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2016 ELECTION

Measure Y launches campaign

Sales tax effort debuts before June 7 vote

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A new jail and more children's programs are the two selling points that Measure Y supporters are stressing for the June 7 sales tax ballot measure.

They held the kickoff for the campaign Thursday evening in the plaza at the Historic Napa Mill. A few dozen people attended.

"It's going to mean a lot for our community and our kids," Measure Y campaign manager Sara Cakebread said.

Measure Y would raise the sales tax by a quarter-cent and generate an estimated \$8 million annually for the county general fund. The Board of Supervisors has announced its intention to use the money to finance a \$68 million funding shortfall for a planned, new \$103 million, 256-bed jail along Highway 221 near the Syar quarry.

The Board on March 8 agreed that extra tax money could be spent on children's programs. That headed off a possible November ballot initiative spearheaded by Cakebread and other children's advocates to force the county to spend a certain portion of its budget on children.

It also gained enthusiastic backers for Measure Y, such as Cakebread.

"It's a grassroots campaign, to say the least," Cakebread said. "But we're doing our best to piece together some fundraising to see if we can get this thing to pass."

The campaign has about \$60,000, she said. It will include sending a mailer to targeted voters, putting up signs and doing some robocalls. If Cakebread's fundraising dreams come true, there would be money for television advertisements.

County Supervisor Keith Caldwell told the gathering that a

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Sara Cakebread, campaign manager for Measure Y, speaks to a gathering Thursday evening at the Historic Napa Mill to launch efforts to pass a quarter-cent sales tax that would pay for a new jail and children's programs.

DOMICILES



People examine the interior of the Mt. Everest model of a tiny house manufactured by Tiny Mountain Homes at the Napa-Solano Home & Garden Show at the Napa Valley Expo on Friday afternoon.

Tiny houses turn heads at Home & Garden Show

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A home equipped with all your basic needs – bathroom, kitchen, bedroom – as well as extras like a built-in wine rack, storage built into the staircase and plenty of windows all around. But it's only 300 square feet. It's a "tiny house."

Several types of tiny houses, which are commonly built on a trailer platform, were on display in the "Tiny House Village" Friday during the Napa-Solano Home & Garden Show that runs through Sunday at Napa Valley Expo.

"It has everything you could ever want; it's just miniature," said DeWayne Clover, office manager at Thimble Homes, an Oregon manufacturer of customizable tiny homes.

Their 300-square-foot home at the show was built on a 24-foot platform and is "fully loaded" with washer and dryer hookups, a refrigerator, cabinets, two lofts and heating and air conditioning. It's priced at \$75,000.

A frame is available for \$14,000 (one was even for sale at the show)

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Want to see them for yourself?

Visit the Tiny House Village as well as 300 other exhibits at the Napa-Solano Home & Garden Show, which continues through Sunday at the Napa Valley Expo, 575 Third St., in Napa. – Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. – Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. General admission is \$8, children 12 and under get in free. Free parking is available. For more information, visit NapaHomeShow.com

ELECTION

Supervisor, Assembly candidates tout credentials

Views shared on transportation, watersheds, taxes

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Candidates for two Napa County Board of Supervisors seats and the local Assembly seat tried to make their marks in 60-second bursts.

They took part in a Thursday evening forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Napa County before about 40 people at the Napa Senior Activity Center.

Audience members submitted questions. Candidates had 30 seconds to 60 seconds to put an exclamation point on their bids for office and leave a lasting impression with voters.

Incumbent Supervisor Mark Luce is trying to hold onto his 2nd District supervisor seat. Challenging him are business consultant Derek Anderson, civil engineer Ryan Gregory and longtime political observer James Hinton.

Anderson described Luce and Gregory as being establishment politicians and Hinton as being to the left. He stressed his conservative credentials, saying job creation and not a \$15-an-hour minimum wage or housing programs is the real answer to income inequality.

"No matter what people tell you, this is not a problem government can fix," Anderson said.

Gregory talked about his technical experience and how he could bring this to bear on such issues as affordable housing for the area's workforce. His job has led him to work on both for-profit and nonprofit housing projects.

"Roofs over heads and as many of those as we can get," he said.

Hinton called himself the working person's candidate, the one who during his 2014 Congressional bid ran the most pro-worker campaign in the nation, the one who will open the door to medical cannabis in the county.

"Congress represents Wall Street and the Board of Supervisors represents the vintners," he said, presenting himself as the one to make a change.

Luce talked about his 20 years of experience on the Board, his engineering background and the

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FUNDRAISING

Tour de Cure to raise \$1 million for diabetes research

Sunday's event expects 2,000 riders

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On Sunday, a collection of bicycling teams will carry on a ride that has raised money – and awareness – for diabetes research and prevention for a quarter century.

Some 2,000 cyclists are scheduled to enter the annual

Napa Valley Tour de Cure, which begins at 6:45 a.m. at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville. Embarking on routes from 10 to 100 miles through the wine country and as far as Sonoma County, the riders will be culminating an annual fundraising effort – one of the oldest of about 80 Tour de Cure events nationwide – which organizers say will produce at least \$1 million locally for the American Diabetes Association.

The Napa County ride has

attracted devoted local volunteers like Jamie Taylor-Priess, who began helping at the event shortly after she was diagnosed with diabetes in 2010 at age 36. Originally a helper with event-day registration and other duties, she first took to the course in May 2015, training for several months to pedal the longest, 100-mile loop as one of the Tour's Red Riders, the estimated 10 percent of cyclists who are diabetic.

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Napa Valley Tour de Cure

Sunday: check-ins begin at 6:30 a.m., with the first riders starting at 6:45 a.m. Veterans Home of California, 100 California Drive, Yountville Information: <http://bit.ly/24mSeR0> For information on volunteering at the event, contact Janice Bross of the American Diabetes Association at 510-654-4499, ext. 7530 or jbross@diabetes.org

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