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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.

Council Votes to Permanently Close Springtown Golf Course

The Springtown Golf Course will be closed permanently; the process to create a master plan for the area will begin. In addition, a ballot measure will be placed on the November ballot to ensure that the land remains as permanent open space.

Those were among the unanimous actions taken by the Liver-

more City Council at its meeting on Monday.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will serve as the lead agency in the master plan process. The city will fund a master plan consultant up to \$250,000.

Separate parcels were also established for the Springtown Library and land belonging to

the Springtown Homeowners Association.

The council directed staff to prepare a maintenance plan for the golf course area during the 12 to 18 months that it is projected it would take to complete the master plan process.

Guidelines for interim open space use of the property were approved in a resolution. At the

request of members of the public, who spoke during the public hearing, the guidelines will be adopted as an ordinance at a future meeting. The ordinance will include information on enforcement and penalties.

The guidelines include no golfing, no motorized vehicles, no

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TVLC Is Progressing on Running Tighter Ship

By Ron McNicoll

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) board discussed possibilities for more progress in setting up better procedures and practices in the administration of its four public charter schools.

Policies to be considered will deal with such areas as the TVLC relationship with California Preparatory Academies (CPA) and Chinese students, and finances.

Meeting on June 9, the board voted to instruct interim CEO Lynn Lysko to negotiate with CPA on sharing the new quarters at 3090 Independence Drive, which is expected to open in August. The building will be occupied by CPA's foreign-student high school and TVLC's public charter school Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP).

The two entities work under a MOU, which is renegotiable every year. It is already known that the 40 rooms in the building will be apportioned one-half to each school. Certain common rooms, such as lunch rooms will be shared.

Board members said it's important to define how the building will be shared ahead of time, such as how long does each school get the lunch room, how many parking places will be allotted to each school.

Even more important would be more clarity concerning the terms of rent. There has been a "handshake deal," in the phrase of a past CEO John Zukoski. Under that agreement, LVCP would not pay more rent than the \$17,000 per month that it pays now at the old Portola Elementary School. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) provides the Portola School. With more non-Livermore students in the future, that rent could grow somewhat, but all that could be

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the class of 2016 at Foothill High School paused to take a photo during graduation on June 10. Other high schools in the area held graduation exercises the same day.

The Challenges of Dealing with Dementia

By Carol Graham

In her diary, Amy Iver wrote of her 86-year-old husband, "He had his shoes on the wrong feet again after his nap. I no longer mention it unless he's going out. It doesn't seem to hinder him in any way. More and more his tray is covered with food as he eats, with more food on the floor as well. I have to remember to wipe down the chair where he touches it, as his hands are greasy and messy from his using them to eat."

Two days later, she added, "During dinner, Tom was tidier than usual, but then tried to take a bite out of the paper bowl his potpie had been in. Evenings are

becoming more challenging for him."

After nearly 30 years of marriage, the Livermore couple is facing the ever-growing challenges of Tom's dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease. It is easy for neither patient nor caregiver, though the longest and most difficult period had been not knowing.

Amy first noticed changes in her husband's behavior in 1999. He became easily agitated and started making odd decisions. Still, it took 11 years to receive an official diagnosis of Alzheimer's and frontotemporal dementia, a progressive, degenerative brain disease that leads to an inability

to behave appropriately, reason, empathize with others and carry out daily activities.

It is a diagnosis that more and more Americans receive each year. As the population ages, dementias continue to rise at a staggering rate. Today, 5.2 million Americans live with Alzheimer's disease, the cause of approximately 70 percent of all dementia cases. That number, barring the development of a medical breakthrough, is expected to more than triple by 2050.

"Things changed a bit after Tom's diagnosis," said Amy. "He became nicer, which was a great relief to me. But I felt sad for him. Not only does he have dementia,

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IKEA to Hear from Public on Plans for Dublin Land

IKEA will host two open houses for residents and business owners in Dublin aimed at providing project information and receiving community input about its proposed retail project in Dublin.

The open houses will take place on Tues., June 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional Street; the second on Wed., June 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Dublin Ranch Golf Course, 5900 Signal Hill Drive.

Community members can stop by any time during an open house to speak with project representatives about a variety of proposal-related topics.

IKEA also has launched a project website for residents to learn more about the proposal and to provide feedback online. The website can be found at www.ProposedDublinCA.com. In addition to suggestions regarding

the proposed IKEA Dublin store, IKEA is seeking public input on ideas for the potential retail, restaurant, and entertainment options on the additional six acres it owns adjacent to the proposed IKEA Dublin.

A supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) is currently being prepared for the application.

At the council meeting where the work on the EIR was approved, Dublin residents expressed opposition to the IKEA plans. Increased traffic is cited as the major reason. Tom Cignarella, a Dublin resident, started an on-line petition opposing the plan.

Proposed for 27 acres at the northwest corner of I-580 and Hacienda Drive, the IKEA project includes an approximately 350,000-square-foot IKEA store. The development also would fea-

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Conversation to Provide Insight Into Muslim Life and Beliefs

By Carol Graham

Though the event had been scheduled well before the most recent act of violence rocked the nation on a sleepy Sunday morning, it could not be taking place at a better time.

"Our deepest condolences are with those affected by the horrific attacks in Orlando, Florida," said Pleasanton's Alisha Shaik, 15. "We hope people come to our event so we may develop an understanding for each other, and stand in solidarity against these attacks."

Shaik coordinated a "Meet a Muslim" event Saturday, which is free, open to the public, and will take place on June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. It will be held at New York Pizza, 690 Main Street, Pleasanton.

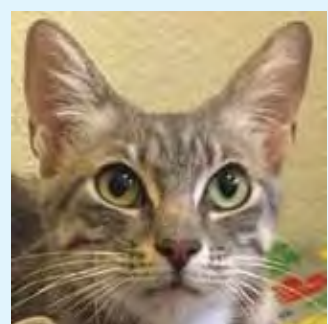
"We will briefly give our background along with 'Islam 101,'

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ruth Gasten converses with Alicia Shaik during a recent Pleasanton 1st Wednesday Street Party.



PET OF THE WEEK

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Family night has become a popular event. The Livermore Rodeo Stockmen's Association hosts the evening as part of rodeo week. Fans watch local team roping and wild cow milking competitions.

BART Will Put \$3.5 Billion Bond on November Ballot

BART has placed a \$3.5 million general obligation bond on the November ballot to raise funds to create new infrastructure that will restore the system's reliability, and modernize it.

The vote by the board was a unanimous 9-0 at its June 9 meeting. In November, the measure will need a two-thirds vote for passage.

Directors approved a list of six priorities for spending the money. In descending order, they are renewal of trackage, power infrastructure, tunnels and structures, mechanical infrastructure, replacement of train controls, and increase in capacity, and a renewal of stations.

Two categories were below the top six: expansion of safe access to stations, and the relief of crowding and traffic congestion. The belief is that improved system reliability will build more ridership and remove more traffic from roads.

Directors, and virtually all of a dozen or so audience speakers from non-profits, business organizations, and government agencies, pointed out how critical it is to create a new, local fund in the three BART counties -- Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco.

Director John McPartland, whose district includes the Valley, said, "This is long overdue." The money would keep BART cars from breaking down. Further, expansion efforts to east Contra Costa and to Livermore have put this board in conflict with each other, because of the lack of funds. This will relieve some of the pressure.

Livermore City Council member Steven Spedowski

took exception to McPartland's assertion in a story in last week's Independent that expansion of BART to Livermore would be dependent on passage of the bonds. At Monday's council meeting, Spedowski stated that Livermore has paid into the system. "It is not appropriate to ask a community for additional money. The two issues are separate." He added, that people are working on a solution that would bring BART to Livermore. "We don't need any additional roadblocks."

Stuart Cohen, founder of TransForm, which lobbies for smart growth and public transportation, said at the audience podium that the group has been one of BART's critics, especially about expansion of the system, especially at the cost of deferred maintenance. "We are paying for it today." TransForm has offices in Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento.

"I think this is a turnaround from a few years ago. This measure will help 400,000 riders, and is preparing us for another 400,000. We think BART is heading in the right direction," said Cohen.

Director Rebecca Saltzman, who made the motion, said that even if BART could use 100 percent of its capital budget for the infrastructure, it still would not be enough. Transit use is increasing, but BART gets less money from the federal and state governments. Saltzman represents district 3, which includes portions of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"I read about BART re-

ceiving \$4.5 million from the state on cap and trade (revenue). At the same time, BART will receive \$5.5 million less because of a cut in another state fund. Our only option is to ask voters to reinvest in this system," said Saltzman.

Contra Costa director Gail Murray, who seconded Saltzman's motion, said, "We are taking control of our destiny. That's what we did in the 1960's. It was funded by the counties, not federal or state money."

Interfaith Community To Pray for Peace

In response to the tragedy of hatred and violence in Orlando, Florida, Sunday, June 12, the interfaith community will gather Thursday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Lynnwood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. Speakers will include Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer (Lynnwood UMC), Rabbi Larry Milder (Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton), and Iman Hamze (Muslim Community Center East Bay, Pleasanton). Congressman Eric Swalwell has also been invited to speak.

Community members gathered once before at Lynnwood Church on December 9, 2015 to mourn the loss of lives in San Bernardino, CA, December 2, 2015 and to commemorate the anniversary of the killing at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, December 14, 2012.

Sunday's killing of 50 innocent people at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, continues the list of crimes of hatred and gun violence. At such times, people feel the need to come together to express their grief and to pray for respect for the law and for human decency. The Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association wishes to stand in solidarity against hatred toward

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littering, no alcohol, no weapons, or no aircraft. In addition, dogs must be on a leash, and people must clean up after their pets. Air-filled devices such as jump houses are prohibited. The area would be open from dawn to dusk with no use after sunset or overnight camping permitted. The council vote also bans any commercial use of the property and amplified music. Those who use the open space are asked to stay near the middle of the open space when walking or biking rather than along the edge of the property and rear yards of homes.

The impact on those with rear yards adjacent to the golf course was the main concern raised during the public hearing. The yards are shallow and most do not have fences.

Betty Murillo, a golf course advocate, said her concern was for the 260 residents with houses on the golf course. They have to deal with dogs off leash running around in their yards. She then asked how the city planned to handle parking as the area becomes open to everyone.

Gail Travers, who campaigned to retain the golf course, told the council she believes the closure is unavoidable. She noted that she and others are opposed to any development on the land and urged the council to move forward as quickly as

possible to protect the area as permanent open space. In addition, she asked that the guidelines be adopted as an ordinance. "As a resolution, there are no consequences for lack of compliance."

Travers also wanted to know the process for public involvement in the creation of the master plan.

She was told that LARPD, the consultant and city would establish a process.

Stacey Swanson, a member of the North Livermore Alliance, said she agreed with the need to create an ordinance to protect homeowners adjacent to the golf course. The Alliance led the campaign to convert the golf course to open space that everyone could use.

One speaker asked whether or not the library parcel was large enough for potential expansion.

City Manager Marc Roberts noted that the current library building takes up only one-third of the site.

A.C. Clements wrote to the Independent with comments that were also raised during the public hear. He his statement, he said, "I am appalled by the decision of the City Council to agree with Staff recommendation to permanently close The Springtown Golf Course and deem it Public Open Space."

He pointed out that people purchased their homes on a golf course, not open space. The backyards are small. He described one time while his family was eating dinner, people stopped and

watched us eating. "This is creepy and unacceptable."

Clements declared that the lack of maintenance is impacting his property. Fox-tails now grow in his yard. The pond is disgusting due to lack of care. Fish are dead.

The future of the duck pond is up in the air. With the closure of the golf course, which provided water for the pond, the water level has dropped.

The council approved language, which will appear on the November 2016 ballot. It asks: "Shall the ordinance affirming and readopting the open space designation "OSP Parks, Trail Ways, Recreation Corridors and Protected Areas" in Land Use Element for the 2003-2025 City of Livermore General Plan for the Springtown Golf Course, except for the Springtown Library and the Springtown Association parcel, be adopted?"

Councilmembers Stewart Gary and Steven Spedowski will write the arguments in favor of the measure.

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IKEA

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ture approximately 60,000 square feet of other specialized retailers and restaurants, which IKEA is in the process of identifying.

For the proposed project, IKEA will evaluate potential on-site power generation, among other sustainability initiatives being considered. In addition to the more than 500 jobs that are expected to be created during the construction phase, approximately 350 co-workers would join the IKEA family when the new store opens.

IKEA previously secured City approvals for a Dublin store, at the same location, more than ten years ago. However, IKEA decided the market was not quite developed enough to support a Tri-Valley store, and subsequently sold the land. Since that time, the population has grown and the land remained available. IKEA recently repurchased the parcel from a private local developer to pursue the current iteration of the IKEA project.

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Arkin to Seek Third Term on Pleasanton School Board

Pleasanton Unified School Board Trustee Valerie Arkin will seek a third term on the school board. Arkin was first elected to

the board in November 2008 on a platform of supporting the highest quality academic programs for students, and transparency about school

issues for residents and parents.

"As a parent of three children who went through Pleasanton's public school system, and as a longtime school volunteer, I understand the need to keep parents completely informed about decisions that will affect their children and that are being conducted using taxpayer money. During my two terms on the board, I am very proud of the great progress that we have made in improving the communications conduit between the district and the community," said Arkin. "It is still a work in progress, but I will always continue to lobby for greater advances in the arena of communication."

High academic achievement as well as fiscal responsibility are two areas of focus for Arkin.

Among the many other contributions Arkin points to during her tenure have been the involvement of student board members to help adult board members better understand the student perspective in board decisions, an update of district policies, initiating more reading intervention programs, having a member of the public serve on the audit committee, and an evaluation of the district's

legal services.

She is endorsed by Congressman Eric Swalwell, who represents the 15th District of California. "Valerie works to ensure that all students have the resources they need in order to reach their maximum potential. Valerie is honest, respectful, and objective and she encourages stakeholder input in order to make informed

decisions."

As a school board trustee, Arkin serves on the Special Education Local Plan Area Board and the City of Pleasanton Liaison Committee. She has also completed two terms on the Pleasanton Library Commission and is a past member of the Board of Managers for the Tri-Valley YMCA.

Arkin holds a bachelor's

degree in Health Science from California State University Northridge, and an MBA from California Lutheran University. She also completed the Governance Training program of the California School Boards Association.

For more information about Valerie Arkin, visit valeriearkinforchoolboard.com

Freedom of Information Federal Lawsuit Filed

Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment) filed a Federal lawsuit in United States District Court for the Northern District of California last Friday against the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) and its National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The suit charges the two failed to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which requires federal agencies to respond to public requests for information within 20 days.

According to the complaint, Tri-Valley CAREs alleges four separate instances the DOE and NNSA failed to provide responsive, unclassified documents regarding operations at the agencies' Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The information that is the subject of the litigation is overdue by up to two years, said a press release.

The group's lawsuit asks the judge to issue a court order appointing a Special Counsel to investigate the pattern of abuse wherein DOE and NNSA fail to comply with the law. The Special Counsel would then determine whether disciplinary action is warranted and against whom.

"The DOE and NNSA are egregiously out of compliance with the law," noted Tri-Valley CAREs' Staff Attorney, Scott Yundt. "This frustrates the public's basic right to know."

Yundt added, "In some cases, important opportunities for public input have elapsed and projects have gone forward while the group's information requests went unanswered."

Tri-Valley CAREs brought similar FOIA litigation to compel the release of documents under the Freedom of Information act in 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2013. "We should not have to file lawsuits in order to obtain public information," said Yundt.

LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING

On November 8, 2016, the City of Livermore will hold a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Council Members.

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 22, 2016
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers
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For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925.960.4200 or cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.

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SPORTS NOTES



Dolphins Sophia Falcione and Kate Dooley in a pre-race hug (above). In the lower photo, a Dolphin is shown starting off the blocks.



the year off a nice cross from Kasidie Wiley. The Nighthawks managed two late goals to tie it up 2-2 at the historic Kezar Stadium in San Francisco.

West Coast Soccer announced 21 of their graduating seniors earning college scholarships at halftime of their game. This is a new NPL record for the most players moving on to play college soccer from any 1 club in Northern California.

Slowpitch Softball

The City of Pleasanton Community Services Department offers over 20 slow pitch softball leagues. Registration begins soon.

Leagues are open to all skill levels and run from Sunday through Friday evenings. A new Women's League, with Monday night games will be offered. In addition, the City also offers Coed Business Leagues on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with all games begin at 5:15 p.m.

All games are played at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex (5800 Parkside Drive). Games begin August 2nd. For further information, please visit www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

- Early bird registration (open to all teams) is May 31st – June 22nd.
- Open Registration (fees increase \$50) is June 23rd – July 8th.
- Registration deadline is July 8th (space permitting).

For further information, please contact the Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or at nvelazquez@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Fusion Soccer Club

Registration is now open online for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club full recreational and select soccer. Programs are available for children ages U5-U19. Visit fusionsc.org for more information or to register.

Visit the office at 1976 Fourth Street in Livermore to learn more about programs.

Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. The season starts in late August and goes through October. No prior experience necessary. To learn more, visit the website at lgsa.org or email info@lgsa.org.

Mavericks Fastpitch Tryouts

Mavericks Fastpitch, a competitive travel ball team based out of Livermore, competes in ASA, NSA & USSSA tournaments. Program seeks volunteers to volunteer time and offer a helping hand to organizations throughout the local community.

Looking for motivated, competitive, dedicated players who want to play and compete at the highest level for the 2016 Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.

Currently scheduling tryouts for our 10U, 12U and 14U programs.

To register for tryouts send emails to: mavssoftball1121@gmail.com or call 650-922-2165

Annual Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host its 23rd Annual Father's Day Spirit Run on June 19. It will be held in downtown Pleasanton, under the Main Street Arch. This Dads' day family tradition funds college scholarships for Pleasanton Graduates, as well as

community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

There is a race or walk event for everyone: 10k/run 8am, 5K walk/run 8:15am, and a Kids challenge 9:30am. The 10k and 5k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved scenic Arroyo Trails. The Kids challenge (2-8yrs) is a series of sprints down Main Street.

Event T-Shirts will be given to every 10k and 5k participant, finisher ribbons go to all Kids Challenge runners, trophies for top male and female and masters (over 50), awards three deep in designated age groups for male and female participants. Raffle prizes and giveaways galore, along with post-race refreshments including fruit, ice cream and face painting are part of the event.

Register online by June 13th or mail in by June 10th. Pick up race packet and T-Shirts at Fleet Feet Sports, 234#A Main Street Pleasanton; Friday, June 17th noon-7pm and June 18th 10am-2pm. To register go to www.spiritrun.com

Fall Softball Offered

Livermore Girls Softball Association is offering a Fall Recreational season again this year. Registration is already open, go to www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org to register. Season starts late August/early September and ends in early November.

Run San Ramon

The annual Run San Ramon will be held on July 4. This Independence Day classic offers a race or walk for all participants, with a 5K Run/Walk and a 10K Run. Proceeds from Run San Ramon will benefit the City of San Ramon's community programs.

The two courses feature flat, fast, and paved surfaces, running throughout the monitored streets in the Bishop Ranch area of San Ramon (East of 680). In addition, both events will be chip-timed by On Your Mark Events. Participants will receive commemorative T-shirt, beverages, snacks, and goodies provided by the sponsors.

Mayor's Cup trophies will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male and female of the 5K and 10K events. Mayor's Crown trophy will award the lowest combined times of the 2015 Bah Humbug Run and 2016 Run San Ramon preregistered 5K runner (male and female). Medals are given to the first three (male/female) finishers in each age division.

All events per person: \$35.00 (postmarked by June 24). Entry increases to \$40 from June 25 through race day.

All events per person family rate: \$30.00 per person (3 persons or more)

— Must be immediate family only, and all entry forms must be submitted at the same time, (postmarked by June 24). Entry increases to \$40 from June 25 through race day.

Registration information at www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/events/races.htm

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:45 a.m., at the San Ramon Central Park Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. Both the 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk will start at 8:00 a.m.

For more Run San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-3200.

Mom Follows Kids in Pursuing Degree

Doreen Wagner of Livermore wasn't your stereotypical student-athlete at Las Positas College, but this energetic 45-year-old mother of five had a lasting impact on the Hawks' swimming and cross country teams. On Friday, May 27, Doreen became a graduating college student, and was awarded an Associate degree in the field of Kinesiology.

"Las Positas College has been a real gift in my life," says Wagner. "The diversity of the students in background and age, and the high quality of education that we all benefit from is just amazing."

Two years ago Wagner, a native of Crystal Lake, Illinois, decided it was her turn to go to college and enrolled at Las Positas. She had spent two decades home schooling her children --- three of whom are currently in college, along with one college graduate, and one child still living at home.

In the fall of 2014, Wagner joined the Las Positas Hawks cross-country team under the guidance of Coach Steve Navarro. Her hard work earned her the coveted Coach's Award in her first season, and a designation as team captain this past season. Wagner enjoyed running over hills and trails with the cross-country team, typically logging more than three miles at a time.

However, collegiate swimming in the spring season represented a much bigger challenge. Wagner didn't know how to swim before taking a Swimming for Fitness class at Las Positas one year ago. She was taught proper techniques, including non-competitive and competitive swim strokes, by Las Positas swim and dive coach Jason Craighhead. She has come a long way in a short time.

"Training for the swim team was really tough. I have a new appreciation for what athletes have to go through," according to Wagner. "There is an enormous amount of training required for the sport, you have to compete in all weather conditions, and factor in the time it takes to travel to meets. It can be grueling but I just looked at it as a great



Doreen Wagner and family wearing their college shirts. from left to right, are Doreen Wagner (Las Positas), Amanda Wagner (UCLA, daughter in-law), Zachary Wagner (UCLA Alumni mathematics), Jordan Wagner (high school) Julian Wagner Barrett (Honors College ASU, Math / Bio degree) Sydney Wagner (United States Coast Guard Academy, math degree) and Caleb Wagner (UC Irvine, engineering degree).

opportunity and it turned out to be very, very rewarding," she added.

Wagner was among 53 competitors in the powerful Hawks men's and women swim program. Host Las Positas repeated as men's and women's team champions in the Coast Conference meet, before competing strongly in the CCCAA State Championships in East Los Angeles, May 5-7. A fledgling swimmer, Wagner tackled several challenging distance events this season, including the 1,650-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

"Doreen has made tremendous improvement and has always displayed a good work ethic and a desire to challenge herself," Craighhead says. "If you remove the fact that she is a mother of five who is 45-years-old, she was very similar to half the team coming into the season—lacking self-confidence and unaware of her actual abilities."

Those days of insecurity are now gone, says Wagner, who is looking to finish a certification as a personal trainer and perhaps pursue a bachelor's degree at Cal

State East Bay or San Jose State.

"Las Positas College offered me the flexibility to pursue my goals, and I was astounded by the level of expertise that my instructors had. Most were professors with a doctorate, and one of my health instructors was an actual medical doctor," said Wagner.

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hotel, convention center planned for the area, much less the housing.

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Workshop Needed Patricia Mann Livermore

The City Council's agreement to consider having a workshop regarding plans for development the First Street/Livermore Avenue area is a helpful offer.

The concept of "buy in" to assure citizen support for a project has its origins in New England Town Hall meetings where members of the town could learn about and react on the spot to what is presented by proponents. Every citizen was invited, allowed to speak, and hear discussed his ideas and those of other people. The citizens might be persuaded by the proponents or might reject all or part of the proposed plan, budget or policy.

If the proponents were successful, a consensus was reached and citizen support on their part was likely. If consensus was not reached, proponents might have faced considerable opposition.

I hope this workshop will clarify the following? Are we planning for what current residents want and need or for the wishes of occasional visitors/attendees at special events? What features would citizens like to see in the limited space? What are the unmet needs of the center of town? Do the plan options take into account unique needs of children, youth, disabled, and elders? How cost-effective are the components of the plan as envisioned by members of the community? What "look" do people want for the area: design, color, variety?

I also hope that the Council will take a minute to list rules for the day, e.g. a mechanism to allow citizens to speak in an orderly way without having to submit speaker cards, and a very limited time, e.g. two min-

utes, for developers to speak.

As we celebrate our opportunity to have some change or development at this location, let's meet it with careful thinking as well as enthusiasm.

The Homophobic Roots Rev. Lucas Hergert Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church, Livermore

The shooting at the Orlando nightclub was a horrific act. I am heartbroken for the victims and their families. It is hard to fathom the amount of destruction done on that single night.

Since then, people have discussed different sources of blame. News outlets and officials have argued over lenient gun laws and what to do about ISIS.

But if there is another thing I hope that people remember, it's that this was an attack on a gay and lesbian nightclub. It was a hate crime against the LGBTQ community.

As a gay man and as a minister committed to equality, I have watched with discomfort as some politicians and news outlets failed to name it for what it is.

If our society is going to alleviate the possibility of such atrocities happening in the future, it is important to acknowledge the role homophobia played in the incident.

It is a painful reality that LGBTQ people still struggle against hatred and ignorance. But it exists, and it needs to be challenged in our schools, workplaces, and houses of worship. We need to strive for a world where people are loved for who they are and not targeted for it.

That's something we can all do, and we can start by naming and challenging those times when it does not happen.

Celebrate Freedom!
Lori Martin
Tracy

Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. We proudly celebrate the freedom and independence our brave soldiers fought hard to gain and keep.

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I lost my freedom to live independently. I cannot drive, do certain jobs and it is difficult touring the beaches, deserts, forests, and fields of beautiful California because my hearing, talking and walking are impaired.

Show your American spirit by designating a sober driver if you drink. Do not drive drunk. Freedom does not include cuffs and steel bars.

Let's Do It Right
Sally Bystroff
Livermore

The very verbal crowd that attended the Council meeting on May 30 is testimony to the excitement and involved interest in our community feels for its future.

Because there were so many with good ideas with suggestions and vision for the future of our downtown please act thoughtfully and with more than enough information about the issues to be considered at forthcoming community planning opportunities. We do seem to need a Hotel downtown with conference space; more parking is necessary and a large off street plaza. This is possible, which sounds good for the Lucky site. There are actually a number of sites in the downtown area where surrounding land owners no doubt are hoping may be part of the planning.

Livermore still has enough land areas within the city limits to see residential growth. I hope the downtown area is not considered for housing. We have a real opportunity to think towards Livermore being a destination town for weekend excursions because the downtown is a drawing card. If people want big box shopping we already have it.

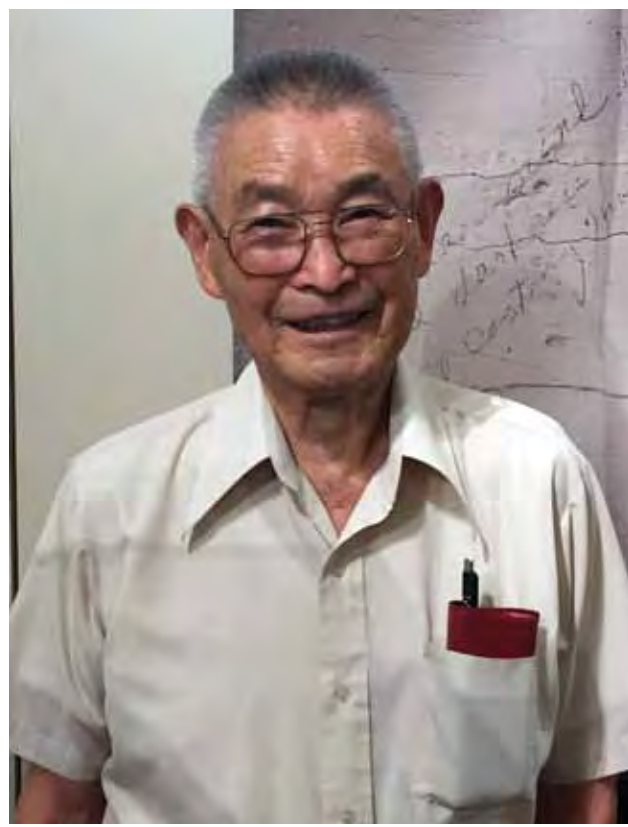
Can we save the old Livermore Train Station building? It has some class and makes a case for use like local stories, artifacts and historic restoration. It adds flavor.

We have a future- lets do it right, together.

Japanese American, Internment Camp Survivor and Author to Speak

The Museum on Main welcomes Tadashi Kishi for an author talk on June 23rd at 7:00pm. Kishi at the age of 20 was living with his family in the Los Angeles area when Pearl Harbor was attacked. His family, along with thousands of Japanese Americans, both citizens and non-citizens, living along the west coast were sent to internment camps or concentration camps in the spring of 1942. Kishi and his family were sent to a camp located in Manzanar CA. Kishi was a physics teacher in the camp's high school for a year and then left his family in camp to work for the Military Intelligence Service teaching Japanese to members of the Army Reserve.

After the War, Kishi, like so many Japanese Americans who were sent to the camps stayed silent about their experiences. It is not until his granddaughter asked him to share his experience with her class did he begin to discuss what happened to his family in WWII. Kishi eventually decided to write a memoir about his time in Manzanar entitled, Ringo-En; My Internment at Manzanar, CA. On June 23rd, Kishi will be at the Museum on Main to discuss his book, as well as the factors leading up to the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, his experiences in camp, and his family's experiences in camp after he left. Kishi will also be discussing the impact



Tadashi Kishi

Japanese internment camps had on his life, as well as the lives of other Japanese Americans who were held in these camps.

The talk will be held in the museum's gallery space, which is currently displaying The Art of Survival; The Art of Tule Lake. Tadashi Kishi's book will be available for purchase in the museum store and he will be available for signing after the talk. Tickets are free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please

call the museum or stop by to reserve your spot for this very special event!

For more information phone the Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call (925)462-2776

Library Plans Special Programs

The Livermore Public Library will host a free Peanut Naturally Festival, put on by the Charles Schulz Museum on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Drop by for hands-on science and art stations.

With up to 15 nature-related interactive exhibits, children will explore and learn about the environment by doing activities such as making recycled paper, exploring animal and plant adaptation, using chemistry to launch rockets, excavat-

ing the past, and creating art and animation. This free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is geared toward ages 4 and older.

A free, Fun with Science program will be put on by the Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 10:30am at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Ave. There will be demonstrations and hands-on activities intended to spark children's interest in science.

Children will participate in experiments performed by a LLNL scientist to reinforce basic concepts about electricity, chemistry, density, air pressure and states of matter. This free program is geared toward elementary-aged students.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages.

Scheduled events throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, concerts, puppetry, and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2016 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.

MEETING

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followed by questions and answers," said Moira Shaiq, 57, one of three panelists. "It's extremely frustrating and scary to be misunderstood. That Muslims are violent terrorists and extremists is the biggest misconception, no doubt resulting from the stereotyping and bashing the media gives Islam. Muslims routinely condemn acts of violence, and issue press releases that are never picked up by the media."

Shaiq stated that the world's Muslim population is around 1.2 billion - or 1 out of 5 people worldwide.

"Muslims compose a vast range of races, nationalities, and cultures from around the globe - united by their common Islamic faith," said Shaiq. "Only about 18 percent live in the Arab world. Six million live in the United States."

Shaiq began organizing Meet a Muslim Community Conversations to strengthen relationships with neighbors and community members, to share information about Muslim life and beliefs, and to counteract the stereotypes that inundate today's media.

"When a gunman attacks a mosque in the name of

Judaism, a Catholic guerrilla sets off a bomb in an urban area, or Serbian Orthodox militiamen kill innocent Muslim civilians, these acts are not used to stereotype an entire faith," said Shaiq. "Never are these acts attributed to the religion of the perpetrators. Yet how many times do we hear the words 'Islamic' and 'Muslim fundamentalist' linked with violence?"

Observers note that the point is well made. Virtually no attention was given to the religious views of the shooters from Columbine, Newtown, Charleston, or Aurora.

"It really sucks always having to prove your humanity, to justify your right to live in the States, and to be expected to be apologetic when accusations against a Muslim population of 1.6 billion are highlighted on the news," said panelist Jehan Hakim, 35. "Muslims are Americans. I was born and raised in San Francisco. We watch basketball games, shop at Target, and worry about our children's educations. We value life and the lives of all creations. Islam is a universal way of life,

and is not owned by people who come from the Middle East. Muslims are scared right now; we feel ostracized and rejected. We would like to be appreciated for our similarities."

Event attendees are invited to ask any question during the discussion with assurance that the panelists will not be offended. Likely questions for the two-woman, one-man panel include: Are women oppressed in Islam? How do Muslims practice their faith? What factors contributed to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism?

"There are many mis-

conceptions that need to be cleared up, a major one being that violence is a part of Islam. The Quran states, 'Whoever kills a person unjustly, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves one, it is as if he has saved mankind entirely,'" said Shaik, an Amador Valley High School junior. "As a Muslim American teenager, it is scary to be living through these times, especially when the actions of individuals overshadow the beliefs and values of more than a billion people. Often after these attacks, Muslims fear going to work or school. I wear the hijab,

a religious head covering for Muslim women, so I have to be even more conscious of where I go. At school I feel vulnerable to remarks."

"We are as much victims of terror as anyone else," added Shaiq. "We are your neighbors, doctors, engineers, teachers, Marines, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and law-abiding citizens. We are all the same. We are all together in the war on terror."

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Pleasanton Council Questions Student Population Forecast

Several members of the Pleasanton City Council questioned the assumption of a report that no new school facilities would be needed over the next ten years. The concern related to the numbers of students projected at the schools.

A demographic report prepared by Davis Demographics & Planning, Inc. (DDP) for the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) was presented at last week's council meeting.

According to the report, recent demographic trends combined with changes in the high density development and the council's decision to halt the East Pleasanton Specific Plan have changed the ten year resident student forecast for the District.

Currently, the PUSD operates a total of 9 elementary schools, three middle schools and two comprehensive high schools. Based on the report, DDP determined that no additional middle school or high school facilities would be needed over the next 10 years or at

maturity.

Isaac Johnson from DDP told the council that some of the factors that have gone into lowering the predicted number of students include the declining birth rate and the high cost of housing in Pleasanton. Fewer younger families are able to afford to move into the city. Given the predicted decline, there will no longer be a need for a new elementary school. School enrollments would be kept at an average of 600 to 700 students. The nine elementary schools would be sufficient for the next ten years; at maturity, eleven elementary schools could be needed.

Councilmembers pointed to examples of populations at elementary schools in the report in questioning the prediction that there would be no need for new facilities. There are 950 students at Donlon today, 967 in 2025 and 1238 at maturity; Fairlands, 809, 828 and 875; and Walnut Grove, 758, 649 and 790.

Johnson said the district would keep an eye on birth

rates, development and student yields form transit oriented development and new apartments.

Councilmember Kathy Narum, a member of the school district-city liaison committee who asked that the report be presented to the council, commented that she had been surprised by the steep drop in the forecast of the number of students who would enroll in Pleasanton schools.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin noted that the city's general plan calls for 600 students per school plus or minus ten percent at the elementary school level; 1000 students per school in middle schools and 2000 students per school at the two high schools. Pentin said that school sites exceed maximum enrollment target numbers already. "Even with the predicted decline in enrollment, the numbers are still above our general plan numbers. The question is do we need to change the general plan. If we do, why?"

Councilmember Karla Brown said the state lists

maximum enrollment guidelines for K-6 schools at 600 students per school. Many schools in Pleasanton are very large. Donlon shows 771 students and Fairlands 646 students. In 2020, the prediction for the Donlon student population shows 965. At what point does the district look at additional facilities, Brown asked.

Micaela Ochoa, District Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, told the council that the report was for information only, not for a policy discussion. A policy discussion would need to take place during a joint meeting involving the city and school district. Ochoa said there are no violations of any education code within the district.

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked if the predictions looked at Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) numbers and the "by right" laws the state is considering. Johnson said that the RHNA numbers were included in the prediction.

Thorne pointed out that the current RHNA cycle

ends in 2022. There will be changes with the numbers not based on zoning, but on the number of homes built. "Things are going to get worse."

Pentin asked whether previous demographic reports had been accurate. Johnson responded that the prediction for 2012 was 14,910, actual 14,923; in 2013 the predicted student population was 14,829, the actual 14,801; in 2014, predicted 14,881, actual 14,706; and in 2015, 14,272 predicted and 14,754 actual.

Brown said, "We want to work together. Let us know how the city can work with the district to provide the best education."

During the public hearing, resident Sandy Yamaoto pointed out that Amador Valley High School is ranked high in the state with an A plus in the academics guide. However, in the resource and facility guide, the school received a B; in the extracurricular and activity guide, a C, and in the sports and fitness guide a B minus. "Academic achievement is only one contributor to a well rounded student we want to produce," she said. She felt that large schools made it

more difficult for students to become involved.

Open House Set for BART Station Housing

Livermore continues to work with BART to extend service to Livermore at I-580/Isabel Avenue. Preparation is underway for the Isabel Neighborhood Plan to guide development in the area surrounding the proposed station.

A Draft Preferred Plan has been created. An open house will be held June 28 to provide information on the plan.

The open house will take place between 4 and 7 p.m. Members of the public can come any time between those hours.

The presentation will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

For additional information, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/BART or email the project team at BART21-lsabel@cityoflivermore.net.

Comment Sought on Proposed Names for New Elements

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) opened a public comment period last week for the recommended names of elements 115, 117 and 118.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia (JINR) were credited late last year for discovering elements 115 and 118. LLNL, JINR, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Vanderbilt University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas were credited with the discovery of element 117.

Moscovium (Mc) is provisionally recommended for element 115 in recognition of the Moscow region and honoring the ancient Russian land that is home to JINR. Moscow is the capital of the region.

Tennessine (Ts) is proposed for element 117, recognizing the contribution of Tennessee research centers ORNL, Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee to superheavy element research.

The provisional name for element 118 is Oganesson (Og) in recognition of the pioneering contributions of Yuri Oganessian to superheavy element research. Oganessian created this opportunity for the significant expansion of the periodic table and knowledge of superheavy nuclei.

The provisional names will undergo a statutory period for public review before the names and symbols can be finally approved by the IUPAC Council – likely later this year.

"I'm proud of all of the hard work that this group has done over the years performing these experiments," said Dawn Shaughnessy, LLNL's principal investigator for the Heavy Element Group. "It's a huge accomplishment

for the entire group that we are recognized for our efforts in accomplishing these highly difficult experiments and for the years of work it takes to successfully create a new chemical element."

LLNL teamed with JINR in 2004 to discover element 115. LLNL worked again with JINR in 2006 to discover element 118. The LLNL/JINR team then jointly worked with researchers from the Research Institute for Advanced Reactors (Dimitrovgrad), ORNL, Vanderbilt University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to discover element 117 in 2010.

This discovery brings the total to five new elements reported by the Dubna-Livermore team (114, 115, 116, 117 and 118, the heaviest element to date).

The new elements and nuclei will complete the seventh row of the periodic table, and provides evidence for the long sought "island of stability" for superheavy elements.

The concept of the "island of stability" was originally proposed in the 1960s. It predicts increased stability for superheavy nuclei at higher neutron and proton numbers. The new nuclei produced in this research exhibit substantially increased lifetimes consistent with approaching the island.

These new elements were discovered using the "hot fusion" approach, developed and implemented by Oganessian at JINR. This approach involves heavy ion reactions of an intense, high-energy calcium beam on rare actinide targets including berkelium and californium at the Dubna Gas-Filled Recoil Separator.

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Road Led From Livermore to 'The Path'

By Carol Graham

When Kyle Allen first read the script for a new Hulu series called *The Path*, he had a feeling he'd be part of the show.

"I just kind of knew," said Allen, 21. "I don't understand it, I just knew when I read it I was afraid of it, and somehow that's why I would get it. Maybe it's because I believe life likes to shove your fears at you until you realize how silly they are."

Allen's intuition was correct. He joined actors Hugh Dancy, Aaron Paul and Michelle Monaghan

forces. That puts him in a desperate situation and, like anyone in that scenario, he jumps from one extreme to another. He's trying to find security and a sense of who he is - different ways to identify himself."

Allen's own background was considerably more stable. He grew up in Livermore, attending Valley Montessori, Almond Avenue Elementary School and Our Savior Lutheran School.

"He was always funny, inventive in the most unusual ways, quick witted, charming, very kind and

"... Maybe it's because I believe life likes to shove your fears at you until you realize how silly they are."

to star in *The Path*, which debuted on March 30 and has already been picked up for a second season.

Even before its launch, the series - part family drama, part psychological thriller - was drawing attention as the first hour-long original series for the streaming service Hulu. *The Path* follows a family at the center of a controversial cult as they struggle with relationships, faith and the gravitational pull of belief.

About the teenager he plays, Allen said, "Hawk is trying to figure out who he is. He has grown up in an environment where he's been pulled in different directions by different

down to earth," said mom Karen Sprague. "He was on the Junior National Acrobatics Gymnastics Team. His older sister was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame last August. They had the usual mom and dad. We had nothing to do with their successes, we only followed them in their interests."

After Allen took up hip hop dance, he was encouraged by a Russian dance teacher to pursue ballet.

For grades 8-12, he studied at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C.

"I remember being in my senior year at the Kirov, watching 'Singing in the Rain' in a dance history class, and realizing I



Kyle Allen on the red carpet.

wanted to do so much more than ballet," recalled Allen.

"When Kyle began to act it seemed perfect for who he is. He fell right into it," said Sprague. "He was in print ads and commercials, Pepsi sent him to Chile and Japan to film. His picture was on a huge poster in

Apple stores throughout the U.S. He modeled for Barney's New York and did a music video - all of which is information that, as his mother, I had to dig out of him."

Locally, Allen worked a summer job at Retzlaff Vineyards.

"I loved it. There are pine trees on the side of the vineyard that I planted. They're like 15 feet tall now!" he said. "I wonder if that's what it's like to have children."

Today, Allen lives in New York where he most enjoys being on set.

"There is nothing like it. It's a bunch of creative and weird people coming together to make something that's hopefully entertaining," he said. "That's literally what I get paid to do. It blows my mind every day."

"I love actors with the ability to make you believe that they are the bizarre characters they play, like Robert Downey Jr., Ralph Fiennes and Benedict Cumberbatch. The most powerful performances I've seen were when I felt understood while watching them. It's a pretty damn beautiful feeling, so that would be cool if *The Path*'s viewers can take that from the show," he added. "Also, not to join cults."

With the success of *The Path*, Sprague will have the opportunity to watch more of her own favorite actor.

"I love to watch Kyle. I probably watch every episode at least five times," she said. "When he first started acting, he was Kyle and when he gave his on-screen mother a dirty look I thought, 'I've seen that look before.' Now he becomes the character and I forget that it's Kyle."

For an actor, that is the truest compliment. For his parents, Allen has a compliment of his own.

"Oh my gosh, I could write a novel," he said. "But I'll keep it simple. Above all else I would like to thank them for letting me be myself, no matter what."

To learn more, visit www.hulu.com/the-path, or www.imdb.com/name/nm6563873/

Golden Follies' Rousing Show at the Firehouse

The Golden Follies variety show returns to Pleasanton in a new show titled "Curtains Up!" The troupe plays the Firehouse Arts Center in two big shows, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, both at 2:00 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance.

With new routines in a new show, the Las Vegas-style revue features a large 25 member cast of seasoned performers ages 60-91 from all over Northern California. According to co-founder and director Susan Bostwick the show is "full of talent, energy and pizzazz, and packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies, striking women, and a rousing, flag waving tribute to our fabulous USA." Glamorously

costumed, the troupe execute stylish choreography as they tap, kick, strut and dazzle with their radiant smiles and showmanship. Featured with the Golden Follies will be S.F. chanteuse Wiggly Darlington.

The Golden Follies was founded 18 years ago by sister team Diane Stawicki and Susan Bostwick, who are 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."



Golden Follies return to Pleasanton.

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."

Annual Bonsai Society Show at Alden Lane

The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore.

A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled.

For additional information, contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Preview of Summer Productions at the Library

A preview of Livermore Shakespeare Festival's productions of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* and Shakespeare's *The Tempest* will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. today, Thurs., June 16 at the Livermore Civic Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Producing Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and company members will share rehearsal strategies and practices, demonstrating some of the fascinating processes that create a professionally staged production.

The program is presented as part of the Friends of the Livermore Library Authors and Arts Series. There is no admission charge.

For information about the full productions, go to www.livermoreshakes.org



Nominate a Local Hero

Nominations are being accepted for two local heroes who will be recognized on stage during the Rock Stars & Stripes concerts Aug. 6 and 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

The American Rock Experience takes audiences on a rock 'n roll road trip across America with a full-blown live concert celebration of the greatest American rock music of all time. Featuring vocalist/guitarist David Victor, formerly of the multi-platinum band BOSTON, this patriotic rock takes the audience to the musical hotbeds of the U.S. and honors both the hometown heroes who have served communities and the artists who created our soundtrack of freedom.

To nominate a hero, submit a paragraph or two (250 words MAX) about why the person is inspirational, along with a photo of the nominee to krista.white@cityofpleasantonca.gov using the subject line "Hometown Hero-[Nominee Name]," or call 925-931-4847.

Deadline to submit a local hero's name is July 6. Winning nominators will also receive free ticket to concert.

More info, go to www.firehousearts.org, <http://rockstarsandstripesshow.com>

Historic Depot to Be Moved

On Tuesday May 31, Livermore's Planning Commission gave the final approval for the relocation and refurbishment rehabilitation of the historic railroad depot. The depot, which sits in the parking lot at L-Street and Railroad Ave., will be relocated to the transportation center, adjacent to the railroad tracks. It will be returned to service as Livermore's depot for ACE trains and LAVTA (Wheels) buses.

The original Transcontinental Railroad came across Livermore's (Altamont) Pass. A station was built on twenty acres of ranchland donated to the railroad by William Mendenhall. That station became the nexus of the town of Livermore, which grew up around it. Rail service, which began in September 1869, helped change Livermore from a frontier outpost to a thriving village. The major cities in the region, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento, which had been several days away by wagon, were now only hours away by train.

A small depot building constructed at the station in 1870 burned to the ground in 1891. The present depot



Southern Pacific Railroad's Livermore depot, in 1969, looking very much as it will again after the refurbishment. Photo by John Harder courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

building was completed, by the Central Pacific Railroad in 1892 and stands today where it was built. It served passengers until 1941 and freight until 1971. In 1976 the tracks were moved away from the depot several blocks to the north. In 1973 the Southern Pacific Railroad started demolition of the depot. The newly formed Livermore Heritage Guild interceded preventing its total destruction,

though they did not have the wherewithal to convert it to a museum.

Since 1973 the depot has seen many uses and changes. It initially became a restaurant that failed after a few years. It was subsequently a real estate office, architect's office, dance studio, interspersed with periods of dereliction and homeless hangout. It was most recently and is currently the office for

Livermore Downtown Inc. Physical changes to the building have for the most part not been historically relevant or accurate. Much of the historic fabric of the structure was covered or removed.

Once the building is relocated it will be refurbished to serve many more passengers than ever before, but no freight. The exterior will be restored to look as it did for much of

its history. The interior had been largely stripped by previous owners. It will be reconfigured to best serve its repurposed need using all existing original materials and original designs wherever possible. The passenger waiting area will include a historic display.

This project has been awarded Federal Surface

Transportation Program funds via a Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transportation for Livable Communities grant. The City of Livermore is managing the project, in addition the City will continue to and now owns and will manage the depot into the future.

Heritage Guild to Host Talk on History of the Depot

Livermore Heritage Guild is hosting the second in its series of Summer History Talks on June 22, 2016 at the Livermore Main Library at 7:00pm.

Local Resident Alan Frank will be presenting: Livermore's Railroad Depot, History, Refurbishment and Reuse.

Frank will provide the audience a history of the changes and the plans for the future of the depot.

He is a retired from LLNL where he was a Physicist

and project leader. He recently retired as Curator and Historian for the Niles Railway, where he led the project to restore the 1884 Sunol Depot.

Additionally, he was a founder of Livermore Valley Opera and past president of the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

The event is free of charge. The Livermore is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Donations gladly accepted.

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TELEVISION

“Grace and Frankie” Season 2

by Linda Milanese

Netflix recently released its second season of “Grace and Frankie.” I’m certain the series will continue for as many seasons as its aging cast can handle.

Season one introduced Grace (Jane Fonda) and Frankie (Lily Tomlin), who are forced to live together after their husbands, Robert (Martin Sheen) and Sol (Sam Waterston), divorce them to marry each other after a secret 20-year relationship.

It’s a comedy with most of its humor based on the odd-couple pairing of the two women. Grace is an uptight Type A, and Frankie is a pot-smoking artist.

The first season ended with wedding preparations for the men and a tentative acceptance by the women. I feared then that the writers’ work was done for these septuagenarians, and another season could only deteriorate into a frivolous TV sitcom.

Last year in a TV interview, Jane Fonda said the show is about aging and the ability to go on and live life after a trauma. She said it shows “how you can come through a crisis and be forgiving and be OK and still love life.” Season 2 goes a step further: yes, it shows that life goes on, but it also shows that time is running out.

They’re in their 70s and could easily surrender to their La-Z-Boy loungers and give up any hope for a future. Instead, this season we see the women still very much in the game of life, facing their old age with vibrant optimism—not only with a *carpe diem* mindset but with a refusal to compromise or settle for anything less than what they really want.

The new season introduces some serious subjects into the comedy to further remind them to enjoy their golden years. Significant subjects like a heart attack, euthanasia, alcoholism, and dementia are touched on; and, thus, make the tone less wacky than that of Season one. When Robert and Sol reconcile after a long fight, Sol says, “There’s only so much time we have left, and look how much time we’ve wasted.”

There’s still plenty to laugh at.

Like Frankie’s negotiations with Brianna, Grace’s daughter who’s running her mother’s cosmetics company now, on how to market her female lubricant. Frankie’s initial happiness at entering the business world shows her thinking of catchy names for her product like “Vagiacadabra” and “Slip N’Side.” Her happiness takes a turn when she realizes the formula has been tampered with to include palm oil to extend its shelf life—an ingredient that goes against her environmental principles. Harkening back to her ‘60s activism, Frankie indulges in some unexpected Guerrilla Theater at an important business meeting, smearing ketchup blood everywhere. When that doesn’t work, she returns with her lawyer son Nwabudike (“Bud”) looking for a loophole in the contract with Brianna—“I’m hopped up on ginkgo biloba and ready to rumble!”

Eventually, Frankie relents and says, “The whole point of my lube is to have less friction in the world. I’m sick

of fighting.” But she draws a firm line at allowing the product to carry her intimate “self portrait” which closely resembles Georgia O’Keeffe’s flower art.

Speaking of which, the women often say the “V words” aloud (v-g-na and v-br-tor), so be forewarned. In fact, they entertain the idea of creating v-br-tors for women with arthritis.

There’s so much I like about this new season of “Grace and Frankie”—good laughs, weightier subjects, a clearer direction, and more defined characters.

I like that the women remain very different from each other but are no longer adversarial. They’ve moved on past their husbands’ betrayal; they’ve grown and become friends . . . most of the time. When Frankie learns about a true love from Grace’s past, she says, “Tell me more. I always thought you were my uptight friend who led an uninteresting life. Now I know you were my uptight friend who might have been interesting.”

I like the changes that the Jane Fonda character experiences this season. At one point she gets rid of her old clothes right around the time she decides to ditch her old “friends” who talk badly about Frankie. Once she wore the same shapeless beige sweater for two episodes—her frozen hairdo stayed in place, but at least she wasn’t focused on her wardrobe.

I like the funny little details that are part of every scene.

For example, the women are jealous of the extravagant wedding gifts they see piled up in their ex-husbands’ house. Guilt-free, they steal the unopened Vitamix blender they’ve always wanted.

Or when Coyote’s birth mother, a fundamentalist Christian, comes to lunch to meet the family—Frankie, Sol, and Bud. She brings Frankie a hostess gift—a figurine of Jesus playing soccer with children.

“I don’t have one of these!” exclaims Frankie. “You’d think he’d trip on that robe.”

“What kind of Christians are y’all?” asks Crystal.

“The Jewish kind.”

“Oh, the original Christians!”

Or the scene where Bud pretends to text a mock message to the entire wedding guest list including way too much disastrous information that would open up about five cans of worms and . . . bam! . . . it accidentally gets sent. A catastrophe until they find out that “auto-correct,” that gratuitous feature on smart phones, has reworded the message into complete gibberish.

Fingers crossed these old actors don’t break a hip because I’m looking forward to many more seasons with them. The downside is there are only thirteen 30-minute episodes in Season two, and since they’re produced by Netflix, they’re all released at the same time. It’s too tempting to binge-watch the 6 ½ hours in a couple of days and then have to wait another year for more.

But I’m planning to rewatch it from the beginning. It’s that good.

Three Scholarships Granted

Livermore Filipino-American Organization presented scholarship awards to three graduating senior students during their May festival on May 21 held at the Asbury Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

First place went to Jared Maranon of Granada High School who received \$1,000; second place is Mariel Chiong of Livermore Charter School who received \$750; and third place is Nicholas Sobrepena who received \$500. “These three students are highly motivated and talented. We are proud to give these scholarship awards and wish them well in college,” says Raquel Holt, scholarship committee chair.

Jared Maranon of Granada High School is a member of the school symphony band and received outstanding recognitions in his freshman and sophomore years and Outstanding Musician in the Jazz Band in his junior year. He plays the saxophone. Jared has earned a GPA of 4.19 and plans to enter the University of San Diego this fall.

Mariel Chiong of Livermore Valley Charter School was president of the school council in her sophomore and junior years, and is a member of the following organizations: Thespian Troupe, Interact, and Feminist Club. She garnered three Best of Class and seven first place awards for digital photography at the 2015 Alameda County Fair. With a GPA of 3.9, she will attend Santa Fe University of Art and Design.

Nicholas Sobrepena of Livermore Valley Charter School is with the school’s Thespian Group, ran with the school’s track team, and at graduation received his 200+ hour honor cord for community service. He has also earned the Life rank in



Jared Maranon



Nicholas Sobrepena



Mariel Chiong

Boy Scouts. Nicholas has been taking classes at Las Positas College and will continue at the college until he transfers to a university. He has a GPA of 3.8.

Las Positas College Foundation Gala Raises over \$100,000



Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology Program Coordinator David Everett receives the "Best of the Best 2016" best wine pairing award from Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. Attendees of the Foundation's annual fundraiser vote on their favorite restaurant/winery pairing.

Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director, Kenneth Cooper, announced that the 13th Annual "Best of the Best" Gala, held on Saturday, April 23rd at the college, raised over \$100,000 for the benefit of the LPC campus community. Held annually as a fundraiser for the LPC Foundation, the Best of the Best gala highlighted local eateries, including Posada Contemporary Southwestern restaurant and Casse-Croûte Bakery and Livermore Valley wineries while showcasing students in LPC's dance, theater, vocal, music and interpretive speaking departments.

At the black tie optional event, over 200 guests, includ-

ing civic and educational leaders, new and long-time supporters of the LPC campus and community, had the opportunity to vote on the People's Choice Award for their favorite food item and wine before enjoying student performances and capping off the evening with champagne and desserts.

"Each year our Foundation Board, comprised of community leaders, dedicates many volunteer hours planning for our signature fundraising event. This year's Best of the Best brought together some of the area's finest wineries and restaurants allowing guests to savor cuisine from throughout the Tri-Valley," said Cooper. "We also enjoyed highlighting our excellent academic programs at Las Positas College. Students from our Performing Arts program wowed attendees with numbers from the musical "Chicago" and guests also heard how our faculty and staff provide innovative programs to increase LPC student success."

In addition to ticket sales and a pre-event online auction, a special "Fund-A-Need" auction held at the event raised over \$12,000 in support of the College's innovative "Math Jam" program. "The funds raised from The Best of the Best are so important because we use them to address the most critical unmet needs in our college community," said LPC President Barry Russell. "That includes scholarships, innovation grants and support for programs that provide truly exceptional educational experiences for our students and campus community."

Bidders had the opportunity to win tickets to the Battle of the Bay (San Francisco Giants versus Oakland Athletics), two Disney Resort one-day park hopper passes, two season passes to the Mertes Center for the Arts and a Castlewood Golf Package, among other fantastic auction items that include winery, restaurant and excursion packages.

Proceeds from the Best of the Best will benefit the students, staff, faculty and community, which LPC serves by supporting students who would otherwise be unable to afford many of the expenses of attending college including textbooks, living costs, and family support. Most of



Zephyr Bar & Grill Manager Brittany Thompson Accepts the "Best of the Best 2016" favorite restaurant award from Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. Attendees of the Foundation's annual fundraiser vote on their favorite restaurant/winery pairing.

the food, wine, liquor and auction items for the event were donated and the lighting, decorations and rentals for the event were provided at or below cost to minimize overhead and ensure the maximum funds reach student beneficiaries.

Zephyr Bar & Grill and the Las Positas College Cellars were voted the best restaurant and winery pairing by event attendees.

Top sponsors of this event were: Platinum: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, and Sandia National Laboratories; Gold: TopCon.



Livermore students gathered with family and friends earlier this month at the Shea Homes Plaza in beautiful downtown Livermore to celebrate becoming 2016 Pedrozzi Scholars – recent awardees of Pedrozzi Scholarships. The Pedrozzi Foundation awarded \$437,000 to 114 Livermore students who will be attending an array of community colleges, universities and vocational training programs in the fall. (Photo - John Lankes)

Recognition Program Celebrates 25th Year at Sandia

High School Girls Recognized for Math, Science Accomplishments

Celeste Rohlfling, chief operating officer at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), presented Sandia National Laboratories' 25th annual Math and Science Awards to 28 young women from San Francisco Bay Area high schools. Rohlfling, a chemist at Sandia for 11 years, was one of the original founders of the awards.

"I am very proud of the hard work and academic accomplishments of this year's winners," said Marianne Walck, vice president of Sandia's California site. "I hope this award and the connections made with Sandia mentors will inspire and encourage them throughout their professional journeys."

The Math and Science Awards program encourages high-achieving young women to continue studying STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects and creates mentoring opportunities with Sandia employees. Teachers from 15 northern California high schools in Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca and Oakland nominated students they deemed outstanding in math

and science.

"Twenty-five years ago we realized that while young women were excelling in their high school math and science classes, we weren't seeing them in similar numbers in senior positions in industry or academia. The Math and Science Awards was our way of helping to address that problem," said Cathy Branda, one of the awards' organizers and manager of the Systems Biology group.

The winners were recognized with certificates from Sandia and State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

Those honored, families and teachers mingled with Sandia researchers and learned about different careers in math and science. Kicking off the ceremony, Rohlfling spoke about the history of the awards program and her career path, which also included serving as the assistant director for physical sciences at the White House Office of Science and Technology and deputy assistant director at the National Science Foundation.

"I gave the inaugural address at the first Math and Science Awards 25 years ago," said Rohlfling. "I am overjoyed to see that



Celeste Rohlfling, chief operating officer at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, congratulates Audrey Kurz, a student at Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory, for her outstanding achievement in math. Rohlfling was one of the founders of Sandia's Math and Science Awards. (Photo - Randy Wong)

these awards have not just endured but become bigger and better."

Rachelle Hamblin shared her journey from Math and Science awardee to college intern to technologist in the Systems Biology group. She credited her exposure to the people and research at Sandia with inspiring her to pursue a dual medical degree and master's degree in public health at the University of Texas at San

taking advantage of the exciting years to come. "Keep an open mind, never take 'no' for an answer, be innovative," said Hamblin. "And network, network, network."

The winners of the 2016 Sandia Math and Science Awards are:

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics: Alyse Coonce, Amador Valley High School; Ana Lapota, Coliseum College Prep Academy; Liubou Klindziuk, Dublin High School; Emily Allendorf, Granada High School; Rania Ibrahim, John C. Kimball High School; Ayzher Ocsona, Lathrop High School; Samantha Dukes, Livermore High School; Audrey Kurz, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory; Jasmine Jaring Angeles, Merrill F. West High School; Dayanara Salinas, Millennium High School; Margaret Austin, Oakland Tech High School;

Eunice Han, Skyline High School; and, Alexandra Uskov, Tracy High School

Outstanding Achievement in Science: Sandhya Kalavacherla, Amador Valley High School; Naomi Montenegro, Coliseum College Prep Academy; Navya Peddireddy, Dublin High School; Allison Kifer, Granada High School; Autumn Armstrong, John C. Kimball High School; Farhat Khairzadah, Lathrop High School; Raina Jaing, Livermore High School; Shannon Meyer, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory; Jordan Hensley, Manteca High School; Jennifer Lukban, Merrill F. West High School; Alexis Diaz, Millennium High School; Merissa Bridgeman, Oakland Tech High School; Miranda Becerra, Sierra High School; Tiffany Wong, Skyline High School; Erika Pulliam, Tracy High School

Antonio.

She imparted some advice to the awardees for

Dublin Leadership Academy Planned This fall

Beginning this fall, the City of Dublin will host Inside Dublin, a leadership academy designed to provide community members with advanced knowledge of municipal operations and community activities.

Residents interested in the program are encouraged to apply now to be part of the 2016 Inside Dublin class. The goal of the academy is to inform the participants about City services and the issues (present and future) facing the community, and to encourage community involvement at all levels. The program will include presentations on topics such as public safety, infrastructure, education, local government, and community services.

Inside Dublin is a seven-week program (six Thursday evenings, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and one Saturday field trip) beginning Saturday, October 1, 2016. Class size is limited to the first 20 candidates (candidates must be 18 years of age or older, and live or work in Dublin).

Interested parties may contact Taryn Gavagan Bozzo, Executive Aide, at 925-833-6650, or complete an application on the City's website at <http://www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin>.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Croce Elementary School in Livermore held its annual hoedown last Wednesday, June 8. Students, who had been practicing their square dance moves entertained visitors and parents. The hoedown is held each year during Rodeo Week in Livermore.

Family Days Programs Begin with Life on the Ranch on June 18

Museum on Main announces 2016 Family Days, free weekend events open to the public where children, parents, and grandparents, enjoy hands-on history fun. Adults and children will take part in activities such as crafts and art activities, demonstrations, music and other special treats. Activities at Family Days are free of charge. No reservations are required. The first family day is this Saturday, June 18th.

2016 Family Days:

Life on the Ranch- Saturday, June 18th from 11am – 1:00pm: Bring boots and spurs to the Museum on Main for an afternoon of family fun on the ranch. Learn what it was like to live in an adobe structure during the California and Rancho periods of California's history. The entire family will be able to practice roping skills, build adobe bricks, make butter from scratch, decorate and

stamp leather and much more.

Kids just want to have fun.- Saturday, July 16th from 11am – 1:00 pm: Learn how children had fun in the past and try your hand at some old time toys and games. There will be a game of graces, tabletop nine pins, vintage old maid, dominos, hopscotch, and much more. There will also be stations where everyone can make their own old time toy and doll to take home.

Life in the City- Saturday, August 20th from 11am - 1pm: The hustle and bustle of historic Pleasanton will be the focus of an afternoon of fun activities and demonstrations. While at the museum, stop by the "milliner" to make a hat or the "barber" to get a shave. Other activities include washing clothes at the "laundry," gambling at the "saloon," and practicing letters at "Pleasanton's first

school," and matching historic pictures of Pleasanton with modern images.

Plant and Animal life in Pleasanton- Saturday, September 17th from 11am - 1pm: The museum is partnering with the Alviso Adobe Park for a day of fun at the Museum on Main. This will be an afternoon of learning about the plant and animal life in the Amador Livermore Valley. Pet a tarantula, plant native seeds for your garden, and learn how generations of people living in Pleasanton used the land to survive.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.



Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, along with the Foothill High School chapter of the Secular Student Alliance, celebrated "Week of Action," by taking action to do something positive in our community. Members brought donations for the youth living at the Avalon Program at Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland, CA. The program serves adolescents in a specialized residential program for low income youth with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems. For donations, the group collected games, books, and art supplies, along with necessities like toothpaste, shampoo, and body wash.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Mony Nop Foundation presented four checks in the amount of \$7000 to four different non-profit organizations at Joe Michell School. The organizations were chosen because they meet the Mony Nop Foundation's mission, particularly in the areas of arts, athletic, and leadership.

Foundation Presents Grants

The Mony Nop Foundation (MNF) has announced its Leading the Way Scholarship Awards for 2016. The foundation is awarding \$7,000 to four different organizations or schools whose programs or projects align with the Mony Nop Foundation mission to support youth in the areas of arts, athletics and leadership education.

The awards ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 8:45 am, at Joe Michell School, Livermore.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) receives \$2,000 of MNF funding to enable up to 200 students and accompanying teachers to attend sporting events. See www.lvef.org for more information regarding LVEF's support for LVJUSD programs.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival was given \$2,000 of MNF funding to support the organization's "So Wise, So Young" in-school education program serving all second graders throughout the LVJUSD. This 10-week, districtwide program introduces students to William Shakespeare and his history. Students

learn about Shakespearian scenes and themes along with language study using the text of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The program was created to align with Common Core Literacy standards. See <http://livermoreshakes.org/in-school-programs> for more information.

Joe Michell School Leadership Program received \$2,000 of MNF funding to support the school's leadership education for students enrolled in the fourth through eighth grades, led by Julie Ashworth. For more information about Joe Michell School, see <https://joemichell.schoolloop.com>

Joe Michell School received an additional \$1,000 of MNF funding to support the school's involvement with Discovering East Africa Classroom Connection program, whose mission is to connect classes of students around the world with students and programs in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. MNF funding will be designated to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students in these three countries in Africa.

The award is designed to offer LVJUSD students the opportunity to learn about countries outside of the United States and to experience the value of becoming leaders by connecting with and making a positive impact on other students' lives around the world. See www.discoveryineastafrica.org for more information about Discovering East Africa.

The foundation's leadership development programs encourage students to realize their aspirations to "lead the way" in the future. To date, the organization has provided leadership training to over 350 middle and high school students through day-long programs at LVJUSD middle schools.

For more information, contact Mony Nop, Founder and President, at monynopfoundation.org or (925) 575-1602. See www.monynopfoundation.org for information about MNF Leadership Programs. The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID# 46-2438663. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

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 CPA's 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.

The Romance of the California Ranch, a photographic exhibit by Susan Gerber. Cuda Ridge Wines, through June 30. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appointment by calling 510-304-0914.

Feeling Good: Art of Local Artists, juried fine art exhibit showcases works by members of Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association. May 4 to June 27, noon to 6 p.m. the visitors area of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No admission charge. Art and wine reception Sun., June 5, 1 to 4 p.m.

Backyard Beauty, New multi-platform invitational exhibit opens at the Harrington Gallery June 15, on display through July 13. With the inspiration of plant life, insects and other backyard commonalities, the 7 artists in this installation have included pieces in glass sculpture, oils, acrylic, watercolors, graphite, and metalwork. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Suggested \$5 donation.

"Spectrum" at the Blackhawk Gallery, May 6-July 10 2016. Open to the public. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville; 648-8023 www.blackhawk-gallery.org

From My Heart, paintings and drawing by artist Kathleen Hill. June 1 through June 30. An artist's reception, which is open to the public, will be June 5 from 1-3 pm at the winery located at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, in Livermore.

To the Point 11 showcases the work of Maryann Kot and 21 of her students, featuring images of plants, birds, animals and other subjects. Included in the display is an informative panel

describing the process of creating a lifelike drawing. The show is also open for viewing through July 10 at Berkshire Hathaway HomeService realty, 1983 Second St., Livermore during regular business hours or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com.

Asian American Women Artists Association, art exhibition, July 28-Sept. 3, Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception, July 28, 7 to 9 p.m. www.firehousearts.org.

Art Under the Oaks, July 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association, art demonstrations, entertainment, etc. No admission charge.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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 some of 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, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge /The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. 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/>

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks

offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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 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.GalinaMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2016 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 and families, 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.

WINE & SPIRITS

Valley Humane Society's 2016 Yappy Hour, local venues compete to see who can raise the most money to help homeless dogs and cats. June 18, noon to 7 pm, Eight Bridges Brewing, Inc., 332 Earhart Way, Livermore. June 23, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., McKays Taphouse and Beer Garden, 252 Main St., Pleasanton. <http://valleyhumane.org>

Nottingham Cellars, Live music Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., wine by the glass and bottle, 5 to 8 p.m. Schedule: 6/16, Kylie Thomasson; 6/23, Eric Eckstein; 6/30, Tom Duarte. Saturday music on the patio 1 to 4 p.m. 6/18, Kylie Thomasson; 6/25, Chris LeBel. June 30 6-9pm Music in the Orchard at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa returns for its 4th season benefitting The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation. Meredith and the Mercenaries return as the series opener. Food will be available from Sauced, wine from Nottingham Cellars and beer from Altamont Beerworks. Tickets \$14 presale online www.purpleorchid.com \$20 at the door. Tickets may

also be pre-purchased at Nottingham Cellars. Outside Beer, Wine and Food Prohibited.

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., June 17. Evening in the Vineyards concert, 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Kingsborough. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages, along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase (sorry no outside food & beverages permitted) To purchase tickets please visit www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited. Sat., June 18, featured food pairing flight of Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight. Sun., June 19, Celebrate Father's Day with a special Hot Dog, Sausage, Potato Chip & Wine Pairing Flight. Tasting Room will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com



Music by Maddy Hudson at Cedar Mountain

Grill & Chill, Summer BBQ & Music Events, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works; 6 to 9 p.m., bring own food to grill. Wine by the glass/bottle and non alcoholic beverages, salami, cheese, and crackers will be available for purchase. Call for more information at (925) 373-6636. Fee is \$5 per/person. (cash collected when parking). All fees go to the band. No outside alcohol on the premises. June 17: Maddy Hudson; July 16: Bigfoot & The Moon Bandits. August 20: band TBD; Sept. 3: Chris Ahlman; Sept. 17: band TBD. 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards, A Vintage Father's Day Celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun., June 19. Special "Dad's only tasting" of Vintage 2006 Tawny Port at the outside wine bar. Challenge Dad to a game of corn hole and enjoy watching him as he shows his skills at the famous dart board game. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville), Livermore.

Last Friday Sip by Sunset, Rodrigue Molyneux Winery invites neighbors and Club members to Last Friday Sip By Sunsets. On Friday, June 24 from 5 to 8 PM, come enjoy a glass or bottle of wine. Try especially summer-friendly wines, including our 2013 Pinot Grigio, 2012 Nebbiolo and 2011 Sangiovese. Last Friday Sip by Sunset start Friday June 24, 5 to 8 PM. If you can't come by in June mark calendars for Friday, July 29 and Friday, August 26. Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery and Vineyard, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards, "4th Friday" Free

Summer Concert Series continues on the patio. Unwind and rock on Friday, June 24th from 6pm - 9pm with "Greg Lamboy's" awesome acoustic rock! No outside alcoholic beverages please, but picnics are welcomed. Upcoming concerts: July 22nd with "Souled Out" - August 26th with KNR Band - September 23 with Afterglow. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (end of Greenville) in Livermore.

Album Preview Party, 11 a.m. July 2, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery. Hear the newest live music from Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters and Crawford Republic. Doors open at 11am. Wines by the glass and bottle and food from The Wood Fire Kitchen available for purchase. No outside beverages or food permitted. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore Valley. www.wentevineyards.com

Summer Wine Stroll, Downtown Pleasanton, July 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Pleasanton Downtown Association, information at www.pleasantondowntown.net

Taste Our Terroir, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, July 21-24. July 21, annual food and wine pairing, Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. Thursday night tickets VIP \$125, \$85 (\$95 after July 14th); weekend event tickets \$35-\$125.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Concerts In The Park, June 3 to August 26, 7 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets, downtown Pleasanton. No admission charge. Pleasanton Downtown Association. www.pleasantondowntown.net

Evenings on the Green, series of free performances Tuesday evenings from June through August 16 on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

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.

Ira Stein Trio, The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the Ira Stein Trio in concert from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Ira Stein on piano, Joe Hébert on cello, and Dann Zinn on soprano saxophone, will perform improvisations on Bach chorales and original compositions. Suggested donation is \$10. For information, go to catholicofpleasanton.org.

Bee Gees Gold - A Tribute to the Bee Gees, At Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Sunday, June 19, 2:00 p.m. show added. John Acosta's Bee Gees Gold Tribute is the ultimate salute, and delivers a complete live

concert that is authentic and engaging, much like the experience of seeing the Bee Gees in their prime. Saturday, June 18 (sold out). ADDED SHOW: Sunday, June 19, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets \$20, \$25, \$30. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Curtain Up- The Golden Follies Revue. 2 big shows: Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, both shows 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in



Shawnette Sulker

Opera in the Park

The East Bay regional opera company Festival Opera is bringing its Opera in the Park to San Ramon. Festival Opera is partnering with the City of San Ramon to present a family-friendly summer after-noon of fine music, picnic lunches, and a Community Fair featuring children's activities. It's all still free.

Featured artists include soprano Shawnette Sulker. Musical director and emcee is conductor John Kendall Bailey.

The event will be held Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m. The program gets underway at 4 p.m. in the amphitheater, so arrive early to stake out a good spot. Chairs, blankets, coolers, non-alcoholic beverages and food are all welcome, but note that no alcohol or cooking gear is permitted in the park.

San Ramon Central Park is located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon.

For more information, visit www.festivalopera.org or call 925-944-9610.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Drunken Shakespeare, featuring the Bard's famous drinking scenes, will be performed on Thursday, June 16th at 6 p.m. on the new bandstand in Carnegie Park during Livermore Downtown Inc.'s Thirsty Thursday at the Farmers Market. There is no charge. Pictured are (from left) Nikolai Lokteff, Caitlin Evenson and Gregg Le Blanc. The public is invited to attend. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com.

Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$15, \$20, \$25. The sparkling Las Vegas-style revue features seasoned performers ages 60-91 from all over northern California. Full of energy and pizzazz, the show is packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies, striking women and a rousing, flag waving tribute to the USA. Featured with the Golden Follies will be S.F. chanteuse Wiggy Darlington. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Well Strung, July 8, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Evening with George Winston, 8 p.m. July 23, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

The New Christy Minstrels, July 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

John Waite, The Wooden Heart Tour, 8 p.m. July 29, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Joni Morris Presents: A Tribute to the Music Of Patsy Cline, 2 p.m. July 31, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

ON THE STAGE

Preview of Livermore Shakespeare Festival's productions of Jane Austen's Persuasion and Shakespeare's The Tempest. Thursday, June 16

7-8PM, Livermore Civic Center Library. Producing Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and company members will share rehearsal strategies and practices, demonstrating some of the fascinating processes that create a professionally staged production. 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. No admission charge.

Charley's Aunt '66, Douglas Morrison Theatre presents Staged Reading of Charley's Aunt '66 by Scott Munson, after Brandon Thomas. The fourth Bare Bones series in the 2015-2016 Season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. June 27, 2016; 8 p.m. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents The Winter's Tale for its 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park. Performances in Pleasanton are July 2-17 on Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at Amador Valley Park. Admission is free. For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit www.sfshakes.org

2016 Livermore Shakespeare Festival, The Tempest by William Shakespeare, Jane Austen's Persuasion, adapted by Jennifer Le Blanc. July 7 - August 7, 2016 Preview of Persuasion on July 7, Persuasion Opening Night Performance on July 8th. Persuasion performances are July 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, and 24 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 7th. The Benefit Gala, Auction and Performance of Persuasion will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 5:00 PM with the performance at

8PM. Preview of The Tempest will be on July 21st, with performances of The Tempest on July 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, August 4, 5, 6, and 7 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 21st. All performances begin at 7:30PM with the exception of the Benefit Performance of Persuasion on Saturday, July 16th at 8PM. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. \$50- \$25. Benefit performance with dinner and auction on July 16th \$150. Livermore Shakes Family Night (Persuasion) on July 7th (The Tempest) on July 21st; Family Night Kids Tickets \$5 Pre-Show Buffet Price: \$49/person added to price of show ticket - available July 9, 23, 30 and August 6. (925) 443-BARD or www.LivermoreShakes.org

Mary Poppins, weekends July 16 through 31, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Las Positas College, outdoor summer music, food trucks, July 28-31, 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.laspositascollege.edu

Bound East for Cardiff presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville on July 30-31. Tickets for public performances will be available online at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's website at www.eugeneoneill.org in March.

COMEDY

Stand Up Against Cancer Comedy Fundraiser (ages 16 and up) 8 p.m. July 9, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

Dublin "Picnic Fliix" Free Summer Movie Series at Emerald Glen Park. Food, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 PM, and movies begin at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets. June 24: Minions (PG); July 22: The Goonies (PG); August 19: Frozen (PG). For more information, call 925-556-4500.

Movies in the Park, free, all begin at dusk. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. July - Minions, PG; July 14, Labyrinth, PG; July 21 - Mulan, G; July 28 - Inside Out, PG; Aug. 4 - Ant Man, PG-13; Aug. 11 - ET the Extra Terrestrial, PG. <http://cityofpleasantonca.gov>

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyards, 5 p.m. July 17, Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Casual "bring your own picnic" event. Sampling of favorite arias sung by talented Bay Area opera singers 925-462-6964 www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com

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*.

Alameda County Fair, "Spirit of Summer," June 15 to July 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibitions, entertainment, extreme sports, food, etc. www.alamedacountyfair.com

Bonsai Show, Valley Bonsai Society Annual Show. Going on June 18th and 19 starting at 1:00 PM you can see master artists demonstrate and display bonsai styles and techniques at Alden lane nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Not only the demonstration tree but other items and prizes are also going to be raffled off. Admission is free

Hagemann Ranch Open House, Sponsored by the Livermore Heritage Guild. July 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore. All welcome. Free admission. Featuring Cece Otto, 21st Century Vaudeville Singer; free BBQ, 1944 fire engine, games and petting zoo, meet volunteers, site tours and historic displays, raffles. Meet Ranch partners, Del Arroyo 4-H, Fertile GroundWorks, and Sunflower Hill; Special guest: Cactus Corner Youth Square Dancers; Livermore Heritage Guild HistoryMobile.

4th of July Family Fun Fireworks Celebration July 4th, 2016 Livermore Downtown, 4pm Street Closure - 9:30pm Fireworks. www.livermore-downtown.com

An Evening With... Emperor Norton, Tuesday, July 12, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Annual Benefit Gala at Wente Vineyards, July 16, dinner, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Fund-a-need will benefit Livermore Shakespeare Festival's youth education programs. At 8pm, guests watch Jane Austen's Persuasion. Tickets and information at livermoreshakes.org

Innovation Tri-Valley's Innovation Forum & Expo, July 28, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Livermore

Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon Series. For tickets or additional information, go to www.livermorechamber.org

Entries Being Accepted for Annual Pooch Parade

The 19th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 In downtown Pleasanton.

This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" Sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration begins at 5PM and the parade starts at 6PM at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter any size pooch in any of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide

Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org.

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EDUCATION

Nicole Yozzo of Pleasanton, was among the students who received the Contribution to Student Life Award at Lehigh University in Spring 2016. This award recognizes students who have significantly contributed to improving of the quality of student life during their time at Lehigh. Criteria includes: good academic standing and specific contributions to student life through involvement in campus activities, academic initiatives, student governance, community service, leadership and their pursuits to support and empower their peers.

Oregon State University will hold its 147th commencement on Saturday, June 11.

Local students graduating this June from Oregon State include: Dublin: Julie M. Leonard, Bachelor of Science, Speech Communication.

Livermore: Joseph D. Iacono, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design; Barret C. Neumayr, Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering Management.

Pleasanton: Ronald H. Capilla, Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering Management; Sara D. Howard, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Management; Kyle A. Monson, Bachelor of Science, Business Information Systems; Olivia R. Pipitone, Master of Public Health, Public Health; Dean A. Rosenberg, Bachelor of Science, Marketing.

Oklahoma City University has announced that Shilpa Stanley of Dublin, has been named to President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2016 semester. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain a GPA of 3.9 or higher to meet the President's Honor Roll requirements.

Rachel Henderson of Pleasanton, graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, on May 14, 2016. Henderson earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Business. Cardinal Timothy Dolan was the featured Commencement Speaker for the event.

Ani Nahapetian of Pleasanton, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bioengineering from Lehigh University in Spring 2016. During Commencement ceremonies on May 23, 2016, Lehigh conferred 1,159 bachelor's, 519 master's and 80 doctoral degrees to nearly 1,700 graduates.

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Rachel Henderson of Pleasanton, was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, which ended in May. Any full time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average through the spring term is named to the President's list.

Noor Shahzad recently graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in international studies and a minor in economics. Shahzad is the daughter of Shahzad A. Chaudhry and Nighat Shahzad of Livermore.

Kevin Silky earned a spot on the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University. Silky is a Junior Chemistry (Pre-Health - Biochemistry) major from Dublin. Silky was one of 426 students named to the Dean's List. To qualify, a student must complete 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., has named Benjamin Morgan of Livermore to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring 2016 semester. Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Joshua D. Valdivia of Pleasanton was named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Samford University. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Paige Lommerin, Livermore, graduated from Bucknell University on May 22, 2016. Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineer-

ing, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class.

Soo Young Son, of Dublin, was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the Spring 2016 semester. Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

Marie McCoy-Thompson of Pleasanton, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. McCoy-Thompson was initiated at University of Southern California.

An Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) student from Livermore, will be a special presenter at Oregon Tech's commencement ceremony. Jeremiah Lipp will graduate with dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Renewable Energy Engineering and Electrical Engineering and be featured as a graduating speaker.

Simpson University named more than 240 students to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or higher. The following local students were named to the Dean's List:

Ryan Holmes of Livermore. Holmes's major is Mathematics.

Sierra Lout of Pleasanton. Lout's major is Psychology.

Aleia Villanueva of Dublin. Villanueva's major is Pre-Nursing.

Shubhi Badjatiya, who was raised in Pleasanton, received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Financial Women of San Francisco (FWSF) to help her pursue a degree in business and finance at Saint Mary's College. She was honored by San Francisco's financial community at FWSF's Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

FWSF awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 11 undergraduate and graduate students at Bay Area colleges and universities to help further their education for careers in financial services. Of the 11 scholarship recipients, seven are graduate students who will receive \$10,000 each and four are undergraduate students receiving \$5,000 each respectively. Beyond financial support, scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to be mentored by FWSF members and attend career development and networking events.

Of the nearly 9,900 graduates who walked across the stage during San Diego State University's Commencement Ceremonies, only a select group earned recognition as honors graduates.

Based on a 4.0 GPA scale, the distinction of summa cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.8; magna cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.65; and cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.5.

Students earned a summa cum laude distinction include:

Katelyn Madar from Livermore received a degree in Political Science and graduated summa cum laude.

Hope Wortham from Pleasanton received a degree in Interior Design and graduated cum laude.

Kara Matsune from Pleasanton received a degree in Management and graduated cum laude.

Emily Diggins from Pleasanton received a degree in Nursing and graduated magna cum laude.

Emily Alberts from Pleasanton received a degree in Sociology and graduated magna cum laude.

Justin Edward Gibson of Pleasanton, Calif., a junior majoring in civil engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for the 2015 Spring semester have been announced.

To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

Local students on the list are: Livermore: Eric Alan Carnes, Joc-

elyn Natasha Hart, Kyle P. Tucker; Pleasanton: Jamaun Jody Charles, Cassidy Elizabeth Hager, and Brian Michael Soto.

The following students graduated from the University of San Diego on May 22.

Brandon DeFazio of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Economics. DeFazio completed the requirements for graduation in January of this year.

Meghan Hall of Dublin earned a a bachelor's degree in International Relations and English. Hall graduated magna cum laude. Hall participated in the university's Honors Program designed to provide smart, passionate and engaged students with challenges and opportunities to allow them to achieve their intellectual goals.

Allison Pluschkell of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Marketing. Pluschkell graduated magna cum laude.

Jonathon Richardson of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Accountancy.

Christina Sarich of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Sarich completed the requirements for graduation in January of this year.

Sia Stompro of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Neuroscience.

Shreeram Suresh of Dublin earned a a bachelor's degree in Finance and Business Economics. Suresh participated in the university's Honors Program designed to provide smart, passionate and engaged students with challenges and opportunities to allow them to achieve their intellectual goals.

Laura Zollars of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies.

Edward Achziger of Dublin, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Marist College the weekend of May 20.

Scholarship Awarded

Granada High School Senior, Amy Truong, is this year's winner of the \$500.00 scholarship given annually to a Livermore senior by the Livermore Lioness Club. Amy plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry for pre-med and hopes to eventually become a neonatologist.

In addition to her studies, Amy has been the main caretaker for her mother after she suffered an Aneurysm Stroke during Amy's sophomore year. The struggles that followed her mother's rehabilitation included translating medical and pharmaceutical information between her parents and doctors, and keeping the household running smoothly for her father and four siblings.

The Livermore Lioness Club is proud to recognize this outstanding young woman and help her on her way to a full and rewarding life.

The Livermore Lioness Club is sponsored by the

Livermore Lions Club and supports and/or donates to local high school scholarships, The Ronald McDonald House, Tri-Valley Haven, Sheperd's Gate and needy families, veterans, and seniors throughout the year.

New members are welcome all year long. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Rock Restaurant on Wednesday, July 6.



Amy Truong

Milestones

UNCLE Credit Union Announces Election of Board Leaders

UNCLE Credit Union elected Board Chairman Chung Bothwell and Vice Chairman Randy Werner to oversee the financial cooperative for the 2016-2017 term in its mission of promoting the financial success of its members. Bothwell begins her eighth term in this principal role and was elected by unanimous consent, as was Vice Chairman Randy Werner. As veteran officers that have both served in various capacities on the board for more than two decades, Bothwell and Werner are an integral part of a stable leadership team that has guided the credit union on its path of continued growth while ensuring its financial security.

“Both Randy and I are fortunate to serve with a group of individuals who share a deep understanding of the needs of our members, and of the importance of putting the financial well-being of members first in all major decisions,” said Bothwell, who holds an advanced law degree and Master of Business Administration and has more than 33 years of

experience in strategic planning, business operations and financial management.

In addition to Bothwell and Werner’s re-election as key officers of the board, UNCLE elected its former Board Secretary Lee Neely as Treasurer for the 2016-2017 term. Mila Shapovalov, who has served as a director on the board since 2014 and a member of UNCLE’s Supervisory Committee since 2013, succeeds Neely as Secretary. Board Directors Bob Corey and John D. Freeman, Jr. also retained their seats for a third consecutive term as Hugh Bussell was named the board’s newest member.

Former senior police executive Mark Weiss, who served with the Livermore Police Department for 34 years, was also re-elected as Chairman of UNCLE’s Supervisory Committee. Weiss will continue to work in collaboration with other Committee members to safeguard the accuracy of the credit union’s financial statements and soundness of its operating policies and procedures.

Roadrunner Transportation Systems to Locate to Marathon Center

Marathon Business Center in Livermore will be the new home for Roadrunner Transportation Systems that will occupy an 86,700 square foot build-to-suit that’s scheduled to be completed in October 2016.

Scannell Properties is currently developing the modern

warehouse in the Marathon Business Center in Livermore at 7600 Patterson Pass Road. This location is unique as there are few industrial centers in the San Francisco East Bay area that have the capacity for tractor trailer maneuvering, loading and staging along with modern building amenities like ESFR fire suppression system, cross-dock capability, separate employee parking and extensive trailer parking.

Headquartered in Cudahy, Wisconsin, Roadrunner is a leading asset-light transportation and logistics service provider offering a comprehensive suite of global supply chain solutions, including customized and expedited less-than-truckload, truckload logistics, intermodal solutions, freight consolidation, inventory management, expedited services, air freight, international freight forwarding, customs brokerage, and transportation management solutions.

“We are very pleased to be developing a build-to-suit facility for this national company,” said Todd Berryhill, Director, and Scannell Properties. “We’re excited for the opportunity to deliver Roadrunner a modern building that meets their specific needs.”

Hope Hospice Adds Board Member

Ellie Lange, a long-time resident of the Tri-Valley, has been elected to the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. She joins the 15-member board, each of whom is elected to a two-year term, up to three consecutive two-year terms.

“Ellie has been an active volunteer in the local community and has assumed leadership roles with business and civic organizations,” says Craig Eicher, president of the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. “That, along with her business skills, makes her a wonderful resource for Hope Hospice, the community and the families we serve,” he adds.

Currently the owner and manager of several commercial properties in Dublin and Pleasanton, Lange has an extensive residential and commercial real estate background in marketing, sales, training, management and office ownership. Her late husband Jim Lange was a pioneer in the development, building and growth of Dublin’s commercial community.

“In the early days, Hope Hospice’s office was in a building that my husband developed and built. At the end of his life, Hope Hospice was there to guide us through a very difficult time,” says Lange. “We’ve come full circle with Hope Hospice, so my heart is with this organization and I am pleased to be able to make a contribution to the community through serving on the board.”

A graduate of Sonoma State University, Lange has lived in Danville for the past 27 years. Prior to that, she lived in Pleasanton for 24 years. She has four adult children, all of whom live in California with their families.

MILITARY



Tim Darlington

Tim Darlington Serving in the Navy

By Lt. Robert Kearley,
Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs

A 2005 Valley Christian High School graduate and Livermore native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo (CFAS).

Petty Officer 3rd Class Tim Darlington is a personnel specialist serving with the Personnel Support Detachment at Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo, operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

A Navy personnel specialist serves as the expert in pay entitlements, allowances, administrative requirements, and processing for all incoming and outgoing sailors.

“I like helping sailors to maximize their pay and award entitlements, ensuring they receive what they deserve to be paid,” said Darlington.

With more than 50 percent of the world’s shipping tonnage and a third of the world’s crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy’s presence in Sasebo is part of that long-standing commitment.

Including the forward deployed ships, Fleet Activities Sasebo is home to more than 25 commands, and more than 5,900 military members and their families as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces.

“Forward deployed means always being on the ready, while sometimes working in less than desirable circumstances with limited resources to get the job done,” said Darlington.

“Serving in the Navy has taught me new skills, expanding upon my college education and broadening my understanding of the world at-large,” said Darlington.

NEW FACES

The following children were born at Stanford Health-ValleyCare in Pleasanton:

A daughter, April 23, to Shannon Lee French and Derrick Hayes of Tracy

A son, April 7, to Amber Lynn Hobdy and Nicholas Ostrander of Dublin

A son, April 7, to Jessica and Colin Kinlund of Livermore

A daughter, May 8, to Neha and Yogesh Singhal of Pleasanton

A son, April 26, to Stephanie Stemplewski and Joseph Hagen of Dublin

A son, April 11, to Thayara Abibe Zeuss and George Zeuss Hiller of Dublin