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## Mayor Linn, councilman Starbuck to file for re-election

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Though one councilwoman announced her decision not to run for re-election earlier this month, other members of Lompoc's city government said they plan to run for another term as the election season nears.

Mayor John Linn and Councilman Dirk Starbuck said Tuesday that they plan on running for another term and will file for the election this summer.

The filing period begins July 14 and lasts through Aug. 8, said City Clerk Stacey Alvarez. The general election will be held Nov. 4.

Linn, who serves two-year terms



Linn



Starbuck



Costa

as mayor, said he committed to serving two terms in Lompoc, but intends to run again in order to see out his goals for the city. The City Council did not accomplish much during the transition period between former City Administrator

Laurel Barcelona and current administrator Patrick Wiemiller, he said.

"We had a period where we didn't get an awful lot done," Linn said. "Now there are a lot of things that both myself and other (council)

members are focused on getting finished."

Linn said he hopes he will be able to continue to focus on economic development and bringing new business to Lompoc. Starbuck, who was elected in 2010 and is up for re-election in November, echoed Linn's statements, but said that if he is elected, the next term will be his last.

"I would do one more," he said. "If I did a second term, then I'm 60 years old."

Councilwoman Ashley Costa, elected in 2010 at the age of 23, said May 18 that she will not seek re-election this year. She said part of

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## Festival to host flower show

Cancellation of the Alpha Club Flower Show leads Lompoc Valley Festival Association to offer new display of blooms grown in yards

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A new flower show is set to bloom at the Lompoc Flower Festival next month.

Cut flowers — those grown by the gardener in his or her own yard — will be the focus of the new show, said Connie Kauppinen, a member of the Lompoc Valley Festival Association (LVFA).

She presented the idea of starting a smaller flower show to the LVFA's board in order to preserve the tradition started about 90 years ago by the Alpha Literary and Improvement Club.

Earlier this year, Alpha Club members announced their show's cancellation due to expensive rental fees and lack of participants. Instead the club held a garden tour and tea in May.

The Alpha Club Flower Show was a part of the Flower Festival that made the event special and unique to the community, the LVFA wrote in an email.

Kauppinen, the coordinator of the LVFA Flower Show, said starting a new flower show felt like a tribute to her late father. "It was something instilled in me, as far as a love of gardening goes," she said. "(My father) was a backyard gardener and he passed about five years ago."

Last year's Alpha Club Flower Show featured more than 100 cut specimens, Kauppinen said, and for that reason she decided to coordinate a show featuring only that class of flowers.

"I really hated to see the show go after so many years,"

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Connie Kauppinen, shown in her garden at her house in Lompoc, is a member of the Lompoc Valley Festival Association and is coordinating a new flower show at this year's Lompoc Flower Festival.

## Shelter upgrades 'Hub' equipment

### \$44K fundraising effort helps LaPAWS

STAFF REPORT

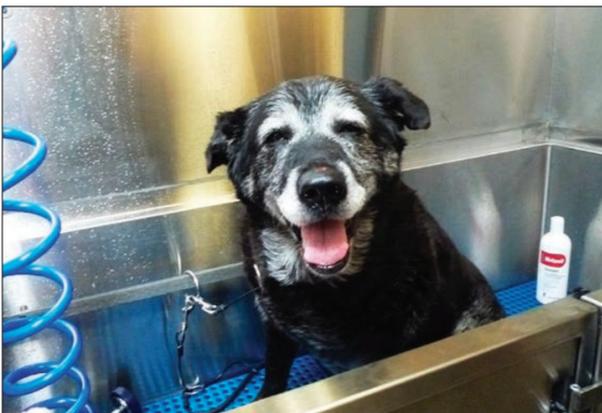
Thanks to a large outpouring of support from throughout the community, one of the key areas of Lompoc's primary animal shelter recently received a much-needed facelift.

When the La Purisima Animal Welfare Services, or La PAWS, facility was renovated and re-branded in 2012, there was not enough money in the budget to upgrade the Hub, which is where most of the center's dog services take place.

Because of this, the Companion Animal Placement Assistance (CAPA) group, a nonprofit that supports La PAWS, led a separate fundraising effort to bring that specific area up to date.

Less than a year after beginning that fundraising push, the donations exceeded the shelter's own expectations and the new-look Hub is up and running.

"It's all of what we expected as far as state-of-the-art appliances and efficiency," said Cheryl Belhasen, a CAPA volunteer. "It turned out really well. The staff



Contributed

Sammie, a beloved pet at the Lompoc La PAWS center, was the first to enjoy a massage and bath from CAPA volunteers using the facility's new equipment.

and volunteers are all very happy with the way it turned out."

Through charitable trusts, including the Animal Charitable Foundation of Santa Barbara County and the Petco Foundation, along with private donations, CAPA was able to raise almost \$44,000. The group had set a goal of \$35,000.

With the funds, the shelter was able to afford all new appliances, including a new bathing facility for

the dogs, as well as an energy efficient tankless water heater.

Previously, that area of the shelter was run down and dilapidated. Cabinets were falling apart and a bathing tub had the bottom rusted out.

With the new bathing facility, volunteers and staff are now able to bathe and groom all dogs before they are adopted or go to rescue.

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### MIKE BROWN

## Former SB County CEO proposes strategy to fund Measure M

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When former Santa Barbara County CEO Mike Brown heard the contentious discussions over Measure M, he began crafting a strategy to fund the maintenance measure, arguing that its opponents have not explored all the options.

"I looked at this and saw the way the county framed the issue and thought they were making it into a crisis that it doesn't need to be," said Brown, who was the county's highest ranking bureaucrat from 1997 through 2010.

Brown says his six-pronged strategy could fully fund Measure M, carving out an extra \$22.75 million to \$33.1 million each fiscal year

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## ABOUT TOWN

### Cabrillo High School Band benefits set

The Cabrillo High School band has three events coming up, beginning with "Harlem Nights," an evening of jazz from the 1920s through present, at 7 p.m. Friday, May 30 in the cafeteria.

The CHS Jazz Band will perform. Coffee and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday the band will hold a car wash fundraiser at the Vandenberg Village Chevron gas station. Donations are appreciated.

From 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 1, CHS band fundraiser will be held at Yogurt Creations. For all sales between 4 and 8 p.m. the band will receive a portion of the proceeds. Customers must present a flier (available from band members) for the band to get credit.

### CHS to hold senior awards night at 6 p.m.

Cabrillo High School, 4350 Constellation Road in Vandenberg Village, will host its annual Senior Awards Program at 6 p.m. today in the school's cafeteria.

Seniors receiving scholarships from local, state and national organizations will be honored. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 805-742-2850.

### EDA barbecue to be Saturday

The city's Employment Development Association (EDA) will hold its third annual barbecue and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Sears parking lot, 1000 block of North H St. in Lompoc.

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