pilot, Instrument Rating, Commercial Pilot, Certified Instructor, and Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument. They also offer online private pilot ground school. In addition, the school is getting a new full motion flight simulator. Rates are extremely competitive with other facilities in the area. Once an individual receives their license, they then can rent the Aero Club's airplanes for recreational flying.

In 2019 the school was the winner of the "Flight Training Experience Award" by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Involved in aviation since 1977, Dan Saran is the Aero Club manager. Dan earned his private pilot license and Instrument Flight Rules rating but chose to pursue a career with a Bay Area fire department, although he stayed involved with aviation both professionally and as a hobby. Lucia Sanchez is the office manager for the past seven years and has been an invaluable team member.

The Discovery Flight is a great introduction to aviation for up to three people for \$240/hour. Participants receive general information from the pilot about how to fly a plane and how the cockpit controls work. Participants actually fill out a flight plan, review the pre-flight check list, become familiarized with the instrument panel and switch the toggle switches on and off as instructed.



Flight instructors Coby Reynolds and Ira Billick.

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The flight school instructors are highly trained with years of experience.

Ira Billick is the club's chief flight instructor. Instructing student pilots since 1974, he has accumulated 16,400 flying hours. After completing his years of service as a Army pilot, Ira "dedicated his life's mission to teach the art of flying and piloting an aircraft."

Capt. R. Ernest Templeton, (Retired) has earned accreditation as a NAFI (National Association of Flight Instructors) Master Flight Instructor. Ernest has enjoyed working as a flight instructor for the past eight years.



Dan Saran, Aero Club manager and Lucia Sanchez, office manager.

Matt Grossen is skilled in multi-engine, turbine, high performance, and complex planes. Also a retired Air Force pilot instructor, Matt strives to give the best training possible in good flying habits, techniques, and decision making.

John Yeckel is a first officer at a regional airline and a retired Air Force instructor. He has over fifteen years of instructor experience. John received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics in 2016 and has completed his Instrument, Commercial, and Flight Instructor pilot rating at the Travis AFB Aero Club.

Ed McGaha runs the flight simulator and flies with students.

John Howard is retired from the Air Force and has been a commercial pilot. He started flying when he was sixteen years old at a local Air Force Aero Club. Ed has accumulated nearly 5,000 flight hours and has been teaching for more than six years.

Joshua Patzer has been part of the Civil Air Patrol for seven years. In 2019 he graduated from the University of North Dakota where

he studied aviation.

Brian Beaty, Morleh Sokargbo, and Colby Reynolds are also flight instructors. In 2017 Colby began flight training at the Aero Club. He completed all his single-engine ratings in 2021.

Vista!



Pilot Mona Madry-Adams, working toward her commercial license.

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Mt Diablo seen from the air.

Airport Days Wings and Wheels is Back!

As of print this is what is known about the event activities, still in the planning stages. On Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm many fun and exciting things are happening at the Rio Vista Municipal Airport (088). The event is free and open to the public. At 9:00 am there is a pancake breakfast provided by the Lion's Club at a cost \$10.00 a plate.

The main event starts at 10:00 am with vintage and experimental aircraft on display as well as some fancy cars from local owners and groups. There is at least one band playing from the Lions Concert Stage, an area for kids activities, and so much more. Food trucks are on hand starting at 11:00 am. Expected highlights are the REACH helicopter, the US Coast Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Solano County Sheriff SWAT vehicles and Rio Vista Police and Fire Departments, to name a few. There is a cooling/first aid station available in the terminal building with free COVID and Flu shots being offered by Medic Ambulance.

It's a fun time for all!

TURKEY TROT

Writer: Noelle Gomes Photographer: Richard Flink

Rio Vista's 8th annual Turkey Trot returns to action this year at 8:00 am Thanksgiving morning. The Rio Vista High School cross country team is excited to repeat last year's big race results with this year's race.

With community support, the team hopes to purchase important training tools and team warm-ups for this year's season. Event organizers Edwin Okamura, Tami Mitchell, Noelle Gomes and Erin Kidwell, with support from the RioVision board and members, help organize and promote the event. Extra help is always welcome!

Rio Vista's own Turkey Trot is a favorite Thanksgiving morning tradition for many families in the Delta. And, of course, running (or walking) is a healthy and fun way to celebrate the holiday and build community spirit. The 5K (3.1 miles) main race, that begins at Devine Gym on North 2nd Street, is a predominantly

paved street course that is generally flat with only a few gentle up and downhill sections. While the plan is to keep the course as close to the same as possible, if changes are approved, there may be some subtle differences. In addition to the regular 5K race for seasoned runners and walkers, blossoming runners can participate in the ¼-mile dash for ages 4 to 7 or the 1-mile race open to runners up to age 12. Racers can participate in the 5K race at any level they wish – running, jogging or walking. Prizes for 1st through 3rd places are awarded in each age category in addition to the overall Top Male and Top Female awards. Look for a sign-up booth on Saturday of the Bass Derby Festival.

The online sign-up site reactivates to coincide with the Festival weekend so runners and walkers can sign up and pay online. Runners can choose a t-shirt if they sign up before the t-shirt deadline, which is determined once the site is active. The cost of the Turkey Trot is inflation-proof! The 5K race is still \$30, the 1-mile race \$5 and the ¼-mile dash is free. The cost is \$35 at the door on race day but a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

All Turkey Trot proceeds go directly to the RVHS cross country team, as well as other high school athletic teams who help with the event. If your business or organization would like to help sponsor the event, please contact Tami Mitchell at tami.mitchell.26@gmail.com or (925) 819-4822. There are different levels of sponsorship for those who would like to donate. It is very much appreciated whether you help a little or a lot and put to good use for young runners. Previous races have allowed the programs to afford everything from uniform t-shirts and snacks to invitational entry fees and high-tech running watches.

See you all Thanksgiving morning!



Lenese Coughran and Lynnda Lira complete the race in style.

Holiday Events

Make the Holidays Bright!

Writer: Linda Jensen

Getting together with friends is the best way to make the holiday season special. Here are some great ways to celebrate with your friends and neighbors here in Rio Vista. Put these events on your calendar today and come join the fun. The party starts when you get there!

Trilogy Gift, Craft, Art & Jewelry Faire

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Trilogy Vista Clubhouse – Open to the Public



Photo: Debbie Dorn

Don't miss the next Trilogy Gift, Craft, Art & Jewelry Faire! Open to the public, this convenient and fun shopping experience features thousands of unique hand-crafted items. Enter the raffle to win amazing hourly prizes. Proceeds go to Rio Vista Senior Center's "Meals on Wheels." Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Rio Vista Museum Olde Tyme Christmas Faire

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, December 4, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Take a trip back in time and enjoy the holiday atmosphere at the Rio Vista Museum. Come in and listen to Christmas music, buy your raffle tickets for fabulous prizes from our vendors,



Photo: Nora Crane

and enjoy some of the yummy treats at our very popular Bake Sale. Find unique hand-crafted items by local artisans that include jewelry, soaps and candles, cards and stationery, quilted and knitted items, beautifully decorated fresh wreaths, and local homemade jams, jellies and honey.

Interested vendors can contact Nora Crane at (707) 334-6191 or via email at onetwin1960@gmail.com.

Main Street Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 pm

Plans for a Christmas parade are unknown as of print. If the parade occurs it takes place prior to the tree lighting.

Hospice of San Joaquin Tree of Lights

Saturday, December 3, 5:30 pm

Be present to watch as the Hospice of San Joaquin illuminates their "Tree of Lights" at the end of Main Street in front of City Hall. Dedicate a light on the tree to remember or honor a loved one by making a donation on their website: www.hospicesj.org/treeoflights. Your donation supports the agency's programs of nursing care and bereavement services for terminally ill patients and their families throughout San Joaquin County and neighboring communities including Rio Vista.

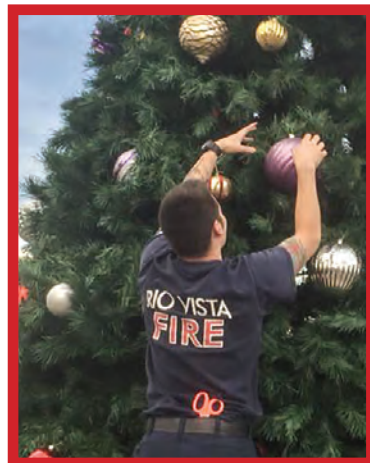


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Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 3, 6:00 pm

The Annual Lighted Boat Parade is sponsored by the Delta Marina Yacht Harbor. Gaily decorated boats depart from the Marina's guest dock at 6:00 pm and proceed north to the bridge and back. View the boats decked out in lights and wired with



Photo: Monica Giannini

music along the waterfront from the marina up to the public fishing pier and promenade. This event is "weather permitting."

NEW BUSINESS Desert Blooms

Writer: Laurie Oleksiewicz Photographer: Jan Vick

While downtown Rio Vista is home to some fabulous long-time businesses, recently fresh faces have appeared on the scene bringing exciting options and variety for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Desert Blooms owner Ricki Mountain is a lifelong backyard botanist and cactus lover who spends her free time rescuing misfits and dying plants from local shops and garden centers. She is constantly re-potting and up-potting among other things to nurse them back to health.

After realizing desert plants were her passion, Ricki started Desert Blooms. She offers a thoughtfully curated selection of cacti and succulents paired with unique handcrafted art and décor.

Ricki collaborates with a wide team of local growers to source a choice of plants, securing unusual cacti, succulents, and other interesting specimens wherever possible.



She is hopeful Desert Blooms becomes an inspirational hub and shop for all cactus lovers near and far who are searching for a wide range of creative cacti and succulent decor. Stop by and say hello. Desert Blooms, located at 408 Main Street, is open Tuesday through Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Call the store at (707) 378-2078 or check out their website at www.desertblooms.co (note: there is intentionally no "m" at the end of the website address).

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Gallery Artists

Writer: Robie Williams

The RioVision Gallery has approximately 20 artists of the Delta who share fascinating art genres. The RioVision Gallery highlights an artist and their work every month with a reception on the third Saturday of the month where the artist and the Gallery are showcased. It gives everyone a chance to meet the various artists, view their work and mingle with light refreshments.

The Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 pm. While you're there checking out the artwork, don't forget to pick up See's Candies, including new sugar free choices.

September – Jim Ludwig

September highlights the photography of Jim Ludwig. After retiring as a Special Education teacher from the Acalanes Union High School District in 2009, Jim began his second career in the visual arts, a lifelong interest.



Jim followed his photography passion and was pleased to discover that his images were well received by others. He received recognition and awards, resulting

in the formation of his company, Jim Ludwig Photography & Digital Art. Currently, Jim's photographic work includes traditional landscapes, rustic still lifes and contemporary abstract

images. Much of this work is traditional photography, however, a portion of his catalog consists of photo-digital art pieces. These pieces combine traditional photographs with digital painting. They

maintain the detail and clarity of the original photograph with a painted feel suggestive of watercolor or pastel chalk art.

Jim enjoys sharing (and selling!) his art by traveling to art festivals throughout the western states. If you haven't seen one of his traveling art shows, be sure to stop by the Gallery in September to enjoy his work.

Jim is the special guest at the artist reception on September 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

October – Jamie Victor

October features Jamie Victor, who founded Knitterbug Designs in 2004, creating elegant and luxurious hand knit one of a kind knit scarves. These scarves are crafted with premium quality yarns: custom or hand-dyed silks, cashmere, and extra fine mohair. In 2015, Jamie began learning Nuno felting from felt artist Linda Fead and now creates Jamie's Felt Flower Designs. Nuno felting is a fabric felting technique developed around 1992 by Polly Stirling, a fiber artist from New South Wales, Australia. The technique bonds loose fiber, usually wool, into a



sheer fabric such as silk gauze, creating a lightweight felt. Learning the art from Linda Fead, as well as from YouTube videos, Jamie fell in love with the technique and has been working to improve her flowers for the past few years.

Jamie starts with a felt top, which comes in every imaginable color. Then she adds luster fibers such as silk and viscose that gives a sheen to the flower. If mohair is added, it creates a lovely halo. Jamie loves vintage and uses many unique pieces to finish off her flowers, such as silk and velvet flowers, stamens, and of course her long-time favorites, Czech art glass buttons.

Jamie's talents are recognized at a reception on October 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

November – Eugenie Quan-Corral

November highlights Eugenie Quan-Corral, who is a visionary artist. Utilizing photography, acrylics and different forms of multi-media including conceptualizing programming, Eugenie uses her artistic creativity purposefully. Eugenie is attracted to non-traditional concepts to improve the health, mind, body and spirit. Eugenie strives to showcase balance and highlights inner peace and remaining grounded in her artwork. She shares these life lessons with others via her artwork. She graduated from California College of the Arts with a Bachelors of Fine Arts with Distinction in graphic design. Eugenie has worked in advertising, owned a design firm and is currently the Executive Producer/Producer at the Greater Bay Area Talent Television.

of the Month

Photographers: Jim Ludwig, Jan Vick & Susan Whitesell



Eugenie is creating programming regarding social growth and understanding. Stay tuned in the future to GBATTV.com for these shows that are slated to come out in the future. One of the



shows is about meeting and seeing others. Another is a show highlighting artists of the Delta and beyond. She hopes to help produce a show about wellness including non-

traditional modalities.

Stop by and meet Eugenie at the reception on November 19th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

December – “Small Art” Artists

December showcases many of our artists to meet your holiday needs. Meet Birdtown Designs. These designers feature hand crocheted lariat necklaces created by Cindy Stewart, Jill Graham, Joann Hill and Lane Sennett. Jewels by Prince artist Susan Prince displays her custom designed matching sets featuring semiprecious stones and beads. The Gallery Curator, Amy Schmidt’s



work in metals expands your jewelry selections.

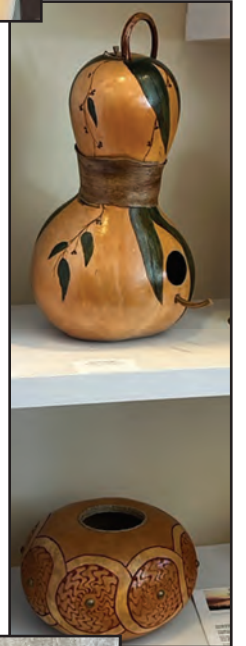
The Gallery felting artists, Linda Fead and Jamie Victor bring their distinctive styles including Linda’s felted animals and pictures and Jamie’s exquisite felt flower designs.

Diana Peugh’s work with cattail gourds are also on display. Diana creates many

types of containers, bird houses, necklaces and her specialty at Christmas time is her unique gourd ornaments.

Of course, if you’re looking for beautiful photography or artwork, you’ve come to the right place as these genres are also available.

Enjoy meeting the “small art” artists at a reception on December 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.



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Writer: Susan Whitesell

Since 2014, *Discover Rio Vista* magazine has been a labor of love by RioVision volunteers, writing about anything and everything around our Delta community for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. In the process, we expanded our tri-annual magazine from 20 to 24 pages and our distribution from 8,000 to 16,000 copies. But we need help.

One of the most important benefits of volunteering is the impact you can make, allowing you to connect to our community and make it a better place. We guarantee you will discover so much about the Delta, learn new skills and make new friends.

Here are some of the magazine positions that need your help. In cases where we describe a skill you may not have or want to learn, rest assured. We are a supportive group that can teach you the skills you need to succeed!

Editor – The editor has the joy of overseeing the talents of fellow dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers as the magazine transforms from scratch-score to symphony under their baton. This position needs a creative type who is not only good with people, is well organized, and has solid writing and editing capabilities, but also has strong computer skills, especially those for page or web layout, such as Publisher, InDesign or QuarkXPress. We recently added a new Project Manager, who keeps track of pesky details such as the project timeline and the progress of tasks required to bring our magazine to print.

Assistant Editor – Needs an artistic personality with the graphic capabilities to create and place ads, manipulate photos and manage images with programs such as Photoshop, Illustrator, CorelDRAW, PaintShop Pro or GIMP. Experience with, or at least willingness to learn InDesign is a plus.

Advertising – Needs an outgoing person who enjoys meeting new people and has great follow-up. Advertising also needs folks to manage the advertiser database and ad tracking, which requires some skill with (or at least willingness to learn) database software such as Excel.

Distribution – We have someone who picks up our magazines from the publisher and delivers them to our local distributors but need someone to manage the magazine distribution database and develop new distribution sites, which also requires, as above, at least some aptitude with Excel. We always need volunteers to deliver magazines to local businesses here, up and down the river, and to nearby communities.

Writers and Reviewers – We think of our writers and reviewers as the heart and soul of the magazine. You're a perfect fit if you're curious about our community and enjoy writing. Don't worry if your writing skill is not at professional level. We have volunteer reviewers (pre-editors) who, if necessary, smooth out any jagged edges in your piece and resubmit it back to you for your approval before forwarding it to the Editor. We often hear from writers that articles are "Fun to write" or from reviewers that they "Learned so much."

Photographers – We love to feature our many talented photographers in this community! You're a natural if you love to take photos of people, places and events in the Delta.

We're proud that *Discover Rio Vista* magazine has become a meaningful part of our community. We hope you'll want to become a volunteer to help us continue this wonderful tradition.

Interested in joining us? Contact Robie Williams at (650) 454-4299 or robiejw@hotmail.com.

Chamber Corner

Writer: Karen Dozier

The Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce is led by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, who plan events, promote member businesses and non-profits, and hold after-hours mixers to encourage business networking. We also participate in events outside of Rio Vista, to reach out for other opportunities, and to promote/encourage participation in Rio Vista events, by those living beyond our city limits.

The Chamber offers a wide range of opportunities to promote its member businesses; storefront and home-based businesses are offered free booth space at our summer "Sidewalk Saturday" events, and reduced prices at the Bass Derby & Festival in October. Members may also sponsor Chamber events and have sponsorship exposure in event advertising. Our members receive a monthly E-blast, which lists Chamber activities, business news, mixer dates, and a calendar of local happenings around town. Members may add their flyers to the E-blast to publicize upcoming special events and sales. We maintain a Chamber website at www.riovista.org, and a Bass Derby & Festival website at www.bassfestival.com, as well as active Facebook pages, for both the Chamber and the Bass Derby & Festival.

Chamber Mixers are held monthly and provide an opportunity to network with other businesses/business owners. To inquire about hosting a mixer, please call the Chamber office at (707) 374-2700.

The Chamber offers a universal gift certificate, which may be purchased at the Rio Vista Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce in amounts from \$5 to \$100. These certificates are honored by a variety of member businesses, and the recipient can choose to apply their certificate where they prefer to shop within Rio Vista.

The Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce maintains its Visitor Center at 33 N.2nd St., and visitors find information/referrals for member businesses, Rio Vista events and Bass Derby & Festival promotional items (t-shirts, hats, etc). Publications available at the Visitor Center include *Delta Life*, *Discover Rio Vista*, and *Discover Solano* magazines. We also sell the popular Delta Boaters Map and Visitors Guide.

Interested in becoming a member? We are currently 124 members strong! Drop into the Visitor Center or call us. We are happy to answer any questions you may have, and chat with you about the advantages of being a Chamber member.

Fall / Winter Happenings:

Sidewalk Saturday — Sep 17, Main St., 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Home-based businesses sell arts, crafts, and other items

Chamber Mixer — Sep 28, hosted by Scents & Sew-ability, 321 Main St., 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Friday Night Concert Series — "Rockin' the River," located at 1 Main St., Rio Vista, Sep 2, 16 & 30 and Oct 14 & 28

Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival — Oct 7, 8, & 9, Main and Front St
Fishing contest, live music, food and craft vendors, carnival rides, fireworks, parade, classic car show, beer garden, pancake breakfast

"Small Business Saturday" — Sat, Nov 26, 45 Main St., Sidewalk Saturday Vendors

Chamber Christmas Celebrations — Sat, Dec 3

Caroling competition, toy drive, music, caroling, vendors with arts, crafts, and baked goods, Christmas tree raffle, Downtown, various times

Hospice of San Joaquin Christmas Tree Lighting, 45 Main St., 5:30 pm

Delta Marina Lighted Boat Parade, Rio Vista Waterfront, 6:00 pm

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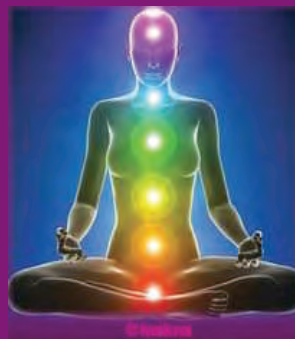
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Event Calendar

Friday Nights, Sep 2, 16 & 30 and Oct 14 & 28, 6:30 pm
Friday Night Concerts - Rockn' the River
 Downtown, Main St. near the water

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Saturday, Sep 10, 10:00 am -
Airport Days - Wings & Wheels

Rio Vista Airport, 3000 Baumann Rd.



Wings and Wheels is returning to the Rio Vista Airport. The event is free and open to the public. Enjoy food trucks, vintage cars on display, Delta Drifters Car Show, a possible Air Force fly over, and more...



Saturday, Sep 10, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Planes and Pancakes
 Rio Vista Airport, 3000 Baumann Rd

Kick off your Airport Days experience with a pancake and sausage breakfast for \$10 sponsored by the Rio Vista Lions. While you're there, check out the Lions trailer.



Saturday, Sep 17, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sidewalk Saturday
 North Second & Main Streets

Stop, shop and enjoy our quaint downtown for the last event of the season. They'll be lots of home-based businesses selling arts, crafts, and other fun items. Small Business Saturday takes place Nov 26.

BINGO									
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3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69					
15	26	41	53	66					
2	1	37	46	65					

Sat, Sep 17, 2:00 pm
CARE Bingo
 Delta Moose Lodge #184, 11 N. Front St.

Have a great time for a good cause! Bingo price is \$30 for 10 games. Win door prizes, raffle prizes or a community drawing. Nosh on delicious free baked goods, coffee and tea or buy the Moose chicken wings. CARE sponsors another Bingo event in early December.

Sat, Sep 17, 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm
RVFD Hot Shots "See You in September"

Veterans Memorial Bldg, 610 St. Francis Way



Enjoy an evening of gaming and dining as nostalgic as the 1966 song. Purchase \$35 tickets at the Rio Vista Fire Station or Pets 4 All. For more info contact Cathy Lindstrom at (831) 206-4963.



Fri, Sep 30, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Kinser Cup Memorial Golf Tournament
 Trilogy Golf Course, west of Rio Vista

Tee up for the 8th Annual Kinser Cup Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by American Legion Post #178, at the Trilogy Golf Course. Use kinsergolftournament.com for fast and easy connection to tournament info.

Sat, Oct 1, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Trilogy Community Garage Sales
 Trilogy, west of Rio Vista

Hundreds of houses participate in this semiannual sale! Furniture, kitchen appliances, yard equipment, clothing, housewares, antiques and more! Gates open to the public at 9:00 am.



Fri - Sun, Oct 7 - 9
74th Annual Bass Derby & Festival
 Downtown

See the *Bass Derby & Festival* article on page 10 for more info.



Fri, Oct 7, noon - 6:30 pm
Sat, Oct 8, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sun, Oct 9, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
"Catch of the Day" Treasures Sale
 45 N. Main Street (Youth Center)

Catch unique and one of a kind items you can't find anywhere else at great prices! Proceeds go to the RV Food Pantry and Rio Vista CARE to support those in our community and nearby areas who need help. Whatever isn't sold is half-off the following Sat, Oct. 15, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm and Sun, Oct 16, 12:30 - 4:30 pm.



Sat, Oct 9, 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Pancake Breakfast
 Rio Vista Fire Dept., 350 Main St.



Dig into a pancake and sausage breakfast for \$10 co-sponsored by the Rio Vista Lions and the Rio Vista Hot Shots.

BINGO									
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15	22	40	50	70					
11	30	42	46	74					
2	28	37	55	68					
10	27	39	59	75					

Fri, Nov 18, 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Soroptimist Bingo Night
 St. Joseph's Hall, 230 S. 4th St.

Enjoy a baked potato bar with fixings, chili and dessert, and one Bingo card pack for \$35. No-host beer and wine are available. Bingo play is 7:00-9:30 pm. Purchase tickets at siriovista.org/events.

Thu, Nov 24, 8:00 am
8th Annual Turkey Trot
 Devine Gym, 40 N. 2nd Street, Rio Vista

See the *Turkey Trot* article on page 15 for more info.



Sat, Nov 19, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Trilogy Gift, Craft, Art Faire & Jewelry Show
 Trilogy Vista Club, west of Rio Vista

See the *Holiday Events* article on page 16 for more info.



Photo: Robie Williams

Sat, Dec 3, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sun, Dec 4, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Olde Tyme Christmas Faire
 Rio Vista Museum, 16 N. Front St.

See the *Holiday Events* article on page 16 for more info.

Sat, Dec 3, 5:30 pm
Tree of Lights
 Main Street

See the *Holiday Events* article on page 16 for more info.



Photo: Nora Crane

Sat, Dec 3, 6:00 pm
Lighted Boat Parade
 Waterfront from Marina to Public Fishing Pier

See the *Holiday Events* article on page 16 for more info.



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