

BALLET SAN JOSE

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PRESS RELEASE

OSTRICHES SUPPORT BALLET SCHOOL

What: Ballet San Jose School Scholarship Fundraiser

When: Sunday, October 1st from 2pm to 5pm

Where: Silver Oaks Ostrich Ranch in Morgan Hill

Events: This family-friendly event includes live music from popular country/folk band Jim Stevens & Friends, BBQ, wine tasting, horse-drawn wagon rides to see ostriches, miniature donkeys, and other animals, a silent auction, a Ballet School performance, and presentation of a scholarship to this year's winner of the Betts Cartwright Scholarship. Dress is casual.

Price: \$50 for adults and \$20 for children over 5; under 5, free.
(Family pricing available for multiple children.)

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MORE INFORMATION:

Ostriches Help Raise Scholarships for Ballet School

Chris and Susan Hoebich, owners of the Silver Oaks Ranch in Morgan Hill, will host a special "child-friendly" event on Sunday afternoon, October 1st to help raise funds for the Betts Cartwright Scholarship Fund benefiting Ballet San Jose School.

Rarely open to the public, the 450-acre property with four reservoirs with a mile of the beautiful Uvas Creek running through it was a working ostrich ranch for many years, raising 700 of the birds at the height of the business. The Hoebichs supplied many of the fine restaurants and upscale markets in the greater Bay Area with ostrich meat and eggs. The hides were exported to Mexico or used for making handbags for local boutiques.



JIM STEVENS & FRIENDS to perform for **BALLET SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**
Popular Country/Folk band Jim Stevens and Friends will perform their blend of country, folk, and humor for the Ballet San Jose School Scholarship Fundraiser October 1st at the Silver Oaks Ostrich Ranch in Morgan Hill. (Left to right) Lee Kopp, Jim Stevens, and Mark and Debra Harville.
Photo: Ballet San Jose

There are still some 70 ostriches on the property along with a small herd of Belted Galloway cows, a pair of working draft horses, miniature donkeys, geese and chickens.

The Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley Council has organized a special event to be held on the ranch on Sunday, October 1st from 2pm to 5pm. The afternoon will feature a barbecue, live music provided by Jim Stevens and Friends, a performance by students of Ballet San Jose School, a draft-horse wagon tour of the ostrich pens and other animal areas, a silent auction, and the presentation of the Betts Cartwright Scholarship to this year's recipient. Caterer is the Malibu Grill.

Betts Cartwright was president of the Ballet Council from 1994 to 1996 and an ardent supporter of the Ballet Company and school. She accepted the Presidency thinking that she had beaten cancer, but in fact, she died of the disease before her term expired. The Ballet Council named the school scholarship fund in her memory. Thus far, six students from the school have received the Cartwright scholarship.

The Silver Oaks Ranch is located off Uvas Road in Morgan Hill. Tickets for the event will be \$50 for adults and \$20 for children over 5 years old; under 5 are free. (Discounts are available for multiple child tickets.) For reservations, call the Ballet Council hotline at (408) 288-2820 x 240 or email: sandi@conniff.name

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