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INTO THE PASTURE

Horse sanctuary open house, sale Saturday

BY MICHAEL MOTT
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

Down a majestic country road, past humble ranch gates and gold and iron doors, lies a retirement home for 22 horses in need. Three more are coming to Horses' Honor in May, a nonprofit ranch where they'll live out the rest of their days.

At 40, Cocoa is the oldest. His spinal column lowered from lordosis, or swayback, and he was abandoned. Brooke, the newest resident, came from a woman who lost her home.

And Tyko, 30, ran the Tevis Cup before being left at a boarding stable. "He's a wonderful citizen. He'll come running up to you," said Niña Thompson, the founding director of Horses' Honor, who knows each of their names.

The nonprofit will be having a large open house and tack sale on Saturday, in participation with the ASPCA Help A Horse Day. That is a national contest and celebration for a portion of \$100,000 grant funding to help horse nonprofits.

Speakers will share tips on horse care, including medical attention, massage, senior feeding and more.

On Wednesday morning, the elder horses ate greens and swung their head while others were brushed. Seven to eight pastures and 83 acres are their home.

Wednesday was Jeanne Bonner's second time volunteering, which is open to anyone year-round. "These horses have given so much of their lives for humans. I like giving back to them," Bonner, of

KNOW AND GO

What: An open house, tack sale and senior horse education day
When: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Horses' Honor Senior Horse Sanctuary, 6600 Garden Bar Road, half hour from Lincoln or Auburn. Directions available on www.horseshonor.org

Bill, 33, was alone for 27 years of his life before coming to Horses' Honor. He lived down the street before his owner had to move.

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E.V.Cain wins big at STEM fairs

First-place students to compete at state, second place will attend as alternates

BY TRICIA CASPERS
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

Is Vitamin B12 absorbed into the blood better as an injection? Do people remember words better if they're written in different color? Does expensive food taste better?

These were a few of the sixth-grade science projects presented by E.V. Cain STEM Charter Middle School students at Placer County STEM Exposition fair on March 4 and 5. Nine of the 60 students took home awards, and a few will go on to the state competition in Los Angeles.

Of those, 35 students competed and won honors at the regional level last weekend.

Students began brainstorming topic ideas in November, said E.V. Cain science teacher, Don Scott. They researched their ideas in December, formed hypotheses and began plans to experiment during winter break.

"Depending on the students' resources and how committed they were, the projects had varying degrees of complexity," Scott said.

More complicated experiments included the Vitamin B12 study, conducted by Brazil,

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New American River bridge near Auburn gains traction

BY GUS THOMSON
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

A new pedestrian bridge across the American River is still a big, bright bold idea.

And nearly 15 years after initial funding of \$500,000 was pledged, the idea of spanning the river below Auburn is gaining some renewed momentum.

Auburn's environmental group Protect American River Canyons (PARC) is taking a lead.

A letter-writing campaign to State Parks officials has generated hundreds of pleas for consideration of a bridge and improved public access to the China Bar area.

Located off Auburn's Maidu

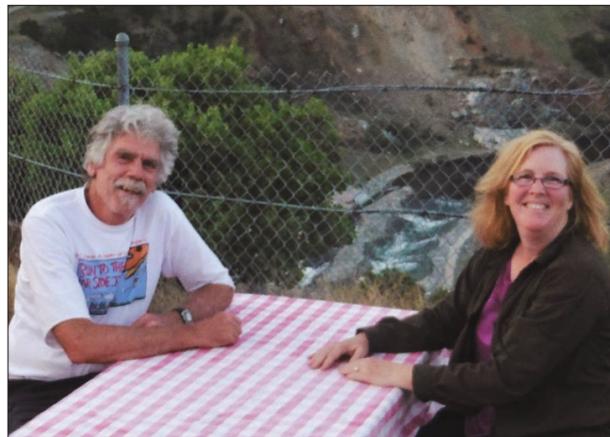
Drive, the China Bar area is in the Auburn State Recreation Area on land owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and operated by State Parks.

It's part of the site of the long-delayed Auburn dam and was once a river crossing, when the stretch of the waterway was underground, flowing through a diversion tunnel built during construction in the 1960s.

State Parks – in the midst of a revamp of its general plan for the Auburn State Recreation Area – is providing encouragement.

"This is a good time to really start pushing these discussions because we're right in the middle of the general plan

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PARC board members Eric Peach and Deanna Marsh sit at picnic table overlooking part of a stretch of the American River near Auburn that they're working to bridge.



Partly to mostly cloudy with possible evening rain
73° Today's high
53° Tonight's low

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PASTURE: The horses receive hoof care, dental checks and needed shots at the sanctuary

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Loomis, said while brushing Brooke, a Grey Arabian. "I love to learn their stories."

Thompson started the nonprofit in 1999, after meeting horse rescuer Joe Shelton. A horse-lover all her life, she was inspired and something in her changed, she said.

"It was all about the horses at that point," she said. She started asking ranch owners if they had spare land and eventually had horses rescued from slaughter or unnecessary euthanasia located at 12 pastures.

In 2008, with the economy crashed and many horse-owners unable to care for their own, she realized she needed to keep them in her sight to take care of them.

Five years ago, she met her now-husband. She



Three of Niña Thompson horses live on the ranch as well, Sasquatch, Tesoro and Ragnar. They were getting hoof care together Wednesday.

didn't know it, but he had 83 acres, which would eventually become Horseshoe Honor.

The horses receive hoof care, dental checks

and needed shots.

According to the Animal Welfare Institute, a nonprofit whose goal is to reduce animal pain by humans, 144,656 horses

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were sent to Canada or Mexico for slaughter in 2013. "Buddy," one of the horses at the sanctuary, was rejected from slaughter since he was

thin and the meat buyer didn't want him.

Others suffered from horrific abuse or neglect before arriving at the sanctuary. Many of them were surrendered by owners who could no longer take care of them.

"One owner was terminally ill and needed help. It was my honor to do that," she said. She advised owners to consider euthanasia over slaughter, though euthanasia is a more expensive option.

At the sanctuary, the horses are rotated on most of the pastures, eating where suitable. Some of the oldest horses are fed special senior feed for extra nutrition. One pasture is for troublemakers.

Bonner and Thompson laughed out on the pasture, where Bonner brushed Brooke and the

horse's gray hair floated off into the breeze. They remembered trotting around the playground as girls.

Thompson is proud of how the nonprofit has progressed. She would like to grow and have more horses ("The phone rings off the hook every day," she said, for owners wanting to surrender theirs). But she doesn't want to take on more than can be cared for.

She spends her days weed-eating and caring for the horses, which she loves.

"They're creatures that bend to man's will with little choice of their own. They're capable of magic under the right hands," she said. "There's a part of me that believes such an honorable being deserves an elevated status."

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which required that subjects have their blood tested in a lab.

The sixth-grade scientist has been interested in the topic since she read a book about it in the school library in second grade.

"I found a book about how people died from lack of vitamins," Brazil said. "It can really mess your body up."

The most challenging portion of Brazil's project, she said, was finding six people who were willing to get their blood tested twice, as well as pay for the draws.

"I would have had to pay more than \$1,000, if I had provided the (funding)," she said.

In one comparison, Brazil's research showed that a person's Vitamin

E.V. CAIN AWARD COUNT

Behavioral Sciences

- First- Emily Valdez
- Second- Cheyenne Smith
- Third- Hayden Bose
- Honorable Mention - Kirsten Brisco

Biological Sciences

- Fifth-Tristan Halog

Chemistry and Health

Sciences

- Fifth- Addison Arsenith
- Honorable Mention - Bailey Brazil

Energy and Transportation Sciences

- Second- Victoria Eichhorn
- Third- Josh Shuttleworth
- Honorable Mention - Weston Sellers

Engineering Sciences

- Second- Ben Panasyuk

Physical Sciences

- Second- Ashlee Zieglermann
- Honorable Mention - Asa Barnhart

Special Award Winners

- Amaya Shumaker - First Place, Civil American Engineers, plus \$100.
- Bailey Brazil - Addison Arsenith
- Danielle Uribe - Weston Sellers
- Dayanara Zamora

B12 absorption could increase by close to 900 milliliters when injected.

"It's a nice thing to be able to discover and get very pumped up about ... what you can do to help the world," Brazil said.

Arsenith's experiment comparing the effectiveness of different types of preservatives required that she grow bacteria in a sterile lab over time.

All students were required to present a 20-page paper that included a hypothesis, procedure, findings, and five-page summary and opinion.

"Science is something they are getting a lot of every day," Scott said. "Doing the science fair has become the cool thing."

At the county STEM fair, Cain students dominated both the Scientific Inquiry

and Rube Goldberg categories. In the Scientific Inquiry Amaya Shumaker won first place, Kirsten Jilot, second, and Mateo Packard, third. Also in the Scientific Inquiry, Addison Arsenith won an invitation to compete in the State Science Fair in Los Angeles on May 23 and 24 along with Brazil and Kirsten Jilot as alternates. In the Rube Goldberg category

Packard won first place while Jilot and Hannah Bruce tied for third place.

The Placer County fair was the first of two fairs in which these students participated. On April 1 and 2, along with Scott, they traveled to Sacramento to compete in the annual Synopsys Sacramento Regional STEM Fair held at American River College. There they competed against the brightest young minds from all over the region, represented by 12 different counties.

Emily Valdez won first place in behavioral and social sciences for her research into music's impact on cognitive performance.

Valdez worked with 60 test subjects, giving them the same game to play twice, once while listening to classical music and once while listening to pop.

She was surprised to find that her hypothesis – that people concentrate better while listening to pop music – was proven wrong.

"Classic music did far better," she said. "I think because when you listen it gets you focused and calms you down."

With popular songs people got distracted, she said.

Valdez plans to test the results during her own study time.

"It would be smart to try it out," she said.

Together, E.V. Cain students earned close to 30 awards and recognitions.

It was the only Auburn-area school to participate in the regional fair, according to Ryan Edean, spokesperson for the Sacramento event.

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AUBURN WEATHER

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TODAY

High 73°

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

RealFeel: 78°

TONIGHT

Low 53°

Mainly cloudy with rain toward dawn

RealFeel: 48°

FRIDAY

60° / 43°

Rain and a t-storm early in the morning

RealFeel: 62° / 42°

SATURDAY

66° / 45°

Clouds limiting sunshine

RealFeel: 71° / 45°

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Willows 77/56, Oroville 77/56, Reno 78/50, Truckee 65/38, Grass Valley 69/49, Colusa 77/56, Yuba City 77/56, Auburn 73/53, Roseville 76/54, South Lake Tahoe 63/40, Woodland 76/56, Davis 75/56, Folsom 75/55, Placerville 71/51, Santa Rosa 67/52, Winters 74/56, Sacramento 76/56, Galt 76/55, Jackson 73/50, Arnold 68/45, Napa 70/54, Vacaville 74/55, Fairfield 72/55, Lodi 76/55, Sonoma 77/51, Vallejo 67/55, Concord 73/56, Stockton 80/54, San Francisco 69/57, Oakland 69/57, Tracy 77/54, Modesto 81/57

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Auburn Airport through 5 p.m. Wednesday

Temperature

High/low	75°/55°
Normal high/low	69°/46°
Record high	87° (1950)
Record low	32° (2008)

Precipitation

24 hours through 5 p.m. Wed. 0.00"

Season to date 30.07"

Last season to date 22.29"

Normal season to date 33.94"

Season: October 1 through September 30

AIR QUALITY

38

46

0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very Unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

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Albuquerque	74/50 s	75/53 pc
Atlanta	79/63 c	75/59 t
Boston	70/53 s	75/53 c
Chicago	69/43 c	53/37 pc
Columbus, Ohio	71/56 t	69/44 sh
Dallas	77/56 r	79/56 s
Denver	66/40 s	76/48 s
Detroit	68/54 t	63/38 pc
Flagstaff	70/31 s	67/37 pc
Houston	75/61 t	81/59 pc
Indianapolis	73/54 t	66/45 pc
Kansas City	67/48 pc	70/48 s
Las Vegas	92/66 s	87/62 pc
Los Angeles	79/57 s	72/58 c
Miami	82/72 pc	83/71 pc
Minneapolis	67/42 sh	62/44 pc
Nashville	74/60 t	77/54 pc
New Orleans	81/67 t	79/65 c
New York City	72/58 pc	78/56 t
Oklahoma City	74/48 pc	76/51 s
Philadelphia	74/60 pc	79/58 t
Phoenix	95/67 s	94/68 s
Portland, Ore.	75/55 c	82/48 sh
Raleigh	81/61 sh	78/57 t
Salt Lake City	81/56 s	80/52 pc
San Luis Obispo	73/53 pc	68/49 sh
Seattle	72/55 c	61/50 sh
Tucson	93/59 s	92/61 s
Washington, D.C.	75/64 pc	78/58 t

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POLLEN & MOLD

Ratings for Roseville yesterday

Trees: 4
Grass: 7
Weeds: 6
Molds: 3

absent low moderate high very high

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SUN & MOON

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:19 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
Moon	7:32 p.m.	6:17 a.m.

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