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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Agreement Reached on Deal to Keep Bankhead Theater Open

The announcement that the Livermore City Council had voted to accept a deal to rescue the Bankhead Theater was greeted with loud applause. The vote, taken in closed session prior to Monday's council meeting, was unanimous. City Attorney Jason Alcalá described the conceptual deal as providing a framework whereby the Livermore City Council,

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), and Bank of New York Mellon will contribute towards paying off LVPAC's \$22.3 million construction bond debt. Alcalá emphasized that no direct funds toward the debt would come from the city's general fund. The city's contribution will come from Host Community Impact Fees (HCIF)

from local landfills, funds that have been directed to the theater since it opened. Under the terms of the proposal, the city will assume a loan against the projected HCIF income to help resolve the bond debt. In return, ownership of the theater will transfer to the City of Livermore and the County of Alameda subject to a lease-back by LVPAC. LVPAC would continue to operate the theater under a new op-

erating agreement. The parties to the agreement will be ironing out the final details over the next few months. LVPAC board member Denise Watkins said that the board supports the proposed agreement. She thanked the mayor, council and staff for coming up with the buyout plan. Watkins noted that LVPAC will need to raise almost \$4 million by the end of the year to meet its

share of the deal and to keep the Bankhead operational. "Over half of the funds have been committed. We have \$1.6 million to go," she stated. She added, "The city's role in agreeing to take out a loan against the projected income stream from the area's landfills, in exchange for ownership of the theater building with the county, is critical to making the buy-

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Commission Rejects One Proposal

The Livermore Planning Commission held a public hearing on the controversial Sunset Development Company proposal to rezone two parcels from commercial to residential, denying one and approving the second. The developments require general plan amendments and zoning changes from commercial to urban residential. Currently, the two sites are occupied by offices, which would be demolished to make way for the housing. Sunset Crossing, which would be built on 14 acres at the northeast corner of Holmes Street and Con-cannon Boulevard, would consist of 49 single-fami-

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District to Vote on Calendar Shift, Budget

Pleasanton school trustees will be making decisions on major items when they convene June 17 at their last regular meeting of the school year. The board on June 3 looked at the ongoing discussion of whether to change the district from a traditional calendar to some modified form. As they have at past meetings, trustees heard from students, parents and teachers about the pros and cons of making a change. Arguments for retaining the current calendar included preserving the traditional 10-week summer vacation, a convenience for families, and not having to worry about aligning time schedules with other school districts.

Some parents have children in other districts. A change would make obtaining child care that much more difficult, they said. One student in the 6th grade at Hart Middle School said that 163 students signed her petition against "shortening their summer." Proponents for various forms of a new calendar cited an end to having work hang over the heads of students at winter break, because there are still a few more weeks of school ahead. Others pointed to a shorter summer as possibly helping students retain more knowledge in the fall. Trustees also looked into the homework policy issue. Teachers have tended to say there is not enough homework. Students take the opposite view. The board made two amendments to the homework policy. One change will be to conduct at least two surveys of parents, students and teachers annually about the homework, to see how well the policy is being carried out. The other change would make accommodations for students who missed significant time, and want to make up homework, provided they are under the care of a health care provider. The board also will vote on the proposed \$120 million budget, and for a Local Control Accountability Plan.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Croce Elementary School held its Annual Hoe Down on Wed. June 5th. Each grade level performed a square dance in front of family and friends. Everyone was dressed in Western Wear. Special guests included the 2014 Livermore Rodeo Queen and Junior Rodeo Queen. The celebration was in honor of the annual Livermore Rodeo, which will take place this weekend, along with the annual parade.

Primary Sets Up November Ballot, Brings New Member to Zone 7 Board

In nearly complete, but unofficial vote counting in the primary election, winery owner and attorney Jim McGrail was elected to the Zone 7 Water Agency board, Livermore voters extended a parcel tax for schools for seven years, and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, a Democrat, was chosen to face Republican attorney Catharine Baker in the 16th Assembly District race in November.

The continuing vote

count showed that Livermore Republican Hugh Bussell was in a close race to face incumbent 15th District Congressman Eric Swalwell in November. Earlier this week, Bussell, with 25.0 percent of the vote, was leading Democratic state Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, with 24.9 percent, by about 700 votes. Swalwell received 49.3 percent of the total vote. The results also showed that in the Zone 7 Water

Agency election, Sarah Palmer was first with 13,549 votes. McGrail second with 12,230 votes, followed by incumbents John Greci, at 10,811, and Bill Stevens with 8813. The top four will be sworn in at a Zone 7 meeting in July. In fifth place was one-term incumbent A.J. Machaevich with 7651, followed by challengers Alfred Exner with 6447 and Matt Morrison with 4528.

Pleasanton school board

member Jeff Bowser was not successful in his bid to be elected Alameda County Superintendent of Schools. He finished third in a field of five candidates, with 17 percent of the vote. Assistant County Superintendent Karen Monroe finished first with 34 percent. She will succeed the retiring Sheila Jordan, who has served for 20 years. In the Zone 7 race, McGrail told The Independent

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Zone 7 Board Apparently Will Reject Drought Surcharge

By Ron McNicoll
Zone 7 Water Agency board members are planning not to add a surcharge on water that the agency sells to the four Valley water retailers. Directors discussed the issue at a special meeting on June 4. The clear consensus was that despite higher expenses in speeding up facilities development to help offset the drought, it is better not to impose any extra charge at this time. However, directors made it clear that higher drought expenses will be part of the discussion in the fall, when the board traditionally discusses the water rates that will take effect

at the beginning of the next calendar year. By the fall, more will be known about how much water the state will be giving Zone 7, and prospects for the future water year, as well as possible state strategies. By then, Zone 7 and the retailers will have more data about how well conservation efforts are working throughout the summer. Also, more will be known about whether talks with two water storage agencies have been successful in obtaining water from them. The board is expected to vote on the drought surcharge issue at its regular meeting on June 18. The

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Caroline Fields and Nancy Scotto are seated in front of the new sculpture at Foothill High School. For the story, go to page 3.

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PET OF THE WEEK
There's no rattling Saber! The four-year-old black and tan Pekingese is one mellow fellow. He skips along merrily during walks, and would be quite content just hanging out. Occasional grooming will be necessary; otherwise he should be a pretty low-maintenance companion. Visit Saber at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org for more information. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

Charter School Goes for High Five Record



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

John Malmstedt high fives students during pursuit of the record.

By Ron McNicoll

John Malmstedt is more than willing to lend a hand to education -- literally.

A math teacher at Livermore Valley Charter School, Malmstedt hurried past a long line of students on June 6 in going for the world record for high fives, making individual contact with a hand slap for each student.

One minute and 240 high fives later, the school potentially has the new world record. To make it official, the Guinness Book of World Records must still verify it.

Two notaries and a police officer were on hand to witness the attempt. Guinness requires at least two formal witnesses for its records. Malmstedt said that some of the high fives might be disqualified, but he expects that at least 230 of them will count.

Malmstedt said, "There were a couple of times when

I got a little dizzy just from seeing all of those hands flying by and trying to catch them all."

"What I thought was also funny is how, as soon as I broke the record, all of the students wanted to give me high fives, so I probably ended up giving about 1000 high fives in all that day. It was really awesome," said Malmstedt.

Inspiration for the event came from an eighth grade student who came into Malmstedt's study hall and asked for a high five. She kept repeating it, and then said jokingly, "We're going to break a world record."

A few days later, Malmstedt looked up the record in the Guinness book. He checked with the student, and received encouragement, so he sent off to Guinness, got the rules and learned early last week that the Irish institution would

consider the school's effort.

Malmstedt met with other middle school teachers at LVCS and planned the event. A little math came into it. The teachers took measurements, recorded time, measured the length of the line, and had to figure out whether the space worked all right for the best position for high fives, explained science teacher Lindsay Milligan.

Milligan's role was to take care of the paperwork, which was considerable -- 17 pages of rules and regulations, including the three reliable witnesses.

Videos had to be made from different angles as part of the documentation. "We needed 240 students, so we had all the 7th and 8th graders, and as many 6th graders needed to reach that number. We were aiming at four hands per second," said Milligan.

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Teacher's Art Thesis Finds Home in Foothill High Schools' Quad

By Ron McNicoll

Most master's degree theses are filed away in libraries, where they gather dust until a scholar may want to look up something, years later. But Nancy Scotto's thesis is in the middle of the Foothill High school campus, where no one will miss it.

Scotto, a ceramics teacher at Foothill High in Pleasanton, created "Uncontained Potential," a three-piece ceramic sculpture, which stands as tall as 7 feet in one location, with elements weighing 600 pounds.

Scotto was awarded her Master of Fine Arts degree in December by Academy of Art University in San Francisco, with the last detail being the sculpture. It was dedicated in a ceremony June 6.

The dedication this year coincided with Foothill's 40th anniversary, but that was not intended, said Scotto. However, she likes the fact her work helps commemorate the anniversary, because the work is focused on education.

Scotto chose the site first, then designed the work. It consists of three amphoras,

those large jars that ancient Romans and Greeks used to store wine. She thought of the amphora shape because her father was in the wine business. He operated the Stony Ridge Winery, when it was in Pleasanton.

In the installation, each of the amphoras represents something about learning. One amphora lies on its side. Scotto said that it represents learning in its purest form. "It is not self supporting because it requires support from many. It's vulnerable."

The tall amphora stands for tradition. "It's a classic shape, more structured, like our tradition of education. It is the tallest and sterner," said Scotto.

The third amphora has letters pouring from it, and appears to be just emerging from the ground. There is a look at what is going to be uncovered. It shows something that is just taking shape. "It is more like what is going to be uncovered. We are just starting to see what it looks like," said Scotto.

That emergence is a metaphor for something that is about to begin in the school district — the Core Curricu-

lum, said Scotto.

"We are trying to make students learn what they need for the future. Our system was built from the industrial age. We are trying to go beyond that and prepare students to be creative, and think differently," said Scotto.

Foothill students in ceramics classes made the letters and stained and glazed them. Scotto was helped by other artists, including Caroline Fields, who also teaches art at Foothill.

Fields assisted with the initial drawings, and other aspects during the three years it took to make the installation. She worked with Scotto before, and has completed some projects with students that promoted recycling, such as making totem poles out of water bottles.

"It's a great thing, seeing these young people discover themselves, seeing them grow, and put their minds to it. Now that the installation is in, it's delightful to see. It has become a hub, a place that has been very positive. The students have taken ownership," said Fields.

Kaiser Permanente Gives \$50,000 to Axis Health

Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit in the Diablo Area has awarded \$50,000 to Axis Community Health. The funds will be used to help renovate a former retail space in Pleasanton into a community health center.

The announcement was made May 29, 2014 at the Tri-Valley Poverty Awareness Lunch. The event brought together roughly 40 community services agencies, city and local business leaders to address the issue of poverty in the Tri-Valley area.

"The Tri-Valley is often thought of as a wealthy and affluent area," said Marianne Balin, community benefits manager for Kaiser Permanente's Diablo Area as she welcomed attendees. "But there are people in the area who need help. These pockets of 'hidden' poverty need to be addressed by everyone if we are to meet the needs of our community."

Speaker Jane Martin, epidemiology manager for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, noted that there are roughly 9,200 people in the Tri-Valley who are living in poverty. For a family of four, that represents roughly an income of \$23,000/year.

"We must elevate the impact of our collective work to make the most difference," Balin said. "Poverty is a key driver of health."

Those in attendance at the Poverty Awareness Lunch included: Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and

representatives from Clover, Safeway, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, PG&E, Alameda County Community Food Bank and Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

The group discussed the importance of keeping people out of poverty while providing the needed skills to prevent a return to poverty; the importance of education and ways local organizations can help make a difference.

"The number of clients we serve will double in the next five years," said Sue Compton, chief executive officer of Axis Community Health. "That is why having these conversations now and bringing together the right stakeholders is so

important."

Axis Community Health plans to use the grant to help fund \$6 million in renovations of 5925 W. Las Positas in Pleasanton. While the majority of the costs will be financed, the grant will go towards the \$1.7 million Axis Community Health needs to complete funding needs. The site was a former retail space for DirectBuy. Once renovations are complete, the space will house 27 exam rooms and nine counseling spaces. Construction is expected to begin in November.

Another Tri-Valley Poverty Awareness event is set for September. For more information email: diablo-area-community-benefit@kp.org.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Potential Candidates Invited

DUBLIN: The City of Dublin will hold a pre-candidate informational meeting for those interested in running for mayor or the council in November. I The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Regional Meeting Room at City Hall (100 Civic Plaza, Dublin).

For more information, please contact Caroline Soto, City Clerk, at caroline.soto@dublin.ca.gov or (925) 833-6650. An RSVP is not required.

LIVERMORE: The City of Livermore will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday June 18, 2014 for candidates interested in running for office in the General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers on November 4, 2014.

The meeting will provide information on the election including the nomination process, conflict of interest, campaign reporting requirements, the City's election ordinance and campaign sign regulations.

Livermore residents interested in running for office, their campaign managers, treasurers, and other interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will take place at Council Chambers at 6:00pm. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 960-4200.

DSRSD Recognized

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) awarded Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD)

the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

In order to receive the award, a special district must complete eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all Board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller in a timely manner.

DSRSD also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as Board agendas, agenda packets, and minutes, the District's current budget, and the most recent financial audit.

Corrections

A story that reported Friends of Tesla Park's bid to ask Alameda County Supervisors to discuss the issue of the state creating a 3400 acre off-road vehicle park near Tesla Road erred by failing to point out that requests made by Garamendi were not her personal requests, but those from the organization as a whole.

Also, Friends of Tesla Park members and members of other organizations have talked to East Bay legislators, and they are aware of the issue.

In reference to a possible first step of approaching the board of supervisors, Friends of Tesla Park, and other interested organizations, would appear before the supervisors' planning and transportation committee, as a first look by supervisors.

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EDITORIAL

Follow the Council's Lead

Kudos to the Dublin City Council for adopting the Open Space Initiative, then voting to oppose the Let Dublin Decide Initiative.

Both votes were unanimous.

The city now has permanent urban growth boundaries on its east and west edges that can only be moved by permission of Dublin voters.

The council's decisions were wins for everyone in the Tri-Valley, providing protection for open space on hillsides to the west and in Doolan Canyon to the east.

The Let Dublin Decide Initiative will appear on the November 2014 ballot. It claims to protect the city's interest in Doolan Canyon by extending the eastside urban growth boundary further to the east. Supporters of this initiative claim that it allows Dublin to determine the future of Doolan Canyon, an area that serves as an open space buffer between Dublin and Livermore.

Let Dublin Decide Initiative is not about letting voters decide; it's about protecting the development interest of Pacific Union. If the initiative were adopted by voters, the decision on what happens in the canyon would be up to the city council, not voters.

At last week's meeting, the council strongly favored the environment over sprawl development. Councilmember Kevin Hart noted that when it is the environment versus development, the environment has to win. Councilmember Abe Gupta said of adopting the Open Space Initiative, "It's the right thing to do."

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti commented, "This is a very exciting night for Dublin. It is establishing an urban growth boundary."

The Dublin City Council has set the tone. Now it's up to Dublin voters to follow its lead and vote "no" on the Let Dublin Decide Initiative this November.

ELECTION

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that he credits his election to having "a bunch of good friends. They know I'm a worker and team player. I want to help all of us in this Valley. I want to go to work on what I can do for the community."

Dublin resident Baker, who works in Pleasanton as an attorney, said that a strong grassroots effort enabled her to finish first in the top-two primary for the Assembly seat, which will be vacated by a termed-out Joan Buchanan.

Baker said her campaign involved "both long-time activists and many people who were active for the first time in their lives. Half of the people working with us were new to campaigns."

Baker has participated in the Trailblazers Program of the California Republican Party, which she said is providing detailed, rigorous training. "It's very valuable." It involves such things as ensuring the grassroots volunteer organization is run well, and that issues that matter to the candidate are being heard in the community.

"I'm very pleased (with the election results). Not only finishing in the top two, but coming in first, and outperforming the Republican registration numbers. The other three combined spent more than \$1 million" said Baker.

Sbranti also credited a grassroots effort for his place on the November ballot, triumphing over Orinda Councilmember Steve Glazer and Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich.

Sbranti said, "There was a lot of talk about money and independent groups. For me, it was holding conversations in people's living rooms, on the phone and reaching out to voters."

Sbranti finished first in the Alameda Country portion of the district. The district also includes Contra Costa County. Sbranti said, "People know my record (as mayor). I've lived in Dublin most of my life, and my wife is a Livermore native."

Sbranti said that he will be doing more outreach in Contra Costa. He already has picked up endorsements from two Glazer backers -- Orinda Councilmember Amy Worth and Walnut Creek Mayor Kristina Lawson.

Sbranti said that he will talk with Arnerich and Glazer in the next couple of weeks. "The party is in support of me. Given that 64 percent of the vote went to Democrats, I'm in a good

position, but I'm not taking anything for granted. Baker ran a great primary race. I know she will be formidable. It will be a tough fight."

In Livermore, passage of Measure G extended a parcel tax for seven years for school programs. A portion of the money, based on average daily attendance of Livermore students, will go to Tri-Valley Learning Corporation, which operates Livermore Valley Charter School and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory. Both are funded by taxpayer dollars.

TVLC CEO Bill Batchelor said, "I'm absolutely thrilled that we are included, and that voters of Livermore

have supported education generously. It's good for all of our schools."

Livermore school district superintendent Kelly Bowers said that she believes Measure G passed because "our community places a high value on providing a quality public education for all of our students."

The revenue can be spent only on programs, not capital improvements. In effect, extending the tax means that revenue that supports programs now will not go away. These include advanced science engineering and math classes, lower class sizes, safe schools, and updated materials.

The turnout of voters in the county, with some votes still to be counted, was 22 percent. County registrar Tim Dupuis compared that to 37 percent in the 2010 primary. Typically primary election turnout is lower than in the general election. Dupuis was not sure why this election was so low. The vote count is not finished, and he has not had time to analyze the results.

In the 2010 election, vote-by-mail ballots represented twice as many as those cast at the polls, with 25 percent of the total in the mail. The remaining were voters showing up at the polls.

McLaughlin Resigns from Board

Tom McLaughlin has submitted a letter stating that he is resigning from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Board of Education.

In his letter, he cited personal reasons.

His resignation means that there will be four board seats on the November 2014 ballot. Three will be for four year terms; the fourth for two years will complete McLaughlin's term.

McLaughlin served as a trustee for eight years during a previous term. He failed to win re-election in 2008, but was returned to the board in 2012.

In addition to serving on the board of education, McLaughlin taught school and worked with the teachers' union.

McLaughlin has been absent from recent board meetings.

At last week's meeting, fellow trustees accepted his resignation and offered comments on his service. His colleagues on the board described him as dedicated to children and education. Anne White said, "He was quite a special fellow."

A resolution adopted by the board noted that his willingness to listen to the community and propose new

directions was seen through his openness and commitment to the District. "This is further seen in his participation and support of innovative new programs such as Del Valle High School and Joe Michell K-8 School. He was a powerful proponent of Special Needs students and Career Technical Education."

Board President Kate Runyon pointed out that he had been educated in Ireland. He was sent to school to learn to be a chef. He did not graduate from high school, but went on to earn a college degree. "We wish him well for his many years of service to education and students."

New Principal Director Named for Lab's NIF & Proton Science

Former astronaut Peter J.K. "Jeff" Wisoff has been chosen to take on the role of Principal Associate Director for the Lab's National Ignition Facility & Photon Science (PAD/NIF&PS) directorate. The appointment is effective immediately.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director Bill Goldstein made the announcement on Tuesday. Wisoff has been acting PAD/NIF&PS since Oct. 2013.

As the principal associate director, Wisoff will continue to be responsible for ensuring the safe operation of the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Stockpile Stewardship mission. This includes partnering with Laboratory capabilities to establish leadership in Stockpile Stewardship science associated with inertial confinement fusion and high energy den-

sity physics; overseeing the development of advanced laser systems, related optical and target systems, control systems and systems engineering capability for research, commercial and government agencies; and maintaining close partnerships with the Department of Energy/NNSA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Homeland Security, academia, and private industry.

Goldstein said, "I have known Jeff for many years and am particularly pleased to have his technical expertise, enthusiasm and dedication as we continue to carry out the important strategies necessary to achieve our institutional, program, and discipline goals."

Prior to joining the Laboratory in 2001, Wisoff spent more than 10 years as a

NASA astronaut, participating in four space shuttle flights and three spacewalks, where he operated multiple space laboratories with experiments ranging from remote sensing, materials science, and biotechnologies. He also served as a member of the faculty at Rice University, where he led a laser research program as assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering. Before being named to the Acting PAD position at LLNL last year, Wisoff served as the principal deputy PAD/NIF&PS, the Directed Energy Program manager, the deputy PAD for Operations, the Small Optical Systems associate project manager, and the deputy associate project manager for Systems.

Wisoff holds a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Virginia, and a master's and doctorate in applied physics from Stanford University.

VA

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ramendi took on the goal. Now Rep. Eric Swalwell, the Valley's current congressional member, is on the issue, said Marchand.

Michelle Obama introduced Marchand to her chief of staff, and directed her to pursue the matter. Marchand then met HUD secretary Shaun Donovan and also talked to a VA official.

Marchand is part of a National Conference of Mayors group that is working on the problem of homeless veterans. The "Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness" kicked-off last week with a panel discussion on reducing veteran homelessness. Specifically, the call to action is for mayors to make a commitment to ending Veteran homelessness in their cities in 2015.

The mayors want to identify where the homeless veterans are, so they can work with HUD to help the vets obtain vouchers for a HUD program that deals with vet's homelessness.

Marchand said that in its first 15 years, the special HUD program awarded 1800 vouchers. Since 2008, HUD has awarded 73,000 of them, which he called a sign of how committed the Obama administration is to solving the homeless veteran problem. A separate program, called 100,000 Homes, has a goal of providing that many homes for homeless veterans.

At the White House meeting, Marchand was also impressed "with the passion of VA acting director Sloan Gibson" about the homeless veterans problem.

Marchand said that his message to Washington was that in this critical time of need, when over 1 million vets will return over the next five years, it makes no sense to close Livermore VA Hospital, since now there is even greater demand. An estimated 17 to 26 percent of returning vets may have issues with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Livermore VA would be an excellent site to help house such vet-

erans, Marchand told the officials.

Marchand said he is keeping mayors of the other Tri-Valley cities informed of the issue because they are so interested in it.

Marchand added, "Working with the 'Mayors Challenge' will allow Livermore to leverage federal resources and develop a local strategy to make sure every veteran in the community has access to stable housing and the supportive services they need to stay off the street. I believe our VA Hospital can be an integral part of that solution."

LIVERMORE V.A. ACCESS AUDIT RAISES CONCERN

In a news release June 10, Swalwell said that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System, Livermore Division has been cited as requiring further review following a system-wide VA Access Audit.

He stated, "Upon learning that the audit report found that the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS), Livermore Division requires further review, I called the acting director of the VAPAHCS to learn more. I was told that the need for VA's further review was triggered by a Livermore employee expressing concerns about staff training."

"While this review is preliminary, it raises further concerns about the care our veterans are receiving," said Swalwell.

"Last month, I visited the Livermore facility and was assured by the director and her staff that while long wait times and access issues are occurring at VA centers across the country, this is not the case in the Bay Area," he said.

He added, "I await the full report, and in the meantime, will independently reach out to veterans in the East Bay to ensure they are receiving the timely and quality care they were promised and have earned."

MAILBOX

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Voters Thanked Craig Bueno and Chris Wenzel, Co-Chairs, Yes on Measure G for Livermore Kids

As Co-Chairs and on behalf of the entire Steering Committee of Measure G, we express our sincere appreciation to our Livermore community for renewing the parcel tax to support our schools. In doing so, we have sent a clear message that, "We support our children and their teachers."

This community effort required contributions from many and despite our best efforts we will never be able to properly thank everyone. So, to our parent groups (PTA/PTO/PTSG/Boosters), employee groups (CSEA, LEA, SEIU, CM/C, LMA) the multitude of parents, principals, retirees and volunteers who have shown remarkable dedication to the children of Livermore we say sincerely, "Thank

You, Thank You, Thank You ALL!"

Many people made this possible by volunteering hundreds of hours in hopes we could continue providing the best education possible for our Livermore students. The generosity, both monetary and in-kind, was inspiring and essential to our success. Citizens cooked meals every night for our volunteers who were making calls, Legacy Realtors provided space and hospitality, and volunteers assembled lawn signs and supplied them to the many requestors. This was truly a community effort for a wonderful cause and one we are all proud to serve.

Most importantly, we'd like to thank YOU, Livermore voters, for your trust and support. Your passage of Measure G provides our students numerous opportunities to excel which would otherwise not be available. We invite you to keep on top of what our amazing students are doing with your generous financial support. Please visit www.livermore-schools.com and sign up for email updates. If you'd like to serve on the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee for this parcel tax, please email Susan Kinder at skinder@lvjuskid12.ca.us.

Dismissed by EBRPD Board Lindsey and Jim Murray Livermore

On Tuesday, June 3 we

attended an EBRPD public board meeting to hear comments regarding the Request for Proposal for the water sports concession at Del Valle Regional Park. Though the EBRPD board had already awarded the contract, one of the applicants, Sunrise Mountaineering, had submitted an official letter of protest (following the protest procedures outlined in the RFP) asking that the review process be re-evaluated since several of the requirements in the RFP were not followed.

Nine or ten people at the meeting spoke concerning these discrepancies, asking the board to re-look at the situation in terms of adherence to the RFP process.

After the public spoke the Assistant General Manager, Jim O'Connor, got up and said the contract was already awarded and the request was dismissed.

The chairman of the board, Ayn Wieskamp, said that since this was not an agenda item it could no longer be discussed and that perhaps the board should take a better look at the RFP process in the future.

We were shocked. We thought that was why we elected them. The EBRPD board should be constantly overseeing and insuring that the staff is following appropriate guidelines. Our taxes go to support our regional parks and we expect more than a dismissal.

PUSD Parents - Wake Up Mark and Chris Miller Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board is about to change the school calendar such that it begins the first week of August and concludes the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. They feel this will improve High School test scores and reduce student stress by allowing students to finish their final exams before the Christmas break, and they claim this is overwhelmingly supported by the teachers and management. This change has not been well publicized, but, without your responses, it will become reality.

If you believe, as we do, that it's a bad idea to 1) drastically modify our school calendar when all other surrounding school districts have not done so, 2) eliminate the best weather month of the year for family vacationing, 3) conflict with summertime extracurricular activities such as camp, sports, etc., 4) impact all grades even though the perceived benefit is only for high schoolers, and 5) do this without adequately surveying parents, please let your School Board know you disapprove of this plan. They have already decided this is in your child's best interest, so failure to act will mean your child will start the 2015 school year on August 4th.

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BANKHEAD

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out happen. Because of the benefit the theater brings to the community, LVPAC believes that this support from the city is appropriate."

Watkins pointed to the positive impacts of the theater, including a \$3.5 million annual economic stimulus bringing in sales tax and increasing property values. The theater is important to the national laboratories and high tech businesses who want to attract highly educated employees and to performing groups such as the Livermore Valley Opera who want to bring in top performers.

She noted that 32,127 unduplicated Livermore residents attended the Bankhead last season and thousands more joined ArtWalk, GuitarFest, Plaza concerts and activities at the Bothwell Arts Center."

Phil Wente, LVPAC Chairman, said in a press release, "The LVPAC board and staff are deeply appreciative of the cooperation shown by the city, county, and bank, as well as the outpouring of support from the community, in reaching this long sought-after proposal to resolve the debt. As was the case with nearly 400 other cities in the state of California, Livermore lost significant funding when the state government eliminated all redevelopment agencies in 2011, jeopardizing long-standing plans for a regional theater. Operating as a stand-alone venue, the significant bond debt remaining on the Bankhead Theater put it at high risk of default and closure."

David Hyslop, Consulting Theater Manager for LVPAC, stated, "We believe LVPAC's fundraising goal for this year is ambitious but achievable, and fits with our long term plans to develop a broader base of financial support across the community. Resolution of the debt will allow LVPAC to implement a sustainable model for the Bankhead that can provide audiences, resident companies, local businesses, and educators with a venue that satisfies their needs. In doing so, however, it will be essential for the entire community to step forward and help LVPAC achieve these goals through contributions, ticket sales and championing the Bankhead and the Bothwell."

Added Wente, "Supporters from throughout the Tri-Valley have shared in our vision of a vibrant and dynamic downtown Livermore for more than two decades. Approval of this proposal allows us all to pull together

and participate in the success of the Bankhead Theater."

LVPAC Board President Joan Seppala stated, "At the Bankhead Theater we come together as a community to be moved and challenged. It is wonderful to see so many different interests join to preserve it."

Mike Madden wrote in a letter that was read at the council meeting, "Based on my experiences in real estate investment, management and development, projects rarely go as planned. Downtown Livermore is certainly no exception. . . . It's been twenty years since we made our first investment in Downtown Livermore. To the casual observer, the vibrant, exciting, and award winning downtown popped up overnight. Nowadays people say downtown Livermore is a 'No brainer,' meaning that anyone can be successful investing there. When we got started, they used the phrase 'No brainer,' but they meant you must not have a brain to think investing there is a good idea."

He continued, "In business and in real estate you have to have a plan, and everyone wants to see your proforma. Proformas are necessary but worthless. Businesses that fail all had plans, too. The difference between failure and success is what you do when your initial plan falls short, and you realize your proforma is not worth the paper on which it is printed. Markets change, costs change, economies change, laws change, perception changes, as well as reality. You have to be prepared to make changes, too. "Just like yours, our most recent investment in Downtown Livermore did not live up to its proforma. But we didn't quit. We didn't hand over the keys to the bank. We stuck with it. We found sources for additional money. We had tense meetings with bankers. We became more and more patient. We reset our expectations."

"We are very happy and proud that we did." Addressing the city, Madden concluded, "What you are being asked to do is nothing out of the ordinary."

While no public hearing was held on the issue, support for keeping the Bankhead open was expressed by a wide spectrum of the community.

Sally Dunlop spoke from the viewpoint of education. She noted that 100,000 students have visited the Bankhead Theater including Title I families. Students and children perform on the stage. LVPAC provides outreach

programs to the schools, at no cost to the schools. One school, Marilyn Avenue, has walked to the theater over 100 times to see performances.

Kathy Streeter of Friends of the Bankhead and Bothwell said her group would work with government bodies, downtown merchants and LVPAC to work on solving finances and establishing the Bankhead as a sustainable stand alone theater.

Layne Marceau, President, Northern California Shea Homes, commented after the meeting, "Shea Homes is pleased that Livermore has come together as a community to save the Bankhead Theater. Shea has enjoyed a successful history of building homes in Livermore. Our business relies on a healthy, safe and vibrant community that provides great culture, dining and entertainment. The Bankhead Theater has been a catalyst for the positive things that have happened in Downtown Livermore over the past few years. We are thankful that our City leaders have stepped forward to provide the financial stability to save this important amenity in our community."

New Las Positas College President Barry Russell said that the Bankhead is great for the college and great for the city.

Bill Goldstein and the Lab sent Jim Bono, Director of Public Affairs, to the council meeting to support the Bankhead. Goldstein is the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Cultural tourism was the theme of Barbara Steinfeld's remarks. Steinfeld, president of Visit Tri-Valley, said that cultural tourism creates a large economic impact. The Bankhead draws people to the region who then eat at restaurants, stay in hotels, shop and visit wineries. An example is Hawthorne Suites, which worked with LVPAC to house guests and performers.

Catherine Ndungu-Case of Chez Nami, told the council that because the Bankhead has been saved, the Bothwell Arts Center will remain. Without the Bothwell, our organization could not meet its goals.

Owner of Sansar Indian Cuisine in downtown Livermore, Santokh Singh, wrote that she receives a lot of business from Bankhead customers before the start of performances. In addition, she caters for the performers.

Downtown merchant, Colin Bennett, owner of Caratti Jewelry, commented

SUNSET

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ly homes and 38 attached townhomes.

The commission voted 3 to 2 to deny the requested change in zoning for Sunset Crossing. Steven Spedowski and Neal Pann were in the minority.

Spedowski said that he wanted to look at options for a lower density development. I did not support the higher density. One concern I had was that if housing were not approved, the site may sit vacant creating an eyesore. The city has little control over the site once it is vacant.

Planning Director Paul Spence said that since the rezoning was rejected, no vote on the site or development plan were taken.

Spence said the planning commission had several

concerns, including the loss of open space and neighborhood compatibility.

Speakers at public hearings have cited increased traffic, school, noise and visual impacts as reasons to deny the project.

A complex of 31 townhomes was proposed for Catalina Crossing located at the southwest corner of Catalina Drive and Barcelona Street.

The general plan amendment and site plan for Catalina Crossing were approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

The city council will review the applications at its July 14 meeting. Spence noted that the planning commission votes on recommendations only. The city council makes the final decision on any request for a general plan change.

LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On November 4, 2014, the City of Livermore will hold a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers.

The City Clerk's Office will hold an information meeting for persons who are interested in running for office. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the election, such as the nomination process, conflict of interest and campaign reporting requirements, the City's election ordinance and campaign signs.

Livermore residents interested in running for office, their campaign managers, treasurers, and other interested parties are invited to attend this informational meeting.

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers
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SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Maroon team finished third in the Oregon - Rogue Memorial Championship. The girls started the weekend hot, winning 4-0 and 3-0 against eventual champion Rogue Valley. Sunday proved to be a tough day with a lot of scoring chances, but nothing converted relegating the team to the third place game by H2H tie breaker. The third place game was a rematch against CASA Boca Bravehearts, who beat the team the day before. Boca led 1-0 before Fusion stormed back and won a well matched game 2-1. In all 7 players scored, showing a true team approach that should be produce many beautiful goals going forward. Pictured are (top, from left) Jessica Warren, Sierra Street, Lexie Borgna, Kayla Remund, Meghan Kennedy, Super Keeper Lilly Ackerman, Kayla Lewis, Gracie Dupuis, Isabella LaRosa, Justynne Thomas, Taylynn Low; (bottom row) Makenna Diaz, Sydney Keshmiry, Drew Pagtakhan, and Jackie Fenner, (Coach Alec Taylor in back).



The 2014 Livermore National Little League Diamondbacks captured the Livermore Major League championship title this season. Pictured are (left to right, front row) Zachary Saal, Shaun Smith, Jason Sanders, Sean Pascual, Brandon Foye; (middle row) Nick Donaldson, Colby Smith, Marcos Mejia, Jack Wilson, Bobby Farner, Siosi Meafou; (back row) Coach Pat Smith, Manager Tony Farner, Coach Jeff Wilson and Mason Smith. (not pictured Logan Vinson). The Diamondbacks claimed the championship in a tough LNL vs LALL Major's division tournament.



Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Division Athletics went 11-4 for regular season coming in 1st place and were playoff Champions as well. The team includes Noah Lombardi, Richard Santana, Will Spinola, Jack Basseer, Rohan Patil, Gabe Perez, Thomas Goebel, Andrew Sundquist, Matthew Wesson, Malon Brown, and Aidan Srouji; Manager Andy Spinola and assistant coaches Gene Lombardi and Jay Patil.



This past weekend, the local Fusion Girls (She Devils) battled it out at the Santa Cruz beach boardwalks yearly Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament. Saturday's game was against Wildcatz 04. The Wildcatz won the first round. Game two on Saturday afternoon, the She Devils came on strong with a goal in the first few minutes up against team Pride. Sunday morning, the She Devils found some way to resume their excitement for the first morning game and took team Highlander down. She Devils trailed 3 to 0 at the half. In the second half they surpassed team Highlander's goals for a comeback to win their final game of the tournament. Pictured are Coach Jason, Coach Vincente, Coach Fabian, Coach Tim and Coach Donny and Jen Franks and She Devil team members Sashee Piper, Zoe Franks, Brooke Torrico, Kira DeMello, Harris Baxter, Ava Lewis, Katie Levine, Camilla Juarez and Kiki Wherry.



The Livermore Mavericks 12U brought home a second place win from the USSSA Pleasanton Bash in Pleasanton June 7/8. It was a hot weekend and the ladies played strong defense every game. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jay Louangrath and Delilah Corral; (middle row) Sabrina Pertica, Zoe Richards, Anna Ramirez and Ally Sprugasci; (back row) Coach John Sprugasci, Ally Gordon, Brianna Wheelock, Rachael Gomez, Melanie Laronde and Coach Steve Pepperdine. Missing from photo is Sarah Sanchez who played in all games on Saturday and Kylie Roberts and Coach Doug Roberts who were absent.



Pleasanton Foothill Little League Majors Division Athletics went 11-6 for the regular season finishing in 1st place. They came in 2nd in the playoffs. Team members are Bryce Lombardi, Brian Reiner, Jason Dorman, Matthew Crabill, Cole Bushner, Roy Mubarak, Sean Jamli, Putty Basseer, Dante DeBenedetto, Jack Spinola, Andrew Herron, and Jacob Kim; Manager Gene Lombardi and assistant coaches Andy Spinola and Greg Bushner

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League highlights:
Majors; LNL Diamondbacks 9, LALL A's 2: Jack Wilson pitched all 6 innings for the DBacks with 12 strike outs and a perfect 5th inning. A nearly impossible catch was made in foul territory by Sean Pascual covering 3rd base. Offense for the DBacks was just as impressive, a high flying home run hit over centerfield fence by Mason Smith and 2 doubles one out to centerfield the other landing in deep left from slugger Colby Smith. Marcos Mejia brought in the last 2 runs for the Diamond Backs with a double out to center. The A's came out and gave their best.
LNL Giants 1, LNL Diamondbacks 10: Siosi Meafou, catcher for the DBacks, brought his "A game" to the plate hitting not only a triple for 2 RBI's but also a single to short. A double from Nick Donaldson brought in 2 more runs, giving the D'Backs an impressive lead.
AAA Division: Red Sox 7, Pirates 5: The Red Sox secured their place in the final championship game. Pitcher Brayden Nunes gave an all star pitching performance. Gio Fuentes made an outstanding catch at 2nd base. Corey Stimpson made a exhilarating double play. Michael West, Anthony Molleson and Tommy Wisely III all made skillful catches in right field keeping the runners from scoring. The Pirates gave it their all and played a great game.
Pirates 20, Giants 10: The Pirates were able to move to the next round of the playoffs thanks to outstanding pitching from Angel Ixta (starter) and Tanner Griffith (closer). The entire team hit well with 20 hits during the game, led by Connor Morgan with 3 RBI's and a game-winning single. For the Giants, Jonah Johnson hit a triple, Grady Harris hit a triple, and Michael Anolin hit a double.
Red Sox 15, Giants 4: For the Red Sox, pitcher Anthony Molleson pitched a solid 3 innings striking out 7 batters.

Corey Stimpson pitched a scoreless 4th inning. Thomas McKnight drove in 2 runs with a single in the 1st and hit a lead off single in the 3rd. Tommy Wisely III had the crowd celebrating when he connected for a lead off triple in the 3rd. Larry Wisely hit a lead off single in the 4th and stole 2nd and 3rd base. Christian Grenier had 2 impressive hits and made great defensive stops behind home plate. For the Giants, the following kids had great games hitting and base running: Kyle Sands, Michael Anolin and Jonah Johnson.
Giants 16, A's 5: Shane Pollard has been hitting well and kept the hitting alive with a hit every time he was up to bat. Grady Harris had a great showing at the plate with a triple. Austin Statham pitched an inning and a half and didn't give up any runs. The A's hung in there and showed great sportsmanship. Solid hitting by Carter Purl, Cody Franco, Ryan McKenzie.
A Division: Red Sox vs. A's: The Red Sox and A's played on the Majors field Tuesday night. For the A's, Thomas Harris got player of the game for his rock star pop fly catch at the pitcher's mound and Colby Dunlap was a second player of the game for his line drive triple to the outfield. Honorable mention was given to Jacob Weichart for another great day at bat and his amazing put out at third base. On defense for the Red Sox, Chandler Smoak held down second base with three outs including two at second and one he fired to first base. Drew Olsen played solid at third base including one tag out and one force out at third base. At the plate, Cal Duarte had three singles hitting all solidly and outrunning the throws to first. Shane Patterson also connected well, tallying up three hits on the evening and reached home each time with the help of his teammates.
Pirates vs. Nationals: For the Nationals, Michael Riccardi slammed two solid hits that brought in two runs



The Livermore Fusion U13 Gold Girls didn't just make waves at the Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament in Santa Cruz this past weekend; the team created a tsunami. The U13 Girls Gold team split into 2 teams for the event and ended up taking first and second spots in the tournament. While one team eventually claimed the victory, it was a victory for both teams. As one team finished, they first in their spring division.

for his team. Anthony Riccardi showed strong defense when he fielded the ball for an out at third base in the second inning. Joel Indrebo played an all around great game, including catching a fly ball at second base then throwing it to first base for a double play. He also hit a triple. Tyler Herndon showed some of his hardest hits of the season with fly balls into the outfield every time he was up to bat. Griffin Lee had an impressive out at first base and hit a double to right field. Raul Moreno hit two doubles. Dominic Hurtado recorded two outs at first base and caught a fly ball when playing left field. Pitcher Aiden Bessolo caught a fly ball. He also hit a line drive far bringing in two runs. Hayden Hobbs put together a double play.
Nationals vs. A's: A's hosted the Nationals in a bittersweet season closing game on the AAA field. The day was hot, as were all the players for both teams. The A's and Nationals came out swinging, and played solid defense. A's player of the game was awarded to Anthony Yazurlo. Anthony with solid batting skills and smart fielding.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League held the season's closing ceremonies on Saturday, June 7th. Season and playoff tournament winners are:
Single A Division, Season and Tournament Winners: 1st - A Cardinals, 2nd - A Giants, 3rd - A Orioles
AA Division, Season Winners:

1st - AA Giants, 2nd - AA Athletics, 3rd - AA Pirates; Tournament Winners: 1st - AA Giants, 2nd - AA Yankees, 3rd - AA Orioles
AAA Division, Season Winners: 1st - AAA Giants, 2nd - AAA Pirates, 3rd - AAA Cardinals; Tournament Winners: 1st - AAA Giants, 2nd - AAA Cardinals, 3rd - AAA Pirates
Major Division, Season Winners: 1st - Major Yankees, 2nd - Major Reds; Tournament Winners: 1st - Major Yankees, 2nd - Major Athletics

Livermore Fusion

The Livermore Fusion Soccer Club 00 Girls Gold team locked up first place in spring league division play on Sunday, June 1, with a decisive 3-0 win against Atletico Santa Rosa Juventus. Strong play, both offensively and defensively, kept the ball on the Juventus side of the field with multiple shot opportunities for Fusion that just missed. Then, at fourteen minutes into the game, forward Christine Aredo put one in the back of the net for Fusion's first goal.
 At 38 minutes, center back Kaitlin Krakoski took the ball up to the midline and shot a long bomb that flew over the opposing keeper's hands, just under the crossbar, for a beautiful second goal that strengthened the team's lead to 2-0. Finally, at 65 minutes, right fullback Cassidy Bates brought the ball all the way up the field and fired in a beautiful cross to forward, Camille La Blanc. La Blanc's shot was deflected by the Juventus goalie, but she tapped in the rebound for the third and final goal of the game and a 3-0 victory.
 The game was also the ninth game in which the team has not allowed an opponent to score, extending their clean-sheet streak to nine games.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is taking registrations for the 2014 Contact Football, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. Entering its 45th season, PJFL offers contact football and cheerleading for boys



The Livermore Fusion Soccer Club 00 Girls Gold team pictured are (from back, left to right): Izzy Midgley, Alaina Sekany, Camille La Blanc, Katherine Lewis, Samantha Kwan, Kaitlin Krakoski, Emily March, Lauren Meeker, Lauren Moore, Coach Frank Vitale, Kalea Bartolotto, Christine Aredo, Abby Harnish, Cassidy Bates, Kennedy Griffith, Abby Frasier, Sophia Gallardo and Lindsay Harnish.

and girls in the 2nd through 8th grades as well as flag football for boys and girls in the 2nd through 12th grades. Everyone plays in PJFL. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts.

Father's Day Run

Start Father's Day under the arch in Downtown Pleasanton with Family and Friends. The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its 21st Annual Fathers' Day Spirit Run - presented by the accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo, on Sunday at 8am, June 15 (Father's Day), in downtown Pleasanton.
 Produced by The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, the day includes a 5k Run/Walk, 10k Run and three separate Kid's Challenge Races—for children ages 2-8. The 5k and 10k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and un-paved scenic Arroyo Trails. The start and finish lines are located under, or very close to the Pleasanton arch, located on Main Street. The Kids' Challenge is a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, right underneath the arch.
 Commemorative Tech T-shirts plus over \$3,000 in door prizes will be given out to all 5k and 10k participants. Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as the first-place male and female Masters (over 50-year old) winners. In addition, medals are given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon.
 Entry fee is pre-registration: Kid's Challenge \$10, 5K and 10K, \$25 grades K-8, \$35 high school and adults, \$25 each for families of four or more. Race day registration: \$15, \$35, \$45 and \$35.
 For more Spirit Run information, online registration, and/or an application, visit www.SpiritRun.com.

Pitcher Needed

The Mavericks FastPitch 12U Livermore team is looking for a pitcher with a DOB of 2001. Focus for this coming year is player development, play time and team growth as an A-team in a positive coaching atmosphere. To schedule a private tryout or to learn more about the Mavericks organization please contact us at MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com or visit www.mavericksfastpitch.com.



The Livermore "Beach Bums" captured the sand soccer tournament championship in the U10 Girls division of the Pro-Am Beach Soccer held in Santa Cruz the weekend of June 7-8. The team was comprised of the Livermore Fusion U11 Gold Girls team. After losing their first game, the girls went on undefeated for the remainder of the tournament. They brought their "A" game to the championship game and rolled over the competition to win 11-1. Pictured are Maci McCormick, Bryanna Leary, Shelby Mavrakis, Claire McGinnis, Gianna Pietro, Avery Bingham, Gabi Fields, Lexi Oddson, Indiana Stoneberger, Kayla Nuti, Madison Braswell, Kyra Nishimoto, with coach Ryan Braswell.

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SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Whiplash Team Ice won big in Santa Cruz. Team Ice, played all four games to win first place and bring home the trophy from the Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament. Pictured are Team Ice players with their trophy Jenna Radwan, Paige Sutter, Celia Portugal, Tara Collier, Taylor Sullivan, Kira Karter, Taylor Petersen, Ireland Johnson, and Coach Paul Giamona.



Pictured are West Coast Wildfire (from left) Coach Ken Martin, Miori Freeman, Isabella Barbero, Sierra Martin, Nicole Pastrikas, Lynette Soto, Tory Borgna, Brianna Torres, Kylie Martinez, Meghan Giamona and Coach Tom Martinez. The West Coast Wildfire were undefeated in 4 games to win the trophy for the second year in a row at Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament. The defeated home team Santa Cruz Jaws in the finals. This year's team had a new addition Nicole Pastrikas in goal and what a great 4 games she had. Great effort from all to go undefeated.



West Coast Soccer teams took home the Championship trophies in 7 out of the 11 age groups they entered. Three teams finished second at the 10th annual Pro-Am Sand Soccer Tournament held in Santa Cruz, Ca over the weekend. Nine different teams from West Coast Soccer were on the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Stage to accept their medals and trophies. WCS teams capturing 1st place titles plus repeating four times in a row as champions included U17G Katz, U16G Wild, and U12B Wolves. Championships and a three-peat teams were the U15 Wonder, U14 Wildfire, U14 Whiplash (div. 2) and U9 Wildkatz. WCS teams showing some great skill and play making the stage and collecting 2nd place medals were U17 Karma and U9 Krew. The U10 boys Wizards had a fantastic first year showing also placing 2nd. Pictured are the West Coast U12 Wolves.



The Livermore Girls Softball 10B Smoke Travel team took 2nd place in this past weekend's tournament in Napa. The girls went 5-1, losing in the championship game. They advanced to the championship game by winning in the semi-finals on a walk. Team members are Haiden Arruda, Kendall Waugh, Caitlyn Foster, Raegan Chioino, Keana Lincoln, Iliza Shields, Breanna Cason, Katie Zeck, Erin Shrader, Sarah Kerling, Skylar Jester, Zoey Figlenski; Mgr Craig Waugh, and Coaches Gary Arruda, Tony Cason, Aaron Castro, Dan Figlenski, and Tim Kerling.

or call On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832.

The 10K Race will start at 8 a.m., with the 5K Run and Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 9:30 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m.

Fusion Registration

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club has extended the regular registration period for the fall recreation program by another two weeks to June 15th. A late fee will be added to the registration cost for any player registering after June 30th will be added to a wait-list and placed on teams based on availability. Age groups start at U5 for both boys and girls.

To register a child for the fall recreation soccer program, or to get more information, visit the Fusion SC website at www.fusionsc.org or call the office at 925-443-7570.

Although registration for the fall select program is now closed, those still interested in this more competitive program, please contact select@fusionsc.org for information on availability or to join the wait-list.

4th of July Run

The City of San Ramon will hold its annual 4th of July event, Run San Ramon - 10K Run/5K Run and Walk and 3K Walk. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course and also has a 3k Walk. This is a fun, flat, paved route beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, located

right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road.

The Run San Ramon fitness race is open to all ages.

Race day registration begins at 6:30am and the first race starts at 8:15am. Registration forms and on-line registration can be accessed at: www.Active.com. Search "Run San Ramon", or at www.sanramon.ca.gov or by calling 925.973.3200.

14U Fall Baseball

The mission of the Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club is to provide a competitive experience for players wanting to continue their pursuit of baseball at a higher level. The fall travel baseball season begins September 1 and will run through November. Evaluations for the fall roster are being held now.

Teams play in the highly competitive (Bay Area/Valley) All World/USSSA tournament circuit as well some Regional and National tournaments. The team will typically have two practices (one field and one indoor) per week and up to two tournaments per month. Double headers will be played whenever necessary to help the team prepare for the tournament environment. The players are selected following a try-out process. Players born between May 1, 2000 and September 1, 2001 are eligible. Playing on a travel team is a big commitment for the player and the family. All players are expected to attend all games and practices as scheduled. Contact the team to schedule an evaluation or former details about the fall tryouts at outlawstravelball@yahoo.com

Boosters Honor Hall of Fame Inductees

The Livermore-Granada Boosters honored four former athlete/coaches to the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame at the annual Olympian Scholarship Awards banquet on May 19. This year the Class of 2014 inductees are Troy Dayak, Julie Macias, Tony Sanchez and Tim Weaver Jr.

Each of the inductees was presented by Kevin Drake, former Principal and coach at both Livermore and Granada High Schools. There are now 21 athletes/coaches/supporters in this body.

Troy Dayak graduated from Livermore High School in 1989. As a highly rated youth soccer player he played in Junior World Cups in Canada and Saudi Arabia. After high school he attended the University of San Francisco where he was named co-captain his freshman year, as well as the top defensive collegian by Parade magazine. He left USF in 1990 and was the youngest player signed by the American Professional Soccer League (APSL)'s San Francisco Bay Blackhawks. During the 1991 season he was awarded Top Defender honors in the APSL. In 1992 he was named to the United States Olympic Team that played in Barcelona, Spain.



In 1993 he repeated a national professional soccer championship with the Cleveland Crunch of the National Professional Soccer League.

In 1996 he was the nineteenth player selected in the Major League Soccer draft by the San Jose Earthquakes. He was a member of their 2001 and 2003 championship teams. In 2001, as a member of the Earthquakes, he earned two individual honors—Comeback Player of the Year as well as Humanitarian of the Year. In 2011 he was voted into the San Jose Earthquakes Hall of Fame.



Julie Macias was named the first girls' soccer coach at Granada High School in 1980. From 1980-1988 Granada was the North Coast Championship six of those eight years. Macias' record during that time was 123-9-9. Her 1988 team was undefeated with a 22-0 record. She coached the Matadors until 2003 when she left to take over the reigns at Livermore High School, where she led them to a North Coast appearance.

She also coached softball at Granada from 1983-1993, leading the Matadors to three EBAL championships.

Tony Sanchez graduated from Granada High School in 1992. During the 1991 football season he was not only an all league wide receiver and defensive back, but also an all NorCal wide receiver, and a second team all State receiver.

After high school Tony played two years at Laney College in Oakland. In 1993 he caught 52 passes for

989 yards, scored 7 touchdowns, and earned Honorable Mention All American honors.

After Laney Tony played two seasons at New Mexico State University. In 1995 he caught 42 passes for 576 yards and 4 touchdowns.

After graduation Tony embarked on a coaching career and landed his first head varsity coaching position at California High School in San Ramon. In 2007 he led Cal High to an 11-2 record and was named East Bay Coach of the Year by the Contra Costa Times.

In 2009 Tony was named Head Coach at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas. In the past five football seasons he has lead the Gaels to a 70-4 record, five consecutive State Championships, and three top ten national rankings. In January of this year he led the West team to victory in the annual Army High School All Star Game in San Antonio, Texas.

Tim Weaver Jr., a 1993 graduate from Granada High School, was a four-year starter in soccer, being named

All-EBAL three seasons. As a junior he was named the Offensive Player of the Year, and as a senior was the Defensive Player of the Year. While in high school he was part of the Olympic Development Program that was undefeated in East Berlin playing against European competitors.

After high school Tim enrolled at the University of San Francisco and was named Freshman of the Year in the West Coast Conference. He was a member of the All West Coast Conference teams his freshman and sophomore years.

He played professionally with the San Francisco Bay Seals from 1993-1996 and was named the top defensive player in 1996.

In 1998 he was the third player selected in the MLS supplemental draft by the San Jose Earthquakes. He played with the Earthquakes until 2000 when he was forced to retire due to injuries.

Tim is currently in his third year of residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

For more information on the Livermore Granada Boosters and the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame, including past winners and information, or to submit the name of any Livermore athlete/coach/supporter for future consideration, please visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org.



Drawing Held for the Brackets in the Upcoming World Series in Livermore

The California District 57 Little League selected the 11-team Little League Intermediate World Series championship field on Sunday, June 8th, 2014 at the main stage in front of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. California District 57 Little League President Dave Wetmore will host the selection for the 2014 Little League Intermediate World Series.

The teams include six (6) regional champions in the United States pool, including: Central, West, Southwest, Southeast, East and a team from the host California District 57. In addition, there will be five (5) International teams from Canada, Latin America, Puerto Rico, Asia Pacific and new this year is a team from Europe/Africa. The eleven (11) team tournament will begin play on July 29th with the Championship game on August 4th, 2014 at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

To conduct the random drawing for the Little League Intermediate World Series tournament, the District-57 World Series Committee



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

World Series tournament director Dave Wetmore draws the baseballs to set up the brackets.

placed eleven baseballs, representing each region in its respected section, in a bucket for selecting. Each ball was selected by the World Series Tournament Director, Dave Wetmore, in a random order to see who will face off against each other.

With over 36,000 people

visiting the remodeled Max Baer Park in Livermore, the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series was

seen as an overwhelming success. Ten (10) teams from around the world — including the local Pleasanton Na-

tional team, five more U.S. teams and four international teams — as well as families, fans and friends traveled to the San Francisco Bay Area for 19 games, which ended with the team from Japan defeating the Collier Township, PA team, 10 -1 to win the Championship game, before 6,650 fans, and millions of others on ESPN2.

The Intermediate Division began as a two-year pilot program, before becoming an official division in 2012. Players ages 11-13 are eligible to play in this Intermediate baseball league, which features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot bases, also known

as "50/70".

Little League Baseball, founded in 1939 in Williamsport PA, will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year.

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Eric Larimer packs bottles for shipping.

Sutherland Distilling Co. Reaches a Milestone

By Carol Graham

"What did out there wouldn't love a bottle?" asked Sutherland Distilling Co.'s Eric Larimer. "When people read our story, explore our bottle and learn about our passion, they will understand that the sprits we are producing are truly something unique and special."

Sutherland, the Tri-Valley's first (and currently only) distillery, recently jumped through the final hoop on its trajectory from trailblazing idea to local, hand-crafted spirits: they signed with a distributor, Southern Wine & Spirits.

"Having a distributor is everything in this business. We cannot sell without one," said Larimer, who co-owns the business with brothers Barry and Ryan Sutherland. "In California, there's a three-tier system of producers, retailers and distributors. As producers, we can only legally sell products to a distributor, unlike breweries and wineries that can sell directly to consumers."

Just in time for Father's Day, Sutherland's Diablo's Shadow Silver Rum and Diablo's Shadow Vodka will be available at Perry's Liquors in Livermore (1522 Railroad Avenue), Jackson's Wine & Spirits in Lafayette, and Moraga Wine & Spirits.

"Our Silver Rum won a bronze medal last month at the American Distilling Institute spirit judging in Seattle," said Larimer. "Distilleries from around the country submit their spirits to be judged by a panel of experts, and we were thrilled to hear that we had been selected from a big field for a bronze."

For anyone who's enjoyed a tasting at Sutherland, that comes as no surprise. Crafted from raw cane sugar,

which allows it to maintain its natural color and depth of flavor, Diablo's Shadow Silver Rum is an incredibly smooth spirit that has a floral nose, tropical flavor, and just enough sweetness to make it perfect for sipping neat or mixing into a favorite cocktail.

"We've also crafted Diablo's Shadow Vodka, made out of 100% northern California corn," said Larimer, of the spirit that is handcrafted 60 gallons at a time, with each batch being run through a 16-plate vodka column then charcoal filtered to produce the smoothest vodka possible. It's a process that inspired one Facebook fan to comment, "Perfectionists in their mission to provide superior quality spirits with sustainable products that utilize and support local communities...all reflected in the very first sip! This rating system needs more stars."

Sutherland Distilling Co., located at 3189 Independence Drive, also has four barrels filled with bourbon which will be available for release in two years.

"We try to have a Saturday or Sunday every weekend for tours and tastings. Because of limited space, we set them up by appointment only, and post on our Facebook page when they are being held," said Larimer. "We bring in groups to do a tasting with the owners and to give them a behind the scenes tour of the distillery. We pull aged rum and bourbon out of the barrel as well as taste everything we have in a bottle. We charge \$15 per person, and it takes about an hour or so depending on how much fun everyone is having!"

On Tuesday, June 17, all are invited to attend a Sutherland release party hosted at

The Last Word, 2470 First Street, Livermore. Cocktails will be mixed with Sutherland spirits, and tacos and finger foods will be served.

As the trailblazing business sits poised to reap the rewards of its three-year journey, Larimer said, "Like any new business we had our fair share of delays and setbacks, but being the first distillery to be permitted in the area made things even more complicated. Each department we worked with wasn't quite sure what to do with us: wastewater, fire, police, zoning and planning - all had lots of questions. It was a learning curve for everyone, including us."

"What was so great was everyone was really excited to get us up and running. We could not have found a better city to be in than Livermore. We are very proud, at long last, to be open for business. Actually walking into a store and seeing our bottle sitting on a shelf for people to buy and enjoy in their homes is a fantastic feeling. It seemed like that day would never get here, but now that it is, we couldn't be happier."

For more information, visit sutherlanddistilling.com, or Like on Facebook.

Livermore Shakin' and Bakin'

by Laura Ness

The heat is on in more than one way around here, with record temps being set in Livermore and all kinds of movin' and shakin' going on in the wine business here.

First, it's probably no surprise the Wente Family would launch a creative new set of tasting experiences. It's certainly important to keep developing new ways of getting people to come back again and again. We were wondering what would become of the Tamas tasting room. Now we know.

The Wente family proudly launched the new Wente Winemaker's Studio last month. Housed in the former Tamas tasting room, it is open Thursday through Sunday and provides a wealth of ways to enhance your wine knowledge, from sensory education to wine blending classes.

There's a map of the 3000 acres of Wente vineyards in both Livermore Valley and Arroyo Seco that gets your attention. You can see the actual structure of a grapevine so you get a better sense of the anatomy of this prolific plant.

Tables containing iPads impart the history of Wente, information on grape growing and winemaking, plus details on Wente events and interactive trivia games to test your wine knowledge. Flasks containing different aromas, like cherry, grass, cola and so forth tempt you to identify them, and textures are interpreted with a variety of cloth types.

Choose your own wine adventure for the day: Winemakers Blending Experience (120 minutes, \$125 pp, \$95 club), Wine Aroma Seminar (90 minutes, \$65pp, \$45 club) or Wine & Cheese Pairing (90 minutes, \$55pp, \$45 club).

The tasting bar offers a variety of wines on tap, by the glass and in a rotating series of flights, starting at \$10 for samples of four

wines. Growlers are also returning to the wine scene, much as they were popular in the pre-Prohibition days.

Several special blends, including the 2013 Artisan White (\$28 for a bottle, \$20 for growler) and 2012 Artisan Red (\$42/\$30), made by Brad Buehler and Andrew Lynch, respectively. The 2012 Azul-Verde (\$48 bottle/\$34 growler), is made by Wente's enologist, Elizabeth Kester. Everybody gets to play the blending game, including you.

Your guided official blending experience begins with evaluation of selections of seven different wines. It's your job to tap your inner winemaker and come up with the perfect balance of fruit, structure, tannins and texture that makes your mouth happy. You even get to bottle and label your special wine and take it home.

The Winemakers Studio is open 11-4:30pm, Thursday through Sunday, and reservations are recommended. 925-456-2885

In the shakeup news, long time winemaker for Ruby Hill and Rubino, Chris Graves, has parted ways with Livermore to seek new adventure in the southern hills of Oregon. His former boss, Mike Callahan, has reportedly hired a new winemaker from Napa with lots of experience in obtaining good scores. More news on this next week.

Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge consulting winemaker, Ken Dies, decided to retire, and young superstar local boy, Chris Sorenson, will take over his duties. Sorenson continues his winemaking responsibilities at Occasio, and at his new brand, Caddis.

Extremely talented, yet quiet tour de force, Concannon's longtime winemaker, Julian Halasz, said "bye bye" to The Wine Group and "hello" to the official winemaker's slot at Darcie Kent. They've done great things together in the past, and it's exciting to see them putting all their wood behind one arrow.

Snippets of Note
In other news, both Meredith Miles of Fenestra and Brent Amos of Las Positas, did well in the 2014 Alameda County Fair Wine Competition: she took best of show white, and he took

best of show red. Westover took best dessert, too. A nice showing for Livermore talent!

Best of Show White: Fenestra Winery True White, California

Best of Show Red: Las Positas Vineyards 2011 Tempranillo, Livermore Valley

Best of Show Dessert: Westover Vineyards Tawny Port, Monterey

Taste all the Gold medal winners during the Fair's open hours, from June 18 - July 6 Open Tuesday - Sunday, 11a.m.-11p.m.

Horse Racing: Thursday through Sunday, June 19-22, June 26-29, and July 3-6

July 4th: Blues Festival, 1-9pm, Fireworks Spectacular, 9:45pm

Congratulations to Thomas Coyne Winery for its Double Gold for the 2011 Merlot at the El Dorado County Fair. The winery was given a Bronze for its Zin there: a tough fight against all the Foothill old vine competition.

Dante Robere just released three new wines: Estate Syrah, 2012 Dante's Inferno Rhone blend and 2012 Touriga.

The 3 Steves have added lots of new picnic tables for your enjoyment and are in the process of releasing new wines. Steve Burman says, "We doubled the amount of Sauvignon Blanc we made last year, and it will sell out shortly even before summer warm months hit. Crazy learning experience! Doubling again next year. Hope to catch up with demand at some point." That may just wishful thinking for this highly popular brand.

They'll be launching a new 2013 Chardonnay and "3 Blondes" blend in the near future, so stay tuned.

Friends of the Vineyards will present its annual Wine & Food Pairing Event on Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

The event will feature four small plates paired with four wines. Attendees will receive a Friends of the Vineyards keepsake wine glass.

Attendance is limited to the first 65 sign-ups. The cost is \$25 for Friends of the Vineyards paid members and \$30 for non-members. Sign up at www.fov.org.

Health and Fitness Fair Set

Iron Horse Nutrition, in partnership with its neighbor Fitness 19 gym, will host a free health and fitness fair on Saturday, June 21, from 10 am to 2 pm offering a family-friendly event where the community can participate in a day of activities focused on health and fitness. A portion of proceeds from fitness competitions will benefit the non-profit organization "Action for Health Kids." Fresh and Easy grocery store and Big Dawgs Rescue will also participate. The store and gym are located in the Rose Pavilion shopping center in Pleasanton at 4270 Rosewood Drive.

"We have a great day planned with many activities and giveaways" says Tim Massie, president and CEO of Iron Horse Nutrition. "We'll have vendors from top supplement and fitness companies and free product samples, and Fitness 19 will host a variety of fitness competitions to raise funds for 'Action for Health Kids' organization."

Rich Linnell, manager of

Fitness 19, added, "Action for Healthy Kids® fights childhood obesity, undernourishment and physical inactivity by helping schools become healthier places so kids can live healthier lives. To help support this important cause, Fitness 19 will host several fitness competitions including adult and child obstacle courses, push up, pull up, and sit-up contest, 'Dunk the Trainer' in a water dunk tank, and 'Stump the Trainer' contest."

Supplement vendors and sample giveaways: Iron Horse Nutrition will host vendors from top name brand supplement companies who will be available to provide information about the latest nutritional supplements and offer samples. Companies include GAT, Nutrition 53 and Gaspari Nutrition.

Fitness 19 will host a Big Dawgs pet adoption among other activities. Food, prizes including free Fitness 19 memberships, free training session, TV and iPad.

For more information about the fair, call Iron Horse Nutrition at 737-0398.

ZONE 7

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staff a few weeks ago had recommended a 15 percent surcharge, one of three potential options, with the others being a 25 percent surcharge, or no surcharge.

A meeting with the water retailers, and a meeting of the Zone 7 water resources committee on May 29, led the staff to recommend no increase.

In all three scenarios, staff proposed emptying the drought relief fund, which has been accumulating. That will provide \$5.9 million.

Staff also suggested taking \$8.2 million from the rate stabilization fund, which is a reserve used to keep rates lower, when the board finds it necessary. That fund contains \$11.7 million and would have \$2.8 million remaining. A 15 percent surcharge would leave more money in the fund.

At the June 4 meeting, director John Greci appeared to sum up the position of the board consensus when he said, "I'm all in favor of no drought surcharge. We are

getting to the point where we will consider rates again (in the fall)."

"The rate stabilization fund is there for a reason. Let's use it. Don't pass costs on to the retailers and the public," said Greci.

When water rates for next year are discussed in the fall, replenishing the two funds will be part of the discussion.

The board on June 18 also will discuss the 2014-15 fiscal year budget. It totals \$92.8 million in revenue and \$107.1 million in expenditures. The drought has a big effect on the numbers. Revenue is lower when Zone 7 sells less water because of conservation, which the agency and the retailers promote.

On the other hand, fixed costs must be met. Extra steps to meet the drought demand, such as accelerating the timing of drilling a new well, move the expenses ahead in time. Reserves will be used to balance the budget.

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OBITUARIES

William Dean Daily Jr.

Oct. 5, 1943 – June 2, 2014

Bill passed away peacefully on Monday in his home. He was an exceptional husband, father, and friend. He was born in Dallas TX, but lived in most states and many countries including Panama and the Dominican Republic.

Bill served as a religious missionary in the southern states and was a devoted and faithful Christian, and theologian. He studied physics at Brigham Young University (PhD) and worked at Moffett Field for 8 years on the Apollo program and at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 29 years. He married Kathy Bosworth while they were still students and they have 1 girl, 5 boys, and 17 grandchildren.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who excelled at mountaineering, canoeing, rock climbing, bicycling and fishing. He was a Cub and Scout master for many years. He was very involved with his family and taught his children to work hard and play hard. For Dad, the best vacations were the ones that left you tired, sore and full of memories. Bill was a respected and prolifically published and patented scientist, and a generous, kind and wise counselor.

After his retirement, Bill volunteered regularly at a food bank, served as a worker in the Oakland Temple, tutored math, fished, wrote a book and drove his BMW Roadster in the hills, even to his last days.

Bill is survived by his loving wife and children. Friends and family were invited to a funeral service on June 6 at the LDS chapel.

Robert (Bob) Farshler

Bob Farshler, 70, of Westhoff, Texas, passed away May 29, 2014. He was born Oct. 10, 1943 in Indo,



California, to Earl and Irene Farshler.

He married his beloved wife, Inga Butler, on November 18, 1967 in Reno, NV.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

After retiring from the oil business, where he spent most of his life doing work he enjoyed, he became a ranch hand and manager emeritus of his own F4 Ranch.

He was a graduate of Green School and Livermore High School.

He is survived by his wife Inga Farshler, daughter Wendy Caffrey and son Ron Farshler, both of Austin, TX; grandchildren Lauren Caffrey, Connor Caffrey and Evangeline Farshler. He is also survived by a brother Fred Farshler of Kingman, AZ, two nephews Tony Farshler of Havesu City, AZ and Thomas Farshler of Sunset Beach, CA.

A memorial service was held at St. John Lutheran Church in Westhoff, TX on June 1, 2014.

Monte Carl Nichols

Resident of Livermore
March 15, 1938 – June 4, 2014

Monte Nichols, 76, was an avid, passionate gardener, a noted Mineralogist, and a retired Sandia National Lab Chemist and Materials Scientist.

Monte was an award-winning scientist best known for three different R & D Awards for his advances in X-ray imaging instrumentation and a Special Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. In addition, he was a two-time Duncan Yo-Yo Award winner in 1949.

Monte was one of four authors responsible for the Handbook of Mineralogy, a five-volume set of scholarly reference material in the

field of Mineralogy. He was a Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America. In addition to the Handbook, Monte published several other Mineralogical reference materials including a field book and a comprehensive database.

In his retirement years, Monte was an avid reader and a loyal patron of the Livermore Public Library. He could often be seen walking with his wife, Barbara, around Livermore.

Monte is survived by his wife of 45 years, Barbara, as well as four children, Richard Nichols (Irma), of Springfield, OR; Jennifer Nichols (Stephen Ludwig), of McKinleyville, CA; Linda Henderson (Ken), of Gilbert, AZ; Eric Nichols (Keely), of Tigard, OR, and 12 wonderful grandchildren.

Monte will be greatly missed by his family and by the many friends who have enjoyed his unique sense of humor.

Charles Richard Veith

Feb. 18, 1927 – June 7, 2014

Chuck Veith, 87, of Dublin CA, was born in Riverside, CA on February 18, 1927. His family later moved



to Palm Springs where he graduated from Palm Springs High School.

He joined the Coast Guard during World War II and served stateside until the war ended. He then joined the Naval Reserve where he was called up to serve on a minesweeper in the Korean War. He continued in the Reserve until his retirement in 1987 as Chief Warrant Officer.

Immediately after the war, while living in Alameda, Chuck worked for Shell Development in Emeryville, later moving to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1960, where he met and married Patricia Taylor, his wife of 53 years. He retired from the National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center at LLNL after 30 years there, and enjoyed many hours of retirement traveling all over the world with family and friends, fishing with his best buddies Paul and Don and Let's Go Fishing, actively serving in missions at Valley Community Church of Pleasanton (charter member), and graciously and selflessly supporting his children and grandchildren in all their endeavors.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Jane of Alameda, parents Bill and Clara Veith of Palm Springs, and his sister Hazel Cude of Hacienda Heights.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife Pat of Dublin, his brother Wendell (Barbara) Veith of Palm Springs, daughter Kitty (Steve) Madison of Livermore, son Chuck (Darlene) Veith of Manteca, granddaughters Katelyn Veith of Pendleton OR, Clara Madison of Livermore, Jessica Veith (Shae) and great-grandson Brantley Nelson of Goldendale WA.

A private family interment was held at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton CA on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you support the Missions Ministries of Valley Community Church of Pleasanton. The family wishes to acknowledge the kind and attentive care given by Kaiser Hospice and Comfort Keepers.

Eric Joseph Young, born September 24, 1988, passed away at his home in Webster, New York, on June 3, 2014. The son of Don and Beth Young of Livermore, Eric was an alum of Our Savior Lutheran School and a 2006 graduate of Granada High School. He'd been working for Xerox Corporation

as a Chemical Engineer since 2010, following his graduation from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Eric is survived by both of his parents and a sister, Andrea Young, also a GHS graduate. He is also survived by his four grandparents, Delbert and Joan Young from Hamilton, Ohio, and Marshall and Nona Gibbs from Frankenmuth, Michigan.

At age 16, Eric was employed by Nob Hill Foods where he worked for 2 years as a Courtesy Clerk. After work and school, Eric spent most of his free time at the Granada Bowl or fishing. On a recent family vacation to Cabo, Eric caught a 132 pound Marlin that measured over 9 feet long. He was so proud of catching that fish! Eric enjoyed working with computers, and he loved to watch and critique movies. Eric was a fun-loving, sweet, intellectual young man who enjoyed a good debate about political and social issues. He was generous, unselfish, and will be deeply missed by his family. Eric was a baptized and redeemed child of God, and is now with our Lord, in Heaven.



A memorial service for Eric will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, June 22, at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries in Livermore (1385 S. Livermore Ave.). For more information about the service call (925) 447-1246.

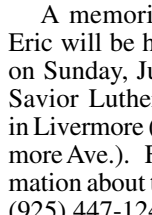
Nancy (Farnam) Lomax
Nov. 27, 1937-June 4, 2014

Our beloved Nancy passed away at home on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. In hospice care for a few months prior to her death, Nancy died peacefully in her sleep.

She leaves her husband of 53 years, Peter Godfrey Lomax of Greenbrae, CA and son David Burton Lomax of Venice, CA; sister, Lenore Whalen of Oakdale, CA; brother Larry (Maxine) Farnam of Dublin, CA; sisters-in-law, Caroline Maskell of Tiburon, CA and Jenni Payne of Redmond, WA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins that adored her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her beloved son, Michael Stephen Lomax of Larkspur, CA, who died 6 months earlier at the age of 50.

Nancy was born in Turlock, CA, to parents Kenneth & Gayle Farnam. At the age of 9 she moved to Livermore, CA with her parents and siblings. At age 12 Nancy began competitive swimming and was chosen "Swimmer of the Year" in 1950. In 1952, Nancy was nominated Vice President of her Freshman Class and also voted Freshman Queen that year. She was very involved in school and in 1953 won a speech contest for a trip to the United Nations. During the fall of this year she was stricken with polio. The family doctor kept her at home so her mother could treat her instead of hospitalizing her to keep the virus from spreading to other parts of her body. Because of her determination to get well, she recovered and returned to her junior year at Livermore High. Nancy was the



ultimate fighter and never let her many illness over the years keep her down.

As beauty and grace defined Nancy, in 1955 she was crowned Miss Livermore-Rodeo Queen. In 1956, she was crowned Miss Castro Valley; then Miss Alameda County. Upon graduating from Livermore HS in 1955 she worked for Coast Mfg. Company in Livermore for 3 years. In 1958 she moved to the city of San Francisco, which she grew to love. In 1960, she was crowned Miss San Francisco and during her reign met the "love of her life," restaurateur, Peter Lomax. They married in 1961 and had two sons, David and Michael. To raise their sons, they moved to the community of Greenbrae, CA and remained there for over 45 years. Peter, with Nancy at his side, owned and operated the well known restaurant "Monroe's" on

Lombard Street in San Francisco for 25 years. Nancy and Peter loved to travel, and visited Peter's homeland, England, trips on the Seabourn to the Mediterranean. Their favorite place was visiting Eden Rock in south of France. Peter loved showing his wife the world he had traveled.

Nancy was beautiful, vibrant, talented and very creative and giving, always with a positive outlook on life and she had a wonderful sense of humor. She was fun to be around. She was a wonderful wife, mother, aunt, sister, sister-in-law, and friend.

She was always eager to help others when needed. She enjoyed her group of lady friends, playing tennis, shopping, and especially entertaining in her home. She was a gracious hostess. The Lomax family was well known for their wonderful

parties and get-togethers. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her, especially all her wonderful friends from the birthday group and other close friends and family. A special thanks to all her friends and family for their continued support and prayers during this difficult time. Also, a special thanks to their niece, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Maskell for her wonderful help and support whenever they needed her.

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Maddie's Fund® Exceeds Goal with 15,000 Adoptions in Two Days

An unprecedented 15,000 dogs and cats found homes during the nation's largest free pet adoption event, Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days, sponsored by Maddie's Fund®. This represents a 78% increase over last year's 8,432 adoptions during this annual two-day event.

In the Bay Area, a total of 4,464 dogs and cats found their forever homes.

Maddie's Fund® originally set aside \$10 million to underwrite the adoptions managed by participating organizations this year, but the total donation amount is likely to be much higher.

Now in its fifth year, Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days spanned 591 cities in nine states across the country. More than 200 shelters and rescue groups worked tirelessly over the two days to give homeless pets a second chance. Communities throughout the U.S.

were buzzing with adoption events, and many locations had people lined up hours before their doors opened.

"As we near our goal of a no-kill nation by 2015, we are thrilled at the sheer number of people who visited all of the locations over the weekend," said Maddie's Fund president Rich Avanzino. "We congratulate the groups on a successful event, and applaud the thousands of people who opened their

hearts and homes to a shelter pet this weekend."

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Allison Harman is reigning as the 2014 Livermore Rodeo Queen. The 22 year old comes from the little town of Acampo. She is currently attending Cosumnes River College and double majoring in Agricultural Business and Animal Science. She hopes one day pursue a job in the western industry. She began riding hunter/jumper horses at the age of nine, shortly after she was introduced to the sport of rodeo and began competing in barrel racing and pole bending. She owns three American Quarterhorses: Snuff, Tucker, and Leo. She invites everyone to attend the 96th annual Livermore Rodeo this weekend, June 14 and 15, at Robertson Park Stadium.



This year's Livermore Junior Rodeo Queen, Michelle Hewitt, lives on the family's ranch in Tracy. She is the daughter of Darrell and Beth Hewitt. A junior in high school, she is currently home schooled by her mom. She hopes to become a large animal veterinarian and a therapeutic riding instructor in the future. In her free time she volunteers at Reins In Motion, a therapeutic riding center for disabled children. She rescued her horse, Madeline, 2 years ago. Together they have competed in gymkhanas, carried flags for the Professional and Junior rodeos and in western pleasure shows. Junior rodeo competition is open to ages 1 - 17 years of age. The 55th annual event will be held June 21 in Livermore. For information, go to www.livermorejrodeo.com/



Camp photo

Bring It On Youth Cheerleading Camp

Livermore High School (LHS) cheerleaders are hosting an affordable three-day camp for aspiring elementary and middle school cheerleaders teaching choreography, cheers, and more.

This summer camp is an extension of their wildly popular winter camp held in January. The Bring It On summer camp takes place June 24th -26th from 1:00PM - 4:00 PM at Livermore High School located at 600 Maple Street. Camp cost is \$90 if registered before June 13th and \$100 after June 13th. The fee includes a limited edition t-shirt, cheer bow, take home CD, instruction, and an invitation to perform at half time at the September 4, 2014 LHS football game. Contact Tracy Dreher, LHS Cheer Coach, at tracydreher@yahoo.com or Lynnette Quintana, LHS Cheer parent volunteer, at lquintana427@gmail.com and register today!

The funds raised through this camp help to support the LHS Cheer program. Varsity cheerleader and Shooting Stars coach, Gabrielle Quintana, says, "I love working with the kids and teaching them about school spirit and pride!" Coach Tracy Dreher adds, "These camps allow our LHS Cheer athletes a chance to raise their own funding, but also has the added benefit of building mentoring opportunities with the youth in our community."

Charlotte's Web Lures Jackson Avenue Students into Production

By Carol Graham

For Livermore teacher Christy Eiland, the times disaster struck often led to favorite memories.

One year, four Charlotte's Web cast members failed to show up for an evening performance. "The kids amazed me," said the Jackson Avenue School third-grade teacher. "They got scripts, divided up the parts of missing characters, and managed to put on a terrific performance against all odds. It amazes me when eight year olds can step up and solve problems like that."

For 23 years Eiland has given her young students the opportunity to gain such troubleshooting, improvisational, and public speaking skills by performing in an annual production of the classic children's story with a script she wrote.

"This year the children really revved up their performances, and the evening show was the best they had ever done - as individuals and as a whole cast," said Eiland.



Students had fun acting their parts.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

It's not hard to imagine the students' motivation this year: after teaching for 40 years, Eiland is retiring. The final two performances of Charlotte's Web took place June 3rd and 5th.

Kay Forgatsch, whose son played Lurvy, said, "It

was very exciting to watch Tyler and his whole class perform the play. Our favorite moment was the shocked look on Lurvy's face when finding the web, as well as the southern accent that Tyler used. We also thought that Morgan did a great job

improvising as Wilbur when he had prop issues; he never skipped a beat."

Perhaps Eiland gained another favorite memory when the nose of Wilbur, played by Morgan Lawless, fell off during one scene.

"Morgan quickly picked

up his nose and continued his lines, never breaking character," said mom Regina Lawless. "He had already grasped what the pros know - the show must go on!"

Eiland, who describes herself as an extreme introvert, said that it's important for everyone to learn public speaking.

"I try to find fun ways for kids to get used to being in the spotlight," she said. "I get feedback from students years later that being in the play is their most vivid, happy memory from elementary school."

Eiland's adaption of Charlotte's Web has parts for each of her students, including narrators who sing five songs. The grand finale is sung by the entire cast.

"Even students who struggle with reading improve their skills when the written word becomes a play," said Eiland. "I hope students see a connection between books and performance. Being able to make a mental video of a novel - seeing it as a movie or play - improves my students'

reading comprehension dramatically. Students gain personal confidence, too."

Eiland plans to spend her retirement writing, creating art, travelling and spending time with family.

"I have been part of the world's best third-grade team. We've had a lot of fun teaching together, and have worked so well and closely as a group that I think all of our students really benefited," said Eiland. "I'll miss being part of that group. And I will really miss being with kids every day. I have always found great joy in seeing that smile and hearing, 'Oh, I get it now!'"

As Jackson celebrates the completion of its 50th year, Eiland thought back, recalling, "I've always loved our little school, Jackson. It has always been one of the most diverse schools in the district. I have been awed by the hard-working staff here. They have produced academic growth in kids who were never expected to succeed. I am proud to have been a part of this school's amazing success."

SHORT NOTES

Craft Time

The Livermore Public Library will present Children's Craft Time, at all three branch locations this summer. These free events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

All craft times are drop-in sessions; children may arrive at any time during the Children's Craft Time hours.

The schedule is as follows:
• Civic Center Library- 1188 South Livermore Avenue- Storytime Room: June 19, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; July 24, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; August 14, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 2, 2014- Coloring Day: Children and parents may color pictures together in the library. Participants may choose one of their favorite colored pages and have it posted on the library wall.

• Rincon Branch Library- 725 Rincon Avenue: June 20, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; July 18, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; August 8, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 2, 2014 - Coloring Day: Children and parents may color pictures together in the library. Participants may choose one of their favorite colored pages and have it posted on the library wall.

• Springtown Branch Library - 998 Bluebell Drive: August 5, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 1, 2014- Coloring Day: Children and parents may color pictures together in the library.

Participants may choose one of their favorite colored pages and have it posted on the Library wall.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, juggling, magic, storytellers and a wildlife presentation. Pick up a 2014 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations.

For further information, please call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.net.

Nature Events

A Full Moon Night Hike will be offered Sat., June 14 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 8 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

As the sun sets in the west, venture into Sycamore Grove Park to watch the moon come up in the eastern sky. Why hike in the heat of the day when you can come out to the park and stay after closing? This hike will be about 3 miles into the hills to enjoy the after-hours residents of the park.

Snakes will be the topic for Sun., June 15. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo

Road. Some of these animals have a horrible reputation, but most of the time it is based on myth and not reality. Snakes are under-appreciated for the role they play in nature. Join this ranger program to learn about these slithering - but not slimy - critters. There will be live specimens to see and enjoy.

Learn about the Great Horned Owls of Sycamore Grove Park during a Wed., June 18 program. It will be held starting at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

Sycamore Grove Park holds a very upscale natural community, especially attractive to various birds of prey. Food is abundant, home sites plentiful, and the neighbors are friendly ... or at least respectful. Great Horned Owls have been calling the park home for generations. Amateur photographer and birding enthusiast Polly Krauter has been following some of these large owls for the past few years. She has created a beautiful visual story of these owls and their families. Please join her and Ranger Patti Cole for this very special presentation.

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The TrailSafe web app was developed with financial support from The Committee for Industrial Safety (CIS) in Contra Costa county.

To use the new TrailSafe web app, go to ebparks.org using your mobile phone; or look for the TrailSafe link on our home page at www.ebparks.org.

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Forest Home Farms Historic Park and the Glass House Museum presents Fun on the Farm

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Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and the fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe. Children ages 2 and under are free.

STORYTIME: Storytime with the Farmer at Forest Home Farms Historic Park will be held on June 18, 2014 from 10am to 11am. Pre-register online at www.sanramonrecguide.com

for activity #91430. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ages 3-5.

For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon.

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Summer Start New Real Estate Season

By Cher Wollard

The weather is heating up. The kids are out of school. And folks are thinking more about summer vacations than purchasing homes.

As in most years, the market has slowed somewhat over the last few weeks. If this year follows past trends, it will likely remain a little slower until fall.

"Inventory has picked up a bit," according to Karen Crowson, a Realtor with Alain Pinel Realty and a director with Bay East Association of Realtors. "We're still seeing competition for property, although not quite to the extent that we did a few months ago."

As of early this week, there were 317 new and resale homes listed on the Multiple Listing Service in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. Of those, 105 are in Livermore, 114 in Dublin and 98 in Pleasanton.

This is up from a Tri-Valley total of 216 a year ago, but still less than half the inventory required for a "balanced" market.

While it's still definitely a sellers' market throughout the Bay Area, buyers who stay with it over the next few months may find this the ideal season to buy a home.

Prices this week range from a low of \$218,000 for a 1-bedroom 1-bath condominium on Murrieta Boulevard in Livermore to a 77.48-acre estate with a 5-bedroom custom home on Foothill Road in Pleasanton listed at \$6.9 million.

Of course, most buyers are not looking for either of those types of residences. The typical buyer is somewhere in between.

The current median list price for the Tri-Valley is \$795,400 – more than \$100,000 higher than the median sales price in June of last year.

In this mid-range, there are 75 homes priced \$700,000 to \$900,000; including 7 condominiums in Dublin and Livermore; 2 Dublin townhouses; and two duets, one each in Dublin and Pleasanton. The other 68 properties are detached, single-family homes, including one country property with 7.8 acres of land on Dyer Road in Livermore.

Right in the middle, at \$795,800, is a 4-bedroom remodeled home on a 5,000-sq.-ft. lot in Kottinger Ranch in Pleasanton. This home offers a bonus room and a low-maintenance back yard with spa. HOA dues of \$148 per month include use of the community pool, tennis courts and walking paths.

Other homes near the mid-point include a 1,700-sq.-ft. home on a large lot in the Silvergate neighborhood of West Dublin at \$795,000, a brand-new 2184-sq.-ft. home on a small lot in Sorrento East priced at \$798,411, and a remodeled two-story home on Lido Drive in Livermore at \$789,950.

Median time on market is also up slightly from a year ago – 18 days vs. 16 days – although this too depends on the property. In general, realistically priced homes in good condition sell quickly.

"When people have put in the time and effort to make their house the best compared with those it is competing with, they are still selling quickly and getting top price," Crowson noted.

There are exceptions, of course. Unusual properties or properties at the very highest price points may linger longer simply because there are fewer buyers for whom this would be a good fit.

The local property that has the distinction of being on the MLS the longest is a 15,000-sq.-ft. custom home on about 1 acre on the golf course at Ruby Hills. At \$5.88 million, it is the second-most expensive home on the market, and far more house than most people can afford.

Still, it boasts two master suites, a home theater, a library, two state-of-the-art kitchens, a grand ballroom, a 3,000+ bottle wine cellar, an 8-car show garage, wet/dry saunas and a maid's retreat.

Buyers looking for homes priced at or above the mid-point have some choices. Nearly one-third – 96 – of the residential properties on the market are priced \$1 million and up. In fact, 29 are listed at more than \$2 million. But the market is still tough for those at the lower end.

"For first-time buyers who don't have a lot of options, it's still kind of discouraging," Crowson said.

The lowest priced detached home in the valley is a 2-bedroom, 1-bath house on Holladay Court in North Livermore at \$385,000. Although only 764-sq.-ft., it offers an updated kitchen, solar energy system, a tankless water heater and side-yard access.

From there, it jumps to a 3-bedroom, 1-bath bungalow on a large lot, also in North Livermore, listed at \$429,000; a 2-bedroom, 2-bath home in Springtown for \$469,000; and a remodeled 3-bedroom, 2-bath rancher, also in Springtown, priced at \$499,900.

The other 49 properties under \$500,000 are condominiums, townhouses and duets in all three cities.

Prices for multi-family homes in our area range from \$218,000 to \$879,950, with the median price at \$485,000. The top price gets you a 2,700-sq.-ft. home built in 2011, with a gourmet kitchen, four terraces and a 1,200-sq.-ft. garage.

The median prices will buy you a 2- or 3-bedroom condominium or townhouse, up to 15 years old, in Livermore or Dublin, or an older unit in Pleasanton. Sizes range from about 1,100 to 1,500 sq.ft. Some offer private garages.

As for sellers, they can still get good prices for their properties. They may just have to be a little more patient.

"Last season we were really desperate for homes on the market, but sellers were waiting, waiting, waiting," Crowson said. "Three months can make a big difference in the real estate market."

If you are considering buying or selling this summer, contact your local Realtor today.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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Compassion for Others Results Earns Make a Difference Award

By Carol Graham

As a little girl, Shawn Amick would hear a child crying in a store, then run up and down aisles looking for the child so she could help him feel better.

That caring nature earned the 22-year-old a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) "Make a Difference" Award on May 14th. The awards were established by the Tri-Valley SELPA to provide an opportunity to acknowledge individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a positive difference in the life of a child with special needs.

"Shawn really is something special, and I'm totally glad the community got a chance to get to know her and hear her story," said Denise Watson-Lum, Granada High School's Special Education Transition Case Manager for students aged 18-22. "Shawn came up through the special education system in Livermore herself. To have been a special ed student who receives an award for her work with special ed students is unique."

One of more than 70 Tri-Valley nominees, Shawn was honored for her three years' work as a teacher's aide for developmentally delayed pre-kindergartners at Livermore's Leo Croce Elementary School.

"Shawn is compassionate, caring and empathetic," said Watson-Lum. "She draws children to her with her gentle mannerisms, reassuring tone and encouraging, supportive nature. She works well with students



Shawn Amick on a merry-go-round.

facing challenges, connecting with them on a level that is meaningful and deep. She helps them understand academics, and develop gross and fine motor, social and emotional skills. She sings and reads to the students, engaging them as would a professionally trained teacher, and gently prompts them to enjoy accomplishing activities on their own. Students gravitate to her as her personality is quite magnetic."

The awards stem from a 1977 mandate requiring all California school districts to form consortiums to provide for the special education

needs of children residing within each region, called the Special Education Local Plan Area. SELPAs are dedicated to the belief that all students can learn, and that students with special needs must be guaranteed equal opportunity to become contributing members of society.

"The students in our transition program have worked so hard," said Watson-Lum. "There have been great success stories of these incredible kids going on to spectacular careers - careers, not jobs, not what's left over - but positions where people are competing with them."

The family of a student in the Croce program nominated Shawn, who had been diagnosed with a seizure disorder resulting in her being categorized as Other Health Impairment, a term referring to individuals having a

disability caused by disease, disorder, condition or injury.

"Shawn was very excited to be receiving an award," said mom Lee Amick. "It brought tears to her eyes that someone thought enough of her when she was just doing something she loved to do. We've always thought Shawn would be good in daycare or elderly care because she gravitates toward people in need of care, a hand to hold, or a big Shawnie hug!"

The Amicks are grateful for the Livermore teachers and mentors who have made a difference in their daughter's life.

"We would especially like to thank Denise Watson-Lum for her work the past three years with the adult transition program at GHS," said Lee. "Denise taught Shawn how to be a part of the community, and how to do hands-on work in different jobs in our city. There are no words to express our appreciation."

At the award ceremony, which took place at Dublin High School, Watson-Lum watched her graduating student with pride.

"When they called Shawn's name, she walked up to the front with confidence and grace, such a different young lady from three years ago," said Watson-Lum. "She was no longer the shy, introverted girl who couldn't order a hamburger at In and Out, who hid behind me whispering in my ear. The family who had nominated Shawn for the award went up with her, and the little boy was so cute! He kept trying to take a bunch of balloons that were part of the decorations behind them. Shawn just gently and professionally redirected him like an old pro. It was very heartwarming."

Pleasanton Police Launch New Crime Prevention Program

The Pleasanton Police Department is launching a new crime prevention campaign aimed at reducing the number of preventable property crimes in the city.

These crimes – thefts from unlocked vehicles and burglaries in which items were left in plain view – required 2,220 hours of police resources in 2013 at a cost to taxpayers of well over \$250,000.

"Hide It, Lock It, or Lose It" focuses on reminding those who live, work or play in Pleasanton to remove all items from a vehicle before parking. If that isn't possible, stow items out of sight and always lock the vehicle. By simply taking preventative measures, residents can ensure that money is spent on crime fighting efforts. It takes five seconds to remove extra items from a vehicle – and only two seconds to lock it.

The campaign, which is scheduled to begin this month and continue through 2015, includes a high visibility advertising campaign, notices to residents, and community meetings to spread the message: "Hide It, Lock It, or Lose It".

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Livermore Shakespeare at Concannon Vineyard**Summer Shows Feature Festival of Feisty Lovers****By Carol Graham**

When asked to describe what attending a Livermore Shakespeare Festival production is like, Mary Mele said, "It's like stepping into the pages of a travel magazine. You know, when you look at a picture and say, 'I wish I could be at an event like that.' And, here we are in Livermore! I love that no matter where you are sitting, you can see the faces of the performers and the twinkle in their eyes."

The 2014 Festival of Feisty Lovers season is set to open on June 19, with ten performances of "Much Ado About Nothing," and seven performances of "Pride and Prejudice."

"Livermore Shakes takes something many of us haven't thought of since high school and gives it new life," added Mele. "The actors are amazing. If only we all learned about Shakespeare this way from the start!"

Managing Director Katie Marcel points out, "We produce 'no fear Shakespeare' here. Our motto, 'We do the work so you don't have to,' refers to extensive study done behind the scenes so that the audience can enjoy accessible, understandable and relatable Shakespeare."

The venue, outdoors among the vines of Concannon Vineyard, adds to the enjoyment. Patrons often arrive early to picnic



Jennifer Le Blanc and Matt Ballin appear in Much Ado About Nothing. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc

on the vineyard grounds, then bring their wine into the seating area in front of the stately Victorian home that is part of the stage itself.

"The setting is magical," said performer Luisa Frasconi. "Experienc-

ing Shakespeare being performed as the sun sets behind you in a winery is pretty unheard of."

In fact, this will be the festival's final season at Concannon. At a pivotal point in their development, Livermore Shakes wants

to grow its education programs and increase its number of productions and events.

"Our special New Vision committee has narrowed a 2015 location down to two options: the outdoor amphitheatre on

the campus of Las Positas College and Wente Vineyards Estate Winery," said Marcel. "Both options will feature wine, food and of course an evening of high-quality professional theater. It is our board of directors' ambitious inten-

tion to announce the new venue to our audiences this summer."

The picnic grounds open at 5:30 p.m. and all regular performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We always arrive early

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Jade Fon Retrospective and Plein Air Painters Exhibition Opens at the Harrington Gallery

A new installation will be on display from June 20 through July 26 at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, featuring the works of Jade Fon and plein air painters.

Jade Fon is known across the country for his extremely popular A.W.S. (American Watercolor Society) Asilomar Watercolor Workshops, which he began in 1953 and conducted for 21 years in Pacific Grove, California. The workshops were continued after his death until 2000 by his associate and partner, Pam Della, who will be one of the 13 artists featured in the exhibit.

A free opening reception with the artists will be held on Thursday, June 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The public is welcome to preview the exhibit, enjoy light refreshments, and chat with the artists about their work. The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton, California. For more information, contact the gallery at 925-931-4849, jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or visit www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery. As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

The exhibit features predominantly watercolor pieces in the Plein Air tradition. 'En plein air' is a French expression which means "in the open air." The term is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors, generally with watercolors. Jade Fon's work combines Oriental influences and



Paintings pictured are **Great Canada Goose and Tree** by Jade Fon (above), **Treasure Island Palms** by Catherine McCargar (top right) and another painting by Jade Fon (lower right).

regionalism known as California Style, with subjects ranging from cityscapes to wildlife in natural surroundings.

A group of Jade's students decided after his passing to continue his watercolor traditions, their friendships, and the love of watercolor by continuing to paint together on their long-standing regular class day, Saturday. The present director of this group of plein air painters is Julie Limberg, a student of Jade Fon, who is also featured in this new exhibit.

In addition to Limberg and Della, the 13 artists on display include: Becky Davies, Jeanne Kapp, Geri Keary, Carol Jurasin, Loretta Landucci, Catherine McCargar, Nancy Partovi, Dory Sassin, Charlotte Severin, Pat Smith, and

Larry Wilson. Many of this loosely knit group of Jade Fon enthusiasts have websites or blogs worth exploring for more information.

Jade Fon Woo was born in San Jose, California, and grew up in Winslow Arizona, studying art at the University of Arizona before moving to Los Angeles in the 1930s to continue his art studies at the Art Students League. He went on to exhibit as a member of the California Watercolor

Society and American Watercolor Society. After the mid-1940s he lived in the San Francisco Bay Area, becoming a well-known and well-loved painter and teacher. "I love to paint with watercolor; watercolor loves me. It gives me pleasure, excitement, peace, understanding," noted Fon.

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most performances



and during intermissions.

Located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, the Harrington Gallery is a state-of-the-art 2000 square foot exhibition space

operated by the City of Pleasanton. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Art League Presents Gallery on the Green Outdoor Exhibition at Wente Vineyards

The Pleasanton Art League will present Gallery On The Green on Saturday, June 21 at the Event Center at Wente Vineyards.

Art will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the garden lawn.

There is no admission charge. Wine tasting will be available at \$10 for Club Wente members and \$15 for members of the public. The fee includes a commemorative glass.

Wente Vineyards is located at 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. For more information call 925.456.2405



Photo at left by John Buyer; the photo above is by Kerri Hamilton.

Livermore School of Dance Performances Set

The Livermore School of Dance has scheduled a variety of performances at the Bankhead Theater in June.

On June 21 and 22, The Magic Lamp will feature the ballet division directed by Shelly Schoendienst.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. on June 21 and at 2 p.m. on June 22.

The Jazz Division celebrates 10 years of dancing under the direction of Elizabeth Roberts with performances on June 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. The dancers will perform Jazz,

Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical, Tumbling and Modern.

A Junior Division Showcase will be presented on Saturday, June 21st at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$18-\$22. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Master Gardeners to Present Workshop on Edible Landscaping Techniques

The Alameda County Master Gardeners will present a workshop on Edible Landscaping Techniques for Form and Function at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

This event is free. No signup is required.

Edible Landscaping is the use of food plants as design features in a landscape. These plants are used for both aesthetic value as well as consumption. This two-hour workshop will cover: planning and design, planting and maintenance, harvest and storage and food safety with specific sections



on vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit trees.

Handout materials will be available for participants to use. A follow-up event with Edible Landscaped Garden tours will also be discussed with participants during this workshop.

The Alameda County Master Gardener Program works to serve the diverse communities within Alameda County. Master Gardeners are people of all ages from all walks of life who want to give back to their communities. They volunteer their time to help people learn about gardening.

As trained agents of the University of California, through the University of California Cooperative Extension, their purpose is to extend research based knowledge and information on home gardening issues to the residents of Alameda County. Alameda County

Master Gardeners help gardeners by extending the information they have learned through a variety of programs and projects, including seminars, workshops and newspaper articles. For more information about the Alameda County Master Gardeners, visit their website at www.acmg.ucan.edu.

This workshop is part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library.

Check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net to learn more about this program and other events.

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Tour group in front of Meadowlark Dairy mural (above) and learning about "Dancers" below.



Art Walk Follows Southern Tour

Pleasanton's 2nd Saturday Public Art Walk Series Concludes with the Southern Tour.

During this Saturday's Pleasanton Public Art Walk, June 14th, the secrets of Centennial Park with its interesting design and much "hidden" symbolism will be revealed.

This free 2-hour Walk and Talk begins at 8:30am at the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Ave. This art walk includes the Pleasanton Library, Senior Center with Centennial Park, Civic Park, and the southern portion of Downtown Pleasanton.

Nancy and Gary Harrington, of the Harrington Art Partnership, will lead this walk, showing the existing public art and giving information about the artists and anecdotes regarding their works. Participants will be shown pictures of two newly installed sculptures "Sylvester" and "Pennington," by Marty Goldstein, now located at the Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada, the Harrington Art Partnership. Participants will also learn how to participate in bringing more public art sooner to Pleasanton.

Walkers will receive a map of the Pleasanton Art Walk, with location of the art, its name, and the artist.

For information, visit the website Harrington Art Partnership at www.harringtonartpartnership.org. Free private group walks are also available, call Nancy or Gary at 925-846-9757 for more information.

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with our own picnic," said Mele. "I love to cook up special goodies and bring a linen table cloth and flowers to make it pretty. Concannon supplies the vino. When friends arrive we have a sweet pre-show dinner as the sun begins to set behind the old Victorian and anticipation for the curtain call rises. It's my favorite event in town each year."

On May 15, Mele hosted in her home a Livermore Shakes fundraiser - an event that raised \$13,000 for the non-profit company.

"Mary throws an amazing party! House parties are a wonderful way to engage supporters on a personal level," said Marcel. "These fundraisers give people a chance to get to know the people behind the product - the board of directors, apprentices, staff, artists, and other donors and volunteers. We get the chance to interact with and get to know those who so generously keep the arts alive in their community."

Monies raised are used for everything from production expenses to education programs to the mundane costs of doing business such as printer ink, phone bills and insurance.

Jennifer Le Blanc has been performing with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival for five years, most recently as Kate in last year's "Taming of the Shrew." This year, Le Blanc will play Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"The audience interaction is exciting. I love that we're encouraged to share our character's journey directly with the audience, to



Thomas Gorrebeeck and Elissa Beth Stebbins perform in Livermore Shakespeare Festival's *Pride and Prejudice*. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc

ask questions and wait for a response," she said. "It's so much fun, and makes the play fresh every night because the audience is different every night."

Tickets for Livermore Shakespeare Festival productions range from \$25 to \$46. Two special events this season are June 28th's Benefit Dinner, Auction

and Performance at 5:30 p.m. with tickets ranging from \$36 to \$100, and July 3rd's Family Night which offers children's tickets for \$5.

"There's no reason to be shy around Shakespeare," added Le Blanc. "I've had audience members remark on how accessible the language is, how modern

it feels. To anyone new to Shakespeare, I would say, 'Welcome!' It was meant to be experienced live rather than read. So, welcome, get comfortable, feel free to laugh, and enjoy this marvelous adventure."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.livermoreshakes.org.

Golden Follies Back at the Firehouse for Sold Out Performance

The Golden Follies variety show returns for the second year in a row to the Firehouse Arts Center. The performance will take place on Sunday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m.

With new routines, the Las Vegas-style revue features a large 25 member cast of seasoned performers ages 60-88 from all over Northern California. They give their "Regards to Broadway" featuring music from Motown, 42nd Street, Chicago, Pajama Game, and more.

Strutting and tapping to high-energy choreography, they pay tribute to the music of vaudeville's heyday right up through today's hottest sounds, often featuring numbers honoring legendary performers. Reminiscent of the great

variety shows of the past, the production comes complete with a rousing patriotic finale.

The Golden Follies was founded 16 years ago by sister team Diane Stawicki and Susan Bostwick, who are the force behind all aspects of the show, including direction, choreography, concept, and costumes.

Both have extensive professional performing backgrounds, having traveled throughout the US and Europe appearing with such artists as Wayne Newton, Robert Goulet, the Pointer Sisters, Rita Moreno, Paul Anka, Jack Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dolly Parton to name just a few. The troupe members hail from all walks of life, according to director Susan Bostwick. "The majority are retired,

having been teachers, real estate agents, medical techs, administrators for the VA and Safeway Corporate, city and county employees, NASA folks and restaurant owners." She goes on to say that "all are homemakers, wives, mothers, grandmothers, and in some cases, great-grandmothers. These energetic, enthusiastic and talented seniors are active in their respective communities and committed to the Golden Follies. Besides their dance involvement, they share life experiences, love, and friendship with each other."

The show is sold out. A return engagement is set for January 2015.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.



Matching Funds Sought for Summer Camp Program

Cheza Nami is hoping to bring a summer African cultural camp to Livermore. A fundraising effort is currently underway.

Cheza Nami is the recipient of a \$2000 donation from the Clorox Company. This Clorox donation will be used as matching funds to help us reach the \$7500 goal for a summer camp program aimed at educating middle school youth on the importance of global citizenship, cultural enrichment and leadership through an interactive week-long African cultural camp.

Donations in any amount are welcome \$1, \$10, \$50, \$75 or more. 100% of your one-time donation is tax deductible. The deadline is July 4.

The summer camp program's objective is to provide a

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Broadway Chorus, a part of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, will perform "The Colors of Broadway" for its final concert of the 2013-14 season.

The performances will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. On Sat., June 14, the curtain goes up at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The program is repeated on Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Broadway Chorus a mixed group of about 80 men and women, ranging in age from teens to well into retirement years.

Tickets can be purchased at 462-2121 or www.trivalley-rep.org. Seating is not reserved. Seating will begin one-half hour before the performance.

hands-on cultural learning opportunity that is not taught in schools. The program's scope supports Cheza Nami's commitment to preserve and encourage the appreciation of African culture by inspiring and educating our youth about Africa's extensive attributes. Activities will include: African drumming workshop, African dance workshop, a beading workshop, games and leadership discussions.

If sufficient funds are raised, the August 4 to 7 camp will be open to 50 students. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided but participants should pack a lunch as needed.

To donate, www.chezanami.org or call 398-3827.

Space is limited. Middle school students interested in the Cheza Nami summer Camp-2014 are invited to complete a pre-application form. Selected students will be invited to register for the camp on July 7th.



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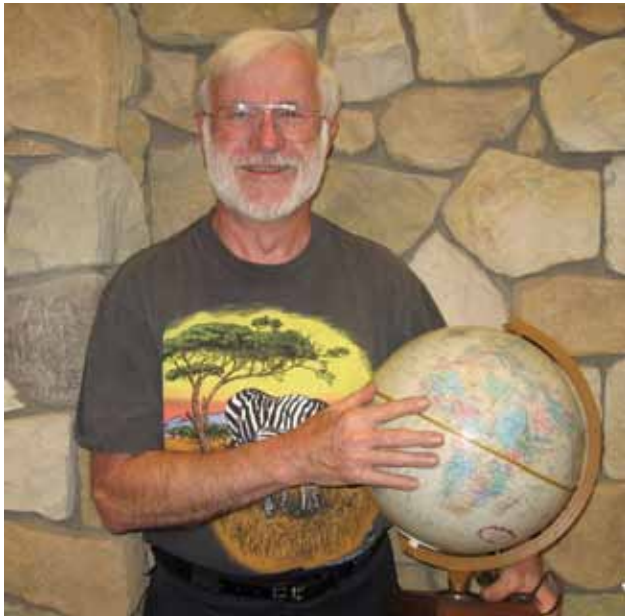
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Livermore Library Volunteers Recognized



Frank Rainer

Frank Rainer has been selected as the Livermore Public Library's Volunteer of the Year. He has presented 12 Armchair Travelers programs since June 2008. In September of this year, Frank will give his 13th Armchair Travelers presentation, "Mad about Madagascar," bringing his total for 2014 to three programs.

Over the years Frank has regaled audiences with informative and balanced presentations of his adventures in far-flung locales with his wife, Sigrid. His Armchair Travelers programs have included "Tracking the Endangered Gorillas of East Africa," "Korea from Both Sides of the DMZ," and "The Lincoln Highway: America's First Byway." Frank educates and entertains in equal measure, and his presentations attract large, devoted audiences who appreciate his sense of humor, great photographs, and valuable travel advice. Frank is truly an outstanding volunteer for the Livermore Public Library. Staff appreciates his enthusiasm, professionalism, and willingness to share his time and talents with the community. Frank brings the world to Livermore Library patrons and fosters a real sense of community at the library.

• Young Adult Volunteer of the Year, Charlotte Miranda, is 15 years old and will be a sophomore at the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory School in the fall. Charlotte has been a Young Adult Volunteer at the Civic Center Library for five years. She volunteers as a shelf steward, making sure the library shelves are clean and neat. She also assists with youth programs and story times and helps train new young adult volunteers.

• Diana Fredrich has been chosen as the Livermore READ Project Volunteer of the Year. Diana joined the READ Project in October 2007. She began by working one-on-one with a learner, however she soon volunteered to take on an even greater commitment. In January 2009, Diana took over the Tuesday afternoon conversation class, a multiethnic group of students who meet on a weekly basis for additional English conversation skills practice.



Charlotte Miranda

Since then, Diana has planned and executed diverse lessons for her group including sessions revolving around music, history, American culture, movies, and current events. As if this were not enough, Diana has offered additional one-on-one tutoring to class participants who need extra help. She has also researched different options for students to perfect their English, even watching countless YouTube pronunciation videos. Diana has greatly influenced all of the students she has taught over the years.

• The Friends of the Livermore Library selected Jim Alderson and Norma Jean Daugherty as their Volunteers of the Year. As a lover and collector of books, it was a natural step for Jim to become a volunteer at the Library in 1998 when his Coast Guard career came to an end. Jim helps to evaluate donations of higher value books, both through knowledgeable observation and comparisons on the web. He says that he finds this work very gratifying as it allows the bookstore to price items fairly and is the first step toward moving the higher value books to a more profitable sales market, resulting in more funding for library programs and services.

Jim and his family were particularly helpful with the spring and fall Friends special sales in the Library last year. He also served as Vice President of the 2005-2006 Friends Board of Directors. Current Friends President Janice Diane says, "I have always been impressed by the dedication and thoroughness with which Jim approaches his work and his willingness to pitch in and help with whatever project or task needs attention."

Norma Jean Daugherty has worked in the Friends' Bookstore since Novem-



Diana Fredrich

ber 2011. She was employed in the public service sector for many years, so serving customers in the bookstore is second nature to her. She also put in many hours last year sorting books, setting up for the special sales and doing the unglamorous job of returning unsold books to the storeroom. Bookstore Manager Catie Neilson notes, "Her upbeat personality makes it such fun to work with her and the customers really enjoy her." Norma Jean says she enjoys meeting people and acting as "book spotter" for Jim's research. "Helping people discover treasures," she says, "is one of the best parts of the job."

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

Jim Alderson and Norma Jean Daugherty



County Fair Offers Educational Opportunities

In an effort to promote summer learning and to introduce kids to the wide spectrum of educational activities offered at the Fair, Alameda County Fair worked directly with school superintendents to implement the free ticket program. Packages went out to schools last week and students, primarily grades K-5, will receive their tickets soon. Kaiser Permanente, a local non-profit organization and supporter of the Fair's health-oriented activities for kids, sponsored the program.

"The true educational aspects of the Fair -- science, agriculture and the arts -- are really its core purpose, and always have been. It's important to us to keep that part of it alive and relevant, now and for future generations. That's why we are making this effort," said Jerome Hoban, Alameda County Fair CEO. "We want all of our kids to have the opportunity to experience this great American tradition,

and to take something away from it."

Fifteen districts and 188 public schools total participated in the program, including Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol.

Private schools within the county were also offered tickets for students and many of them are participating as well.

The following are some examples of the programs, activities, events and competitions available for kids at the Alameda County Fair:

STEM Nuggets: Hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math games and activities are offered on Kids Free Fridays.

Special Kids' STEM Weekend Events: Sports, Fitness & Health - June 20-22; Robots, Rockets & Science - June 27-29; Energy, Engineering & Environment - July 4-6

Discovery Quest: Kids look for clues and solve mysteries in this self-guided,

educational scavenger hunt.

RAY: Kids have fun racing model cars on a unique, solar-powered racetrack.

Competitive Exhibits and School Projects: The Fair offers a wide variety of competitive categories for kids including crafts, gardening, woodworking, photography, science & technology, creative writing, food, school projects and more.

Live competitions and attractions: Lego Building Competition; Mind Storm Challenge Robot; cows, pigs, sheep, rabbits, chickens & more in the Livestock Exhibits; Petting Zoo; Reptile Exhibit; storybook character costume contest; talent competition.

The fair runs June 18 through July 6, Tuesday-Sunday.

Visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 925-426-7600 for more information. The fairgrounds are located at 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton.

Poem by Rodeo Rider Johnie Schneider

Johnie Schneider was described as having a soul of a poet and the heart of a cowboy. The Rodeo Hall of Fame, Cowboy Champion of the World, competed in Livermore on June 10, 1935. He and his wife returned to Livermore to make their home in the fall.

A poem written by Johnie Schneider was submitted to The Independent to be published prior to the annual Livermore Rodeo:

It was 8 o'clock in the morning, second day of July.
I thought I'd go to Livermore, a bucking horse I'd try.
I didn't look much like a cowboy, I'd been working on a farm.
I had no boots, no chaps, no spurs, but my saddle was a charm.

So I borrowed a pair of rusty spurs from another country lad.
I told him he better come along and I mightn't do so bad.
So we saddled up the work team, a little bay and brown,
And headed out to Livermore to celebrate in town.

We got to town quite early and when our horses had their care,
I thought we'd take a walk around to see what all was there.
We walked around the village, up the street and down.
I'll bet there was 150 cowboys mulling through the town.

Well, the next day at the round-up, when it came my turn to ride,
The boys all helped each other but for me they stood aside.
But there's one thing I'll remember when I go to Livermore.
The boys all know a cowboy, I'm a stranger there no more.

More of his poetry can be found at <http://www.cowboypoetry.com/johnieschneider.htm>

Foothill High Students Organize Math Tournament

On June 4th and 5th, Foothill High School's Math Team brought Pleasanton students together for a battle of wits - the Foothill Math Tournament (FMT).

Foothill's Math Team officers Akshay Ravikumar, Yujin Kim, Nathan Zhang, and Roland Huang organized FMT to expose competition math to students in an enjoyable format. An impressive 150 students participated, representing all of Pleasanton's middle and high schools.

Scott Gorsuch, the AP Statistics Teacher at Foothill was instrumental in making FMT a success.

The first day consisted of a "guts round," in which teams of three students tried to solve as many problems as possible in a short period

of time. The results from this contest were used to create brackets for a tournament round the next day.

The top eight teams were rewarded with over \$1000 worth of prizes, donated by Ross Stores, EMC, Texas In-

struments, Jane Street Capital, Art of Problem Solving, and Wolfram Research.

Math competition problems are unlike anything seen in a standard math class: though solvable with precalculus methods. These

problems require intuition and insight to solve. Here are a few examples of FMT problems:

Three students were supposed to graph a line with negative slope; however, the students were pretty

careless. Wyatt accidentally switched the slope and the constant term, and Bryce accidentally switched the x and y intercepts - each of these produced an incorrect graph. However, Akshay graphed it correctly. When they put their three graphs on top of each other, they all intersected at exactly one point. What is this point of intersection? Express your answer as an ordered pair.

Circle w intersects a larger circle with center O at points A and B . BC is the diameter of w . If OC is perpendicular to AC , $BC = 7$, and $AB = 2$, find the area of circle O .

Justin breaks a 12-inch ruler into three parts and makes isosceles triangle ABC with $AB = BC$. If he took AC and cut off a piece

of length x , he could make an equilateral triangle. Instead, if he took AB and cut off a piece of length x , he could make a right triangle. Find the value of x .

Foothill hopes to expand the competition in future years.

Foothill and Amador's Math Teams work together to promote an interest in math and participate in competitions. While having competed in locations like Boston, Los Vegas, Pasadena, and New York, these students have founded several endeavors in Pleasanton. These include the Pleasanton Math Circle (pleasantonmathcircle.com) and the Pleasanton Geometry Bee. For more information, please contact fmh.mualphatheta@gmail.com.



Students working on math problems.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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 six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPAs at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Call to artist - Square Connections Community CD Case Art Show, Those interested are invited to create art that fits into a CD case: use the case as its frame / medium is up to the artist. Take the finished art to the Downtown Art Studios during Second Thursday Open Studios on June 12th, July 10th, August 14th. The entries will be displayed in an art exhibition at Panama Red in October, just in time for ArtWalk on October 12th.

Figurehead Gallery, "Retrospective" of the work of Oneida Stowe, through June 14. Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. Hours are Wed.-Sat. noon to 6 p.m. For further information contact Ken Ball, 925-353-0419, ball@figureheadgallery.com

Cuda Ridge Wines, "Natural California," photography exhibit by William F. Hackett through July, 2014. An artist's reception will be held at the winery on Sunday, June 15th from 1-4pm, with refreshments and complementary wine tasting of two wines. Winery Hours are: 12-5 Fri-Sun; 2400 Arroyo Rd, Livermore.

Summer Exhibits: Lynda Briggs and Jeff Snell. June 5 through August 13. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present two artists in the Grand Atrium, mezzanine, and "Across the Glass Bridge" exhibition spaces. Lynda Briggs' paintings are colorful, lively, and busy. Jeff Snell's current work unites traditional landscape and popular culture in vigorous abstracts full of movement and energy. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For

more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

Jade Fon Retrospective & Plein Air Painters: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery exhibit June 20 through July 26. The exhibition is a retrospective on the life, work, and legacy of well-known national and Bay Area watercolor artist and teacher Jade Fon (1911-1983) featuring the works of 13 of his students and devotees. Free opening reception with the artists on Thursday, June 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated.

Gallery on the Green, Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Pleasanton Art League show. No admission fee. Wine Tasting \$15 per guest, \$10 for Club Wente members includes a Riedel Crystal glass. For more information call the Vineyard Tasting Room 925-456-2405.

Art Under the Oaks, July 19 and 20, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Classes at the Figurehead Gallery: Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 6/21 with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am-1 p.m. \$30. Register at www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC / Art Critique & Coffee meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

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.

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://children-sartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

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.

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday 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.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2014 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome as are adults, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. June 18, Mitchell Katz Winery; June 25, Occasio Winery Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Cedar Mountain Winery: Small tasting room open next to Swirl "On the Side" Cedarmountainwinery.com,

cedarmtn@wt.net. Swirl located at 21 South Livermore Avenue # 105, Livermore.

The Steven Kent Winery, summer events. Offsite events: First Street Wine Company for the Winemaker Spotlight on Thursday, June 12th at 5:30 pm. Grab a taste of La Rochelle Pinots "On the Side" at Swirl on the Square, June 13th, 14th, & 15th. At the winery: Wine Tasting on the Patio on select dates, 12-4:30, tasting Fee is \$15, includes 4 tastes and a GoVino wine vessel. No reservation necessary. Bring a picnic. Saturday, July 12th, to the sounds of QuickFix Trio; Saturday, August 9th, to the sounds of Bosco Duo. Pooches on the Patio, Sunday, June 22nd, 12-4:30, in tasting available for \$15 per person, no reservation necessary. Paella on the Patio, Wednesday, June 25th 6:30 pm, \$55 per person featuring S&S GastroGrub, reservations required. Princess and The Pig, Wednesday, July 23rd 6:30 pm, \$55 per person, Featuring S&S GastroGrub and our Princess, Lola, reservations required. Steven Kent Cabernet Pairing in the Reserve Room Thursday August 28th, 6:30-8:30, \$85 per person featuring the cuisine of Chef Tony Murray of Double Barrel Wine Bar & the Winemaking insight of Steven Mirassou. Reservations required. www.stevenkent.com. 5443 Tesla Rd., Livermore, (925) 243-6442.

Tesla Vintners Kicks Off Rodeo Release Party, "Truth, Beauty and Goodness through Wine, Music and Art," Fri., June 13, 6 to 9 p.m. Featured wineries: Ehrenberg Cellars, Pat Paulsen Vineyards, The Singing Winemaker. 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore, (925) 606-9463.

Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, Dog Day Afternoon, June 14, noon to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the sun and the fun with your four legged, furry friend. Win prizes for Best Wag. Visit your favorite dog vendors including Murphy's Paw, Invisible Fence and The Doggone Duo Real Estate and Mortgage Consultants. Live music by Steve and Nadia. Admission is complimentary. For more information call 925.456.2305. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656. Live music: June 12, 6-9 pm, Natalia Sings; June 14, 7-10 p.m., Frankie Bones & Fire Hazard; June 15, 1-4 p.m., MusicLore; June 17 and 18, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; June 19, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; June 20, 7-10 p.m., MusicLore; June 22, 4-7 p.m., Jack Quigley (back patio); June 24 and 25, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; June 26, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; June 27, 7-10 p.m., Tank Half Full; June 28, 7-10 p.m., Toucan Jam; June 29, 4-7 p.m. Natalia Sings; July 1, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; July 2, 6-9 p.m., Brian Cooper; July 3, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; Rough Week; July 5, 7-10 p.m., Tumbledown

House; July 8, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; July 9 and 10, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings. **June events:** June 15, Altamont Beer Works, noon to 6 p.m. June 29, 4 to 7 p.m. featuring Robert Hall Winery pouring five wines matched with special creations from out kitchen.

Nottingham Cellars, June 17th - Wine-maker Dinner at Posada, food paired with a selection of Nottingham Cellars and Vasco Urbano wines. Winemaker Collin Cranor and Executive Chef Eduardo Posada have prepared five courses. Posada Restaurant - Livermore. Cost: \$75.00 per person plus tax and gratuity. Limited space available. RSVP 925-606-1004.

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, June 13, free Family Movie Night featuring the Disney movie Planes. Movie starts around 8pm. Wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages and artisan pizza's for sale in the tasting room (sorry no outside food or beverages allowed) Space is limited, to make reservation please visit our website at www.laspositasvineyards.com. Sunday, June 15, Sunday Funday " event, special wine and food pairing flight. \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Murrieta's Well, celebrate dad with music by James Nagel, food available for purchase from Double Barrel. Sun., June 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Call 925-456-2395 for more information. **La Luna**, Murrieta's Well estate wines, delicious food and live music under the light of the full moon. 6 to 9 p.m. June 20: Summertime Blues, Cajun menu with Jazz music by Walter Hern. July 18 - Paella Party, paella made three ways with music by Andre Thierry Zydeco. August 15 - Vintner's Grill, Fresh off the grill menu with music by violin duo Vivo. \$60 for Silver Spur club Members; \$70 Public each or all three \$145 for Silver Spur Club Members; \$175 Public. Reservations are required. Murrieta's Well Tasting Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore Call 925-456-2395 or www.murrietaswell.com

Tesla Vintners: Ehrenberg Cellars, Pat Paulsen Vineyards, The Singing Winemaker, open house 6 to 9 p.m. Sat., June 21. 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 606-9463. Live music by The Singing Winemaker and high energy rock and country band Turbo Fuegos, tempting tapas, and award winning wines by each of the three Tesla Vintners wineries. Come early at 5:00 for a "Meet the Winemakers" discussion on The Art (and joy) of Winemaking. Tickets before June 14, \$30; week before the event \$40; at the door \$50.

Friends of the Vineyards annual Wine & Food Pairing, Thursday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the

Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. The event will feature four small plates paired with four wines. Attendance is limited to the first 65 sign-ups. The cost is \$25 for Friends of the Vineyards paid members and \$30 for non-members. Sign up at www.fov.org.

Taste our Terroir, July 24 - 27: Livermore Valley's food and wine affair spans four days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast your vote for the coveted People's Choice Award. Friday through Sunday, wineries across the region host cooking demonstrations, barrel seminars, vineyard tours and more. Purchase ticket for the entire weekend and be upgraded to VIP admission for the Thursday night event. Tickets for each event are on sale now at Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, LVwine.org. This weekend extravaganza sells out every year.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue--the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Red Molly, Fri., June 13, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Doo Wah Riders, country with a Cajun twist. Sat., June 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus Sings, "The Colors of Broadway," June 14 at 2 and 8 p.m. and June 15 at 2 p.m., Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at www.broadwaychorus.org/

Shamrock'n Sundays, Dublin concert series, 5 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, July 13, TW, party band plying hits from the 60s to today. 556-4500.

The New Christy Minstrels, July 24, 7:30 p.m. Legends of American Folk Music. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Sing A Song of Sondheim, July 27, 2 p.m., cabaret style seating. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents William Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy Much Ado About Nothing, and one of the most cherished love stories in English literature; Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, adapted by Christina Calvit. The productions play June 19 - July 20 under

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the stars at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or (925) 443-BARD. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.

The Golden Follies Revue: Sunday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. SOLD OUT (return engagement: January 2015) Sparkling Las Vegas-style revue featuring seasoned performers ages 60-88 from all over northern California. Lavishly costumed, they give their "Regards to Broadway" featuring music from Motown, 42nd Street, Chicago, Pajama Game, and more. Strutting and tapping to high-energy choreography, they pay tribute to music and legendary performers from yesterday and today. Reminiscent of the great variety shows, complete with rousing patriotic finale. Return engagement: January 2015.

The Taming of the Shrew, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, June 28, 29, July 5, 6, 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m. Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Rd. and Black Avenue. Free admission.

Menopause the Musical, July 10, 7:30 p.m., July 11, 8 p.m. and July 12, 2 and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Shrek the Musical, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. July 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and Aug. 1, 2 and 3. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Murder Mystery Theater: "Murder by Merlot," July 26, 6 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

Firehouse House Open Mic, June 12, 7 p.m. Open to ages 16 and up, featured closing act TBA. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Comedy@ the Firehouse, featuring Rocky LaPorte, 8 p.m. Sat., July 19. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

Enthuse Entertainment's drama, Alone Yet Not Alone, opens on Friday, June 13 at the Regal Hacienda Crossings Stadium in Dublin. The film will release through the movie ticket reservation platform and new film distribution company Seatzy™. Tickets for Dublin are currently available via www.seatzy.com/alone. Alone Yet Not Alone is based on the true story taken from the novel of the same name written by Tracy Leininger Craven that speaks of hope triumphing over despair, of faith overcoming fear and of victory prevailing over adversity. For more information about Alone Yet Not Alone and to watch the movie trailer, visit www.aloneyetnotalone.com.

Movies in the Park: Pleasanton, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. Movies are free and begin at

dusk: July 10: Frozen, PG; July 17, Despicable Me 2, PG; July 24, The Lego Movie, PG; July 31, Ender's Game, PG-13; Aug. 7, Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13; Aug. 14, Man of Steel, PG-13. Information at Pleasanton Community Services, 931-5340. Bring blanket and low beach chairs.

Moonlight Movies series, Town of Danville offering a mix of animated, live action, new run as well as classics, there is always something for every member of the family. The five movie series, which will be held on the Town Green located at 400 Front Street, will kick off the second Friday in June. The following five movies will be shown throughout the summer: June 13 - The Croods; June 27 - The Secret Life of Walter Mitty; July 18 - Independence Day; August 1 - The Goonies; August 15 - Rio. Crafts and activities for children start at 6:30 p.m. with the movie following at sunset. Families are asked to bring a blanket and lawn chairs. Registration is not required. For more information, please call (925) 314-3400 or visit www.danville.ca.gov.

DANCE

Keep On Dancin', Livermore School of Dance, June 19, 20, 7 p.m., Jazz Junior, June 21, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions - Treasure Island, San Ramon Community Theater production directed by Roger Craig. Story by Robert Louis Stevenson. Speaking parts will vary, and some actors will appear in more than one role. The roles are described as adult male (age 20-50), but adult females are encouraged to audition. There are many extra-type roles with little or no dialogue requirements. Monday, July 21 at 7pm, Callbacks scheduled for Wednesday, July 23. The Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Show dates: September 26 - October 12. For more information call (7529), or email info@sanramoncommunitytheater.org.

VOLUNTEER

Firehouse Arts Center Season 2014-2015 Volunteer Orientation: The Firehouse Arts Center is gearing up for a dynamic 5th Season of theater, concerts, gallery shows and special events. Their award-winning volunteer organization is holding its annual pre-season Volunteer Program Orientation on Wednesday, June 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Positions include theater usher, ticket taker, greeter, and gallery attendant. Attending orientation is mandatory prior to serving. Must be age 16 or older. For more information and to pre-register, contact program coordinator Jennifer Koch, jkoch@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 925-931-4846. RSVP appreciated.

OPERA

22nd Annual Opera in the Vineyard, Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore, July 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Sampling of favorite areas by some of Livermore Valley Opera's favorite Bay Area opera singers. www.livermorevalleyopera.com or 960-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th 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

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

Livermore Rodeo: 96th Annual Livermore Rodeo. June 14 and 15, Grand entry 3 p.m. Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. www.livermoreroдео.org

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 14, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore.

Alameda County Fair, June 18-July 6 (closed Mondays), Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, carnival and midway, displays, livestock, entertainment. www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Ducks Unlimited will host an event

starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen, July 8th, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission,

\$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability.

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couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

8th annual Golf Tournament and dinner banquet, Mon., July 28, Castlewood Country Club. Benefit for REACH (resources education activities community and housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley. Registration and putting contest 10:30 a.m., shotgun start noon, silent auction 4:30 p.m., dinner and live auction 5 p.m. Fees \$150 individuals, \$600 foursome. www.trivalleyreach.org.



The Drama Club at Our Savior Lutheran School in Livermore recently presented Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Students from 4th through 8th grades brought the story of forbidden love and its tragic consequences to life for Our Savior's student body, families and friends. Above, Tybalt attacks Mercutio as Romeo steps in the way, setting the stage for revenge, a failed message, suicides and reconciliation.

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Milestones

Pleasanton North Rotary Announces Scholarship Winners

Three college-bound students from Pleasanton Foothill High School have each been awarded \$1000 memorial scholarships from Pleasanton North Rotary (PNR) recognizing their extraordinary voluntary community work, school involvement, and academic achievement. They were presented scholarship certificates during award ceremonies June 4 at Foothill High.

Haley Lukas received the 2014 Stephen Parker Memorial Scholarship. It is dedicated to memory of the 1979 graduate of Pleas-

anton Foothill High School. Lukas was an extraordinary student-athlete. She was captain of the variety women's soccer and track and field teams as a senior and gained community service experience by working with special needs students. She plans to enter the pre-law program at the University of California, Berkeley in September.

Katrina Zhu was presented the 2014 Chuck Pickens Memorial Scholarship, named for PNR's first president. Zhu was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist in her senior year

and Foothill's California Scholarship Federation Club president as a junior and senior. She plans to attend Duke University in Durham, NC, to major in chemistry or mechanical engineering with a possible minor in political science. Zhu looks forward to participating in Duke Engage, a summer program involving direct help for underprivileged children in a selected Third World country.

Hayley Do was singled out for a Robin Barnett Scholarship. It celebrates the life and work of Robin Barnett, a former teacher

at Foothill High School. Do was academically outstanding during her three years at Foothill. She was active in community service including participation in the Foothill Interact Club, a community-service program, sponsored by PNR. She was a recipient of a 2013 Rotary Youth Leadership Award and was active in peer-to-peer tutoring programs and volunteer work at the Pleasanton Public Library. Do plans to major in biochemistry in college leading toward a possible career as a physician's assistant.

Livermore Students Receive National Securities Scholarships

Two outstanding Livermore area high school students have been awarded \$5,000 scholarships each by National Security Technologies LLC (NSTec), to encourage their interest in science and engineering. This year's recipients of the NSTec Engineering and Science Scholarship are John Stuart, of Livermore High School, and Paul Epperson, of Livermore Valley Charter School.

Stuart plans to attend the University of California,

Berkeley and major in Civil Engineering. He was honored at a Senior Awards Ceremony on June 3. Epperson will attend the University of California, San Diego and major in Computer Science. He was honored at a ceremony on May 28.

The scholarship program, an extension of the NSTec education investment philosophy, was launched in 2007 and has provided more than 90 scholarships and \$460,000 to high school seniors across the country

planning an education in engineering and science. NSTec partners with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation to administer the scholarships. The company is the management and operating contractor for the Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities including the company's Los Alamos Operations, for the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Field Office.

"We created these schol-

arships to encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers who are essential for our national security mission," says NSTec President Ray Juzaitis. "Several of our NSTec Engineering and Science Scholarship recipients also serve summer internships – our vision is that one day they may become our employees." Scholarship recipients are given an opportunity to intern at NSTec after their first year of college.

Credit Union Adds Online Financial Planning Tool

UNCLE Credit Union announced that its investment services unit launched last summer—UNCLE Investment Services—in partnership with CUSO Financial Services, L.P. (CFS), has introduced a new online integrated financial planning tool, UNCLE's Wealth Man-

agement Center.

As part of the new rollout, UNCLE Investment Services will be launching three of CFS's online technology services for its members:

- Wealth Management Center (WMC), an integrated financial planning tool

that uses a series of questions to help generate a high level financial "snapshot."

- Single Sign On (SSO), an online integrated account information platform that allows members to view their UNCLE banking and CFS investment (brokerage and direct) account information

through the credit unions' online banking website via a single sign on access.

- eVISION®, a self-directed electronic trading platform designed for the internetsavvy.

For more information, visit uncleu.org.

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Livermore Rodeo Dinner Dance, Saturday, June 14. Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge, Steak Dinner and Dancing to the Richard Dorff Trio. Menu includes NY Strip Steak cooked over hardwood fire, Baked Potato with all the fix-ins, Ranch Beans, Cowboy Salad, Bread and Peach Cobbler ala mode. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner served 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$22 by advance purchase, call 455-8829. 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore.

Livermore Citywide Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon on Sat., June 21. Livermore residents can host their own garage sale at their own home. Register garage sale either on line at livermoresanitation.com or call 925-449-7300 by June 12th to receive free advertising.

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meeting 1 to 2:45 p.m. on Sat., June 14 in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more information.

Livermore High School class of 1969, 45th reunion. Two events: June 21, 5 to 11 p.m. Rod & Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Rd., Livermore, includes music and dancing; June 22, Sunday at the park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1525 Almond Ave., Livermore, bring picnic lunch, refreshments. Cost \$45 per person. June 21. www.alumni.class.com/livermore/ Information or photos to share email fonesthelma@hotmail.com or call 510-697-0303.

Volunteer drivers needed, Senior Support Program of the Tri Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to medical appointments out of the Tri-Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Palo Alto, etc). The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

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 <http://sirs34.org/> and the State-wide SIR at <http://www.sirinc.org/>. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 14, 53 miles from Larkspur Ferry parking lot to Tiburon and Mill Valley, meet 9 a.m., Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Sun., June 15, 30 miles from Shannon Center south to Sunol, meet 9 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Wed., June 18, 40 miles, from San Ramon Central Park to Diablo Junction and Walnut Creek, meet 9:30 a.m., Jim Conger, 876-4949. Anyone

planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. 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

Tri-Valley Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will meet Thurs., June 12 at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. in Pleasanton. Area Federal Employees and Retirees are invited to learn about a national association that advocates for them. Attendees need not be NARFE members. Formed in 1921, NARFE represents five million Federal workers, retirees, spouses and their survivors. A no host luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., and a business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Look for chapter signs at the restaurant side entrance. To request more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, please call Gary at (925) 373-6758. Background on NARFE is on the Web at <http://www.narfe.org>.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, June 19th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard Active Duty and Veterans. Meet with other like minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a chartered organization that provides a voice in Congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to www.fra.org or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Happy hour in Pleasanton, June 19, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 17 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Livermore, June 21, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 14 to Harriett, 447-8829. Brunch in Livermore, June 22, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by June 20 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Dublin, June 28, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by June 26 to Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in Pleasanton, June 29, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 27 to Hilda, 398-8808.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., June 12, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Susan and Ralph Alcorn will present "Exploring Patagonia: National Parks and Beyond," a digital slide show focusing on their travels and hiking in Patagonia. From their travels came Susan Alcorn's most recent book, Patagonia Chronicle: On Foot in Torres del Paine. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic

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Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Ducks Unlimited will host an event starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2014, 6:30pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. A pot luck dinner will precede the business meeting. Stan Morgan, co-president of the Mount Diablo Iris Society, with 30 years of experience in growing irises, will discuss the various types of irises and how to grow them in our area. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.

Beginner email and Internet classes. Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Pleasanton Library Tuesday and Thursday mornings; four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 ext. 4 for information.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., June 16 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Voting by members on changes to the clubs bylaws. Other agenda items to be announced. Refreshments, public invited.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, June 25, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowling@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Drop in computer tutoring. Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or have other questions. The Pleasanton Library offers assistance on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk). Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information. The programs are free and open to all. No registration required.

Free Blood Pressure Management Classes, four week series of classes will teach how to manage blood pressure with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer questions about living with high blood pressure. Fridays, July 18 through August 8, 10 am - 12 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with high blood pressure. Call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register.

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 or call 925-443-7620.

ClutterLess (CL) This is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted

possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary. Adult volunteers are needed to staff ValleyCare Health System facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Positions are available in a number of areas at ValleyCare Health System, such as the reception desk, hospital floor services, surgery center, urgent care, Auxiliary office, ValleyCare Health Library, the Cancer Center, Thrift Shop and the Gift Shop. Training is provided and hours/days are flexible. For more information, visit www.valleycare.com/auxiliary, or call 925 734-3368.

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$10 for those who would like to have dinner. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. For more information, visit the website: http://pleasantonlionsclub.org

Tea Dance featuring The Mellotones Combo Jazz Band, presented by VFW Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences. Admission \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information jophyblb@att.net or 443-2224; bobolness2@gmail.com or 443-2245.

Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center, in Livermore has an immediate opening for a Friday office volunteer, and a substitute office volunteer for all days. Also needed are volunteer board members, computer tech and website assistance, grant writer, publicity chairman, CPA to assist once a year, and an administrative secretary. The office is open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 pm and Th eve. 6-9 pm. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities please call John M. Kupski evenings or weekends at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 pm at the Birthright office 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887 during business hours. The 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. Please see our website at www.birthright.org/livermore for more information.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestrube@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. Contacts are: Sandra Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch BunPleasanton 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. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect 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. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. 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. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or www.uucil.org

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence 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 EastBaySecularJews.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.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; workshops on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. 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. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

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, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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.

Centerpoint Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointchurch.org 925-846-4436.

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

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynwood United Methodist, Worship services are 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare at both times and Sunday school at 10:30 am. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor. 925 846-0221. www.lynnwood.org.


Grief Journey, Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and will be explored in a series of bi-monthly workshops at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 12th and 26th. July 10th, and 24th. and August 14th. 2014. No per-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

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.

Eckankar, "Spiritual Unfoldment: Keep Moving Forward" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, June 15, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact http://eck-ca.org/ by computer.

Unity of Tri-Valley - 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/ 925.829-2733



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Lab Announces Teller Science Scholarship Winners

Five local high school seniors from Livermore and Tracy have been awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's prestigious Edward Teller Science Scholarship.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, physicist and Lab co-founder, are given annually by the Laboratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies.

This year's award winners from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are Aubrianna Decker from Livermore High School and Steven Wang from Granada High School. The Tracy Unified School District winners are Chandler Chen of West High School, Aditya Dutta Gupta of Tracy High School and Natalie Pearlman of Kimball High School. Each receives a scholarship of \$1,000 toward a college education.

Decker excels at math and science and pursues her passion with zest and commitment. She is particularly passionate about biotechnology research and the mechanics of living cells. Her investigations drove her to interact with college students and veteran researchers around the Bay Area. Decker plans to study genetics and molecular biology at UC Berkeley with the hope that her efforts will in some way improve the quality of life for others.

Wang graduates as the Granada High School valedictorian and has shown a true passion for science as evidenced by his advanced level of coursework,

academic performance and independent research projects. He is a National Merit finalist, received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT and scored 2270 on the SAT. Teachers that have worked with him describe him as uniquely talented, funny, kind and inventive. Wang will attend UC Berkeley to study computer science.

Chen has been focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics throughout his four years at West High School. He will be an honors graduate of West High's Space & Engineering Academy (SEA). I

Gupta has been focused on science throughout his four years at Tracy High School. He has taken full advantage of Tracy High School's science offerings having taken the most advanced science and biotechnology classes and achieved high marks in all of them. Gupta will attend USC in the fall to study biomedical engineering.

Pearlman has been focused on science, mathematics, leadership and athletics throughout her four years at Kimball High School. As part of the Health Science and Education (HSE) pathway, she has spent countless hours preparing for a career in medicine. Pearlman will attend the University of Washington this fall, where she is planning on a major in biological sciences.

Joanna Albala, Nadine Horner, and Nolan O'Brien of LLNL presented the awards to the students at the high schools' awards ceremonies.

DOE Selects Two Projects for Early Career Research Funding

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists Jennifer Pett-Ridge and Todd Gamblin have been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science Early Career Research program to receive funding for proposed projects.

Pett-Ridge was selected for her work titled "Microbial Carbon Transformations in Wet Tropical Soils: The Importance of Redox Fluctuations," by the DOE Office of Biological & Environmental Research (OBER).

Pett-Ridge, 42, who works in the Lab's Chemical Sciences Division, has long been interested in tropical biomes, and said the award will in a sense "allow her to return to her roots" (her training is in soil microbiology).

She said her Early Career research, in which she will receive up to \$2.5 million over five years, will focus on understanding how changes in climate (rainfall

and temperature regimes) in the tropics may affect the capacities of soil microbial communities that drive decomposition, nutrient availability and carbon stabilization. This will involve both field-scale ecosystem manipulations and controlled lab experiments.

The tropics have been relatively ignored in terms of microbiology, and scientists have a poor understanding of how climate change will affect carbon and energy cycle feedbacks in tropical forests. But since these systems store more carbon than any other terrestrial system, and produce greenhouse gases like methane and nitrous oxide, it's critical to understand how projected warming and drying will affect them.

The work Pett-Ridge has proposed links focus areas in the DOE's Genomic Science and Terrestrial Ecosystem Science divisions as well as the large Next Generation Ecosystem Experiment-

Tropics effort that DOE-OBER recently announced.

Gamblin, a computer scientist in LLNL's Center for Applied Scientific Computing, will receive up to \$2.5 million in funding over five years for a project to accelerate the adaptation of scientific simulation codes to increasingly powerful supercomputers, a process that currently can take up to six months for complex applications. Increasingly complex machine architectures and applications are making this process even slower.

Gamblin's research is considered to be particularly important as the high performance computing community (HPC) prepares to ramp up computing speeds from petascale (quadrillions of floating point operation per second) to exascale systems that will be as much as 1,000 times faster. HPC experts believe the first exascale systems will come online in the 2020 timeframe.

Under a project entitled

"Statistical Methods for Exascale Performance Modeling," Gamblin proposes to develop statistical models of applications that can represent adaptive, data-dependent code behavior in a manner that can be scaled up for more powerful computing systems. In addition, the project will develop techniques to reduce the complexity of application models, so that application developers understand them.

"The idea is for these new models to provide simulation developers with insights that allow them to quickly optimize the performance of their code, ensuring that applications can take full advantage of the performance of future exascale machines," Gamblin said.

"Disbelief" was how he initially reacted to learning he had been selected for an award by DOE's Advanced Scientific Computing Research program. "It seemed like slim odds," Gamblin said.

Scholarships Go to Students Seeking Careers in Health Care Field

The ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary, which annually awards scholarships to area high school seniors planning to enter the health care field, recently named the 2014 winners. The Auxiliary conferred a total of five \$4,000 and four \$1,000 scholarships at the Auxiliary's annual Appreciation Luncheon in May.

A \$4,000 and one \$1,000 scholarship was donated by the ValleyCare Medical Staff and named the Dr. Daniel Lucas Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of a beloved ValleyCare radiologist who died earlier this year. One of the \$1,000 scholarships was donated by the Penim and Ivancich Law Firm.

The five students receiving \$4000 scholarships were: Sarah Marie Guilford from Granada High who will attend University of Nevada-Reno and plans to enter their nursing program; Paige Horn, also from Granada High will attend Cal State University - Sacramento with the goal of becoming a registered dietitian; Caitlin MacGregor from Amador Valley High who will attend UC San Diego and wants to become a neurologist; and Lauren Sweeney from Granada High will attend Gonzaga University to study nursing. The Dr. Daniel Lucas \$4,000 scholarship went to Jennifer Lee

from Dublin High who plans to attend MIT with the goal of studying neonatology.

Carissa Allen and Kylie Henley, both from Granada High, received \$1000 scholarships. Carissa plans to attend Diablo Valley College and Kylie will attend Las Positas College. Both have plans to transfer to four-year institutions. Carissa would like to become a physical therapist and Kylie hopes to go to medical school and become a physician. Samantha Henshaw also received a \$1000 scholarship and plans to attend Las Positas College to study nursing. Abigail Rodriguez received the Dr. Daniel Lucas Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 and will attend Las Positas College this fall. She eventually plans to become a physician's assistant.

Students awarded scholarships receive funds on an annual basis. In order to continue receiving the scholarship funds, students must maintain their eligibility by remaining full-time students studying course work leading to a career in the medical field. They must have continuous enrollment at the same college or university and maintain "C" or better grade point average.

The Auxiliary raises funds for these scholarships through sales at their Thrift Shop, located in downtown Livermore.