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Whole Foods Welcomes Shoppers Soon

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Management brings its green philosophy into the building itself, using reclaimed Douglas Fir from Ukiah and fifty-percent recycled content tile from McIntyre Tile in Healdsburg; they also chose an environmentally friendly glycol refrigeration system.

Marketing Team Leader Jane Shafer has already been busy reaching out to the community. Whole Foods will be catering the dessert portion of the Taste of Lafayette, and in search of local partners and their products, checked out the wares of vendors at last week's Farmers' Market. Orinda beekeeper Steve Gentry of Steve's Bees recently got the okay to put bee hives on the roof.

She estimates that sixty percent of the employees transferred from another store and forty percent are new hires. Norm Winter of Moraga will be shortening his commute. He used to work at the

San Ramon store. Now as Premium Care Product Team Leader, he can be found somewhere between the "Kiss My Face" Cardamom Mint Self Foaming Soap and Badger SPF 30+ Baby Sunscreen. He's happy to explain the uniqueness of Whole Foods product standards. They even carry no-ammonia hair color and a plethora of flax seed products. Jerry Krug, Produce Team Leader, coming from the San Jose store, emphasized a commitment to buying local and is excited about jams and stone fruits coming from Frog Hollow in Brentwood and flowers from Full Belly Farm. He's looking into a partnership with Terra Bella Family Farms of Pleasanton after meeting them at the Farmers' Market.

Jeannette Bloss came all the way from Chicago to open the store. She's an experienced Grocery Team Leader in charge of the

grocery, frozen, dairy and bulk departments. "This is the seventh store I've opened," she said, adding they're expecting a crowd that could wrap around the building.

With a host of new products launching at the almost 25,000 square foot store, management is looking forward to having more than 250 local (Bay Area) vendors. Bloss describes the INNA jams delivered via BART and bicycle from Berkeley as, "really awesome." Other highlights include Lafayette's own Thoughtful Foods - granola; El Viejo Foods of Martinez - salsa and guacamole; Soul Food Farms of Vacaville - eggs; and gelato popsicles from Gelateria Naia of Hercules.

At press time there were still trucks in front with a final delivery of landscaping plants, no shopping carts in sight, and lots of merchandise in boxes, but it wasn't hard to imagine the artisan bakery, or the extensive selection of prepared food ready to roll. This is definitely not the old Lucky's or Albertson's.

Front page photo (from left), front row: Steve Shargots, Gary Ramirez, David Hales, Chris Mc-Clung, Jane Shafer, Greg Severn; back row: Gerard Krug, Marc Rubenstein, Jeannette Bloss, Renee Diskowski, Eryn Smyth, Norm Winters



Why We Love Lamorinda - On Film

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The result was light, charming and humorous, a good representation of the beauty of Lafayette, including a close look at pot holes - all in good taste, of course. Another notable submission was "The Sound of Lafayette," a crafty short movie that showed a young boy drumming on different surfaces, all over favorite places in Lafayette, ending with an excellent shot where the young musician appears to be drumming on the tower at the center of the Lafayette reservoir.

The Moraga Police Department surprised everyone with its irreverent humor. Officer Pacheco decided to film the fun of working in Moraga. The winning movie staged fake police interventions, including a poisoned cat that turned out to be a stuffed animal dramatically flattened out and sporting a tire track on its back. Pacheco was not afraid to add self-derision to his piece, documenting the 'painful' training Moraga police officers have to endure. Moraga had other entries, including Grant Stubblefield's vision of why residents love their town - "It's the people," was the young businessman's answer. The first production company in Moraga, Dirt Road Studio, submitted a creative and funny clip narrating why the author, Dorian MacNeil, had such a good time in Moraga restaurants. "I graduated from Saint Mary's very recently, wanting to go into early childhood education," said MacNeil. He currently works privately with children and launched the production company to create documentaries that interest him,

such as the current piece he is creating with the intent to give a voice to homelessness in the Bay Area.

The Orinda movie was the creation of a young boy. "My son Will was working on a Boy Scout project for a film and saw the contest announcement in the Lamorinda Weekly. He decided to enter the contest," said Joe Knox. Will is not a beginner where media is concerned. "I contribute stories to Orinda News," says the young reporter, "I started by helping with filing, then proposed an article about the Orinda Baseball Association." Will says that he enjoys writing and expressing feelings, on a blank page or with a movie. His movie was first written in the form of a rap song about Orinda. "It took me two days to write the song," said the 6th grader, who enjoyed it so much that he is continuing to write this type of poetry - telling stories about his young life's experience, such as "life without a cell phone." He shot his movie in all of his favorite places, including the schools and the hills, restaurants, sports fields and in the fog. He partnered with older brother and Acalanes senior Christian for the editing and production of the movie. "My brother is so good with computers," says Will.

"Will and Christian are planning other videos together," said Knox, "it's a good opportunity for brothers to work together, and they can continue as Chris goes to college."

The Chambers of Commerce may post the movies on their websites -- stay tuned.

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