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# **PUSD Expects Little Change** From Newsom's **May Revise**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Revise of the state budget may treat the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) a little better than the original January version, said the district's top financial official.Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Micaela Ochoa told the school board at its May 21 meeting that, although the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase in the state budget is \$154,000 lower than in January for the 2019/20 school year, it will be offset by an increase in the state's pickup of a little more of the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) contribution. The exact amount is not known yet, because the governor is still negotiating with the Legislature over trailer bills for funding.

That means the contribution from the district would be going down, a positive for the district, said Ochoa.

such as administrative assistants,

# **Rainbow Flag Won't Fly in Dublin; Hearing Unfurls Intense Feelings**

### By Ron McNicoll

In a meeting remarkable for the heartfelt personal sharing by gay people, residents and public officials who have gay relatives, the Dublin City Council unanimously proclaimed Gay Pride Month in June.

However, Councilmember Shawn Kumagai's request for the city to fly the Gay Pride Rainbow Flag from the city's flagpole in front of City Hall failed on a

3-2 vote at the council's May 21 meeting. The city flag flagpole is adjacent to flagpoles that display the U.S. and California flags.

Flying the Rainbow Flag, either through the month of June, or only on June 1 to kick off Gay Pride Month, would have sent a stronger signal to the community about the importance of the month, said Kumagai.

Kumagai proposed flying the

Rainbow Flag several months ago at a council meeting. Staff reported back that in the East Bay, six cities have flown the flag and 17 have not.

Kumagai made a motion to fly the flag. It was seconded by Councilmember Jean Josey, who also voted for it. Voting "nay" were Mayor David Haubert, Vicemayor Melissa Hernandez, and Councilmember Arun Goel. All

three said that they thought there should be a council-set policy first about whether private or non-profit groups should be allowed to fly a flag on the city pole, and if so, what standards the decision should meet.

Near the end of the meeting, all councilmembers agreed that they should discuss it as a future item, after staff researches other cities'

(See RAINBOW, page 3)

# Livermore Lawsuit Filed, **Excavation Work Halted**

On Wednesday May 22nd, the day after Save The Hill Group filed a lawsuit to force environmental review of a housing project called Garaventa Hills, earth moving equipment had appeared on the hill and began performing excavation and ground disturbing activities in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Garaventa Hills development site is a parcel located in Northeast Livermore between Laughlin Road and North Vasco Road. Save the Hill Group served a Notice of Intent to Commence Legal Action on Tuesday, May 21st, followed by the filing and service of lawsuit on Thursday, May 23rd.

A press release from Save the Hill noted, "Viewers of social media were horrified to see images and videos of a backhoe digging up the hillside, as well as witnessing a sport utility vehicle driving all over the environmentally sensitive habitat of the Protected Endangered California Tiger Salamander, burrowing owls and many other special status species. There is evidence of the current activity and presence of the Pro-

(See LAWSUIT, page 7)

# Mayor Marchand Delivers State of the City Talk

### **By Carol Graham**

The Livermore Valley Chamber Marchand.

the City address by Mayor John mayors here today who have served Avenues. this community before I did."

"We're finally out of the triple-

American Legion Post 47 of Livermore honored veterans on Memorial Day with Scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troops 931 and 924. Over 1,400 flags were placed on the graves of veterans in all three cemeteries in Livermore Saturday morning. The American Legion provided the flags, grave locations and the Boy Scouts provided the manpower. Refreshments were offered following the flag placements at the Roselawn Cemetery. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

### **Climate Change Caucus in Congress By Bruce Gach**

# At the monthly Tri-Valley Citi-

Also, the state's Public Employ- zens Climate Lobby meeting, ees Retirement System (PERS), Carlos Cubelo, a former member which affects classified employees, of the House of Representatives and co-chair of the Congressional custodians and others, will receive Future Caucus, discussed on video (See PUSD, page 7) how climate change was now being discussed in the U.S. Congress. Cubelo noted that recently those who do not believe in climate change are rarely being called upon to testify in congressional hearings at the Climate Solutions Caucus. There has been a dramatic

shift in the discussion. The debate these days is not about whether climate change is a real phenomenon or questioning the science. The dialogue between Republicans and Democrats now is about determining the best solutions to deal with (See CAUCUS, page 2)

> Initiative Campaign Movee Ahead

of Commerce kicked off its 2019 Wine Country Luncheon series on May 23. The luncheon took place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, and featured a State of

"One of my favorite quotes is from Sir Isaac Newton: 'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants," Marchand said. "I'd like to acknowledge the

One such mayor, Dr. John Shirley, will be honored on July 13 with a ribbon cutting for the John Shirley Council Chambers, located at the corner of S. Livermore and Pacific

wide trailer, and will have a facility that's worthy of this community,' said Marchand, who has served on the Livermore City Council (See STATE OF CITY, page 7)

# Two Candidates Vie for Area 4 Dublin School Board Seat

(DUSD) voters will cast ballots in a June 4 special election to select a trustee for Area 4, to replace Joe Giannini, who resigned from the board Oct. 22

The candidates are Gabrielle Blackman and Niranjana "Nini" Natarajan.

Natarajan was appointed to the

Dublin Unified School District seat Dec. 11 on a 3-1 board vote. A group of residents challenged the appointment by circulating a petition that called for an election.

### **GABRIELLE BLACKMAN**

Gabrielle Blackman stated, "As a parent of 3 school-aged children and a 13 year Dublin resident, I am concerned with the impact exponential growth is having on our schools and community."

She says that she has volunteered for a decade across the district. "In doing so I have gained a deep understanding of the challenges both our children and our schools are facing." She has been an advocate for a second high school.

She adds, " Our schools have made huge strides since my family moved to the Tri-Valley in 2001, vet without effective solutions to growth and funding issues, the district will struggle to continue to provide equitable access to a quality education."

(See DUSD, page 6)

Citizens for a Livermore Central Park has announced that the committee has found a Livermore campaign office that will open this week. The group is preparing to gather signatures on the initiative petition to create a new plan for the center of downtown Livermore. An initiative was filed with the City of Livermore last Wednesday. The City Attorney is required by law to prepare a title and summary by June 6th.

Signature gathering will start after the title and summary are

(See INITIATIVE, page 6)

# **Pleasanton City Council Approves Grant Funding**

The Pleasanton City Council approved the allocation of grant funds, voting unanimously at the May 21 meeting.

The Housing, Human Services, Civic Arts and Youth commissions provided recommendations for funding

The FY 2019/20 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG)

program received twenty seven applications totaling \$1.1 million for funding from a wide range of agencies serving a variety of community needs. There was \$820,819 in funding available.

Jay Ingram, Human Services Manager, told the council that funding focused on critical safety

(See FUNDING, page 12)

# **Dublin Ranks As State's Fastest Growing City**

Dublin has been ranked as the fastest growing city in California with cities having a population over 50,000.

The most recent information released by the U.S. Census Bureau also notes that Dublin is the 11th fastest growing city in the nation,

the only California city listed in the top 15.

For the last full census in 2010, Dublin had just over 46,000 residents. Today, the population sits at 63,445. That represents growth of more than 37.8%.

**SHABO** 

(See DUBLIN, page 2)

Saturday's NCS CIF Division 1 Softball Championship matched number one seed Foothill Falcons against number two seed Heritage Patriots. The Falcons won 2 to 0. Foothill was undefeated, 28-0, a record for the CIF North Coast Section. See more photos on page 6. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

### PET OF THE WEEK



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Photo Credit: Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz

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The Collings Foundation's B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" was part of the Wings of Freedom Tour, which brought WWII Aircraft to Livermore last week. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

# **Financial Plans for the Next Two Years**

### **By Bruce Gach**

At the Livermore City Council workshop on May 20, city staff provided the 2019-21 fiscal year preliminary financial plan, including a proposed budget seeking direction from council concerning any refinements to the plan before a final presentation at the June 10 council meeting.

Budgets for 2019-2021 fiscal years that contain operational costs, service levels and funding of longterm obligations to ensure financial sustainability were described. Ways to achieve the council's goals and priorities approved earlier this year were presented.

The largest proposed expenditures involve safety, police and fire, followed by transportation infrastructure including traffic control, trails, street maintenance, downtown revitalization and wastewater/water facilities. Other outlays were directed toward beautification, underground facilities, public buildings, the airport, and flood control. The city's two-year capital expenditures include \$55 million (56%) toward expansion and enhancement of the current plan and \$44 million (44%) for rehabilitation and replacement of items in the current plan. .

The three major resources for revenue include property tax, sales tax and development fees. Sales tax and property tax revenues are

projected to increase over the budget cycle. Development revenue should remain strong unless the economy begins to decline.

Douglas Alessio, Administrative Services Director, noted that the U.S. is currently in the second, soon to be first longest economic expansion in the history of this country. He stated that most economists are not predicting a downturn during the next two years barring any unforeseen occurrences.

Alessio observed that asset management was the biggest financial concern facing the city. Over the last three years, the city has built an infrastructure repair and replacement reserve of \$6 million. The current proposed budget lowers that reserve by \$1.8 million.

Alessio described progress on the downtown project, the emergency operating center, a \$3.2 million investment in technology for public safety purposes and \$750,000 supporting an innovation driven economy. The general fund shows \$8.7 million for the homeless and affordable housing.

City Manager Marc Roberts noted the importance of identifying specific information and trends over time for the council, the community and the state, since this gives good data and makes clear the financial situations the city has to manage.

Councilmember Bob

Woerner questioned whether a term other than "enterprise fund" would be appropriate for collecting all relevant

areas in one place. Roberts explained the "enterprise fund" was chosen because it was ultimately supported by known user fees. It also helps when dealing with the state concerning funding regionally.

Councilmember Trish Munro appreciated the explanations so the community can understand the issues and can act to voice informed opinions. "Our residents can be actors at the state level as well as on behalf of the city as we go forward.'

### CAUCUS

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climate change. He said that this a drastic improvement; we are closer than we have ever been to a carbon solution that our country and the world need.

Cubelo continued, Republicans are being asked to consider this as a conservative market-based solution. Many more Republicans are admitting that climate change is real and cannot be ignored. They are not using their previous strategy, which was to avoid the issue. This does not excuse some Democrats who are not interested in finding a healthy compromise on the issue, and ignore the fact that the solution must be bi-partisan.

Cubelo added, "An all or nothing approach leads to nothing. That is not an option when it comes to addressing climate change. We have limited time. Outreach is critical to both Republicans and Democrats".

Cubelo reported that further meetings concerning the Energy Innovation Act have been referred to the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs committees. Nationally, the Climate

Council Leadership has been effective in bringing on board major oil companies and other major U.S. corporations to make the case for a price on carbon. That makes a difference with lawmakers, since these are companies that have the ear of many politicians. This can lead to the point where Republicans and Democrats

could find a healthy compromise that may not solve the entire problem immediately, but would certainly get the U.S. closer to net zero emissions.

According to Cubelo, it is extremely important for Republican and Democratic leaders to hear from constituents across the political spectrum saying that they may not agree on every issue, but they really want to be a part of solving climate change. "It's about making sure that future generations can continue living on this earth, enjoying this earth, and delivering a healthy planet."

Cubelo concluded by stating that people in American politics rarely have conversations anymore. Human relations in politics has been lost. This is a large reason for the deterioration of our politics over the years. Creating an environment where people can actually talk and understand each other is very useful.



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Growth has been an issue in Dublin, with residents raising concerns about its impact on traffic and schools.

Livermore's population rose by 200 while Pleasanton showed a net loss of 400 residents.





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# Lawsuit Conference Delayed

A conference in the a writ of mandate that would lawsuit aimed at returning Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees to University of California healthcare programs was postponed until June 11.

The conference had been set for last week after court schedules could not accommodate a May 6 trial date.

The lawsuit is being litigated in Superior Court in Oakland. It was first filed in 2010 and became a class action four years later.

The retirees are asking for a finding of liability and

### Correction

In the May 23 edition, a story on Memorial Day events in Livermore misidentified one of the Boy Scout troops conducting flag ceremonies. Troop 924, not 942 joined with other organizations to honor veterans.

require the University to return living retirees to its healthcare programs.

They are seeking financial damages in a separate phase of the trial.



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# **101 Years Anniversary**





On Memorial Day, Boy Scouts place medallions and flags on the graves of veterans at the Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

# **Tri-Valley Democratic Club Endorses** Blackman for Dublin School Board

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club, at their meeting on Tuesday, May 21st, endorsed Gabrielle "Gabi" Blackman, a candidate for Dublin School Board Trustee Area 4. A special election will be held June 4th.

According to a press release, "Gabrielle is a designer of award-winning facilities across the US, with an expertise in educational programming and long-term campus planning. Her Bay Area work includes Chabot College's new Student Services Facility in Hayward, recipient of the 2012 CCSC Honor Award.

"For over 10 years she has advocated at both Dublin School Board and Dublin City Council meetings to: remedy the impact of growth on the City of Dublin, align infrastructure investment with the needs of Dublin's schools, and demand for greater transparency in governance.'

"Gabrielle is the one candidate with extensive public-process expertise in education, which the club believes sets her apart from others. Her dedication to advocating for educational needs of children speaks

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to and for our progressive Democratic principles here in the Tri-Valley," said El-lis Goldberg, President of the Tri-Valley Democratic Club. "We know Gabrielle Blackman will bring her business acumen, long-term planning vision, and depth of education expertise towards ushering in a new era of leadership as a Governing Board Member of the Dublin Unified School District. She will be a champion for education in the Tri-Valley, and we are proud to endorse and support her.'

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# LPFD Chief Departs for New Position

After four years as chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Chief Ruben Torres will be leaving his post and returning to the South Bay to lead the Santa Clara Fire Department.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) operates under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) established in 1996 to serve both cities with fire protection and paramedic services. This partnership provides a more efficient administration and cost-effective delivery of services. This unique arrangement ensures effective deployment of emergency response within the communities of Pleasanton and Livermore through shared administration, fire protection resources and improved training and development of first responders. The LPFD is governed by a JPA board of directors which is a subcommittee of city councils where joint consensus and partnership are used to make decisions with equal influence. The two city managers of Livermore and Pleasanton function as the department's joint executive directors.

During his tenure, Chief Torres spearheaded an update to the JPA with Livermore and Pleasanton, modernized the department's fire apparatus, and diversified the department's workforce to better reflect the populations of both communities.

"The City of Pleasanton is grateful for Chief Torres'

leadership. His effective, results-driven approach has created the necessary framework for a world-class fire department that will operate well beyond his tenure," said Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton City Manager. "I'm very thankful for his service and his leadership of the department."

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts remarked, "The City of Livermore greatly benefited from Chief Torres' specialized background in firefighting and leadership. He demonstrated an exceptional ability to provide outstanding fire protection service to our two cities, and for that our communities have been better served. I am pleased to have had Ruben

at the helm of LPFD and am appreciative of his high level of professionalism.'

I have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead not only one, but two cities in their joint fire protection services, and am proud of what the department has accomplished during my service in Livermore and Pleasanton. I will always be grateful for this unique opportunity," said Chief Torres.

LFPD will begin the process of recruiting for a new fire chief. The recruitment process is anticipated to take six to eight months to complete. During the transition, Jeff Peters, Assistant Fire Chief, will serve as interim chief.

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# RAINBOW

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### policies, if any exist. 'SUPER PERSONAL' **ISSUE FOR JOSEY**

Josey said that the issue is "super personal." Her brother was gay. He died of AIDS. "I know in my heart that if I had not been sitting here, I would have been speaking there (from the audience rostrum) in favor of hanging this flag," she said.

Josey works for the Dublin Unified School District as a training coordinator. She said, "I see the struggles of LGBT youth for acceptance, feelings of worth, and physical safety. There are fights for no reason, other than who these people are. It's not a choice, it's not a membership. It's important to send a message to our youth that they are worthy just for who they are."

Haubert said that his own style of leadership as mayor is to "favor bridges, not walls. Flying the Rainbow Flag would be a wall, because it would be divisive in the community. Haubert said he prefers talking about the broad range of diversity in the community, and what unites the community.

Kumagai said, "There is a certain narrative around diversity that attempts to homogenize or whitewash our differences. I will speak for myself. I do not want to be normalized as a straight person. I just want to live my own life, and have the same rights as others to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

ing on the issue, an audience member introduced herself as a San Ramon resident, but with friends in Dublin. As a 69-year-old lesbian, she said it was important for her to be there.

She openly cried for a minute or so before she could start speaking. "I can't tell you how painful this is; how much this has upset me. The Rainbow Flag stands for love and freedom to choose who you love. That's how it is — celebrate love. People are dying every day for the right to love each other," she said.

The idea of being able to come to Dublin, to see a Rainbow Flag would mean I am welcome and safe. Others could have their own flags. Why not? I am a lovable person, and so are you," said the woman. Steve Wright, a 30-year Dublin resident, talked about his gay relatives, including a brother who lived five decades, and could not live as he really was because of anti-gay attitudes. "People are born gay; it's not a choice," declared Wright.

tion (NRA). The dealer said that he feels that he has been discriminated against — by "gun-haters" and Democrats, so why not also put up an NRA banner on the city flagpole, provided privately so there is no expense to the city. "I support what Shawn is trying to do, but not on the flagpole," he said.



In March, Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai participated in an interfaith vigil in Pleasanton to grieve after shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand.

"This is not the end. I hope to have the City Council's support on how to make this truly inclusive, that we embrace without qualification, all members of our unique humanity,' said Kumagai.

### **EMOTIONAL PAIN BRINGS TEARS**

During the public hear-

One speaker, a firearms dealer for more than 40 years, said he is a member of the National Rifle Associa-

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# Medical Exams Available to Veterans At Pleasanton Library on May 30

Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach Team and the county Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to facilitate free examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans. Additional VA resource information will be available. The event will run from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue. No appointment is necessary.

Veterans uncertain of their benefits eligibility are encouraged to visit as requirements have changed, and VA health care may complement current medical coverage. VA representatives will provide information or assistance with questions and enrollment for VA care. The Veteran Service Officer will provide benefits counsel and process VSD-001 forms for veterans who wish to apply for the veteran designation on California driver's licenses or ID cards.

Veterans should bring military discharge papers (Form DD-214) and a list of current medications. For more information or assistance obtaining proof of service documents prior to the event, contact the library's information desk, 925-931-3400 x4 or jeseltine@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Library has been a member of Veterans Connect @ the Library, a statewide outreach to Veterans sponsored by the California State Library, since 2013.

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# **EDITORIAL**

### **Tourism has Positive Impact**

Recently released tourism numbers show the importance of the industry. Visit California's latest economic impact report showed visitor spending reached \$4.3 billion and supported 30,700 jobs, a 4 percent boost from last year, equivalent to a \$153 million increase in Alameda County.

Locally, Visit Tri-Valley experienced doubledigit growth in hotel room revenue from 2012 -2017, impacting the economy by creating 6000 jobs and contributing \$69.6 million in taxes from 1.64 million visitors in 2017. Similar numbers are anticipated for 2018.

Visit Tri-Valley markets the Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville areas as preferred destinations for visitors.

Statewide, visitor spending increased to \$140.6 billion, and the tourism industry provided nearly 1.16 million jobs in 2018.

Visitor spending generated \$367 million revenue last year for local communities statewide. Without tourism, each California household would have to pay an additional \$890 in taxes each year to make up the difference to fund services.

Given the positive impact of tourism, all should remember to roll out the welcome mat.

# **Bookless Confirmed**

Former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory physicist William Bookless was confirmed by the U.S. Senate last week as principal deputy in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

The action followed an extraordinary letter sent to Senate by 18 senior managers of U.S. nuclear weapons urging Bookless's confirmation.

The 18 included former directors of the three nuclear weapons laboratories - Lawrence Livermore, Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories - and former administrators of NNSA.

Bookless was first nominated by the White House last August, but his nomination

died when a new Congress took office early this year.

At NNSA, he will help manage the huge component of the U.S. Department of Energy that is responsible for maintaining U.S. nuclear weapons as well as related programs in international security and emergency response.

He will be part of a management team that is headed by another former LLNL employee, Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, and that includes another senior former LLNL manager, Charlie Verdon, her deputy.

Motivation for last week's letter was NNSA's need for a complete management team at a time when the agency has an exceptionally large workload.

# MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submit-ting them and city of residence. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be sent by email to editmail@ compuserve.com)

### Livermore Downtown Initiative, Sign It and Vote! Doug Mann, Livermore

When I first heard about the new Livermore downtown initiative, I thought "Oh no, not again." After I learned what it was about, I thought "This is fantastic!"

The hotel will have more rooms, all the parking will be onsite, and there will be more of it. That will relieve the traffic congestion caused by the current hotel design with the parking across the street. The additional rooms will help our tourism industry

The Bankhead Theater will finally get more nearby parking and more disabled spaces. A parking facility at L Street will give us back the close-by spaces that we deserve. And none of it will be paid parking.

Stockmen's Park stays just like it is, and the new Central Park will have much more open space than the old plan provided. There will still be affordable housing units.

These are all aspects of the redevelopment plan that were most important to the majority of us, but that the City just couldn't figure out how to provide. The changes won't even slow down the construction - build it quick!

Many thanks to the authors for doing the hard work. Now, the easy part will be for the rest of us to do. Sign it, and vote.

### Pray We Don't Get Fooled Again... Daryl R. Carlson, Livermore

Like mushrooms popping up after late Spring rain, Livermore has yet another "community" group -- Citizens for a Central Livermore Park (do not be fooled-different Stetsons, same cowboys) that wants to waste thousands of taxpayer dollars on an unnecessary, costly election to trick Livermore voters into upending the City's sensible Development Plan for the Downtown. This sad tiny group had their pride wounded when their (counter?) intuitive plans were politely

rejected by both the Livermore Planning Department and our duly-elected representatives who spent countless hours examining their made-from-scratch, unprofessional proposals.

Plans ignorant of urban planning, traffic amelioration and hotel marketing do not deserve a reconsideration. Signing this new ballot measure would be a victory of incessant newspaper ad propaganda and manipulation over substance. Their ads tout "open space," but their plan yanks the affordable downtown housing so necessary to some unspecified location-underground? Be wary, Pardee offered a "free" park, as well.

### Save the Hill Bianca Covarelli, Livermore

I have been on the front lines with many others dedicated to preserving the Garaventa Hill located in the city limits of northeast Livermore for years. The goal has been and continues to be to preserve the hill as open space in perpetuity, and that goal has not and will not waiver. It's not just a hill. This biologicallysensitive ecosystem and open space is the habitat for many endangered and threatened species that live on and immediately surrounding the Garaventa Hill, such as the protected endangered California Tiger Salamander, the Red-Legged Frog, the Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp, the San Joaquin Kit Fox, Burrowing Owls, the Livermore Tar Plant and the Congdon Tar Plant, just to name a few. This annual grassland upland habitat is an integral part of the well-known biological systems that make up the protected "alkali sink" environment that envelops the property and its surrounding area. The proposed hydrological changes at the development will eradicate the sensitive ecological system and its affected surrounding environment that are not able

to be mitigated as well as the Special Status Species who live on the hill.

I feel the re-issued FEIR has significant avoidances and flaws, and is lacking in thorough and current analysis. For example, the EIR erroneously finds that "no significant and unavoidable impacts were identified under the project." The permanent loss of federally-designated, critical habitat for the Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp is a significant unavoidable impact of the selected alternative. VPFS are not mobile and therefore cannot move to the proposed Bluebell mitigation site. The EIR fails to adequately

investigate, evaluate and consider cumulative impacts to biological resources as a result of the permanent loss of a wildlife corridor that runs through the project site. By suggesting wildlife can simply reorient themselves around the project site, the EIR ignores substantial evidence regarding the effects of habitat fragmentation on wildlife's learned, intergenerational behavior and instincts.

I feel the re-issued FEIR should not have been certified by the City Council based on those issues and more

I ask myself, "Does the development of 44 homes warrant permanent destruction of an immaculate, highly-sensitive and rare ecosystem, special habitat, and open space that the community has enjoyed, in my experience, for over a quarter of a century?" I feel it doesn't.

This project development will also add significant traffic burden to our already congested residential streets.

CEQA's clear directive to choose no project as the preferred alternative when mitigation of critical habitat is deemed necessary. Members of the community fighting to save the hill have asked the City numerous times

for assistance in taking steps to protect this land and in locating funds to purchase the land to maintain open-space preservation in perpetuity, which has been our number-one goal. There are funds available to preserve open space and special-status species habitat. I personally have learned of funds available in the Dougherty Valley Settlement Fund that are designated specifically for the above-mentioned criteria. The City knows of these funds. Why wasn't the no-project alternative considered? Why weren't these funds offered to us by the City as an option to preserve this land as opposed to the development?

There is a viable option to save the hill. We are working diligently toward that option.

Your donations make an immediate difference in preserving this unique open-space treasure by covering fees associated with stopping the development. Please go to the GoFundMe Save the Hill Fund to help, https:// www.gofundme.com/save-thehill-fund.

### Let the Voters Decide Linda and Don Milanese, Livermore

We're excited about the initiative filed by "Citizens for a Livermore Central Park." Livermore will get to vote for a better downtown plan, and we'll finally know for sure what the citizens want.

Livermore has a long history of smart growth planned by visionary advocates who respected the importance of open space. When we compare Livermore's hills with the dense development of neighboring communities and when we enjoy the carefullypreserved agricultural land and open space around Livermore, we see the wise legacy of their

planning. We've done it right in the past, and we can extend Liver-

more's appreciation for open space to our downtown. The Central Park Plan, an alternative to the City's plan, will make our downtown better with a large Central Park and much-needed parking. It puts more parking where it's needed most and adds a large continuous Central Park from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street. It will include the elements of the City's plan in a better configuration, and it will not delay the development's timeline.

We're eager to help gather signatures to place the initiative on the next ballot, so citizens can decide. If you'd like to join us, please go to betterlivermore.com or call 925-243-7098

### The Homeless Games. Part XVIII – Woman Alone Greg Scott, Livermore

She is homeless and unsheltered in Livermore. Six years she has been this way in the Tri-Valley. Her health is poor and declining. She has everything in a basket-cart and sleeps where she can and where she thinks is best, though the predators steal from what little she has anyway on a regular basis.

There is no place for her. The "Culture of Contentment" (book by the late economist John Kenneth Galbraith) is satisfied by helping a few others. Some battered women get a bed and a few women with children have priority at the local shelters. A single woman alone out there gets little more than the streets.

We live in historic times. There is female representation again now on the Livermore City Council. Yay! After the 2018 mid-term elections there are 102 women in the United States House of Representatives out of 434 Representatives. (I do not say 435 because the election in the 9th Congressional

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Architectural site map for downtown Livermore specified in the Central Park Plan Initiative

**1** Signature Central Park to form a continuous expanse of greenery from the Bankhead Theater Park Plaza to L Street.

2 Retain Stockmen's Park to honor our ranching history and the service of Livermore's veterans.

**3** Convenient Parking with new garages to offer 316 more spaces than the city plan near Livermore Avenue.

**4 Black Box Theater** with flexible seating for performance, education and cultural events.

G Center for Science, Culture & Education for classes, performances and displays of science, art and history.

6 Affordable housing, in an appropriate location not covering the Central Park, to meet City needs.

**Wine Country Hotel** with up to 160 rooms, a resort destination.

**8 L Street Parking Garage,** a new, 3-story parking garage with convenient parking near L Street.

Paid for by Citizens for a Livermore Central Park.

# It's Finally Here... Your Chance To Vote For A Better Downtown Plan For Livermore THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN INITIATIVE!



# BETTER PARKS. BETTER PARKING. BETTER LIVERMORE.

After years of debate about the revitalization of downtown Livermore, it's finally time to let voters decide. That's why the Citizens for a Livermore Central Park have submitted a citizens' initiative to let residents, not just the government, decide the future of our beautiful city.

### **Better Parks**

The citizens' plan showcases a beautiful, activated Central Park, which will join with the lawn and other features in Stockmen's Park, to provide 3 acres of parkland stretching from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street. The City's plan only includes "a park (Stockmen's Park),"<sup>1</sup> 1.5 acres,<sup>2</sup> half of what the citizens' plan offers.

### **Better Parking**

We need convenient parking near Livermore Avenue. The City's plan will result in 201 fewer available parking spaces<sup>3</sup> than we have now in the Livermore Avenue area, while the Central Park Plan delivers 316 more spaces than the city plan provides!

### **Better Livermore**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a beautiful Livermore downtown for generations to come. The Central Park plan includes new cultural, restaurant, retail, educational, art and entertainment amenities.

# SIGN THE INITIATIVE. LET VOTERS DECIDE! Call (925) 243-7098 or visit betterlivermore.com to volunteer!

1. Council Meeting May 13, 2019 Agenda, Public Hearing Item 5.01, page 505, A Resolution approving Specific Plan Amendment 18-003; 2. Council Meeting September 24, 2018 Agenda, Public Hearing Item 5.05, page 557, Stockmen's Park; 3. Community Newsletter Summer/Fall 2018 #50, page 2. Downtown Interim Parking Timeline; City Council Meeting May 13, 2019, Item 5.01 Staff discussion of I Street garage; City Council Special Meeting, Budget Workshop Agenda, May 20, 2019, page 493, LVC Compactor Facility; Council January 29, 2018 Meeting Agenda page 39, Parking Requirements; Community Newsletter Special Edition 2 Winter 2018, page 2 (New Retail Uses), page 5 (Eastside Hotel Concept)

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# SPORTS NO



Foothill's Hailey Hayes slides into Second base on Saturday's game. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



The 15th annual Western Region Challenger Jamboree was hosted at the Dublin Sports Ground on May 24-26. The Jamboree helps provide an opportunity for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges a chance to have fun participating in little league. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



Krossfire Team Top Row: Paige McLean, Alana Albarran, Adriana Paneda, Payton Hoover, Brittany Hahn, Gabby Carlton, Payten English. Bottom Row: Dakota Baird, Mia Howard, Gianna Ramirez, Kayla Robinson, Jasleen Gasca, Sophia Simonds, Skyler Ingram, Madylin Harrell. In Front: Ava Coverdale, Jennessa Maselli.



In the LGSA middle school division end-of-season playoffs, Fury (Purple) earned first place and Rampage (red) earned second.



LGSA 8U Humm Babies earned first place and Lady Sharks took second in LGSA playoffs.



LGSA 10U Pitch Black took first place in LGSA playoffs.





GSA Titans (senior division)



LGSA 10U Teal Titans took second in playoffs.

Not rain nor snow nor freezing wind would keep the 12U Smoke Travel Team from putting their heart into the prestigious Battle of the Bats in Reno Nevada. Smoke Travel Team Top Row: (L-R): Kiki Casados, Caitlin McNeil, Kerigan Coates, Romy Palmer, Ami Radack, McKenzie Wisely, Grace Phillips. Bottom Row: (L-R): Gabi Sands, Hannah Armaz, Vanessa Mitre, Mimi Castro, Cindy Pine.

### DUSD —

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She graduated from Cornell University's Architectural Art & Planning College with a Bachelor of Architecture degree (with honors).

As a Senior Designer in the Architectural Industry, she has served as a Principal and as a Senior Associate for several world-renowned firms (KPF, NBBJ). She has overseen large teams and led the design of a broad array of projects including: large scale civic planning projects, medical centers (including the 1st AIDS patient center), massive highrise projects, retail centers, high-rise luxury housing, federal headquarters, federal courthouses, train and airport terminals, as well as major research centers.

She declared that as trustee, she would engage in a civil and proactive discourse in working with the other trustees to bring greater leadership to the board, with the intent of:

• Promoting critical thinking to the district by strategically aligning funding allocations with prioritized needs, and ensuring fiscal solvency to meet long-term planning goals.

• Restoring integrity to the board through transparency, by strengthening communication with the Dublin community and delivering on promises made to the community.

· Pursuing development of innovative curriculum that advances students' college, and career readiness and aligns elective offerings with future industry trends.

• Bringing a fresh perspective to solving the district's growth issues by partnering with the City of Dublin to remedy the impact of housing expansion, and developing a cohesive longterm vision for the entire district.

For more information, go to www.Gabi4Dublin.com or facebook: Gabrielle4Dublin-SchoolBoard.

### NIRANJANA NATARAJAN

A press release issued by the district following her appointment to the board includes information about her background and goals as a trustee.

Originally from Chennai, the capital of the state of Tamil Nadu on the eastern coast of India, Natarajan attended Madras University where she received a Bachelor's of Commerce and Accounting, and later earned the designation of Chartered Accountant. In 2004, she married and moved to the United States with her husband after receiving an H4 visa, which is issued to dependent family members of H1B visa holders. She became a U.S. citizen in 2013.

The family settled in the Silicon Valley. While her husband worked for a Bay Area semiconductor company, Natarajan earned her CPA, and now holds the title of Head of Finance for a growth stage startup in San Mateo. The family welcomed their first daughter in 2007, and a second in 2009. Her interest in education came after enrolling their children in private school, where she felt the experience was not as balanced as it should be.

While good grades are important, there is so much more to developing an intelligent, curious and emotionally well-balanced child. I want my children, well, all children, to learn in an environment that embraces a sense of community and that strives to provide experiential, interactive learning experiences that foster skills like communication, collaboration, and compromise," stated Natarajan.

In 2014, Ms. Natarajan moved to Dublin with her family, and enrolled her daughters in Dougherty Elementary school, later moving to Amador Elementary and now attending Cottonwood Creek. During this period, Natarajan became involved with Destination Imagination as a parent mentor to teams for multiple years.

Natarajan stated, "Destination Imagination has been a wonderful experience for my children and myself. The program provides the type of hands-on learning I feel is essential to stimulating the minds of our future leaders, As a Board member, I will push to expand programs of this nature for our children."

### West Coast Krossfire

West Coast's Pre-NPL team, Krossfire, went into the May 18-19 weekend tied atop NorCal's Premier Spring League with Pleasanton Rage 06G ECNL. With 3 games left on the schedule for Krossfire and only 1 for Rage, the odds were in Krossfire's favor. The first game was, of course, against Rage. A win for Krossfire and the league championship was theirs. Krossfire would score first as Gianna Ramirez knocked in penalty kick. Rage would answer back with 2 goals of their own and go on to win 2-1.

With Rage having now completed all of their games and having a 3 point lead in league, Krossfire needed at least a win and a tie in their last 2 games to secure the top spot. On May 18, Krossfire took to the wet and soggy pitch against a tough and physical Walnut Creek 06G Blue team. Walnut Creek came out firing and took an early 1-0 lead. Krossfire answered back as Madylin Harrell hit a through ball to Gianna then to Payton Hoover who knocked in the tying goal. Hoover would add the game winner in the second half off a pass from Jasleen Gasca. Krossfire would go on to win 2-1 and once again be tied at the top with Rage.

On May 19, Krossfire would travel to Danville to take on Mustang Red 06G for their tenth and final spring league game with everything on the line. A win or tie and the league championship is theirs. Rain and wind would play a huge factor in the game as neither team was able to move the ball well. Near the end of the first half, Paige McLean hit a pass to Payten English who knocked it in to give Krossfire the 1-0 lead. Krossfire defense would hold tough the remainder of the game and take 1-0 win. This win put Krossfire up by 3 points over Rage in the league standings, locking in the league championship.

Next up for Krossfire is the West Coast Cup in Tracy and then the NorCal Premier Cross-Regional Championships June 1-2 in Davis.

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issued. Individuals must be registered to vote in the City of Livermore in order to sign the initiative petition. Once the campaign office is opened, the committee plans to ask volunteers to help provide information to the public.

Bill Dunlop, chair of the committee stated, "We are looking forward to opening an office and circulating the initiative petition so that the community will have an opportunity to learn about the Central Park Plan and how it benefits our downtown."

He continued, "Because the hotel is located on the west side of Livermore Avenue, the Central Park Plan offers more parking than we have now near Livermore Avenue, the entertainment

center of the community. The city's plan provides far less.

'The Central Park Plan creates a continuous park from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street. The portion of the city's plan that is devoted to an actual park includes only a fraction of the parkland that we are proposing."

A response from Livermore Mayor John Marchand regarding the initiative can be found in the Livermore Chamber of Commerce story.

Dunlop asked that if citizens want more information about the Livermore Central Park Plan, or wish to volunteer, they should call (925) 243-7098 or email betterlivermore@gmail.com.

### LAWSUIT

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tected Endangered California Tiger Salamander, Burrowing Owls and other species on and around the site.

After several calls alerting the City to the illegal excavation activity, a supervisor from the Planning Department intervened on site and immediately stopped the work. The developer, Lafferty Communities, did not have the required permits to begin any work. Per the City's final approval, no ground disturbing activities can be legally performed before or after the window of June 15th – October 31st.

Save the Hill Group is represented by the public interest lawfirm Greenfire Law, PC. The lawsuit challenges many items in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the City Council on April 22, 2019, including but not limited to:

• CEQA imposes upon the City a clear, present, and mandatory duty to certify

### an EIR only if the EIR fully discloses to the public the significant environmental effects that may occur. After more than ten years, the City certified an EIR that relied on stale information about important environmental features, such as habitat characteristics, species populations and hydrology.

• The City wholly failed to consider whether the Garaventa Hill could be purchased and preserved in perpetuity for conservation as a part of its "No-Action" alternative. Conservation funds are available through the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement, and the administrator of those funds has expressed strong interest in purchasing the Garaventa Hill because it is located within the region designated for conservation by the agreement.

 In approving the elimination of more than 30 acres of pristine habitat, the City

### PUSD -

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a larger contribution from the state budget.

Although the change was positive overall for PUSD since January, and the exact numbers are not known, it does not represent a significant improvement, said Ochoa.

PUSD is a client of School Services of California, which tracks state budget changes and important legislation for school districts. President and CEO John Gray attended the school board meeting with slides that showed how California is doing in its effort to fund public education.

According to a February 2018 study by Rutgers University and the Education Law Center, California ranks 32nd in the nation at \$8900 per student. That represents about 66% of 10-ranked Delaware's \$13,600 per student, based on data from 2015.

In terms of ability to pay, California's per capita personal income of \$44,100 is above the national average, but it provides only \$34 for each \$1000 of personal income to support schools. That earned California an F in the report, titled "Is School Funding Fair? A National Report Card.'

By contrast, New York received a comparable per capita personal income of \$46,400, but provided \$55 for each \$1,000 of personal

the state provided \$48 for each \$1000.

Board Vice-president Steve Maher asked Gray whether he expects school funding, which depends on the California economy, to get better or not. Gray replied that the nation is in the longest growth expansion in the history of the economy. A lot of things can happen, including changes in trade imbalance with China.

Preparing for a change in the economy would be a good idea, said Gray. He added that since California sits at 32nd in the nation in education support from state funds, "that's why it's good to have partners like PPIE."

### P.P.I.E. GIVES RECORD AMOUNT TO DISTRICT

Top officials of Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE) were at the meeting to donate \$711,000 to the district, the largest in the threeyear history of the campaigns headed by Executive Director Steve McCoy-Thompson, who was hired in 2017.

McCoy-Thompson oversaw 23% growth between 2017 and 2018, and 10% further growth between 2018 and 2019.

More than half of PPIE revenue came from the giving fund, which consists of donations by parents. Their participation climbed PPIE Board President Steve Hilton.

failed to adequately mitigate

the permanent, cumulative

environmental effect of the

loss on threatened and en-

dangered species, including

the endangered Vernal Pool

Fairy Shrimp. The U.S. Dept

of Fish & Wildlife Service

has designated the Hill as

critical habitat for the Vernal

Hill Group, these are just a

few of the many legal issues

that the lawsuit will address.

states that their ultimate

goal is to protect this wil-

derness area by purchasing

and preserving it, once the

legal process is complete

and an acceptable offer can

be presented to the property

owners. The Group notes

that assistance for legal fees

is needed. Supporters are en-

couraged to continue visiting

https://www.gofundme.com/

save-the-hill-fund to donate

and to share with all social

media platforms.

According to the Save the

The Save the Hill Group

Pool Fairy Shrimp.

The past year saw an increase in matching funds by corporations, as donors favored increasing their contributions more than in the past, said Hilton.

Community events were responsible for more than 25% of the donations. These included the Run for Education, held April 14, which raised a net \$115,000, and Night of the Stars, Oct. 12, 2018, at Castlewood Country Club. It raised a net \$71,000 revenue, said PPIE Vicepresident Kelly French. New PPIE events manager Tanya Ludden supervised both events.

The funds donated this year will help the district fund a student assistance provider position at the district level.

"The idea is to develop a student-centered approach to assess anxiety and stress, especially the peer advocacy program at Foothill. We would like to build that out, and extend it to Amador Valley. Potentially we would like to get the kids into classrooms to teach other kids that it's OK not to be OK," said McCoy-Thompson.

Other programs to receive PPIE funding include teacher and student grants, Outdoor Education buses, Village High School high school support counselors, and increased library and tech support.

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since 2005, as mayor since 2011, and is a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

"This is the Chamber of Commerce, so let's talk about the state of the economy," Marchand said. "It's good. The population growth over the last ten years has averaged .8 percent. The ten years before that it was 2.4 percent, so we are growing at a very sustainable level. We created about 1,000 jobs, and we've created about 1,000 residents. Our median household income has skyrocketed, so things are looking good.'

This year, Livermore's 150th, marks a host of community anniversaries.

"There's a great confluence that's happening," Marchand said. "It's the 150th anniversary of the transcontinental railroad; it was 150 years ago that Livermore was founded by William Mendenhall, who understood the importance of the railroad. The train station, built in 1892, had lost its historical context because the train tracks were moved, but we restored the train depot back to its original glory and moved it, so now it's back at the tracks and once again a train station.

"Even more important, it's the 150th anniversary of Mendeleev's Periodic Table. Where else but Livermore would you have the mayor talking about heavy particle physics and the periodic table?" continued Marchand, who spent his professional career working in the sciences as a chemist. "Livermore is one of only six cities in the world to appear on the

### periodic table.'

Livermorium, a synthetic chemical element with the symbol Lv and the atomic number of 116, was named in 2012. This year, on May 30, Livermorium Day will be celebrated at, where else, 116 S. Livermore Avenue.

'This is also the 100th anniversary of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association," Marchand said of the association that was formed a year after the first Livermore Rodeo was held in 1918. "The Livermore Rodeo - the World's Fastest Rodeo — takes place this year from June 7 to June 9."

Marchand noted some of the town's new businesses. including those at the Outlets: H&M, Ulta Beauty, Crate & Barrel, Bric's, and Botega Venetta; and new businesses around town such as Maserati, Alfa Romeo, Story Coffee, Rusty's Chop House, and Vericool – thermal packaging for a greener world.

"We can't recycle Styrofoam. Styrofoam will last till the next ice age, so Vericool is producing ice chests that are both reusable and compostable," Marchand said. "Not only are they helping the environment, they're

looking after our community by giving a second chance to people who have been incarcerated; now they can find employment."

To connect jobs and housing, Marchand addressed Valley Link.

"For the last seven years, San Francisco and the Silicon Valley have created half a million jobs, yet only 60,000 housing units. All of those people are going over the Altamont, so what we're trying to do is connect the jobs and housing with Valley Link, which will start initially in Lathrop. We're going to reactivate the transcontinental railroad 150 years later to again connect the nether regions and make

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income, earning an A grade.

New Mexico also received an A. Despite lower personal income of \$36,800,

from 1% last year to 22%this year, although it still fell short of the eventual goal of more than 50%, said

# **Pleasanton Police Arrest Eight in Prostitution Sting**

On Monday, May 20th, the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted an undercover prostitution sting operation at a local hotel. The operation was carried out in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, including the Livermore Police Department and the Hayward Police Department. The multiagency effort was organized following complaints from community members.

Undercover officers used fictitious online profile advertisements designed to attract commercial sex purchasers seeking prostitution services. During the seven-hour operation, over 50 phone numbers contacted undercover officers in response to the online advertisements. Seven men agreed to pay money for a sexual act and traveled to the hotel, where undercover officers were waiting. Another male, who identified himself as a "pimp," contacted an undercover officer and attempted to recruit the officer. He made an agreement to offer protection and other services in exchange for a portion of the proceeds. This individual was arrested for felony charges.

All eight individuals, only one of whom resides in Pleasanton, were arrested

for various crimes including solicitation of prostitution, resisting arrest, and pandering. All the individuals arrested in this prostitution sting were booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Prostitution often involves human trafficking, drug use and violent crimes such as robbery and assault. The Pleasanton Police Department is committed to proactively addressing prostitution activity. Anyone with information regarding suspected prostitution activity is encouraged to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.



We've got your back. Learn about options for pain relief.

FREE SEMINAR | Wednesday, June 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pleasanton Outpatient Center, 5860 Owens Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

### A COMMUNITY BUILT ON HEALING

Back pain, neck pain and sciatica can affect every waking and trying-to-sleep moment. Good news. Back surgery techniques are improving and treatment options are available. Attend a free event and learn from pain medicine doctor Steven Liu, M.D. and orthopedic surgeon Julie Long, M.D. about non-surgical and less invasive surgery techniques to treat your condition.

Sign up today at SanRamonMedCtr.com or call 833-775-1575



A COMMUNITY BUILT ON CARE

# Muscle Cars to be Displayed at 26th Summer Get-Together

The Goodguys Summer Get-Together will take place June 1 and 2 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The event is a summertime gathering of over 2,500 candy colored and chromed hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, and trucks of all years.

This year's event will focus on Muscle Cars, featuring a special exhibit of factory correct muscle cars. The Muscle Car AutoCross Shootout will be presented by Spectre Performance. The event will include vendor exhibits, a swap meet, cars for sale, entertainment,



Image from last year's Muscle Car AutoCross competition (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Nitro Thunderfest dragster exhibition, and food.

The Cruiser-Rama exhibit, coordinated by Behind Bars Inc. from San Jose, will display over 30 custom bicycles. See an array of custom, one of a kind, bicycles of all shapes, colors, and sizes. The bikes are predominantly handmade, custom painted and chrome plated.

Competitors in the Goodguys Muscle Car AutoCross Shootout, presented by Spectre Performance, will take to the AutoCross track. The top eight drivers in PRO and PRO-X will square off against each other. The top eight in Truck, Street Machine and Hot Rod will race in the Shootout. Qualifying will begin on Saturday at 8 am and run all day, with the final qualifying runs held on Sunday at 1 pm. The runoffs will start at 3 pm. The winner of each eightcar shootout will compete in Scottsdale, AZ at the Goodguys Southwest Nationals in November

All registered show particpants are eligible to compete in the Burnout Contest. The burnout contest will be staged on a freshly poured concrete pad in the festival lot, which is near the car corral. To participate, head to the festival lot area and get teched-in beginning Saturday at 11:30 am. The competition starts at 12:30 pm. The winner will be determined by crowd response.

The midway will feature multi-million-dollar custom big rig tractor trailers offering high-performance parts and accessories to budding hot rodders and do-it-yourselfers. A giant

used car parts swap meet and the Auto Trader Classics car corral are also planned.

For the kids, a model car program sponsored by Auto World Store will offer kids a model kit. A coloring contest, arts and crafts, games and other fun kid activities are arranged.

The Summer Get-Together gates are open Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 4pm. General admission is \$25, kids 7-12 \$10. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10. Call Goodguys at (925) 838-9876 for more information. \$20 general admission tickets are available at goodguys.com until Sunday, May 26. Active or retired military will receive a \$5 off general admission discount with their military ID card.





# Pleasanton Library StoryWalks and Summer Reading Game Kick Off June 1

In celebration of Pleasanton's 125th Anniversary, the city's Library and Recreation Department is launching a program taking readers on a stroll from the Pleasanton Library, along the sidewalks of historic downtown Pleasanton, ending with a free book at the Firehouse Arts Center's new Little Free Library.



**Firehouse Arts Center's** new Little Free Library

Beginning June 1st, children and the young at heart are invited to participate in a StoryWalk, a self-guided walk through the pages of Literary Arts Ambassador Meg Fleming's acclaimed children's books "Sometimes Rain" and "Ready, Set, Sail", displayed in the windows of featured shops. The StoryWalk path will begin at the Pleasanton Library at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, map to start their self-guided tour. Each numbered stop features a different page of a picture book, laminated and artfully displayed along the path and in downtown store windows.

'These experiences introduce children of all ages to the world of downtown community life, foster a love of reading and really help them discover the world around them," said Pleasanton Assistant Director of Library and Recreation, Lia Bushong. "We are particularly pleased to feature the works of Meg Fleming, who has been instrumental in the literary community of Pleasanton." For those that would like to participate in an organized tour of StoryWalk, a oneday kick-off is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st at noon, immediately following the children's Summer Reading concert on the Library's front lawn. Visitors will be treated to a lively tour led by the City's teen improv group, Creatures of Impulse. Leaving from the Library, the Creatures of Impulse will take visitors on a funfilled StoryWalk through downtown, ending with a special surprise.

The final stop on the StoryWalk takes visitors to the City's Little Free Library at the Firehouse Arts Center, on 4444 Railroad Library at the Firehouse Arts is situated at the entrance to the Arts Center and is stocked with books for all ages, courtesy of the Friends of the Pleasanton Library. Books are available free to all, and operate on a "take a book, leave a book" concept. Little Free Libraries are part of a growing movement of free lending libraries that community members can design, build, stock and place outside their own homes. Each year, nearly 10 million books around the world are shared in Little Free Libraries.

There are several little free libraries in Pleasanton. Visitors to the Pleasanton Library can receive a copy of the Little Free Library Guide or download the STQRY app to easily find more little free libraries in Pleasanton.

As part of Pleasanton's 125th Anniversary Summer of Celebration, visitors are encouraged to share their Pleasanton StoryWalk and Little Free Library experiences on social media with photos and comments using hashtags #PleasantonLibraryStories and #PleasantonLittleFreeLibraries.

**Reading Through the Years** is the theme of this year's summer reading game, in observation of Pleasanton's quasquicenten-

4, plan to enjoy a historic summer of reading fun for everyone, with some modern twists. The festivities begin June 1 with a family concert on the Library lawn. Take a trip to the future with Musical Robot, a high-energy ukulele-and-drum duo.

Pleasanton Library Children's Department will be decorated throughout the summer to provide a 20-year retrospective of summer reading games, offering a trip down memory lane for those library-goers of the past two decades. Tuesdays the Library will be showing popular children's movies. On Wednesdays, children can get ready for science, magic, puppet shows and more. Simple kids' crafts will be offered each Thursday. The summer closes with historic-themed Summer Game Days, a carnival

style event at the Library. A new, modern feature of the Summer Reading Game will be Beanstack, a reading challenge software and mobile app that offers players the ability to log reading time, find book recommendations, post book reviews, earn digital badges and qualify for prize drawings. Beanstack can be used throughout the year to track reading and participate in other reading activities.

While children are earning fun rewards by tracking summer, teens and adults can turn their reading into a chance to win prizes, including Firehouse Arts and Pleasanton Downtown gift cards. Weekly Sunday events for adults include music, photography, and Museum on Main local history presentations. The library will also screen two classic movies filmed in Pleasanton between the 1910's and 1940's. Rounding out the summer will be a Sunday musical performance by the CoolTones, playing classic tunes of the big band era.

For more information, call 925-931-3400 or visit the library's webpage at www.pleasantonlibrary.org.





## MAILBOX

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District in North Carolina has not been validated as a result of shenanigans by the Republican victor campaign in regard to the handling of some absentee ballots.) 25% of the United States Senators are women, still an underrepresentation, however an improvement over the past. Women have donated no less than one billion ten million dollars to federal campaigns and federal committees since the election of President Donald Trump. Silicon Valley psychiatrist and resident Karla Jurvetson donated \$6.9 million to Democratic Party candidates in 2018. (I am not a proponent of the Democratic or Republican parties.) Dr. Karen Uhlenbeck recently won the Abel Prize, which is the highest award and honor in mathematics. Computer scientist Katie Bouman was key and the lead to developing an algorithm over three years, as a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, so that a black hole could be recently photographed and seen by humans for the first time ever. Dr. Jennifer Francis studies how changes in the arctic (amplified arctic warming [AAW]) are affecting our weather. (Notice any historic weather in the middle of our country lately?)

So tell me women of Livermore, with all this political representation and smarts: Is it all right for a sister to sleep with her face on the concrete in downtown Livermore? Is it all right for a sister to cower for sleep and some safety in a concrete alcove in downtown Livermore? Is it all right for sisters to sleep out exposed in the winter here and wake up shivering with ice on top of their sleeping bags? Is it all right for sisters to 'live' in the oppressive, filthy and unhealthy conditions of the homeless encampments in the arrovos? Is it all right for sisters to have to be sleeping in their cars?

And women: the solution is not only up to you. We still live in a patriarchy, unfortunately. We as men tolerate these conditions for homeless women? What does that say about us as men?

How are we solving homelessness in Livermore if the homeless have no place to go? If we think we are solving the homeless problem in Livermore then we are deceiving ourselves. "There is no delusion like self-delusion." (Francois VI, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, [1613-1680]).

### Valet Anyone? Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

The hotelier trying to bring forth a plan for the Eastside hotel has found it very expensive to build here and will not be building any underground parking garage. That feature had saved that hotel from extinction in early planning.

Valet parking would be required which might explain the sudden change in the city's garage construction plans. Now the city will begin work on the I Street Garage before the larger one at L Street. Valet parking for the hotel would be impossible without the I Street garage.

If the hotelier cannot afford to build the underground parking at \$15,000 extra per space, how will a non-profit organization be able to do so for some 130 affordable housing units planned for half the space on the westside of Livermore Avenue? Perhaps the council's downtown plan needs some serious revising

### We Need Gabi Blackman on the Dublin School Board!

### Ganesan Ramu, Dublin

Gabi Blackman has been a Dublin resident for over 13 years and has three children attending Dublin public schools

I have known Gabi for over four years. As a long-term volunteer in Dublin schools and as a fellow parent with 20+ years of experience in architectural industry (with a specialization in education institutions), she brings the best combination of skills and passion to guide Dublin schools forward.

She has been a great voice for our community, long-term advocate of 2nd high school, and strong proponent of many measures to address overcrowding and budget challenges. She is not motivated by title or power, but has been a warrior who works diligently to find balanced solutions

She has actively participated in dozens of school board meetings to listen and share input. She has also been part of several past and current committees.

Gabi understands the intricacies of school infrastructure. budget alignment and funding allocations, and can work alongside many stakeholders to find

balanced solutions. Let's vote for Gabi Blackman and get her elected to the Dublin school board!

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### Inspiring Space in the Downtown Maryann Brent, Livermore

Those of us who support the recent initiative proposed by the Central Park group want quite a different downtown plan. We are willing to work toward that goal, and we are motivated to create a magnetic, inspiring space that present and future generations will appreciate. We believe that the current plan lacks this vision.

Parking would be adequate for the entire entertainment center near Livermore Avenue if Central Park's plan were implemented. A large central park running from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street would draw families who are looking for places to play and to relax.

Some of the concerns for a new plan relate to timing and financing. However, a large wine country hotel, proposed by the Central Park group (Railroad and L Streets), can move forward as fast as the one currently planned by the City (N. Livermore Avenue next to the Bankhead). The larger high-quality hotel on the west side of Livermore Avenue could provide more TOT (transient occupancy tax), sales tax, and property tax, as well as a larger land purchase price than the City's hotel.

We very much want a better plan for the heart of our downtown. We believe that it is time for Livermore voters to have a choice.

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# OBITUARIES

### James E. Saunders Oct 31, 1928 - May 20, 2019

James E. Saunders, aged 90, died Monday, May 20, 2019, at home in Danville, Calif., of natural causes.

He will be fondly remembered by his wife of 35 years, Evon Sarment; two daughters Diane Saunders Wright (John), and Laura Saunders Dunn; his son James E. Saunders, Jr.; his stepdaughter Sally Carmody; and eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



He was born on October 31, 1928, in Kansas City, Mo., but was raised primarily in Park Ridge, Ill. He graduated from Maine Township High School in 1946 where he still holds the Track and Field Record for the Quarter Mile. He attended Iowa State Teachers College on a track scholarship. In 1948, he married his first wife, Marilyn Roe Saunders, with whom he raised his three children until her death in 1980

Also in 1948, he started what would be a 45-year career in the auto rental business initially in the family-owned Saunders Drive It Yourself System, the company founded by his father, Joe Saunders, which birthed the rental car industry. Over the course of his career, he also worked for Avis, Hertz and Dollar Rent a Car in executive capacities.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Castlewood Country Club. One of his proudest achievements was being elected to the Board of Directors, and ultimately elected as President in 1999. After his term ended, he became a Trustee of that establishment.

He also was active in his Diablo West Home Owners Association. After ending his term as president at Castlewood, he successfully ran for the HOA Board of Directors and was subsequently elected President of that body, as well. He spent several years as the Chairman of the Architectural Design Committee as well as initiating the Neighborhood Watch program.

In recent years, he could be seen riding his electric wheelchair around the Diablo West greenbelt with his canine companion, Rascal

Laid to rest at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore, Calif. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Saunders family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www. callaghanmortuary.com.

stay in New Zealand and spent time in a rural village in Turkey. Loved learning about the cultures and the people. She visited 28 of the 59 National Parks and believed the U.S. National Park system was an amazing accomplishment.

Volunteer: Several years ago volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen. Felt it was an honor to serve people. For a year was a volunteer ESL tutor and loved working with a wonderful Taiwanese woman about the same age. She resigned in 2017 due to illness.

Married Pascual Mota on May 7, 2015 (her 75th birthday). They spent time taking his vintage cars to car shows, dancing, had a collection of costumes and went to events such as The Dickens Faire and The Renaissance Faire. This abruptly ended when she was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia September 2017.

She held her religious beliefs close. She strove to be a humanitarian and wished to be remembered as such.

A longtime member of the Neptune Society, she will be cremated and her ashes scattered on Wrights Beach on the coast north of Bodega Bay. It will be family only and near the places the family has stayed many times over the past 25 years.

### Nolan A. (Bob) Bonner Sep.19, 1932 - May 10, 2019 Age 86

Bob was born and raised in Waynesboro, Miss. Married his wife, Roberta Gerloff Bonner, on November 25, 1954. Served in the Navy during the Korean War from 1950-1954. Bob worked for Montgomery Wards for 30 years as an appliance repair technician. After retiring he started Bonner Appliance Repair Service doing



repairs and handyman service for several years. Bob will be most remembered as an outgoing, generous, caring man who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed and looked forward to his annual fishing trip with his fishing group in June every year. He loved going to Oregon and Washington to fish - especially to Oregon to fish with John Jepson, and Earl Tallman in Washington. Bets were often made on who could catch the first, most and biggest fish. Bob and Roberta enjoyed traveling together taking several trips whether by sea, air or travel trailer. He especially enjoyed their trips to Mississippi to be with his family and friends, visiting all of his siblings and his many nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Ione Oregon American Legion Post 95. Preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Pearl Bonner; sisters Dot (Perry) Buford, Eunita (Robert) Holley, Mildred (Elmer-Ray) Jones and Demp Mills, Ouida-May (Floyd) Hollifield; brother Melvin (Muriel) Bonner; and brothers-in-law Richard Gerloff and Danny Perry. Survived by his wife Roberta of 64 years; his two sons Randal (Janet) Bonner, and Paul (Kerri) Bonner; four grandchildren Chad (Maria) Bonner, Jessica Bonner. Kevin Bonner, and Nicole Bonner; three step-grandchildren Shane Fritz, Laura (Justin) McPherson, and Evan Windergren; great-grandson Jameson; brother Forrest (Bonnie) Bonner Clara, Miss.; two sisters-in-law Lila Perry and Sylvia Gerloff; and many nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to: the American Legion Post 97, P.O. Box 384, Ione, Oregon 97843; the American Cancer Society; the American Heart Association; or to the charity of your choice. Services will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m., at the Old Saint Raymond Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, Calif. 94568. A celebration of life will be held immediately following at Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, Calif. 94550, in the Fireside room.

Bishop, Addison and Jaxon Campbell, Cheyenne Mason, and a great granddaughter Aubrey due in June. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth Clark and Wayne Comstock, and her loving husband of 52 years, Robert King Bishop.

The family would like to thank Hope Hospice for the care our Mom received.



In lieu of flowers, donations to Hope Hospice in Dublin would be greatly appreciated.

Please join the family in celebration of Irene's life on Monday, June 10, at 11 a.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue in Livermore.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Bishop family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

### **Timothy Andrew McCarthy** Dec 13, 1951 - May 12, 2019 Resident of San Ramon

Timothy Andrew McCarthy, nicknamed "Father Tim" for his poignant prayers, went home to be with Jesus on May 12, 2019, after battling cancer. He was 67.

He died at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto while undergoing a stem cell transplant to battle Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Tim enjoyed golfing as well as restoring classic cars and marched for years with the Balloon Platoon of Pleasanton. He found joy in baking, particularly cakes and pies. He brought a careful attention to detail to both his professional and personal life.

Professionally, he worked as a project manager for QuadraMed. He held a business degree from Holy Names College.

Active in Bible Study groups and church choirs throughout his life, he loved lifting up prayers to his Heavenly Father. He and his wife, Sherry, were enthusiastic, long-term members of Lasers through Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church and he also served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. He was born in Utica, N.Y.,

to Edgar Eugene (Mac) and Carolyn McCarthy.



High School. He made lifelong friends in high school and loved telling us the same stories over and over from his high school football games and wrestling matches. In 1994, at age 17, Patrick joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his country faithfully and his character was shaped by those four years. In 1998, he was honorably discharged. In August of 1998, Patrick became a father to his first son, Jesse. He was fiercely loyal, and fatherhood was the most important thing to him. In 2001, while eating dinner at a small Italian restaurant, Patrick spotted a waitress he wanted to date. She said ves and on August 16, 2002. Patrick and Elizabeth were married in Sunol, Calif. In March of 2004, Patrick went with Elizabeth to Valley Bible Church in Pleasanton to watch a young boy they knew be baptized. Here is a piece of what Patrick wrote about that day: As I listened to the sermon to

follow I became angry, uncomfortable and out of place. It was like having a pail of cold water dumped on my head, when I realized I was afraid. I knew the truth of the gospel. I realized that the penalty for my sin would be continued misery in this life and eternal suffering to follow, but despite this and everything I had done. I knew that Jesus Christ had paid for my sins on the cross. I wanted nothing more than to know Jesus Christ and love Him with my whole heart so that I would be forgiven of my sins. It was then that I trusted in Jesus as my Savior. While all of the dates listed

here are important, none can compare to the day that Patrick became a son of the living God. As a man who had struggled with anger, drinking and bitterness, Patrick was truly transformed that day. He was baptized in April of 2004. Patrick was working for an insurance company in Pleas-anton, but felt called to preach the gospel. He began the long pro-cess of working full time and going to school full time. For years he operated on very little sleep, but he was motivated by his love for the Word and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. In May of 2007, Patrick graduated Magna Cum Laude from Moody Bible Institute with a degree in Biblical Studies, and three years later, in 2010, Patrick graduated with honors from Western Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in Expositional Ministry. He loved preaching and took every opportunity given him at Valley Bible Church in Pleasanton to preach. In 2012, a small group from Valley Bible Church planted a campus in Livermore. His desire to pastor a church in his community was realized and he transitioned into the role of campus pastor at Valley Bible Church at the Altamont. His passion for the gospel and helping people understand how to connect their knowledge of God with their hearts was his passion, and the many transformed lives

the Altamont. You blessed him greatly and loved him well.

Thank you to the staff at Our Savior Lutheran School for loving our children so well and providing a nurturing environment for them as they walk this difficult road. You have done an incredible job showing them the love of Christ.

Thank you to Bea Nolan for adopting Patrick and his family as her grandchildren. He loves you so much! A huge thank you to Joanie Cutchen for caring for Patrick through the hundreds of encouraging notes and prayers and loving on our kids. No words can express our gratitude to Franco and Amanda Gagliardi and their three boys for loving our children like they are their own and giving them a safe place to call home. Thank you for the many, many ways you loved Patrick through this journey until the very end

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Wehmann family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

### Jose "Joe" Soto Dec 5, 1941 - Apr 24, 2109

A loving husband, father to six, grandfather and greatgrandfather, peacefully passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019, surrounded with his loving family and friends at his bedside.



Joe was a loving, caring, hardworking provider for his family. His career started as a painter - mostly residential and commercial, but it did not stop there; if Joe could spray it, he would - from cars, trucks, and big rigs to horse trailers, just about everything. Joe also enjoyed a good game of kick the can with his family. He loved

horse races and fishing. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Elaine Soto; his children Mark, Valerie Buress-Aaron, Jesse, Marcus, Jordan, Jayden, Jojo Soto Lavina, Lilianna, Roman, Greg Soto, Alicia Harvey, Jessica Alcala, Brittany, Angel, Eva, Harvey Jr., Shawn Soto, Mariah Shawn Jr., Nico, Tany Marie Soto, Jaydee, Celena, Elaina, Diego, Xavier, Maricia, Arrianna, Marquez Soto; great-grandkids Darian, Prince, Fabian, Jaden, Lorenzo, Atli; and best friend Ray Jewel, The Lawyer.

### **Ronald Parker** Jan 24, 1947 - May 16, 2019

Born in Florida on January 24, 1947, Ronald "Ron" Parker,

# Catherine (Cathy) Anne Dilger

### Aug 19, 1945 - Apr 29, 2019

Cathy passed away peacefully April 29, 2019, with family by her side at her home in Daly City. Cathy was born on August 19, 1945, in Oakland, Calif., to Dorothy Brenn and Edward Dilger. The Dilger family subsequently lived in the San Lorenzo and Hayward area. Cathy was the twin sister and best friend of Maryln (Bob), and older sister to George (Cathy) and Mark (deceased). Loving aunt to Kathleen (Juan), Joanna (Joshua), Kirsten (Justin), Jeffrey (Jenna), Michelle (Joe), and Tony (Cathy), and devoted great aunt to ten great nieces and nephews.

Cathy attended Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, and earned a BA and Teaching Credential at San Francisco State University. She then moved to Livermore and settled into the community there. Cathy served as a public school kindergarten teacher in Livermore for decades, at both Marylin Avenue Elementary School and Arroyo Seco Elementary School. A favorite activity of Cathy's was the annual circus at Marilyn Avenue Elementary School. Cathy often hosted family events at her cozy Springtown home, as well as bridge games, dominoes, and other get-togethers with her beloved circle of friends.

At midlife, Cathy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and began to experience a gradual decline in mobility and dexterity. In 2012, she decided to move to Peninsula Del Ray Assisted Living Facility in Daly City in order to receive more assistance with day to day tasks. This move also placed her closer to her twin sister Maryln and Maryln's family in San Francisco, which enabled them to spend much more time together as a family. Maryln and her family visited Cathy daily and went on outings with her as much as possible. She enjoyed the local restaurants and the nearby shopping malls.

Cathy greatly enjoyed her warm friendships with many Peninsula Del Ray residents. She was an avid participant in the BINGO games and she loved to sing with the Peninsula Del Ray singers. Cathy's family is forever grateful for the loving care provided by staff members at Peninsula Del Ray, as well as the nurses from Kaiser Palliative Care, and the nurses from Pathways Hospice. Senior Assist of the Peninsula also provided caregivers for Cathy in her last days.

A Memorial service will be held for Cathy at Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daly City on Friday, June 21, 201 at 1 in the afternoon. Friends are invited to attend. Donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

### **David Roger Balek** Sep 29, 1948 - Apr 1, 2019

David Roger Balek, born on ptember 29, 1948, in Denver,

### Carla J. Mota May 7, 1940 - May 15, 2019

Carla J. Mota (nee Dillie, Lo-Baugh) was born May 7, 1940, in Sterling, Colo. Her parents: Frank J. Dillie and Eula R. Dillie (Kulbe); her siblings: Coral Archuleta, and Chervl Jackson (deceased). She grew up in Denver and graduated from St. Joseph's High School (now closed) and from the University of San Francisco cum laude with a degree in Public Administration.



Family: daughter Lisa K. Stenholm; son in law Mark Stenholm; grandson Erik Stenholm, grandson Evan Stenholm, son Anthony LoBaugh. She loved her family beyond her own understanding. Brother Frank J. Dillie, nephew Michael Dillie, Aunt G (being there for Carla her entire life), niece Barbara J. Beaudette, and many cousins far and wide. Jessie Brown, the wonderful Scottish woman who lovingly took care of her children for many years while she worked. Friends: Sue Jo Cassell, a friend of almost 50 years. She was always there for Carla. Sally H. Sutcliffe, her kindred spirit.

Career: For thirty of the thirty five years of Federal Service, she worked for the agency now known as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). She worked almost exclusively with Medicare. She started in the Denver Regional Office but accepted a promotion and transferred to the San Francisco Regional Office. Towards the end of her career, she briefly held the position of Acting Regional Representative (Medicare) and Acting Deputy Regional Representative with a staff of 160. She strongly believed in the Medicare program.

Travel: She started traveling internationally at age 45 and visited 42 countries. Spent time on a communal farm several miles outside of Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, in 1988, had a home

### Elizabeth Irene Bishop Oct, 12, 1936 - May 8, 2019

Elizabeth Irene Bishop, age 82, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at her home in Livermore. Irene was born October 12, 1936, in Kansas City, Mo., and later made California her home.

Irene was a wonderful wife and mother. Her passion in life was floral design, and later in life she enjoyed collecting dolls. She was a member of the Golden Hills Doll Club where she met many wonderful friends.

She is survived by: her children John (Mitzi) Bishop, Cathy (Scott) Rich, and Christine Aarvik; her grandchildren Brad (Jennifer) Bishop, Christopher (Kailey) Rich, Cassi (Caleb) Mason, Amber (Pat) Campbell, Thomas Aarvik, Robbie (Julie) Rich, Jonathan Aarvik, and Henry Davis; her greatgrandchildren Sydney and Elise

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sherry McCarthy of San Ramon: his children Scott (Amy) McCarthy of Livermore, Patrick (Jolane) McCarthy of Folsom, Heather (Sean Bolen) McCarthy of San Francisco, and Shannon (Jeff) Linn of Folsom; grandchildren Grant McCarthy, Dean McCarthy, James McCarthy, Reid McCarthy, Wesley Linn and Jane Linn; siblings Michael (Barbara) McCarthy of Tennessee and Maureen (Tom) Rose of Connecticut; mother-in-law Jane Campbell of Pasadena; and 12 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Kathy Burke.

The family is grateful to the caring staff in Unit E1 at Stanford Hospital.

Ĥis life will be celebrated at a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street.

The family prefers contributions in his name to the First Presbyterian Church choir ministry (www.fpcl.us) or to Caring Bridge (www.caringbridge.org).

### Patrick N. Wehmann

May 31, 1976 – May 21, 2019 Patrick N. Wehmann, 42, passed peacefully from death into eternal life on the 21st of May 2019, at his home in Livermore, Calif., after battling cancer for over three years. A celebration of Patrick's life will be held on June 1, at 10 in the morning, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton, Calif.



Patrick was born in York, Pa., on May 31, 1976, to one proud mother, Betty Hildick. In 1981, Betty married Mark Wehmann and he became Patrick's earthly father. Together, the new family moved across the country to California. Patrick grew up in Livermore, attending St. Michael School and Livermore

are his legacy. He was far from perfect and never needed to make much of himself, only Jesus. The community of believers at the Altamont loved him dearly and his passion for the gospel.

Over the course of their marriage, Patrick and Elizabeth had five children together making six in total — three boys and then three girls. He was always seen on the baseball field cheering on his sons and helping coach their teams. He loved bringing his kids to Oakland A's games and watching the Warriors win multiple championships. He spent as much time with his kids as he could, enjoying the loud and chaotic home life they created. In June of 2016, Patrick was diagnosed with synovial sarcoma, a very rare and aggressive form of cancer (it was often joked that it was fitting for Patrick, given his unique personality). In the midst of profound suffering Patrick continued to preach the good-ness of God. He never wavered in his faith or commitment to Jesus, trusting that if God would allow him to have cancer He most certainly would use it for good. Patrick was incredibly brave in his battle with cancer. While cancer desired to destroy Patrick, God used it to mold him into a man that resembled Jesus more fully. He last preached on Easter 2019. Thirty days later he breathed his last breath and peacefully entered into the arms of his Savior. Many are certain that Jesus greeted him with a smile and said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant.'

Patrick is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and their six children Jesse (20), Zachary (14), Stephen (12), Eliana (10), Atalie (7) and Arabella (3); his mother and father, Mark and Betty Wehmann; his maternal grandmother Lorraine Hildick and his paternal grandmother Carol Dalley; his in-laws, Paige and Chuck Arnold and his brother in-law and sister in-law Stephen and Cortney Arnold; and his two nieces Zoelle and Tatum.

A very special thank you to Dr. Charlotte Jacobs, Patti Marton RNP, and Dr. Brian Deitrich of the VA in Palo Alto for caring so amazingly well for Patrick. To all of the oncology staff at the VA, you guys are ALL AMAZING!

Thank you to the people of Valley Bible Church who have supported and loved the Wehmann family through this journey. Patrick always said his greatest legacies were his family and

72, entered into rest on May 16, 2019, in Modesto, Calif., surrounded by his devoted family. He is preceded in death by his father Alex Parker.



Ron is survived by his loving wife of almost 51 years Loretta Parker of Oakdale, mother Olga Parker of Manteca, son Bryan Parker of Modesto, granddaughter Jessica Lewis of Oregon, sister Loretta Medina of Mexico, brother-in-law Llovd Montoya (Bea), and nieces Denise Montoya and Angie Jenkins (Daryl).

Ron was a 20-year resident of Oakdale previously of Blackhawk. He was part owner and President of Santa Clara Building Maintenance Inc. for over 20 years, which served all of the Bay Area as well as parts of Nevada and Utah. Ron was a car enthusiast and he had a passion for restoring Corvettes to their original state. He won many accolades throughout the years for his work. His two most prestigious awards were the 2002 Zora Duntov Mark of Excellence for his 1957 Roadster and the 1999 McLellan Mark of Excellence for his 1982 Collector. Ron was a member of Discovery Bay Corvette Club and the National Corvette Restorers Society. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially boating, water skiing and swimming. He was a huge fan of the Bay Area sports teams following the 49ers, Warriors and Giants. A man of his word, Ron had a passionate spirit and loving kindness and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

P.L. Fry & Son is honored to be serving the Parker family. A Rosary will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 6 p.m., held at P.L. Fry & Son Chapel, 290 N. Union Rd., Manteca, Calif. A Prayer Service will be on Thurs-day, May 30, 2019, at 11 a.m., also held at P.L. Fry & Son Chapel. He will be laid to rest at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, 17871 S. Carrolton Rd., Escalon, Calif.

Colo., passed away April 1, 2019, at his home in Groveland, Calif.

In 1960, the Balek family relocated to Livermore, Calif. so his father could continue his education in San Jose, Calif., and became the Principal of Junction Avenue School in Livermore. David attended Junction Elementary and was the first class to graduate from Granada High School of Livermore.

David served two tours in Vietnam where he earned numerous medals as a Chief Gunnery Sergeant in the Air Cavalry.

David and his wife Christine Mitchell met in Livermore in 1978, married three months later, and were soul mates for more than for 40 years. David had a previous marriage that resulted in two wonderful daughters.

David and his wife were fortunate enough to move to Groveland, where they semi-retired and spent the last 15 years working part-time at Pine Mountain Lake, with David caring for horses at the PML Stables. He loved all animals and they loved him. His zest for life and hard-working nature was one of many reasons why he was able to connect with people, but he was a genuine, caring person as well. It wasn't only his work ethics where he shined, but his love for his family was that much more! It is so difficult to believe that "David" will not walk into the door tonight, and ask how your day was.

David is predeceased by his mother Patricia Joann Balek, and his brothers Curt and Kevin Balek.

David is survived by his wife Christine; father Harry Balek in Thailand; sisters Malee of Keizer, Ore., and Angelys Balek in Thailand; daughters Deanne (Stewart) Lenowitz in Boynton Beach, Fla., and Denie Monte (Daniel) Copperopolis, Calif.; grandchildren Shawn Alves, Sarah, and Aaron Lenowitz; and nephews Jason Wilstead, Mathew Balek, and Cory and Ryan Wilson.

Please send donations to Wounded Warriors in-lieu of flowers to Veteran's Sonora, California.

There will be a Celebration of Life: June 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. The Pine Mountain Lake Stables Equestrian 13309 Clifton Way (Off of Ferretti Rd.) Groveland, ČA 95321, (209) 962-8667.

### Natural Practices Take Root at Page Mill

# **Cowhorns and Planetary Cycles: Biodynamics Grows on You**

Suspend disbelief momentarily, and imagine you are part of something much larger and much more important than whatever you presently believe is your role in life. Perhaps you can set aside your smartphone or other informing device of choice, walk outside, take a deep breath and let the spirit of the earth become your muse for a moment. You are just another life form on this planet, and yet, you are the only one over which you have any control. What you do with your own life force makes an enormous difference, because the choices you make impact an entire ecosystem. Acting as an informed participant in the ecosystem represents the most important way we can all effect positive change in what seems like a hopeless situation.

them. He knows, as he's had them tested. Unlike the organic estate vineyard he has been farming for the last 14 years at Page Mill, these other vineyards, including Chandler, have been farmed conventionally, using weed killers, antifungals and pesticides.

"The soil beneath the vines at Chandler is completely devoid of life. You want 3% biomass as a base level," says Stark. "Our estate vineyard shows 35% biomass, which is really great, and that's just from doing organic." He's hopeful that biodynamics will help reverse the curse of lifeless soil by restoring its tilth, or health. Don't even get him started on the chemical residue that shows up in wine from vineyards that are farmed conventionally.

Last fall, Vanhoutte



Biodynamic viticulturist Tommy Vanhoutte unearths a cowhorn filled with organic cow manure buried at Page Mill Winery. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Biodynamic viticulturist Tommy Vanhoutte likens the present state of the planet to a car in opposite lock, with no brakes careening towards disaster. "Look at the climate report that says we'll lose 1 million species in 20 years at the rate we're going," he declares. "We desperately need to have some semblance of control." He suggests embracing the principles of biodynamism in something most of us enjoy doing: gardening, for instance. Whether on a small scale of growing tomatoes and lettuce in a backyard container, or larger scale farming, like raising alfalfa hay or tending a vineyard, adhering to some basic agriculture precepts in harmony with planetary forces, can help us add our light to the sum of light. Maybe the idea of stuffing a cowhorn with organic cow manure and burying it for six months seems insane. Yet it is also insane to believe in clean coal, or ignore the fact that any food, wine included, raised with the use of chemicals like glyphosate, is bound to be contaminated by the reside. The benefits of biodynamism are that it's natural, has been in practice for decades, and has been shown to work measurable miracles on gardens and vineyard plots. Says Dane Stark of Page Mill Winery, "I don't profess to understand all of it, but if it helps, I'm all for it." He relates that he was concerned that soils in vineyards he buys fruit from have zero microbial life in

reached out to an organic farm that raises cows in the central valley for some manure and horns, burying three of them at Page Mill Vineyard. "Dane was a really cool guy, and totally got what we are trying to do," says Vanhoutte, who learned the basics of Biodynamism in his native France, where it is far more widely practiced.

Stark and Var outte re Up until now, Stark and Vanhoutte have been using purchased preps, available from several sources for those who don't have the wherewithal or the inclination to make their own. But Vanhoutte plans to make his own preps now that they have plenty of material from the recently disinterred cow horns

He explains that the preparations must be diatomized in a certain way. They are then applied according to the biodynamic calendar for maximum vigor and effectiveness. "It's like homeopathic medicine, in a way," says Vanhoutte. "The sprays benefit root growth and germination. They enhance the microbiological life in the soil. It is like a miracle, how it impacts soils, even those that are very dead and have lots of chemical residue."

Stark is keen to increasingly apply biodynamic principles to his viticulture practices, not just at the Page Mill Estate vineyard, but also at Chandler Vineyard in Kalthoff Commons, which he used to split 50/50 with Mark Clarin of Mc-Grail. Now, the vineyard the McGrails purchased from Dr. Aguirre on Tesla is coming online. It has plenty of Chardonnay, so Stark will be getting all of Chandler's Chardonnay this year. He has major incentive to produce clean fruit, as this site is very mildew prone. "It is the first vineyard to get mildew," Stark explains. "It looks right at Pigeon Pass. Last year was a disaster. We barely got two tons from the vineyard! We're starting behind the eight-ball because mildew overwinters: it lives in the vine. But we are going organic with it full steam ahead. We are combatting mildew with a horsetail preparation." He was planning to spray Chandler this week, now that the rain has stopped.

According to biodynamics, horsetail tea (#508), is said to help prevent fungal diseases, like mildew. Together, biodynamic spray and compost preparations bring plants into a dynamic ionship with soil, water, air and the greater influence of the cosmos, helping them develop in a healthy and balanced way. By giving plants access to the full spectrum of nutrients they need-and none that are harmful and unnatural-plants exhibit more resilience to pests, diseases, and extreme climate conditions. Reversing the curse of conventional farming is not easy, as vines become dependent on the inputs, and so do the weed communities that manage to thrive despite fungicides. Explains Vanhoutte, "It's like people who get addicted to something, antibiotics, for example. As the body develops resistance, you need more and more to have the same effect. With biodynamics, it's about balance, and eliminating the need for drastic measures. As for Chandler Vineyard, Vanhoutte says, "In March, we started to reactivate the soil. We're rethinking weed control, using silica sprays and plant-based sprays for mildew. The vineyard has had no success using chemical sprays against mildew. It's time to try something different."

# **Update on Valley Link Provided**

### By Carol Graham

The Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority hosted a public meeting in Livermore on May 22 to inform residents about the Valley Link project, and to provide an opportunity for the public to share their thoughts and suggestions.

The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, established by AB758, has been working for over a year, and a feasibility study for the proposed Valley Link Project is due on July 1, 2019," said Kyoko Takayama, a community organizer with Organizing For Action (OFA) East Bay. "Funding is still a top issue. Businesses, unions and private individuals have formed the Valley Link Foundation, a nonprofit that is helping to finance efforts to acquaint the public with the Valley Link rail project.'

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a champion for fixing the region's clogged roads, opened the workshop, which took place at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

'I hope when everybody leaves, they feel positive about what this is, because this is really good for the Tri-Valley," Haggerty said. "If we all work hard, and I can tell you our board is working extremely hard, we can have this train up and running by 2024.'

The Valley Link project will connect Northern

San Joaquin County communities to the Tri-Valley and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) with frequent, fast rail service via the route of the historic Transcontinental Railroad right-of-way through the Altamont Pass. The approximately 12-mile, abandoned right-of-way, deeded to Alameda County by Southern Pacific in 1984, provides an opportunity to deliver efficient inter-regional rail service — connecting people, housing and jobs in the Northern California Megaregion and providing much-needed congestion relief in one of the Bay Areas most congested corridors.

Staff of the Authority established that Isabel would be the main station for Livermore, and Greenville would serve as the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) transportation station," Takayama said. "The possibility to add another station between the two was brought up since Greenville is at the east end of the city and may not be the best location for Livermore residents to go to. A proposed location is next to Springtown, between First Street and Vasco Road. How to get to the stations and what amenities residents want were two items on which the public wanted to give input."

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting, which took place from 6 to 8 p.m.

Initially, Valley Link will extend from the planned ACE N. Lathrop Station in the San Joaquin Valley, then connect with the Dublin/ Pleasanton BART terminus station in the Tri-Valley, with additional phase-one stations in River Islands, downtown Tracy, Mountain House, and Greenville Road/I-580 and Isabel Avenue/I-580, both in Livermore. Additional potential infill stations include Ellis, an historical coaling station at the foot of the Altamont, Grant Line Road west of Tracy, and Southfront Road in Livermore. Eventually, Valley Link would be extended to Stockton.

An initial analysis completed by the ACE, found Valley Link to have competitive travel time (73 minutes from Lathrop to BART), significant emissions reduction, and substantial environmental benefits.

The goal would be to operate Valley Link during BART hours. However, the initial service on weekdays in the Tri-Valley will have trains running every 12 minutes during peak hours, and every 30 minutes in offpeak hours. San Joaquin Valley trains would operate at 24-minute intervals during peak hours, and hourly during off-peak hours.

Travel-demand forecasting shows approximately 25,000 travelers per day riding on Valley Link in 2040. To learn more, visit www. valleylinkrail.com.

### Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency **Opposing SB 332.**

Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) has sent a letter to the state legislature stating its opposition to SB 332.

The measure, called the Local Water Reliability Act, would reduce the amount of treated wastewater dumped into the ocean each year, and set goals for recycling and reuse. It was introduced by Senators Bob Hertzberg and Scott Wiener

Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa, who represents the city on the LAVWMA board, reported the action to the council at its May 21 meeting, She said that meeting the requirements of the legislation would cost the agency \$50 million. The cost would be wastewater treatment and disposal services to its member agencies: City of Livermore, City of Pleasanton, and Dublin San Ramon Services District. All flows that are not recycled by LAVWMA agencies are discharged into San Francisco Bay.

Wastewater treatment agencies would have to reduce their discharges by 50% by January 1, 2030, and by 95% by January 1, 2040. The bill would declare that discharge from ocean outfalls is a "waste and unreasonable use" of water, and impose penalties of \$2,000/acre-foot of water discharged above the reduction requirement.

The letter was sent to Ben Allen, Chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

maximizing recycled water for beneficial reuse in California

'We believe that while the goal of increasing water recycling in California is laudable, a mandate on every ocean and bay discharger in the state is simply unworkable. . . . In our case, without going to direct potable reuse, the requirements of SB 332 could not be met. Even then, we would still need to discharge wet weather flows and brine from reverse osmosis treatment. It simply is not feasible to meet the mandates of SB 332.

"Even if the proposal were economically feasible, pursuing the effort could undermine other important statewide goals, such as producing more affordable housing and reducing air emissions that cause climate change."

cently invited some TV journalists and news reporters to witness the unearthing of one of the cowhorns buried in the vineyard. Says Stark, "It turned out we dug it up too soon: on the journalists schedule, not the biodynamic calendar! When we dug up the other two a week later, the difference was unmistakable. When you see the texture of it, and the smell-it's like you're laying on a forest floor-it has a rich, gentle, aromatic, very pleasing smell. It's quite

remarkable." Vanhoutte will eventually make two preparations from this material: #500, horn manure, and #501, horn silica. Prep #500, first made and used in 1924 by the father of biodynamic farming principles, Rudolph Steiner, is derived from cow manure buried inside a cow horn during the winter months. It enhances the life of the soil and the relationship between soil and plants. Horn silica, prep #501, purported to increase plant immunity, strengthens photosynthesis and enhances ripening. It is prepared from ground quartz crystals buried in a cow horn over the summer months.

passed on to ratepayers, she stated.

LAVWMA provides

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this region work again."

Marchand added that Livermore is doing its part to create housing, most notably: Sage by Shea Homes which will feature an art walk, "So it encourages art, aesthetics and health," said Marchand; Chestnut Square with 72 units for seniors and 42 units of affordable family homes; and, at the former Groth Brothers site downtown, the Planning Commission has approved 221 apartments with retail space.

About the downtown plan, Marchand said, "The Independent is running a story about a small group of people that have filed a notice of intent to circulate an initiative to stop the progress we have in the downtown today. I hope you will stand with me to oppose this attempt because I for one believe this community has no interest in delaying the downtown project — no interest in going back to the drawing board and endlessly redesigning this by initiative and at the ballot box. Back in November the community spoke with one voice – we had an

The letter reads in part, "LAVWMA and its member agencies support the goal of

election, and I got over three

quarters of the vote. Trish

Munro, who supported the

downtown project, was voted

in, and my Vice Mayor Bob

Woerner also supported it

and he got more votes than

both of the opposition op-

progress that we're making,

and turning this plan into

reality," he continued. "We

have waited 15 years for the

completion of the downtown

plan, and we've waited long

enough. We had a very long

public process where we had

19 partners at the table -19

stakeholders - and one of the

things that came out during

the process was that one ele-

ment that almost everybody

agreed on was the impor-

tance of the downtown hotel

having an iconic presence on

S. Livermore Avenue. Ironi-

cally, that is one element that

this initiative proposes that

be specifically prohibited.

The one thing we agreed

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initiative moves forward.

Livermore deserves to be

able to enjoy the amenities

the plan brings, such as more

"I'm excited about the

ponents combined.

open space, parking, cultural facilities, the extension of Blacksmith Square – this is what we heard from the community, and we are building those.

Marchand also noted some of the city's innovative school programs, including: Livermore High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) program: 3rd graders' Ag Day; the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation; Tomorrow's Leaders; Youth in Government: and the Summer Reading Program, in which 3,000 vouths participated last year.

To see a video of the Mayor's State of the City address. visit www.tri-valleytv.org.

The Chamber's next event in the Wine Country Luncheon series will be "People, Planet, Profit -B-Corp Businesses a Force for Good." It will take place on Thursday, June 27, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Tickets are \$55 for Chamber members, and \$65 for "not yet" members.

To learn more, visit www. livermorechamber.org.

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# **Alameda Fair Results, Wine &** Wags, and Other Upcoming Events

**By Laura Ness** 

Wineries are planning for warmer days and evenings ahead. Hopefully, the weather for Wine & Wags, set for Sunday, June 2, proves both human and pooch-friendly. Meanwhile, there are more Golds to celebrate in Livermore.

### 2019 Alameda County Wine Competition (154 total entries)

- Best of Show Red: Stony Ridge, Petite Sirah, 2016
- Best of Show White: Las Positas Vineyards, Albarino, 2018
- Best of Show Rose: Darcie Kent Vineyards, Victories Rosé, 2018
- Best of Show Sparkling: Ehrenberg Cellars, Brut -SCHMIDT
- Best of Show Dessert: BoaVentura, Deported, 2013

### 2019 Zin Challenge & Sauvignon Summit (136 total entries)

- · Best of Show Zinfandel: Dry Creek Vineyard, Heritage Vines Zinfandel, 2017
- · Best of Show Zinfandel Dessert: Sobon Estate, Zinfandel Port, 2017
- · Best of Show Sauvignon Blanc: Chacewater Winery Sauvignon Blanc, 2018

Taste all Best of Show and Gold Medal wines, available for purchase by the glass, at the Wine Garden, every day of the Fair, held June 14 - July 7.

### Wine & Wags, June 2

The second annual Wine & Wags event will take place on June 2. More than 20 local wineries have partnered with eight Bay Area animal rescue organizations to host a day of wine tasting, dog adoptions and fun activities.

Attendees and their leashed dogs will receive a welcome treat from Entirely Pets and be able to enjoy grassy lawns, doggie obstacle courses, dog pools and more treats throughout the day. Food, pet-themed gifts and special activities will be available for purchase at many locations. Tickets are \$30 in advance at www.LVwine.org and \$35 at the event. Tickets include at least two tastes at each participating winery. Highlighted activities include:

- · Photo booth for owners and dogs at Mitchell Katz Winery
- Make a doggy bandana at Big White House Winery
- · Dogs Earn Treats when Owners Do Tricks at The Singing Winemaker
- Dog treat pairing flight and doggy pools at Las Positas Vineyards
- Doggy obstacle course at Cedar Mountain Winery
- Doggy pools and Camp Bow Wow of Livermore at Wente Vinevards

For a complete list of activities and details, visit www. LVwine.org.

Pinot's Palette will be set up at BoaVentura de Caires Winery, McGrail Vineyards and Winery and Las Positas Vineyards to help attendees paint pet portraits on wine glasses. To participate in "Project Pet," a \$49 reservation must be made in advance (in addition to event ticket) and a high-quality photo of the pet submitted via email. An artist will coach

each painter on creating the perfect portrait. Painters must be 21+ years old. 15% of Project Pet sales will be donated to a pet rescue organization.

Enter to win a Celebrity cruise for two provided by VinoDestinations and Cruising for Canines. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase during Wine & Wags at winery tasting rooms, and in advance from participating rescue organizations and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association office. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100. Other raffle prizes include two nights in the Ultra Suite at Wag Hotel in Oakland, a BratPak basket that includes doggy day care, a BarkBox Gift Card, and other goodies.

Wine & Wags sponsors include VinoDestinations, Cruising for Canines, EntirelyPets.com, Amador Veterinary Clinic and Camp Bow Wow Livermore.

Participating Rescue Organizations include Contra Costa Animal Services.

NorCal Sled Dogs, Northern California German Shepherd Rescue, Ozzie's Pound Puppies and Paws in Need. Please note: attending dogs must be leashed at all times.

### **Rodrigue Molyneaux Appreciates Teachers**, June 8 & 9

In appreciation of all that they do, K-12 teachers and retired K-12 teachers with a valid ID will receive a free tasting.

### Darcie Kent Fundraiser for Big Bay Ray, June 9, 2 - 5pm

Help save rescue horses at Big Bay Ray's inaugural fundraiser, featuring the big band sounds of 3 Day Weekend. Big Bay Ray is a Pleasanton-based non-profit that makes wine carriers and shopping totes

from recycled feed bags. Event includes vendors, BBQ food from Cabana Dave's, a silent auction with great items, games for the kids and Darcie Kent wines. Admission is \$35 for adults.

Save the Date for Detlev Hanschke's Life Celebration, August 17 Livermore's beloved VW mechanic, Detlev Hanschke, lost his battle to cancer in April, and has departed for the immaculate garage in the sky. His wife, Dunia, and his family, thank everyone for their kind and tireless support throughout their ordeal. They are turning their attention to a celebration of his life, to be held at the Celebration Christian Center of Livermore, 1135 Bluebell Drive, on August 17. Please RSVP to Dunia at donate4detlev@gmail.com.

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the recently adopted "City of Pleasanton Updated Human Services Needs Assessment." They include disability services and access, food and nutrition, health care and behavioral health, homelessness in the Tri-Valley, senior services, service provider critical initiatives, workforce development/unemployment, youth services.

Ingram described new programs receiving funding this year. They include Axis Community Health adding a triage call nurse; Child Care Link's expansion of mental health service to children and families, City-Serve opening an office in the multi-service center in Livermore, and a peer based mental health support group operated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

The Community Grant (CG) program received thirteen applications serving the arts/culture and youth categories. Civic Arts and Youth Commissions allocated \$69,500 out of \$84,000 of available fund-

net services as identified in ing. The two commissions each receive \$40,000 to disperse each year. Civic Arts had a carryover of \$4,000 from last year.

> Among the programs receiving Civic Arts grants were the Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society \$3000 for its "Evening with . . ." speaker series and the Livermore Valley Opera \$7500 for its school outreach.

> The Youth Commission recommendations included \$7500 for the Go Green internship program and \$2000 for Partners for Golf program by 1st Tee for an eight week session of golf and character building.





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# Shakespeare Hits on American Themes In Livermore Production

Ever wonder why Shakespeare's plays are produced world-wide over 400 years after his death? Attending one of his most powerful plays, The Tragedie of Othello, answers that question. Playwright-past and audience-present grapple with tragedy sparked by race, love, honor and ultimately, betrayal. Produced outdoors at Wente Vineyards by Livermore Shakespeare Festival this summer, Othello is the story of a Black army general and hero, desperately in love with his Caucasian wife, and Iago, the ensign, who manipulates everyone around him, ultimately leading to multiple tragedies.

Frequent Livermore Shakes leading actor Michael Wayne Rice directs the production setting the play in post-Civil War America. Rice explains, "Post Civil War, there was a brief period of 'racial reconstruction' in which white Republicans created laws that would grant blacks voting rights and attempt economic equality in the labor market. Conversely the Antebellum South would enact laws, 'the new slavery laws' that were technically and skillfully crafted to circumvent the Emancipation Proclamation that Lincoln passed before his assassination. It feels like today, we are in a similar moment in history

where we have tried to have a constructionist's national view of more equality for people of all races, while still fighting the 'antebellum' mentality of our current political system. The parallels are astonishing."

Rice, as well as Founder and Artistic Director Lisa A. Tromovitch are hopeful that the production will serve as a springboard to a wider community dialogue on the issues surrounding race and gender relations and the effect on our lives.

"The purpose of theater is to create community, whether it's by exploring important issues together, or simply coming together in a live environment to share an emotional romp through a comedy, tragedy or whatever," added Tromovitch. "Othello could be a contemporary TV drama. It's amazing how we're still in the same struggle other eras faced as we strive to become confident in our ability to live together, as a community of different races, genders & gender identities, etc. It's fascinating to see what Shakespeare observed 400+ years ago and how it relates to today. And the action is just as powerful and riveting as any drama we see onscreen."

Rice continues, "A real community creates forums for discussion and action. A real community recognizes that differences do and will "The purpose of theater is to create community, whether it's by exploring important issues together, or simply coming together in a live environment to share an emotional romp through a comedy, tragedy or whatever."



Pictured is Skyler Cooper in Othello, 2019. Photo by Steven Gotz

occur but don't have to be founded in animosity. Community story is more powerful than the individual story. Patrons of the show will, for a short period of time, be part of an exclusive community within the veil of this production of Shakespeare's Othello. I want people to speak about personal experiences that may relate to the issues and themes the play may spark. I expect to have frank postshow discussions where people can speak freely about their feelings. I want to open up our nation's siloed communications so that we can start to understand each other."

Livermore Shakespeare Festival will produce Shakespeare's, The Tragedie of Othello and the irreverent madcap comedy The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore July 3 – August 4, 2019.

For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$58 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. For tickets call (925) 443-BARD or visit www. LivermoreShakes.org

# Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of The Transcontinental Railroad

At this year's Alameda County Fair, June 14 to July 7, the Fair Model Railroad will host a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. In addition to major renovations that have occurred this year, the non-profit Alameda County Central Railroad Society that maintains and operates the HO and O Scale model railroads at the Alameda County Fairgrounds will have new exhibits and activities to celebrate the 150th Anniversary. They will educate fairgoers about how the transcontinental railroad created the California we all enjoy today.

A scavenger hunt will involve guests with the facts of the transcontinental railroad, while providing fun for young and old alike. The new multi-media educational exhibits will focus on how the transcontinental railroad was built and led to the settlement of the west and the growth of the United States.

In addition to the new multi-media exhibits focusing on the 150th Anniversary, the ACCRS has made many improvements to the facility to make watching the model trains and what they represent more enjoyable. This includes a renovation of the front of the facility to focus on the four major railroads that have served California, the Central Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific, and Union Pacific. These railroads transformed California, bringing goods and people form the east and carrying products and produce east for a growing population. A special focus is on the branded passenger trains that each railroad ran in the 1940s to 1960s from the east to California. In this era, known as the golden age of rail travel, trains

such as the California Zephyr or the Coast Sunset defined travel for Americans.

The 150th anniversary represents a major milestone in railroading history. In May 1869, the entire United States celebrated the completion of a railroad from coast to coast. A golden spike was driven on May 9th in Promontory, Utah to represent the completion of the largest engineering endeavor in the history of the country to that point. The transcontinental railroad linked the country together and enabled the westward expansion that settled the west and made the US what it is today. Before the railroad, a journey to California took 3 to 7 months and was incredibly dangerous, either by covered wagon or by ship around South America. The transcontinental railroad cut the New York to San Francisco journey to just one week, in the safety of a rail car. For the next hundred years, until the emergence of the Interstate highway system and jet air travel in the 1960s, rail travel was the primary way travel across America was done. Even today, railroads are the dominant mode for goods moved over distances greater than 750 miles and less than 2,000 miles, accounting for 37 percent of

total tons moved. The new exhibits. the scavenger hunt, and changes enhance the experience and the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental railroad provides an excellent educational opportunity. The interactive exhibits show how the model railroads represent the incredible story of how the railroads changed Alameda County, California, and the US. The model layouts of the Fair Railroad have been built to represent the

varied terrain, communities and industries served by railroads in California. The volunteers and docents of ACCRS look forward to explaining the incredible story of railroads in the west and how model railroading and the 150th Anniversary celebrates that heritage. The ACCRS model railroad at the Almada Fairgrounds is one of the most visited model railroads in the United States with over 60,000 visitors per year.

The Alameda County Fair will be open from June 13 to July 7 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.



Layout shows the transcontinental railroad

# Spend Time with Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Museum on Main welcomes famed author Nathaniel Hawthorne to Pleasanton on June 11th at 2pm and 7pm at the Firehouse Arts Center. The 7pm show is already sold out, but there are still tickets available for the 2pm matinee show. Nathaniel Hawthorne will be portrayed by literary historian Rob Velella who is travelling from Massachusetts to share his talents with the Pleasanton community.

Remembered today for his novels like "The Scarlet Letter" and "The House of the Seven Gables," Massachusetts author Nathaniel Hawthorne focused on tales and short stories for the majority of his career. Due to his reclusive nature, however, Hawthorne never offered a public reading in his lifetime and, in fact, often scorned the fame which he earned. For this special presentation, however, the author himself, portrayed by Rob Velella, will return to read some of his short works which explore the dark side of human nature.

Those who are interested in attending the June 11th 2pm performance can purchase tickets online at www. museumonmain.org, at the Museum on Main during regular operating hours, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors (65+)/students (with valid ID), and \$10 for Museum Members. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the afternoon and evening of the event.

All speaker series events are general seating at either the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.



**Rob Velella as Nathaniel Hawthorne** 

# Artists Open Studios to Visitors

EBOS (East Bay Open Studios) will take place over three weekends, with studios open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. each day.

Art lovers and collectors in the East Bay have been familiar with East Bay Open Studios for over 40 years, but those living in the Tri-Valley have yet to discover and explore this opportunity to see the work of not only the local artists but also those in adjacent cities.

Live music and refreshments will be available at some locations.

While 208 artists are participating during the entire event, this year the 3rd weekend, June 22 and 23, was added as a special opportunity to shine light on those artists along Hwy 680 and in Livermore. There will be 16 artists in the Tri-Valley who will open their studios and gather to show their work representing a wide variety of media.



David Goosman turning wood



"Out of the Dark" colored pencil by Maryann Kot

It all starts June 1st in Oakland with an Opening Celebration at the Scottish Rite Center with over 70 artists bringing small samples of their art.

A guidebook, with selections of work as well as detailed maps, are free and can be picked up in Livermore at Way-Up Art and Frame at 1912 Second Street and the Bothwell Arts Center at 2466 Eight Street; in Pleasanton at the Firehouse Art Center 4444 Railroad Avenue, and in Dublin at The Frame Co. at 7038 Village Parkway. They can also be downloaded at www.EastBayOpenStudios. com.

An Open Studio event is an opportunity for the public to visit an artist at his or her studio, discuss the creative process, see how the art is made and discover what other works are in the planning stages. Some may have larger pieces too difficult to take to outdoor shows. According to a press release, It is a rare chance to see works never before shown in public and also purchase directly from the artist. The 52 page guidebook gives you a chance to plan your day and select sites according to your interests." Not all artists' studios are open every weekend.

Weekend 1, June 8 and 9, is for Bayside Cities only, Weekend 2, June 15 and 16, for Bayside Cities and 680 Corridor cities including Livermore and Weekend 3, June 22 and 23, for 680 Corridor Cities and Livermore only. The maps clearly show who is open each weekend. Some Livermore artists are open both weekend 2 and 3, but most Tri -Valley artists are open only weekend 3.



### "The Cello Player" by Dennis Baker

### Reading Game Festivities Set

The 2019 Summer Reading Game begins June 1 in Pleasanton. Reading Through the Years: Pleasanton Celebrates 125! is this year's theme.

Stop by the library to sign up to play the game. Besides earning reading prizes the library will host: Tuesdays -- Children's movies; Wednesdays -- Special events; and, Thursdays -- Simple crafts.

To kick things off on June 1 at 11 a.m. Musical Robot will perform in concert on the library lawn.

Musical Robot is a high energy ukulele-and-drum duo. Their show "Wake Up Robot," combines songs, puppetry and crazy dance moves.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. For information, contact the Children's Desk - (925) 931-3400 ext. 3.



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# Community Partners, Staff, and Students Celebrated at LMA Annual Awards Breakfast

As the end of the school year approaches, those who made a positive impact on the lives of students, schools, and the community deserve recognition. The Livermore Management Association (LMA) Annual Awards Breakfast, held on May 16, 2019, honored the extraordinary commitment to education of outstanding students, staff, and community partners in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

Among those recognized was Sally Dunlop, who was awarded the LMA Retired Friend of Education Award. After serving as a music teacher in the District for many years, Dunlop has continued to support the arts as a dedicated member of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF). Her work with LVEF – an organization that has faithfully supported the programs and educators of LVJUSD schools since 1991 – ensured that students and staff had the resources to flourish in academics, athletics, and the arts. Most recently, Dunlop was instrumental in allocating funds to support the new grand drape at Livermore High School (LHS).

The Valley Humane Society was recognized for its special partnership with LVJUSD as this year's LMA Friend of Education. Since 2011, students have benefitted from the time and service of Valley Humane Society volunteers – both dogs, and their humans. The PAWS to Read Program has been providing students with the opportunity to practice their reading skills by reading to dogs. The program has been in place for students at Marylin Avenue Elementary and Junction Avenue K-8 for the past six years, and serves students this year at Marylin Avenue and Altamont Creek Elementary.

The Valley Humane Society's Canine Comfort volunteers bring therapy dogs to Granada and Livermore high schools during final exams, giving students and staff a soothing respite when they can relax and refocus with the dogs. "We are grateful to all of our volunteers, and this partnership in particular shows the breadth and variety of our community partners," said Philomena Rambo, Director of Community Engagement, as she presented the award. "We are 'doggone' lucky to have such relationships in our community. You are our true friend in education."



Friend of Education Award – Laura Van Wagner, Shoshannah Reed, Philomena Rambo

The partnerships honored at the breakfast represented a community commitment to excellence in education – a commitment embodied by the fellow awards recipients of LVJUSD students and staff. The Scott Haggerty Scholarship was awarded to LHS student Sfurti Gaudani, and to Granada High School (GHS) student Taylor Detlefsen. The First Generation Scholarship – honoring seniors who will be the first of their families to attend college – went to Juan Estrada Silvestre of LHS, and Jennifer Padilla of GHS. For their dedication to serving their community, LHS student Savanna Nelson and GHS student Christopher Gonzales were recognized with the LMA Community Service Scholarship Program.

Junction Avenue K-8's Parent Center Coordinator Mary Cruz Fernandez was recognized as the LMA Classified Employee of the Year for her unparalleled work in spearheading the school's activities. Jen Arias was named this year's Confidential Employee of the Year. Megan Clappin, teacher at Jackson Avenue Elementary, was named Educator of the Year. Administrator of the Year was awarded to Altamont Creek Elementary Principal Tara Aderman. Valerie Nebo, an LHS alumna and one of the school's vice principals, was honored as the Homegrown Employee of the Year. The LMA President's Award – presented by LMA President Erik Taylor – was given to Romie Silveira. The Alameda County Office of Education was recognized as LVJUSD's Partner in Education.



LMA Community Service Scholarship Program, Christopher Gonzales and GHS Principal PJ Daley



Scott Haggerty Scholarship – Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Sfurti Gaudani, LHS Principal Vicki Scudder



Retired Friend of Education Sally Dunlop and LVJUSD Superintendent of School Kelly Bowers, Ed.D.

# New Wine Sales Service Class Raises the Bar for Tasting Room Talent

A collaborative class sponsored by Friends of Open Space and Vineyards (FOV) with Las Positas College's Community Education program is the first step in turning community wine enthusiasts into tasting room sales stars.

Winerv tasting room Sales and Service, held in March over four Saturdays, will be offered again in May and September.

FOV and David Everett, director of Las Positas college's Viticulture and Winery Tech program, created the community course to raise Livermore Valley's level of service and wine knowledge found behind the bar.

Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery, Rubino Estates Winery and Darcie Kent Vineyards were the pilot lab "classrooms" for the first session.

From boutique wineries producing 1,000 cases to Livermore Valley's nationally known destination tasting rooms, all of the Valley's wineries should provide the same level of excellence, the class emphasized.

"We were taught a great deal about the marketing aspects of small wineries,

how Livermore wineries can grow their businesses, and how tasting room workers can help," said Holly Sears, a first session participant.

Winery tasting room Sales and Service focuses on:

The Practical: Students see the tasting room for what it really is -a stage to sell wine. Those who have always been in front of the wine bar now understand how the tasting room operates from behind from opening and closing procedures to following state and county rules and laws. In the first class, participants had to identify traps in the tasting room, and then role play on how to handle an accident, an inebriated guest, and the surprise arrival of a 12-person bridal shower party via limo. While students were encouraged to shoot from the hip about what to do, they also receive Everett's professional coaching.

The Technical: Many students in the first class had never used a waiter's corkscrew, so mastering this art was practiced in every class, along with beginning wine sensory. Also, few understand, as Everett calls it, "the theater" behind wine vibe of tasting room music,

- from always presenting the bottle label first to decanting a young wine as a special treat. Students learned how to pour a twoounce pour "freehand," and how to tactfully taste a new bottle before guests to check quality. With grace they were taught how to handle sticky situations. such as customers saying "this wine is flawed" when it actually isn't.

"Say: 'Let's switch directions then," Everett advised.

For someone who does not have tasting room experience, Linda Ault, owner of Cedar Mountain Vineyard, believes the technical and practical are important so tasting room pourers can communicate about wines a winery has to offer.

"Our winery offers about 25 wines and the customer gets to choose any 6 to taste. Our staff helps the customer choose which wines they think the customer would like to try - and buy. And they recommend other wineries to the customer depending on his or her tastes," said Linda Ault, owner of Cedar Mountain Vineyards Winery.

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### Hindu Community to Host Religion Chat

The June Religion Chat will be held on June 12, 2019, at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore.

The doors of the center will be open from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM to give attendees a chance to visit with each other. The program will run from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. At 7:15 volunteers will be available to take attendees on an optional tour of the fascinating Hindu Temple.

The r topic is What does your faith do t make the world a better place? The speakers will be Dr. Farhad Sabetan from the Baha'i community and Ferial Masry from the Muslim community.

Parking is available on the Center grounds.

There is no charge for this event. All are welcome.

With the purpose of bringing people of different faiths or no faith together to learn from each other and talk to each other, Interfaith Interconnect has a number of varied programs throughout the year. Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

to merchandising and to greeting guests within seconds, the class hits home that how a guest feels when they go winetasting. And how that feeling translates into bottle and Club sales.

"It's all about the experience for the guests." said Maureen Nokes, a first session student. "You can't just know the mechanics of pouring the wine. You have to gather and learn as much information about the particular wines you are serving and also as many stories and history of the winery you are representing. The 'story' sells the wine.'

An additional session anticipated for early fall. To register, contact the Community Education department at Las Positas College at 925-424-1467.

### Fair Offers Savings Specials

The Alameda County Fair offers discount days and special promotions. In addition to several free admission days, the fair is also offering exclusive ticket deals which can save over 30% on admission, concerts, and more:

FriYAY free til 3: free Admission on Friday, June 14 until 3pm Father's Day: Dad's get in free on Sunday, June 16, until 5pm Kids free Thursdays (12 and under): June 20 & 27, until 5pm Boomer free Fridays (62+) June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, until 5pm (Presented by Alameda County Social Services Agency)

Pet Food Drive, Wednesday June 19: Bring new, unopened pet food items (see list on website) to benefit the Valley Humane Society and receive free admission. Plus \$1 rides. until 5pm

Feed the Need Food Drive, Wednesday June 26: Bring 4 nonperishable food items and receive free admission. Plus \$1 rides. until 5pm (Benefitting Alameda County Community Food Bank and presented by Lucky California)

Clothing Drive for Foster Kids, July 3, Bring a new child's clothing item and receive free admission. Plus \$1 rides. until 5pm (Presented by MattressFirm)

First Responder's Day: July 4 -- Free admission with ID

Military Appreciation: Every Day -- One free Fair admission with valid Military ID, all day, everyday Unlimited Carnival Wristbands -- \$28 (Valid any one day of the Fair)2019 Fair Season Pass Premium (admission for all 18 days with parking, plus concert & event discounts) -- \$80

Buy one, give one – Buy a regular, full-price admission ticket (\$15) and the Alameda County Fair will give a Fair ticket to a local foster family. Promotion period runs May 29 to June 12, 2019. Tickets must be purchased through the Fair's website.

Season Pass (admission for all 18 days, plus concert & event discounts) -- \$40; Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) -- \$50

For more additional details, including schedules, discount days, and concert and ticket info, go to www.alamedacountyfair.com.



# Friday, July 12, 2019 6PM to 11PM Casa Real at Ruby Hill, Pleasanton

Gala Chairs: Debi Zentner and Janeen Rubino-Brumm

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# Livermore Library Recognizes Efforts of Volunteers

The Livermore Public Library recognized Renee Lau as the 2019 Library Volunteer of the Year. Renee has been volunteering for the Library since 2014, serving as a host for Library programs. During this time, she has co-hosted and hosted approximately 75 adult programs. She also volunteers annually during the Summer Reading City Council Nights. Renee always has a big smile on her face, and knows how to handle the crowd. Whether the program has 10 attendees or 100, her interactions with attendees are always full of positive energy. Renee goes out of her way to make sure that the visiting speakers and performers are comfortable and have what they need for their presentation. Renee is an indispensable volunteer who represents the Library with poise and enthusiasm.

Izzy Kuntz has been selected as the Livermore Public Library's 2019



**Renee Lau** 



**Caitlin Ryan** 



Izzy Kuntz



**Chris Irving** 

Young Adult Volunteer of the Year. Izzy began volunteering in the Library's Summer Reading Program in 2016. Following that summer, she joined the Library as a year-round volunteer, volunteering for two hours each week. Izzy helps the children's librarian prepare props and toys for story times. She also helps with craft preparation, special projects, and organizing the Library's book shelves. Izzy is currently in the seventh grade and is home schooled in conjunction with Tri-Valley Explorers. Her favorite subjects are history and literature, and she really enjoys reading. Izzy is also very active in the Valley Dance Theatre ballet group. Izzy aspires to become a librarian someday.

Chris Irving has been chosen as the Livermore Public Library's 2019 Literacy Volunteer of the Year. As a new retiree. Chris shared that she wanted to

use her professional skills to help others. She has done exactly that since beginning to volunteer with the Literacy program three years ago. Chris' volunteer work includes meeting regularly with her adult learner who says Chris is very nice and very patient. In addition to seeing her learner achieve significant goals, Chris assists with literacy outreach, planning special events, and facilitating the English Conversation Groups when needed. She recently served as a beta-test reviewer for a nationally developed online tutoring resource and she has also embraced the role of tutor trainer, welcoming new tutors and sharing her valuable and insightful first-hand experience. Along with her dedicated commitment, Chris is also known for the good humor she generously blends in to her work.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have selected Caitlin Ryan as their 2019 Volunteer of the Year. Caitlin is a member of the Friends' Monday morning sorting team. As a volunteer sorting team member, Caitlin reviews and scans items that have been donated to the Friends to determine where these items can be sold for the highest price. Caitlin has taken a huge burden off the sorting teams by doing extra work with the donated CDs and DVDs. Caitlin has researched multiple outlets for selling these items and has been successful in bringing in hundreds of dollars to the Friends of the Livermore Library. These funds can then be used to support Library programs and services.

For further information about volunteer opportunities at the Livermore Public Library, visit http://www. livermorelibrary.net and under the "How Do I" tab, click "Volunteer".

# Students Earn Scholarships for Conservation and Sustainability Work

Pleasanton high school seniors, Lauren Londono, Anika Nicolas, Bryan Luo, Varsha Madapoosi, and Paulina Umansky, received scholarships totaling \$4,500 for their conservation and sustainability work in Pleasanton. Collectively the students conducted waste audits, implemented recycling and organics programs, conducted Earth Day events, and worked on a project to bring environmental education to elementary students.

The students were active participants in a club that formed at Amador Valley High School in 2016, Local Leaders of the 21st Century, which helps students get involved in local environmental public policy. This year, the club lead the initiative in instituting recycling and organics sorting on Pleasanton Unified School District's campuses. This allows schools to adopt an integrated waste management policy in order to comply with state laws requiring schools to recycle and separate organics from trash.

Funding for the scholarships was provided by the Go Green Initiative thanks to grants from the City of Pleasanton and staffing firm Robert Half, which was named to Barron's inaugural list of the "100 Most Sustainable Companies" in the U.S.

Students will be honored at the World Environment Day Luncheon on June 6 in Pleasanton. Details at www. tinyurl.com/pleasantonyouth.

"Growing up in a town where I seldom thought about my effects on the environment, it made me become so careless," notes senior officer Lauren Londono. "As a result, this club reinforced my passion of advocating for environmental issues in my community. I have learned from this club that most students are very passionate and hungry to make change, but don't know where to begin. Thus, spreading awareness and advocating for something bigger than myself helped me begin to change the environmental consciousness of my school. This club gave me a voice in my community and school district that allowed

me to lead by example and live my values through my actions."

Touching on the skill's he has gained while working as a Local Leader, Bryan Luo notes, "On a broader level, this club has taught me a lot of valuable social leadership skills. The club has taught me how to manage and communicate with large groups of people but most importantly it has taught me the power of student voice, and the value of including students in environmental policy projects."

"I think one of the most valuable lessons I learned from Local Leaders is that if there's a will, there's a way," says Paulina Umansky, senior graduate from Amador. "If you had asked me two years ago if I could even imagine that, before graduating, I would have helped start recycling in the school district or presented to CalRecycle, I would have thought it was crazy. But the hard work and dedication of our club and our advisor have proven that even the most far-fetched goals can become a reality."

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# Summer Enrichment Programs Offered at the Bothwell

A range of Summer Enrichment Programs are being offered to students in grades 3–19 by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center beginning in June. Five camps give students the opportunity to be immersed in art, music, or theater at the Bothwell Arts Center and Bankhead Theater. Interactive, handson experiences are offered in art, songwriting, writing, theatrical performance and graphic design or filmmaking. Enrollment is open now and some classes have limited space available.

The summer programs begin on June 10, 2019 with the first of three sessions of Summer Art at the Bothwell. Each art session includes separate programs for ages 4-6, 7-10 and 11-17, closing with an artist's exhibit to showcase completed works for family and friends. Students can enroll in subsequent sessions as different projects are completed each time. Two of the camps are offered in collaboration with other organizations: Bay Area Children's Theater (BACT) will offer a musical theater camp and Bits, Bytes and Pixels will present graphic design and animated short filmmaking. The popular songwriting camp with Derik, Riana and Dalten Nelson returns for the third year in July as does the Creative Writing camp.

Summer Enrichment Programs at the Bothwell and Bankhead include:

• Summer Art at the Bothwell offers three one-week sessions which include projects using various media from watercolor, acrylic and pencils, to clay, fabrics and more. June 10-14, June 24-28, July 15-19. Ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-17.

• Musical Theater Camp with Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) takes students through daily fun and engaging exercises learning techniques and rehearsing as they work with professional instructors to prepare for a fully-staged student production of Beauty and the Beast on the Bankhead stage. June 17-28. Ages 7-14.

• Summer Songwriting Workshop for teens, led by sibling singer/songwriters Derik Nelson & Family build singing, songwriting and performance skills as well as explore the use of media in music today. Derik, Riana and Dalten will be performing their own show at the Bankhead at the close of the week. July 8-12. Ages 11-18.

• Graphic Design & Animated Short Filmmaking with Bits Bytes & Pixels inspires students to create fun projects while learning professional software. Modules are designed to expand their creative and technical skills, while combining an art and science focus. June 10-21 & July 22-26 Ages 10+

• Creative Writing Camp lets students expand their



### Students work on art project.

storytelling skills while strengthening fundamental writing skills such as sentence structure, vocabulary use, narrative creation and learning how to analyze and correct drafts. July 8-12. Ages 8-17. For camp fees, registration and other information visit: lvpac.org/classes. Special prices are available for Livermore residents and a limited number of scholarships are available through the LVPAC Education Fund, for more information contact Kiran Guleria, Education Program Manager, at 925-583-2312 or kguleria@lvpac.org

# Enrichment and Career Classes Available at Las Positas

Las Positas College (LPC) Community Education will offer enrichment and career classes, including self-paced online courses, for adults and summer camps and expression classes for children this summer beginning mid-June.



Fencing one of available classes

"We are proud to partner with faculty and staff from the college to offer a great range of summer camps for kids as young as five and adults, including seniors," said Program Coordinator Frances DeNisco. "We are looking forward to bringing back favorite camps and offering new courses, and we invite all members of the community to spend their summer learning with Las Positas College Community Education."

Teens and children will have the option of taking writing and music focused courses and camps designed to allow students to expand their horizons. They are available for children as young as five. This year's programs for teenagers have been designed to encourage career exploration, which will allow students to examine everything from emergency medical technician (EMT) to digital arts and biotechnology or sports medicine to coding and ethical hacking.

The Beginning Fencing Camp for Kids with Sophie Rheinheimer is back and offered as two camps, one for children ages five and six and a second for children ages eight to 12. Rheinheimer, who represented Team USA at the Veterans World Championships in 1999 and 2000, is the current LPC fencing instructor, and fencing coach. She integrates movement as a medium to the physical, mental, emotional and social dimensions of health and fitness and emphasizes strength in her instruction. Previous students have competed at all levels of fencing, including at the national level.

Adult summer online career certification programs such as pharmacy technician, human resources professional, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) certified technician, certified associate in project management (CAPM) and project management professional (PMP) certification prep, and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt are being offered along with self-paced courses including human anatomy and physiology, fiction writing, social media for business, personal finance, medical math and introduction to natural health and healing are available for enrollment. Additionally, music, career-focused and artistic classes are available for adults.

No college credit is offered for these summer courses and admission to the college is not required to attend. Visit https://laspositas.augusoft.net to register and view a full list of available camps and courses.

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### **ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS**

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

- Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore: Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimingham at (510) 877-8154.
- "Fresh Works IX." through June 1 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 9th annual juried exhibition featuring 66 emerging and established fine artists from around the Bay Area. Wide variety of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 4444 Railroad Avenue.
- California Art Club exhibit of Bay Area Parks: Outdoor Treasures. June 14-July 20. Opening Reception: Saturday, June 15, 1:00-3:00 pm. Harrington Gallery. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org

### **EBOS - East Bay Open Studios** June 15, 16, 22 and 23 from 11 am. to 6 pm. Meet artists and see how some of the art is made. Free catalogs available at Way Up Art and Frame, 1912 2nd, Street and Bothwell Arts Center 2466 Eight Street in Livermore and the Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. It can also

be downloaded from the website eastbayopenstudios.com.

### 33rd Annual Art Under the Oaks celebration the weekend of July 20 and 21. Event combines art. wine. food. live music and family fun for all ages. Alden Lane Nursery,

981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free admission

### **MEETINGS/CLASSES**

Paint Livermore, open competition, applications du May 24; check-in May 31, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carnegie Bldg., 2155 3rd St., Livermore. U to four painting surfaces stamped on the back; artwork done from May 31 to June 2 and stamped eligible to be judged. Information, dp.rodriguez@ icloud.com. Sponsored by the Liverore Art Association, www. livermoreartassociation.org. The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018 – 2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school. She also works with adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Home schoolers and high school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley for many years. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore, Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop. 925-373-9638 - microangelo@ earthlink.net.

frank.a@comcast.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45–10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information. contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

### Art Classes. For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor. Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin d@hotmail.com for further info.

- Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin d@hotmail.com for further info.
- Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.Galinas-MusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

### WINERIES

- Fun Fridays at Wood Family Vineyards. Live Music 5 to 8 pm, tasting room opens at noon. May 31 - Evan Thomas Goldstein Blues- 2407 Research Dr., Livermore.
- Charles R Vineyards 4th Friday Free Summer Concert Series June 28 - Jack Quigley Souled Out! – Serving up a gumbo pot of acoustic blues, rock and soul; July 26 - Chris Ahlman – Singer Songwriter, playing acoustic pop, folk and rock; August 23 - Rick Spitaleri - Danceable rock and roll from the 60s through today; September 27 – The Spencer James Band - A remix and a mashup of great blues and rock 'n' roll. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, www.CharlesRVineyards.com 925-454-3040.
- Wine & Wags, noon to 4:30 p.m. June 2. Livermore Valley's dog friendly wineries host a day of fun for dogs and their owners across the region. Information and tickets at www.lvwine.org
- Taste Our Terroir in Livermore Valley Wine Country, July 25 -July 28, Livermore Valley Wine Country. Food and wine affair at

Casa Real. Friday through Sunday. wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including Port tastings, a hike in the vineyard, honey tasting and more. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, www.lvwine.org/

### MUSIC/CONCERTS

Retzlaff Estate Winery, Live Music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave. Livermore. http://retzlaffvineyards.com Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

John Waite, 8 p.m. May 31. Bankhead Theater. 2400 First Street. Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800 Livermore-Amador Symphony,

June 1, concert begins, 8 p.m. Stravinsky: Suite No. 2 for chamber orchestra, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4, Gwendolyn Mok, soloist, Schumann: Symphony No. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

- Lee DeWyze 8 p.m. June 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800
- Piano Men: The Music of Elton John & Billy Joel Featuring Kyle Martin, p.m. June 22, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts. org or 931-4848.
- Derik Nelson & Family, 8 p.m. July 12. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore: www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800. Jessica Fichot Sun., July 14 at
- 7:00 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, **Enchantingly Original Chanteuse** Chanteuse and songwriter. www. lvpac.org or 373-6800.
- New Christy Minstrels, 8 p.m. July 26. Bankhead Theater. 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800. How Lucky Can You Get? The
- Songs of Kander & Ebb performed by Tielle Baker, 2 p.m. July 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

### ON THE STAGE

The Addams Family - Bay Area Children's Theatre Livermore

Next Stage Performers young@ part, June 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

- As You Like It, free Shakespeare in the Park presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:00pm June 29–July 14 Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita & Black Avenue, Pleasanton.
- Livermore Shakespeare Festival, July 3 to August 4, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, The Tragedie of Othello and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridges) (Revised). www. LivermoreShakes.org.
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Tri-Vallev Repertory Theatre, July 20, 27 and Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. and July 21, 28 and Aug. 3 and 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. his family. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

### COMEDY

- Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.
- Free comedy show every Thursday at Rebel Kitchen & Libations. 2369 First St., Livermore 7:30pm.
- Sklar Brothers, Sat., July 13, 8:00 p.m. post-modern take on a stand-up comedy duo. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

### MOVIES

- Classic Film Series. Pleasanton Public Library, 6 p.m. first Thursday of the month with host Steve Chiolis. This year's theme is FOG CITY – films about San Francisco. Films are free. No registration is required. The films are screened in the Pleasanton Library large meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton,
- Star Trek: the Wrath of Khan (1982 movie) June 19, 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. lvpac.org, 373-6800. Apollo 13 (1995 movie) July 10,
- 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead

Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

### **OPERA**

- Livermore Valley Opera Opera In The Vineyard #1 at Nella Terra Cellars, Sunol, special Father's Day Edition, June 16th. Tickets and information at www.livermorevalleypera.com
- Ao Li: An Evening of Favorite Arias, 8 p.m. June 29. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.. Pleasanton. www.firehousearts. org or 931-4848.
- Livermore Valley Opera, Opera In The Vineyard #2 at Retzlaff Vineyard, Livermore, July 14th, includes "Arias a la Carte". Tickets and information at www. livermorevalleypera.com

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Hagemann Ranch Open House. Tours of the 140 + year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month. 1-4 PM. Go to www. livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.
- A Writers Meetup for adults 18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at Livermorelibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.
- Political Issues Book Club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions. . Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 8,
- 10 a.m. downtown Livermore. Livermore Rodeo, June 8 and 9 at Robertson Park Stadium. Gates open at 11:00am. Grand Entry at 3:00pm. World's Fastest Rodeo. www.livermorerodeo.com Museum on Main. An Afternoon

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or Evening with... Nathaniel Hawthorne: Tuesday, June 11th, 2pm; Tuesday, June 11th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

- 2019 Alameda County Fair -- June 14 - July 7. live Action Sports shows, big name concerts and Live Horse Racing. For more information and schedules, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com
- Valley Bonsai Society 10th Annual Bonsai Show at Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. www.valleybonsaisociety. com/
- Museum on Main, An Evening with... Prime Minister Winston Churchill: Tuesday, July 9th, 7pm; AMADOR THEATER. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

### Little League® Intermediate **Baseball World Series**, July 28 - August 4, 2019. Livermore, Max Baer Park. https://www.littlelea-

gue.org/world-series/2019/5070/ Family Fun,

Pancakes, and **Troop Pack** Out Planned

Friends and families are invited to attend Pleasanton's 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Troop Pack out on Saturday, June 1st.

Starting at 7:30 a.m., freshly made pancakes, sausage, donuts, bagels, fruit, and yogurt will be served until 11 a.m. free of charge to all attendees at Delucchi Park on First Street.

Military vehicles, active military, kids activities and music will be played the troops as the troops are celebrated.

Pleasanton Military Families will be accepting donations for their care package program. After the breakfast, everyone is invited to participate in the Troop Pack Out at the Veterans Memorial Building starting at noon.

# Special Events Launch Summer Reading Game

Summer is just around the corner and everyone is invited to celebrate with the Livermore Public Library. The Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave, will be hosting Summer Fest, an all-day event with activities for all ages on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Summer Fest features an activity area with East Bay

Parks, science exhibits from more. the Livermore Science and Society Center, a science show with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Fun with Science, an interactive drum circle for adults, a visit from beloved children's book characters Elephant and Piggie, a fire engine tour from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, a hula dancing workshop, karaoke, and

Attendees of all ages can sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program to win prizes throughout the summer. Additionally, any children between the ages of 0 and 12 who attend Summer Fest can choose a free book to keep by visiting the desk in the youth room during the event.

Summer reading is for everyone at the Livermore

Public Library! The 2019 Summer Reading Program has a reading game for every age. Prizes will be awarded in all games, with the goal of reading, sharing what was read, and having fun! Check the Livermore Public Library's website for more detailed information and start playing on June 1, 2019. All programs run through August 14, 2019. This Summer Fest at

Your Library event is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library, East Bay Regional Park District, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Livermore Science and Society Center. Visit the library to pick up a Summer at Your Library events booklet, call 925-373-5505, or visit the library's website at www.LivermoreLibrary. net for further details.

# Sign up for Digital Edition of the New York Times

The New York Times digital edition is now available for free through the Livermore Public Library courtesy of the California State Library. Access is to current articles to content dating back to 1851 from a respected news source. Ac-

cessible on library computers or on mobile devices connected to the library's Wi-Fi.

For complimentary access from the Civic Center Library: 1) Connect to the open free library Wi-Fi; 2) Find the Onsite NYT

Access link on the library website in the Digital Library under News Articles; 3) Register or log in at nytimes.com/register to enjoy unlimited access to NY-Times.com on any device during your library visit. Alternatively, to view

nytimes.com offsite: 1) Access the NYTimes link through the library website at www.livermorelibrary.net in the Digital Library under News Articles; 2) Click the Offsite NYT Access link which grants users a redemption code; 3) Enjoy

24-hour access. When using onsite or offsite for the first time, you will need to create a free NY-Times.com account with a valid email address to gain entry.

Library patrons may browse content including video, photos and multimedia features, as well as enjoy personalized access to The Times's collection of email newsletters, such as California Today. Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese versions are also available.

"A library card is the best bargain around and having free access to The New York Times makes your library card even more valuable," said Greg Lucas, California's State Librarian. "We're excited to partner with The Times to make an important news source available to Californians at their local library."

For additional information or to discover other eResources the Livermore Public Library offers, please visit our website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

# Early Learning Classes Available at the Library

The Livermore Public Library will offer a variety of children's Early Learning Classes this summer. Children and caregivers will enjoy stories and activities designed to encourage the development of early learning practices. Exploring literacy, science and math through music, stories, and play will help children get ready for school. Sessions run from May 28 to August 18, 2019. Library early learning classes are free of charge.

### **Civic Center Library**, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

• Baby Lapsit (for 0-12 months) – Tuesday 10:15am

• Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Monday 10:15am; Monday 10:45am; Wednesday 6:00pm

• Music and Movement (all ages welcome) - Wednesday 10:15am; Wednesday 10:45am

Please note that seating for Monday and Wednesday morning classes is limited at the Civic Center Library. Please arrive early enough to get your free ticket to enter the event.

• Summer STEM Class (grades 1-5) – Monday 4:00pm Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) activities and hands-on experiments.

• Family Yoga (all ages welcome) – 2nd and 4th Friday 10:15am. Registration required for yoga. Call 925-373-5504 to sign up.

### **Rincon Branch Library**, 725 Rincon Ave.

• Baby Lapsit (for 0-12 months) – Wednesday 11:00am; Friday 11:00am

• Music and Movement (all ages welcome) - Wednesday 10:15am; Friday 10:15am

• Music, Movement, and Yoga (all ages welcome) -Wednesday 12pm.

Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Dr. • Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Tuesday 6:00pm; Thursday 10:15am

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program features special events and prizes for all ages. Free events throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, concerts, science days, and a wildlife presentation. For further information, pick up a 2019 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.

### Annual Trip to Washington, D.C. for Granada Student

Since 1975, Granada High School has taken students on an out-of-class experience they will never forget. Each year, juniors and seniors at the school have an opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Close Up Washington Program.

This year, grant funding from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore enabled more students from Granada to participate. The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore recognized the importance of ensuring the next generation will be informed and engaged citizens, and wants to support local students interested in having this hands-on education experience.

Granada students participating in a February 2019 Close Up program had this to say about the trip:

- "I learned more about concepts like liberty and justice through our discussions, and I now understand the origin of our country better. This trip made me appreciate how complicated and extensive our government truly is."

- "My favorite part of my Close Up trip was making a lot of new friends from around the nation. It is important that students around the country get together so that they can share views and ideas. I was able to learn what life is like in other parts of the country. I can't stop telling my friends how absolutely amazing this trip was, and how much I learned!"

- "I was able to learn the specifics of a how a bill becomes a law from my Close Up instructor. Overall the trip helped broaden my views, and I plan to stay involved and continue talking about issues with my friends and family."

- "One of my favorite parts of the trip to DC was exploring the historic monuments. Our program instructor taught us many things about the history of the monuments and memorials, as well as why they were there. Before this trip I was interested in various Supreme Court decisions, and appointments made by Congress. We were able to see these places in person, and gain information from people working there. I feel inspired to be a consistent voter once I turn 18, and be educated about who is running and what they believe."

- Some of the words students used to describe their Close Up experience: life-changing, profound, empowering, enlightening, exciting, humbling, and memorable.

Don McCombs was one of two teachers who chaperoned this year's group to DC. Reflecting on his experience as an educator, he noted: "This year, I enjoyed getting to explore Fredericksburg and Annapolis with Close Up staff. Learning how these sites played a role in the formation of our nation was fascinating. I was shocked to learn that only 23% of young adults are proficient in knowledge of our government. Close Up's program helps our students counter this trend, and inspires me as a teacher to take what we learn in DC home to Livermore. This experience is a fantastic opportunity to see our government in action at a level the average tourist will never see."

Founded in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to inform, inspire, and empower young people to understand and accept their role as a citizen in a democracy. While on Close Up's week-long program, Granada students joined peers from Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Texas, and Washington for daily debates, discussions, and activities focusing on current issues and the governing process. They also had a chance to meet their elected officials as part of a comprehensive Capitol Hill series.

# **BULLETIN BOARD**

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to editmail@ compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Ohlone Audubon, Membership Meeting: Annual Potluck Dinner and Installation of Officers, June 4, 4 p.m. Lake Chabot Regional Park— Group picnic area near restrooms 17600 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley. Bird Walk: 4PM; Setup: 5PM; Dinner 6PM. Bring binoculars and Kathy Robertson and Phil Gordon will lead a bird walk, beginning at 4PM For more information and directions visit the website www.ohloneaudubon .org.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents a Family History Workshop, Saturday, June 8, 2019, Nnoon until 4:00 PM, Livermore Family History Center, 950 Mocho St., Livermore. COST: No charge. Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, a "Silver Award Club," meeting June 13. Special Guest Speaker: Rochelle Conner will talk about Why Faith Matters in Today's Culture. Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room (At the Las Positas Golf Course), 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. (925) 455-7070. Social time 6 p.m., meeting 6:45 p.m. Reservations due by June 11, 2019 Call: Jo Molz: Cell / Text: 925-367-6155 Include all names and a phone # or email: rjm911@sbcglobal.net TVRWF Members: \$ 30.00; Guests: \$ 35.00. www.trivalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org

NAMI Tri-Valley meeting June 3, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. NAMI will host Brian Laurence, AMFT, who is a retired police lieutenant with over 32 years of police experience. He will speak about the 5150 process from the police officer's perspective. 5150 WIC is a California law dealing with involuntary commitment for psychiatric evaluation up to 72-hours of a mentally ill person who is unable to care for themself or is a danger to themself or others. NAMI Tri-Valley is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental IIIness. For further information, contact: Marsha @ 925-980-5331, or www.nami-trivalley.

Singles Happy Hour Party, Single Professionals are encouraged to meet new friends Sunday, June 9, 2019, 4-6pm, at Coco Cabana, 4500 Tassajara Road, Dublin. The cost is \$10 at the door, which includes: Complimentary light appetizers, served at 4pm, as long as they last. Fun Mixer Game, with prizes. This event is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; and many singles meetups. Anyone wishing more information about this and many more events for singles may visit www. thepartyhotime.com or call 415-507-9962. The Fifth Annual Hone 100 Golf

Marathon accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice for a fun and challenging day where you will be among an exclusive group of passionate golfers completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause! The event takes place September 30 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. You can pay your own \$2,500 entry fee directly, or encourage friends and family to collectively support you and cover the fee. Register at hope100golfmarathon.com. For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at (925) 829-8770.

Friends of Open Space and Vineyards invite all to take part on Friday, May 31st for a walk at Holdener Park followed by lunch and a glass of wine at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery. Winery owner Garry Rodrigue will present a short introduction to vineyard management. Attendees will have the option to attend a brief presentation to learn about the efforts to preserve the Tesla area. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Proceeds from this event will support FOV's actions to protect open space and enhance the success of the vineyards and wineries in the Livermore Valley. Visit www.fov. org/events for additional event information and to purchase tickets.

Livermore Lions Club meets for dinner every third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. Lions are the world's largest service organization. Livermore Lions support the needs within the community and state, the nation and the world. Funds provided to support the homeless, the fire victims, and the hurricane and earthquakes victims. Charities include: Canine Companions, Blind Centers, and the Ear of the Lion. Check out our website (livermorelionsclub) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome to meetings and to participate in activities.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is June 22, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, Corner of 3rd and Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Master Gardeners talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore . trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 am-11 on the second Saturday of the Month Mar-Nov. June 8 Citrus- Varieties and Care; July 13 Irrigation How much water do I really need to apply; Aug. 10 Soil- why does it matter so much; Sept. 14 Firescaping in a Suburban environment; Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites- Winter interest

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Jose Maria Amador, Pleasanton Chapter. The local Jose Maria Amador chapter meets on the second Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three

years. For more information, please visit https://josemaria.californiadar.org/ or contact Debbie Janes at jmadar.regent@gmail.com.

Grief support meetings. 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter. Meets September through May on the first Saturday of each month. DAR was founded in 1890 to promote education, historic preservation, and patriotism. Its members are descended from patriots who supported and/or fought for American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. For additional information, visit http://jhl. californiada.org.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group - those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Sr. Center on the 2nd Sat of every month from 10am-12Noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact mary.behrendt@ comcast.net or 925-462-5081 for more information. No cost.

Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237 located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Please consider coming and joining your comrades, because there still fun to be around. Lock and Load. Ready on the right ready on the left. Visit our

post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net AA If you want to drink, that's your

business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous 925-829-0666

Native Daughters of the Golden West, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of . Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925-698-4345- website: NDGW.org

Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 744–3662 for more information.

Wednesday Night Run with Sunrise Mountain Sports, every Wednesday night (rain or shine) at 6:30PM. Start/End Location: Sunrise Mountain Sports 2184 First Street Livermore. The run/walk will start at 6:30PM, but come hang with us around 6PM to socialize/ warm-up/change. There are a variety of distances starting at 2 miles and they go up to 9 miles. The most popular is the 3.5 mile course (that does have two water fountains along its route). Dogs, kids, and people of all paces are welcome. More information located on Sunrise's Facebook Event Page: https://www. facebook.com/events/237597100263100/

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480-585-8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925-443-4444.

Tri-Valley Haven - Individual Counseling & Group Therapy Openings, For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven provides free, professional individual and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call: (925) 449-5845.

Docents for the Livermore HistoryMobile. Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net.

Sing for fun, Music Sing-a-Long, sing familiar tunes with other folks along with piano accompaniment. The words of the songs will be provided. No musical experience needed. Most Mondays, from 11:00-12:00 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Small fee.

**Counter Point** (Addiction Family Support Group) free faith based, Christ centered (AI Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Meet Tuesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information, contact Rachel at (510-501-1411).

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks. Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

**Golden Circle Seniors**, meetings Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Sewing, knitting and crocheting all year, saving items for the annual bazaar in November. Ninety-five present of the proceeds are donated to local charities.

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions

# **BULLETIN BOARD**

Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit pleasanton-lionsclub.org. All are welcome..

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to www. livermorevalleyrotary.org/ or contact Frank Vallejo, President of Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, at 225-595-2004 or FVallejo@ CalWater.com

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com

Square Dance Lessons in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more information call Margaret 925-447-6980 or mmiller1435@ gmail.com.

Shepherd's Gate New Life Thrift Store, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-7 Monday through Friday, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday, Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8–2:30pm Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

Ítalian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group (CL) is a non profit,peer based, all volunteer, self help in-person support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings at Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton, every Monday 7 - 8:30 pm (except postal holidays). www.clutterless.org (national) or www.ClutterlessEastBay.org for more info.

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view members' collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail rjfgiono@comcast.net.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 p.m.. For more info visit us @ http:// www.trivalleystargazers.org/ Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysir.org and the Statewide SIR at www.strinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to http://www.calegion.org/ or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@ gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048

Eric's Corner is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8;00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at ericscorner.org

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague. org. e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@ yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people

with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril. tamayo@cril-online.org, All services are free.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.

### RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 975-447-2078

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch. com

Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925-447-8747.

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBay-SecularJews.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www. calvarylivermore.org or 925-447-4357. Granada Baptist Church. 945 Concan-

school – 9:45 a.m.; worship service – 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal Street. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:35 a.m., Nursery, Children's Church (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study will be taking a break, Senior Adult Ministry every other month. Call for date and time and other church programs at 846-8650.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925-447-1848. St. Charles Borromeo. 1315 Lomitas

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www. stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church , 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartslivermore.com. Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, pastor and priest, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www. littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www. goodshepherd-livermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer worship schedule one service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact the church office 846-0221, send an email to office@ lynnewood.org or visit our website at www. lynnewood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints – Livermore Stake: Sunday services –1501 Hillcrest Ave: Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 10:30 am. 950 Mocho St.; Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 10:30 am; Del Valle Branch (Spanish) first meeting 11:40, Sacrament meeting 12:40; 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 12:30.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 5:50p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.ikocdublin.org (925)828-1846.

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. .Sunday School (all ages) – 8:30 AM. Communion – 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - A Lighthouse to the world. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at http://csllvlighthouse.org.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12 Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4481 E. Avenue, Livermore.

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www. gracewaylife.org (925) 846-4436.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. (925) 667-1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

Discovery Church of the Nazarene, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m.. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, and childcare in the nursery. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find our most updated information and worship sermons.

Gateway Church, 811 Marylin Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit gatewaylivermore.org or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Livermore invites members of the community to Wednesday evening study, "Discovering the Bible." Currently, the subject is , "The Holy Spirit and His Work." The church address is 1759 Locust Street in Livermore. Wednesday Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. www. gracembc.com

Celebration Church, 1135 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. 925-455-4250. Sunday Service: 9:45am; children's programs: 9:45am; Spanish service at 1:00pm; Jr. & Sr. High: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information or weekday Bible study and Prayer group schedules, go to www.celebrationcc.org. Welcome home.

B'rit Ahabah Messianic Congregation, worship every Saturday, 11 a.m. at 193 Contractors Ave., Livermore. Congregation and Jews and Gentiles. Liturgy presented in both Hebrew and English. Families are welcome. Blessing of bread and wine (or grape juice) follows each service and all are invited to Oneg, a fellowship meal.

# Milestones

### Kevin Greenlee Honored as Rotary Youth Exchange Leader

Pleasanton resident Kevin Greenlee was recognized May 18 with the Ward Garing Youth Program Award from Rotary District 5170 for his leadership of the district's International Youth Exchange program.

Named for Ward Garing and his long-time service to Youth Exchange and Rotary, the award is reserved for Rotary members who demonstrate significant service beyond the expectations at the individual club level with a commitment and dedication to Rotary youth programs having impact on the entire district and beyond.

During ceremonies at the district's annual conference in Alameda, District Gov. Timothy Lundell acknowledged Greenlee's long service and dedication as a youth exchange committee member. He has been the district's outbound youth exchange coordinator since 2011. In Pleasanton alone, he has coordinated year-long exchanges of more than 20 high school students from outside the U.S. to Pleasanton and from Pleasanton to Europe, Asia and South America.

"This is virtually a yearround responsibility, in working with applicants, family members, schools, government logistics, and then doing it all over again for the next class of students" Lundell said. "Beyond ering a geographic region

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District Gov. Timothy Lundell (left) presents Pleasanton North Rotary's Ward Garing Youth Program Award to Kevin Greenlee at the 2019 District 5170 District Smith Conference.

working with our own out- from San Juan Baptista to bound group, he and his wife Yvonne have hosted seven students in their home."

Rotary District 5170 provides leadership and support for 54 Rotary chapters cov-

Oakland, CA. Rotary International is comprised 1.2 million members worldwide and is devoted to principles underlying its motto "Service Above Self."



Dublin 4-H'ers and friends spent their Saturday, April 27th, packing emergency food packets for victims of disasters. Kids Against Hunger of Pleasanton, was organized in 2010, after the earthquake in Haiti, and has also packed for Philippines, USA, India and Somalia. This past year they packed 2-1/2 million food packets, and each packet feeds 6 people. The 4-H group was divided into teams, and each team packed a measure of soy, mixed vegetables, vitamin powder, and rice into a plastic bag, and monitored for quality control. A sample of the cooked mixture was even given to the group to assure them that it does taste good. The Pleasanton center on Quarry Lane is one of many KAH centers across the United States and Canada that helps feed hungry people in 70 nations round the world. In Pleasanton, youth and adult groups sign up to pack the food and pay \$20 per person which pays for the supplies. The 4-H group worked 1-1/2 hours and packed over 700 packs of food.

### Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Recipients:

Carl's Star for Heroes Women In STEM Amy

Blue Star Moms Women in STEM Katelyn Cramer Blue Star Moms Student

Veteran President Steven Alvarez Blue Star Moms Fire Sci-

ence Academy John Lappin Valley Veterans Founda-

tion announces 2019 Las L. Nagy, Brandon Bartelmie, military personnel and veter-Positas College Veteran Connor Bridges, Christina ans pursuing post-secondary Bueno, Patrick Cadden, James Devito, Andres Ferriz, Jessica Gustin-Murray, David Hof, Orlando Hulse, Jessica Kelly, Daniel Lowen, Adrian Maya Rocha, Sean Mckee, David Muxfeldt, Brandon Oliver, Katherine Pagni, Gabriel Ruiz-Delgado, Dean Taylor.

Valley Veterans Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 tion Challenge Grants: Gis- organization providing finan-

Valley Veterans Founda- sela Agurcia, Anna Cathryn cial support and resources for education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math(STEM).

Valley Veterans Foundation scholarships and activities are designed to help veterans embark upon career paths with training, skills and resources necessary to become personally and professionally successful members of their communities.

### Livermore Knights of Columbus Award Scholarships to Three Veterans

Three Las Positas College Katherine Pagni (USMC) were presented on May 16th established these schol- Ken's selfless devotion to military veterans received \$500 scholarships from the They all have outstanding ac-Livermore Knights of Co- ademic records and a recent lumbus. The recipients were history of superior service Pedro Magana (USMC), to our country. The awards

and Amy Smith (US Army).

Fellowship.

at the LPC 42nd Annual arships in 2013 to honor his country, community and Student Scholarship Awards Lance Corporal Ken Logs- church benefitted countless ceremony at Cornerstone don, USMC, a fourth degree thousands over more than Knight and charter member half a century. His incredible The Livermore Knights of the Livermore council. contributions are remem-

bered in perpetuity by these annual scholarships.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity.