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|  |  2019 Parade LineupThe Ojai Independence Day Committee is “Celebrating Our Heritage” by honoring the ones that volunteered and started this amazing Ojai tradition in 1963. So let’s all give a massive thank you to Patricia Bushman-Nelles, Ruth Melhorn and Ian Atkinson. The tradition still continues today as a volunteer committee and is ran by the granddaughter of one of the founders Patricia Bushman-Nelles. Ojai Independence Day Committee is a non for profit and able to host all of the events due solely to community donations. They are a very small group that is looking for people to join. Please visit them online at 4thofjulyinojai.com to donate, find out when the meetings are, and see who the committee members are and to purchase your FIREWORK tickets for tonight.  |
| **ENTRY #** | **ENTRY NAME** |
|  **1** | **VFW, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans**We are leading off the parade with special thanks to all our veterans from the Korean, Vietnam War, Afghanistan War and other conflicts. We are a grateful nation for your service. |
| **2** | **Ojai Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11461**The Ojai Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11461 and the American Legion Post 482 are veteran’s service organizations which support the community of Ojai and throughout the Ventura County. The float was originally built by Gene Carper and Ed Marshal in the 1990’s and has since been rebuilt and re-dedicated in honor of both builders who have since passed. Members of both organizations and their families join us today in celebrating the re-dedication of this float as well as a renewed relationship between both organizations. |
| **3** | **Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution**Here is the local trolley filled with members of the daughters and sons of the American Revolution. They can trace their lineage back to the war of independence. We are glad to honor both organizations for the first time in our parade. |
| **4** | **Matilija-Nordhoff Marching Band** The band features student musician from both schools. This band forms each July to represent the Ojai Unified Music Department, continuing a long tradition of music excellence and service to the community. Go Eagles! Go Rangers! |
| **4a** | **Matilija-Nordhoff Marching Band (TRUCK)** |
| **5** | **Upper Ojai Search and Rescue** Our 2019 Grand Marshall |
| **6** | **Ojai Living Treasure**2019-2020 Rotary Club of Ojai Living TreasuresSteve Adams, Katherine White, Connie Briggers, John Mirk, Glenn Fout and Lanny Kaufer. All Living Treasures have made a substantial commitment to lifelong service to our community |
| **7** | **Balance Health Center (CAR)**Is a full service physical therapy clinic and clinical fitness center. We have 30 fitness classes a week and specialize in Parkinson’s fitness. Come by and join our community and take a trail week or a class. |
| **7a** | **Balance Health Center (WALKERS)** |
| **8** | **Ventura County Sheriff’s Posse**Here comes the Ventura County Sheriff Posse riding with Sheriff Bill Ayub and Undersheriff Monica McGrath. Let’s give them a big welcome! Our Posse members volunteer their time rescuing large animals during natural disasters and have been instrumental in supporting the Sheriff in various areas including promoting youth programs that focus on animal husbandry, the great outdoors and leadership skills. Thank you for your support.  |
| **9a****9** | **Danza Azteca Tonalli (CAR)**We are a traditional Aztec dancing group that has been dancing this way for hundreds of years. Our members include people of all ages and we are all from Ojai**Danza Azteca Tonalli (WALKERS)** |
| **10** | **Calvary Chapel of the Ojai Valley**The float represents the summer 2019 family adventure at vacation bible school which just ended. It is co-sponsored by 4 churches, Calvary Chapel, First Baptist, Redemption Church and Ojai Wesleyan Church and in collaboration of other churches as well. We are tying in the theme of celebrating our heritage as churches and families throughout the valley are working together as a community, supporting each other for the greatest vacation bible school ever. Riding our float this year are children, youth, teachers and families from vacation bible school that represent each of the co-sponsoring churches. |
| **11** | **Ventura County Library- Ojai Library**Luna the owl is the symbol and youth services mascot of the Ojai Library, which turns 126 years old this year. The library has been part of the bedrock of this community from its early years and is treasured part of Ojai’s heritage. Luna was chosen to represent not only the Ojai Library but the whole Ventura County Library because she represents the wisdom of the ages, which our proud little library has been providing since it was founded by Sherman D. Thatcher in 1893. Luna the owl will be soaring down the parade route looking forward to the future while carrying the wisdom of our heritage and accompanied by members of the Ojai Library’s Ukulele Club. Luna and the Lunettes entry was crafted over 7 weeks of community participation and was partially funded by a grant from the City of Ojai.  |
| **12** | **The Manor of Ojai**Happy 4th of July Ojai Valley  |
| **13** | **Humane Society of Ventura County**Celebrating 87 years of service the Humane Society of Ventura County is dedicated to promoting the health, safety and welfare of all animals via compassionate care and protection. We offer animal education and community outreach programs.  |
|  **14** |  **Ventura County Vision 2020 Suffrage Celebration**Is a group of local women who are working to raise awareness of the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote! We are committed to using this moment in “her-story” to highlight and honor the sacrifices made by the suffrage leaders who fought long and hard to secure this most fundamental right in a Democracy for half our nation. We will march dressed as Suffragettes to encourage everyone to “Use your voice and use your vote!’ |
| **15** | **The Camarillo Cowboys**This is a group of friends that enjoy spending time riding and training horses. These horses are trained to dance with live music. Joining them are a couple of skirmishes that are passionate for riding. They all love participating at parades and other events. |
| **16** | **Ventura County Corvette Club**The Corvette club was founded in 1958, only 5 short years after the America’s First Sports Car the Chevrolet Corvette was introduced to the public making it the oldest Corvette Club in the country. This unique recognition is honored by The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky with a plaque in its Walk of Fame leading into the museum. While we are club that enjoys cursing we have done some racing in the past, hosted auto shows. Were now all about being part of a long line of corvettes driving down the road to exciting destinations. The goal is to enjoy the drive and have fun! |
| **17** | **Ojai Film Festival**Celebrating its 20th anniversary during the first week of November, the Ojai Film Festival offers the Ojai community the best international independent films. This year the festivities begin on October 31st with an afternoon Halloween Fair at Libbey Bowl for the children and adults followed by the showing of the Tim Burton film the Nightmare before Christmas, The festivals parade entry suggest the Halloween theme if the Oscar –Nominated movie and is staffed by festival volunteers clustered in and around one of Dwane Bowers antique treasures, a vintage 1930’s Plymouth automobile. |
| **18** | **Oaks West Neighborhood Kids (HORSES AND GOAT)**Entry includes not only horses and a goat but a 1956 Chevy truck pulling a Lemonade stand! The riders are Brynn and Braylee Taylor, Tayten Nieheiser, Grayce Faunt, Tristin Lemp and Quinn Hill. We would all like to wish everyone a very happy 4th of July! |
| **18a** | **Oaks West Neighborhood Kids (TRUCK)** |
| **18b** | **Oaks West Neighborhood Kids (BIKE RIDERS)** |
| **19** | **Ojai Valley Girls Softball**Happy 4th of July Ojai Valley |
| **20** | **Nordhoff Lady Rangers CIF Champion Softball Team**This is the 1st time in school history to win a CIF CHAMPIONSHIP in softball. Congrats Lady Rangers! |
| **21** | **Equine Xscape**We offer fun and safe trail rides and overnight horseback camping trips. We are also a horse and parrot rescue. Lead wrangler is Rob Haley who is on Izzy an Egyptian Arabian ponying Laki the mule. Wrangler Chisty will be on gentleman Johnny waller a Walkaloosa, Jo M. will be on Rogan a Gypsy CDO, Lara will be on Thor a Meda and Jo B. will be on Annie an appaloosa.  |
| **22** | **DPS**Happy 4th of July |
| **23** | **Cloud Jumpers Jeep Tours**Cloud Jumpers Jeep Tours is celebrating 20 years of tours, adventures and wishes everyone a fantastic 4th! Locally owned and operated by the DeMauro family, their customized adventures are enjoyed by both locals and visitors in Santa Barbara and beautiful Ojai. Their wholesome outdoor excursions foster and appreciation for the area by celebrating its beauty. Informing guests of its rich history and honoring its uniqueness. |
| **24** | **Ventura County Flywheeler Antique Tractor Club**The flywheelers tractor club has over 150 members whom are dedicated to fun and the enjoyment of their mutual interests of owning and restoring the machines of the past. These are machines that help make the USA the envy of the world with the abundance of food and provide to the world. We always welcome new members and have been in the Ojai parade for over 45 years. |
| **25** | **Ventura County Comets.**We are Ventura County Comets a radio – control Flying Club. We fly fixed wing. Helicopters, gliders and drones. We offer FREE lessons to all. |
| **26** | **American Vedic Association**Our great nation is referred to as the “melting pot” because our American heritage is to welcome people from all nations, customs and beliefs to live under a constitution that promotes life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The American dream is to prosper together in peace and brotherly love. Similarly, the American Vedic Association welcomes individuals from all backgrounds to the practical lifestyle of simple living and high thinking. We can unify in the joyful process of congregational dancing, chanting and feasting for the glorification to the one universal God. Everyone is invited to join us in our FREE annual vegetarian picnic at Sarazotti Park after the parade is over.  |
| **27** | **Camarillo White Horses**Camarillo white horses were originally bred by Adolfo Camarillo beginning in 1921 and have appeared in parades and event openings throughout the state. The Camarillo white horses carry a unique gene nowhere else in the world. That gene gives them their beautiful white coats, pink skin and dark eyes. The Camarillo white horses and their riders celebrate a rich history in the state of California. Riding today is Carmela La Dow the great-great-granddaughter of Adolf Camarillo she is riding Xamarillo. Allie Hyatt riding Juanito is the 5th generation Ventura County family member.  |
| **28** | **Ojai Valley Museum**The museum thinks like a mountain –stable and strong, with deep roots on the community, Your local museum has served the valley for over 5 decades and like a mountain, isn’t going anywhere. It continues to stand proud and like Chief Peak, represents Ojai. Accompanying the Chief Peak float are Matilija poppies, whose gentle beauty defines our valley. |
| **29** | **Ojai Valley Taekwondo Academy (TRUCK)**Is Ojai’s hometown martial arts school. This is the 33rd year where students, young and old are marching in the 4th of July parade to show their community spirit. Fitness, health and self-defense are goals at Ojai Taekwondo, including a focus on increased academic performance and discipline for youth in a unique environment for individual encouragement that ensures future success. Located across from Westridge market at 811 East Ojai Ave., owner and Master Instructor Dan Cerminaro invites our community to come and take a FREE trial class. Visit us online at ojaitaekwondoacademy.com |
| **29a** | **Ojai Valley Taekwondo Academy (WALKERS)** |
| **30** | **Rancho Royale**We wish everyone a Happy 4th of July! Every day is a holiday at Rancho Royale! Join us in celebrating our freedoms in this great country, We love and have a great partnership with our equine friends. Come see where the fun is! |
| **31** | **Ventura County Model A Ford**Established in 1960 and encourage preservation of the Model A Ford automobile built between 1929 and 1931. Oh my, that means we are 90 years old already. The Model A Ford is the most reliable car of its era and can still be seen on the roads today. Henry Ford designed the car to be rugged, simple and easily repaired. They were built and sold throughout the world. We still enjoy taking them out for a drive with their running boards, rumble seat, spoke wheels and famous AH-OOO-GA horn. |
| **32** | **Ojai International City of Peace**Ojai is an international city of peace. We celebrate our heritage as a city that has attracted many great peace builders including Annie Besant, J. Krishnamurti, Joan Halifax, Krotona Institute of Theosophy, Meditation Mount, Meher Mount, Yoga and Meditation Center, Health and Wellness Centers and numerous peace makers too many to list. Our group members are “Walking for Peace” representing peacemaking in all aspects of our community. Banner is held by Brain and Lisa Berman early founders of Ojai International City of Peace. |
| **33** | **Persimmon Hill Homeowners Association**President of Persimmon Hill Homeowners Association Raul E. Alvardo is riding in semi-vintage BMW M-3 convertible. |
| **34** | **Ventura County Mounted Enforcement & Volunteer Unit**The Ventura County Mounted Enforcement Unit established in 1978, is one of the premiere units of its kind in the state of California. We assist in large crowd management, assist outside law enforcement agencies, respond to call-outs involving missing persons along with 4th of July celebrations, the annual Ventura County Fair, back country trail patrols and a variety of public and school relations details. All riders of the Sheriffs Mounted Volunteers are truly volunteers and support the sworn members of the Ventura County Sheriffs Mounted Enforcement Unit in search and rescue missions and public events representing the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office. Both teams care for their own horses on and off duty. This is not just a job but a passion. |
| **35** | **Ojai O'Daiko**We are a musical ensemble that embraces peace and harmony with self and community to promote balance and happiness. Our musical numbers are based in a style of Japanese percussion called Taiko. We aim to provide the city of Ojai with diversity in the celebration of Independence Day. |
| **36** | **The American Red Cross**Here for all in times of disaster. You too can volunteer and play a major part in our community. |
| **37** | **Ojai Valley School**Celebrating our heritage with many roots, one family. Our float is designed around an oak tree. The oak tree is part of our school logo, an overall symbol for the community and is beloved by all who live in this valley. Regardless of our individual backgrounds (roots) we all come together in this place (our school and our community) and become family. Our float will include an artistic representation of an oak tree and large painted murals will line each side of the truck. Summer campers and staff will ride under the canopies around the tree reading giant historical books. |
| **38** | **Noble Oaks Vineyard & Winery**1995 Harley Davidson motorcycle with a liberty sidecar. Riding in the sidecar is Hiram (7) and Phoebe Brink (9). |
| **39** | **Ojai Luminaries- on Dinosaurs!**Artist from Ojai and Santa Barbara join forces to honor Ojai’s electric heritage with the unique tribute to famous Ojai luminaries. Keep your eyes peeled for Beatrice Wood, Mr. Libbey, Jiddu Krishnamurti, and Ruth Melhorn (one of the founders of the Ojai 4th of July in 1962) as they march down Ojai Ave riding dinosaurs. Ojai historical figures are presented by Jennifer Jordan Day, the dinosaur puppets were created by staff artists Claire Frandsen and John Conroy for the 2018 Santa Barbara Summer Solstice Celebration and appear today courtesy of a generous grant from the city of Ojai arts commission. |
| **40** | **Montessori School of Ojai**Happy 4th of July |
| **41** |  **Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce**Ojai has a long storied history of merchants who have supported the town offering needed goods, services and wares. This year the chamber of commerce celebrates the decades of this heritage of merchants being a vital part of the Ojai community. Riding on the float are chamber members and members of their families wishing everyone along the parade route a “Happy 4th of July” |
| **42** | **Ojai Valley Democratic Club**Ojai Democratic club celebrates the heritage of the Ojai Valley be welcoming all residents and all voters to work with us to educate people about democratic values, focusing on local and county issues, election and candidate information and getting out the vote to keep us “Ojai Valley Strong!” Remember, in California ANY voter can vote for local and state democratic candidates. Sign up for our email list on Facebook at Ojai Valley Democrats. |
| **43** | **Congresswoman Julia Brownley**Happy 4th of July Ojai Valley! |
| 44 **45** | **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson**State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson representing Santa Barbara and Ventura counties wishes the community a safe and happy independence day! She would like to thank the Ojai Independence Day Committee for putting on this amazing parade and bringing us together as a community to celebrate the 4th. She is a strong advocate for woman and families and has authored the 1st bill that makes California the 1st state to require woman on corporate boards and another that will enact the nation’s 1st statewide drug and medical needles take back program funded by the manufactures, not taxpayers!. Have a happy 4th of July and enjoy the parade.**Assembly Member Monique Limon**Assembly member Monique Limon joins the Ojai 4th of July parade as your state assembly representative! She proudly represents Ojai and neighboring cities of Ventura, Santa Paula, Fillmore and portions of Oxnard. She wishes everyone in your beautiful 37th district a happy and safe independence day. |
| **46** | **Model T Ford Club of America**Eric Sayer and daughters McKaela and Tatiana driving in a 1920 Ford Model T Touring. Henry Ford said you can have any color you want as long as it’s black. Eric is on the board of directors for Model T Ford Club of America. He is also a US NAVY VET RETIRED. Eric thank you for your service! |
| **47** | **Ojai Valley Board of Realtors**Are in a 1950’s firetruck, driving is Cody Davis and his children Randy Lynn, Brooke and Noah. |
| **48** | **Rancho El Paraiso**Is a family owned horse ranch that contains Andainsian and Friesian horses. Here today, we have Albert Castaneda riding with his 2 daughters Angie, Andrea and his son Abraham. Along with horse trainer Tony Jimenez. These beautiful horses are known for their elegant walk and of course known as “the dancing Spanish horses”. |
| **49** | **XR (Extinction Rebellion) Ojai**Aims to bring attention to our heritage of beautiful living ecosystem that surrounds us in the Ojai Valley and the urgency on protecting that from climate emergencies (such as the Thomas Fire and Refugio Oil Spill). Our float highlights our living biosphere and the diverse plants that we find locally.  |
| **50** | **Ojai Valley Little League**Ojai Valley Little league has been providing baseball to youth since 1967. Our players are our heritage….we celebrate them. |
| **51** | **Ojai Eagles Youth Football**We are committed to teaching the youth of the Ojai Valley self-discipline, team spirit and competitive will to win fair along with physical fitness through effort and sacrifice. |
| **52** | **Rancho Santa Ana**Happy 4th of July |
| **53** | **SoCal Corvairs**Our celebrating our heritage with their all American classic 60’s cars. Corvair is the 1st and only American car with air-cooled aluminum rear engine, unibody, optional turbocharging and 4 wheel independent suspension. Sleek styling made it motor trends 1960 “Car of the Year”. Chevy produced 1.7 million Corvairs from 1960 to 1969. In 2007 Hemmings Magazine called it “GM’s Mechanical Marvel”. Pure and simple there are great cars and extremely advanced for their time. |
| **54** | **Miss California Latina**Jennifer Patino is the reigning Miss California Latina 2018. She will be competing for Miss U.S, Latina in August, Jennifer is an Ojai native and has always proudly said that. She has dreamed of representing California and it came true. Her motto is never give up your goal, keep going. |
| **55** | **Community for Climate Action (WALKERS)**Are individuals from our community that are marching to bring awareness to the climate crisis? We are calling for urgent action to protect our shared environment, |
| **55a** | **Community for Climate Action (CAR)** |
| **56** | **Ojai Valley Green Coalition**Ojai Rides and Roll bike brigade are riding to promote bicycle safety. What is more patriotic then trying to impact and preserve a habitable planet? |
| **57** | **Oak Grove School**Is a progressive pre-k to 12th grade college prep day and boarding school nestled on 150 acres which was founded by J. Krishnamorti. Oak Grove provided the essential environment to build the intellectual, psychological and physical flexibility necessary to grow resilience and compassion, while also devoting time to a profound understanding of oneself. Our float represents the diversity of our school and includes students from preschool thru 12th grade as well as teachers, parents and alumni. |
| **58** | **Rancho Los Dos Amigos**We are a group of friends and family members with dancing horses and have been riding together for over 8 years. Winning several different awards and are located in Oak View. |
| **59** | **Upper Ojai Relief**Upper Ojai Relief is a nonprofit that was founded during the Thomas Fire. The Thomas Fire changed our community forever. We have come together to build back the sense of community that so much of community built on. |
| **60** | **Puff N Fluff**We are a veteran owned business and are riding in a job with a couple of dogs dressed in patriotic clothing. From all of us happy 4th of July  |
|  **61** | **Ojai Valley Mexican Fiesta**Happy 4th of July from the Mexican Fiesta |
|  **62** | **The Gables of Ojai**Has 9 of their residents and would like to wish everyone a Happy 4th |
| **63** | **Monkey Jump for Joy**Celebrating another 4th of July with you. |
| **64** | **Tim Jones**Happy 4th of July Ojai Valley |
| **65** |  **Ojai Ambulance Inc. AKA Lifeline Medical Transport** |
| **66** | **US Forest Dept.** |
| **67** | **Ventura County Fire Department** |

Don’t forget to purchase your firework tickets online at 4thofjulyinojai.com

**Happy 4th of July Ojai Valley!**