

ESCONDIDO SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM TO COMPETE IN TORONTO

Bear Valley Middle students won regional event with gas-sensor-delivery quad-copter

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ESCONDIDO A team of robotics students at Bear Valley Middle School is on track for a trip to Toronto for an international competition in June after capturing the regional championship.

The NanoBots, one of the teams from Stephen Tillinghast's advanced robotics class, took the top spot Dec. 7 at the FIRST Lego League Southern California Regional Championship at Legoland in Carlsbad. The win earned the team of seventh- and eighth-graders — five boys and four girls — a spot at the FIRST Lego League International Open in Toronto. The competition in Canada from June 4-7 will include 75 top teams from around the world.

FIRST — For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — was founded by Segway inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people to pursue science and technology studies. FIRST holds robotics and technology competitions around the world and awards scholarships. FIRST Lego League sponsors robotics events for 280,000 children worldwide.

The Escondido Union School District approved the Bear Valley students' trip at a board meeting Feb. 13. A \$9,000 Hewlett-Packard STEM grant will cover most of the trip costs for the students, Tillinghast said.

An additional \$800 has been raised so far to help with remaining transportation and hotel costs, and the team is planning fundraisers. Anyone is welcome to make a donation to the school's Exploring Technology Club.

BRIEFLY

Mayor to share highlights of address

Mayor Sam Abed is the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. March 26 at the meeting of Escondido Republican Women, Federated. Abed will share highlights from his recent State of the City Address at Cochna del Charro, 890 W. Valley Parkway. Cost: \$16, includes lunch. Reserve by March 21 at escondidorwf@cfw.org or (760) 489-1407.

10-mile hike Saturday on Daley Ranch trails

Meet Naturalist Bill Sherrard for a 10-mile trail hike at 7 a.m. Saturday starting at the Daley Ranch parking lot, 3024 La Honda Drive. Call (760) 839-4680 or visit escondido.org.

MS self help group to meet Wednesday

The Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Joslyn Senior Center, 210 E. Park Ave., Room 5. The group will share games that people with multiple sclerosis like to play. Call (760) 747-9096.

FALLBROOK Poker tournament to benefit seniors

The Fallbrook Hold'em or Fold'em Charity Poker Tournament to benefit the Foundation for Senior Care is at 7 p.m. March 21 at the Regency Fallbrook. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; poker hands start at 7:15 p.m. Register at the Foundation for Senior Care Facebook page, call (760) 723-7570 or visit foundationforseniorcare.org.

Workshop helps prepare for disasters

A free disaster preparedness workshop for older adults, sponsored by the Foundation for Senior Care, is from 9 a.m. to



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Silverado residents auction artwork

Silverado Escondido residents raised more than \$1,000 for the San Diego Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at the center's third annual Wine & Watercolor Mixer and Silent Auction. More than 30 watercolorists that residents painted as part of a class at the care center were auctioned off to a crowd of 100, with bids up to \$175. Pictured: Shelta Weinfield (left); Margaret Barnes, Silverado resident and artist; and Jean Busher, Silverado Escondido administrator.

noon March 21 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane. Guest speakers include Fire Chief William Metcalf and representatives from the Red Cross and County Emergency Services. There will be a breakfast buffet and handouts. Register at (760) 723-7570.

Learn how to cook healthy for family

A healthy cooking class for the whole family, sponsored by the Healthy Adventures Foundation and Fallbrook Community Center, is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. March 21 at the center, 341

ten through college can participate in the fourth annual Oceanside International Film Festival, sponsored by the Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation. Participants will have an opportunity to have their films selected for viewing during the festival from Aug. 3-10. Works of various genres are accepted, including sports, live performance, fashion and music videos. Deadline for submissions is June 16. The early bird deadline is Monday. Visit oceanfilmf.com.

Film focuses on Latinos in media

MiraCosta College will screen the film "Latinos Beyond Reel" at 5:30 p.m. March 21 at 1 Barnard Drive, in the concert hall, Bldg. 2400. There will also be a guest appearance by the film's producer, Lorena Marruquez. The film examines how U.S. news and entertainment media portray Latinos. Email lmontes@miracosta.edu or call (760) 757-2121, ext. 6396.

Breakfast fundraiser for Brother Benno's

The Brother Benno's Auxiliary is holding a breakfast fundraiser from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Applebee's Restaurant, 2146 Vista Way. Tickets cost \$10 and include pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and drinks. Proceeds benefit Brother Benno's, which assists the homeless and working poor. Reserve at (760) 295-0059 or (760) 803-6267.

SAN MARCOS St. Patrick's Day event for seniors

The San Marcos Senior Center will hold a St. Patrick's Day celebration at 10:45 a.m. Monday at 111 W. Richmar Ave. The Carlsbad Choraleers will entertain. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. Suggested donation is \$4; \$5 for those younger than 60. Reserve at (760) 744-5535, ext. 3606.

Brain boot camp set for Monday

Adults 50 and older are encouraged to attend the "Brain Fit — Boot Camp" offered by Oasis North County from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the San Marcos Senior Center, 111 Richmar Ave. Learn how to improve brain health through memory strategies and find out about community resources to keep mentally fit. Cost is \$15; a \$10 processing fee may apply. Register at sandiegooasis.org or call (760) 796-6020.

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