



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March Meowness

MARCH 18 — APRIL 9

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Native Plant Sales

APRIL 13, 10:30 AM–12 PM

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NATURE CENTER

Monthly Plant Sales are Back! Come to our nature centers during our sales to learn more about growing local native plants and purchase some for your garden!

Empty Saddle Club Gymkhana Series

APRIL 14, 8 AM

More information on page 7

PVPHA Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7 PM

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

27th Annual Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival and Chili Cook-Off

MAY 4, 7 PM

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

More information on pages 3 and 8

City of RHE Mayor's Breakfast Ride

MAY 11, 8:30 AM

rhe.city/mayorsride

More information on page 4

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PVPHA April Meeting: Equine Nutrition with Will Friday

By Jan Spak

Mark your calendars for another great presentation from Will Friday, the CEO (Chief Equine Officer) of Performance Equine Bodywork! We had such a great response to the Masterson Bodywork event Will gave us in January that I'm happy to announce he will return to

continue that education at our next meeting: April 18 at 7 PM at the Empty Saddle Club. Will is a certified Legacy Equine Nutrition Advisor and will be discussing how to take the guess work out of equine nutrition. I'm confident we can all learn something useful to help our equine partners be and feel their best!

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Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association

MAY 4th, 2024 7 PM

EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

39 Empty Saddle Club Rd RHE CA. 90274

To SIGN UP or MORE INFO call

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Mayor's Breakfast Ride

From the City of RHE

Local equestrians are invited to meet at Chandler Park with their horse on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. to saddle up for a tour of beautiful scenic trails! Chandler Park is located at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive North, just west of Rolling Hills Estates City Hall. The tour will conclude at Ernie Howlett Park, located at 25851 Hawthorne Boulevard, where our local scouts will be serving up a delicious pancake breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Ernie Howlett Park. Tickets are available for purchase at City Hall or your local scout troop for \$10* starting Monday, April 15th.

*Exact change needed day of event



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MAY 11, 2024
8:30 AM - 11:00AM

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March Gymkhana at the Empty Saddle Club

By Jared Xepolis

The March 17th Empty Saddle Club Gymkhana Event found the Irish Gold of the equestrian world this St. Patty's Day weekend, dishing out over \$1,600 in cash prizes, buckles, breakaway ropes and more! The vibe was electric as young riders showed off their skills and passion for the sport.

Jared Xepolis (Member of ESC and the one behind Rafter X Productions) was blown away by the turnout and support from the community. With a team of dedicated volunteers such as Julia Hild and Jeanne McNerney in the booth, and Madison Jones at the gate, the event was almost as flawless as the weather!

Big shoutout to sponsors Dr. Larry Kelly & Donna Fernandez DVM, Keenan Development, Von Plateau Dog Training, Dr. Ruth Sobeck DVM, Leo and Julie Ringer and Top Hand Ropes for making it all happen! They are a big success in getting amazing awards and prizes for the End of Year banquet where we are giving away divisional Trophy Saddles and much more!

This inaugural event is just the beginning for the ESC Gymkhana Series. Stay tuned for more action-packed, youth-focused fun in the saddle!

For all inquiries, please reach out to Jared Xepolis at 310-344-3818 and @rafter.x.roping for all event updates and postings. They will also be on the Empty Saddle Club Facebook page.



Katelyn Serpico on Bermuda running Speed Barrels



*Siena Hicks on Magnolia running Poles 1.
All photos courtesy of Dale Lofgren.*



EMPTY SADDLE CLUB GYMKHANA SERIES

LOCATION

39 Empty Saddle Road
Rolling Hills Estates,
CA90274

CASH ONLY!!!!

**\$75
ENTRY
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DATE

**APRIL 14th
SIGN UP @ 7AM**

EVENT STARTS @ 8AM

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Trail Updates

Open Trails in Rolling Hills!

Great news! The following trails are now open!

This list is as of March 27th. We will keep you informed as the City of Rolling Hills opens additional trails.

- Blackwater Canyon Trail
- Bowie Trail (Lower & Upper)
- Caballeros Ring
- Hix Ring
- Lower & Upper Si's Canyon Trail
- Purple Canyon Trail
- Saffo's Rest
- Sleepy Hollow Trail
- Upper Willow Trail

Chandler Trail Closure

The Chandler Trail on the west side of Palos Verdes Drive East remains closed until further notice for drainage repairs. The trail is closed from Chandler Ranch Road to Clubview Lane.



Chili Cook-Off Contest Entry Form

FIRST PRIZE: \$100 SECOND PRIZE: \$50 THIRD PRIZE: \$25

WHEN: **Saturday, May 4th** WHERE: **Empty Saddle Club**

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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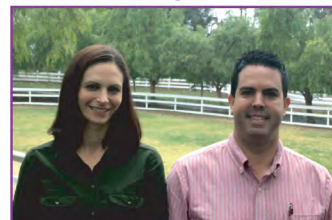
CONTEST RULES

1. Chili needs to be in a crock pot.
2. Chili needs to be at the Empty Saddle Club by 5:00 PM.
3. Once you have emailed your entry form to Sean@martinhorses.com with "Chili Contest" in the subject line, you will receive a number. That number will be placed with the crock pot. Judging will take place in the kitchen of the Empty Saddle Club between 5:30 and 6:00 PM.
4. Please send in your entry by Friday, May 3rd, 2024
5. Deadline to enter: May 4, 2024
6. Winners need not be present. Winners will be announced at the Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival May 4, 2024.

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Need a Cowboy Hat? Go See Carlos Ramirez at LPK Hats!

By Nancy Wildman

We have a new Cowboy clothing and accessories store in town! Owned and operated by Carlos Ramirez, LPK Hats can take care of all your western wear needs in one place.

I spoke to Carlos at his shop recently after seeing him at the Empty Saddle Club Gymkhana Series Show in March. He had many beautiful hats and bands for sale there along with his steaming machine for immediate hat shaping. I was intrigued about his business as well as interested in helping to promote a horse related business in our neighborhood.

When I asked Carlos what gave him the idea to open a Cowboy Hat Shop, this is what I learned; It all started with a Stetson hat Carlos purchased when he was about 21. One day he noticed it was crooked. He took it to a local western wear store to get it reshaped and straightened out, but they couldn't fix it. He set the hat aside and years passed without him wearing it, until his father purchased a Stetson hat of his own. When his father's hat got stained, Carlos went on the hunt for someone who could clean and restore it to wearable condition. At one point he was referred to 3G Hat Shaping in Whittier and that's where Carlos got his inspiration to learn how to shape and maintain Cowboy hats.

After that encounter, Carlos bought a hat steamer from Amazon. At first, he only considered hat shaping as a hobby. As he learned more and more about shaping and trimming hats by watching YouTube videos and trial and error, he began shaping hats for friends and family. Little by little, word spread about Carlos' beautiful hats, until he had enough clients to consider opening his own hat shaping business. At first, he was only looking to rent a small workspace because

the hats were overtaking his home. As luck would have it, he met Sherry from Cheap Vintage and she offered to lease him a whole storefront right next door to hers on Narbonne Avenue.

Some of the services Carlos currently offers are; felt and straw hat sales, felt hat maintenance, brim cutting and reshaping, crown reshaping (felt only), custom shaped hats, hat cleaning, hat and belt accessories, sweat band replacement, and special order horse tack. He also carries formal and casual ready-made shirts, pants, and jackets as well as a line of beautiful custom-made boots. His goal is to become a one stop shop for semi-bespoke hats, boots, and western wear where quality is his number one priority.

Located at 25410 Narbonne Avenue in Lomita, LPK is very conveniently located to most of us. The hours are a little unconventional as Carlos still works full-time at SpaceX, but for now, you can find him at the store Tuesday through Thursday from 6pm to 9pm, Friday from 6pm to 10pm, and Saturday from 9am to 2pm and 5pm to 7pm. Sunday he's closed except by appointment. Stop by and visit Carlos at his shop where you'll be greeted with a smile, a free drink, and all the help you need to create a great western look of your own.





MONTHLY PHOTO!

The Lomita Sherriff's Mounted Posse Bunny Patrol at the Peninsula Center on March 29th was a big hit with shoppers and students enjoying an early dismissal day. Dennell Jangaard riding Beverly and Ray Lewis on Cheyenne were great ambassadors for the Sherriff's Department as their members on foot passed out chocolate Easter Eggs. Thanks to Mayer's Bakery for providing the Posse team with delicious and beautiful donuts. What a treat!

Submit your horsey photos to pvpha.dispatch@gmail.com to be featured!

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