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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, bulletin board and milestones.

Supervisors Strongly Object to Carnegie Park Expansion DEIR

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the California State Parks Department criticizing points in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 3300-acre expansion of the 1500-acre Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area (CSVRA),

on Tesla Road.

Supervisors voted at their June 23 meeting, after hearing comments on both sides of the Carnegie expansion issue from a total of 29 speakers. The last day of the state's comment period on the DEIR is June 29.

The motion by Supervisor Nate Miley was to sup-

port a six-page letter written by the Community Development Agency, which pointed out inadequacies in the environmental document.

Among references to inadequacy in the DEIR, the county staff cited the state water board's criticism of its failure to deal properly with water issues. Another

was the state's failure to properly address traffic circulation, which is governed by policies in the county's own plan.

Without the department's DEIR properly responding on these issues, "Alameda County cannot support the project unless the stated concerns are addressed," the

report states.

Assistant planning director Liz McElligott, who worked on the letter, told The Independent that the supervisors made a point of saying "not that they wouldn't support it under any circumstances, but given the documents so far, they

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Scott Haggerty

Haggerty Elected

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, president of the 5-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors, has been elected to serve as second vice-president on the California Association of Councils of Governments by its board of directors at its meeting this month.

Known as CALCOG, its members are comprised of representatives from councils of government (COG) jurisdictions such as the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) with responsibility for regional land use planning; metropolitan planning organizations such as the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) responsible for regional transportation planning, funding and implementation, and county level traffic congestion management agencies and transportation sales tax authorities. Haggerty represents the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) on CALCOG.

"It is an honor to be elected to serve as second vice president on CALCOG," said Haggerty. "CALCOG offers an opportunity to

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Hansen Selected as PUSD Interim Superintendent

Jim Hansen has been selected as the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Interim Superintendent for the 2015/16 school year. He will begin work on July 1.

Hansen replaces Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, who resigned on May 28th.

A press release announcing the appointment thanked Ahmadi for her work. The district anticipates involving the community in a very thorough, inclusive, and transparent process.

Hansen has worked in public education for 34 years, at many different levels, before retiring from PUSD in 2013 as Principal of Amador Valley High School.

Hansen stated, "I look forward to working with my colleagues at PUSD and engaging with the many students, parents, and community members I had the pleasure of meeting over the years, as well as those who are new to Pleasanton."

While the appointment is for a full year, if a permanent superintendent were found, Hansen would leave the post.



Runners head down Main Street at the start of the 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. The event included 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge. Over the years, the race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students. The last two years giving has expanded to include other organizations. Jacob Shoemaker from E. Palo Alto finished first in the 10K with a time of 32:47.7. For another photo, go to page 10.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Moving Forward with Planning for Downtown Area

The Livermore City Council approved moving forward with an agreement with Colliers International-DZT to develop a request for proposal (RFP) and marketing agreement for a variety of uses within an area of the downtown.

The city owns the old Lucky site, across from the Bankhead Theater on the other side of South Livermore Avenue, as well as the parking lot and Speedy

Oil Change sites adjacent to the theater. The RFP would also include the potential to include other properties if owners were willing to participate in any future development plan.

The council vote was unanimous to proceed with having Colliers create a comprehensive RFP that could include the flexibility to allow responders to master plan the area with the "appropriate uses." Suggest-

ions included a luxury hotel and conference-entertainment-event center, housing, and commercial uses, along with a parking garage.

Colliers-DZT was selected for the job because of their local, national and international contacts. The company will be paid up to \$430,000 for the work.

A hotel study is expected to be completed in the next two weeks. It would provide some guidance as to what a

proposal might contain.

City Planner Steve Stewart said the intent is to be flexible to accommodate the size and scale of what might come from a design proposal that is unique.

Councilmember Steve Spedowski had asked if there were only two parcels available. He mentioned that at a previous meeting, Councilmember Stewart Gary had suggested looking

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Zone 7 Approves Nitrate Protection Plan

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency directors have approved a plan designed to keep nitrates from reaching harmful concentrations in the underground water basin.

The board voted unanimously at its meeting June 17 to approve the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). It will be sent on to the State Water Control Board and the Alameda County Environmental Health Department.

The plan identifies five hot spots of nitrates in the Valley. They are at May School Road, Buena Vista Avenue, Greenville Road, Mines Road, and in Happy Valley, where there has been a county-imposed moratorium on building for years.

Animal and human waste are sources of the nitrates that can contaminate water. One approach that would protect the underground water basin from nitrates in rural areas would involve the installation of efficient septic systems. The NMP talks about that, but leaves setting requirements and enforcing them up to the county.

When the NMP first came up for discussion a few months ago, rural landowners were concerned that they would be spending a great deal of money on an upgraded septic system in order to add to a new home.

The landowners wanted (See NITRATE, page 10)

Diamond Park Doesn't Climb Priority List in Dublin

Advocates of moving faster to develop Sean Diamond Park asked the Dublin City Council to try to find money in the coming budget to make it happen.

However, the council in a 4-1 vote stuck to its plans to spend \$500,000 on planning for the East Dublin park in

the 2015-16 fiscal year, but no more than that, at least until possibly next year.

Mayor David Haubert was the lone dissenter on the vote. He said that the design plans should be accelerated as much as possible, then turf installed, and whatever else might be done to com-

plete the park.

Referring to audience members who have asked for faster Diamond Park development, Haubert said, "We hear that people want some turf put in." Residents told the council that children are playing on asphalt,

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Pleasanton OKs More Money for Senior Housing

The City of Pleasanton will loan MidPen Housing an additional \$3.75 million to make its bid for tax credit financing more competitive. The city had agreed earlier to loan MidPen \$10 million from the lower income housing fund to help MidPen obtain financing.

The additional money also comes from the lower income housing fund.

The council approved the loan by a unanimous vote.

The one concern raised by the council related to whether there would be funding for other projects, such as Sunflower Hill,

which may need financial assistance.

Entitlement paperwork was filed on April 17, 2015 with the city to build a project for Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch. A 40-unit residential community for individuals with special needs has been

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A family of young foxes frolics in Pleasanton.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Indigo is a loving, curious three-month-old kitten who loves to give kisses and sit on shoulders! She'll steal your heart with her playful nature and wants nothing more than to cuddle with you. Come get kissed by Indigo today! She is available at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, please visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/E. Palange

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instead of going to the park that's near them. "We could have a mid-(fiscal) year review. The community won't go away (on this)," said Haubert.

There are money considerations, said councilmembers and city manager Chris Foss. Parks have had to wait their turn to come on line, because there is not enough money to build them all at once. It's a slow cash flow. Diamond Park is not yet in the line.

Further, the policy is to use money from developer park fees, not from the general fund. "The city council loaned \$6 million of general fund money to keep this program afloat. There were also \$5 million in community benefit fees, but the program should pay for itself," said Foss.

As it is, the city could not get started on Fallon Sports Park improvements because the bids came in too high. The improvement package will be rebid toward the end of the year. After there is success with Fallon bids, whenever that occurs, Jordan Ranch Park is next in line.

There is no precise estimate of the Diamond Park cost, since it has not been designed yet. However, using a rule of thumb of \$400,000 an acre, a rough guess would be \$2 million to \$2.3 million" for Sean Diamond construction, said Foss.

Some residents suggested taking money out of other items in the coming budget, such as delaying communications equipment. However, councilmembers said that they are important because in an emergency, police need the devices and structure. That was lacking during the Oakland fire, said Biddle.

Channeling money to Sean Diamond from an earmark for a parking lot at Shannon Park was suggested by an audience member. Vice-mayor Abe Gupta said that the the lot is sinking. "It is structurally unsound."

On another item, the council unanimously approved a loan of \$5 million to Corona Crescent, an affiliate of Eden Housing. The money joins a \$1.4 million loan approved by the council last November to fund the development at 6707 Golden Gate Drive, near the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

There will be 66 affordable units, including a mix of single occupants and families. Groundbreaking is expected in November.

The council also voted to increase assessments for five street lighting and landscape districts, which operate under the rules of the Mello-Roos Act. Increases in the assessments vary, depending on the district.

LOCKHART'S HONORED FOR 42 YEARS' SERVICE

The council awarded certificates of appreciation to Janet and Steve Lockhart, who will be leaving Dublin to move to eastern Contra Costa County.

The Lockharts have been active for 42 years with the city, moving to Dublin before it became a city. Haubert called them "pioneers," because of the way they welcomed others as the city was growing in its early stages.

Janet Lockhart served as Dublin's mayor, and has served Dublin Partners in Education, which she will give up. She will continue on the School of Imagination board. She also plans to remain active with Eden Housing, where she is chair for resident services.

Janet is resigning her seat on the Human Services Commission. The city expects to fill the seat from a list of seven people who applied last November, but also will post the vacancy, as required by law.

Steve Lockhart served on the planning commission and as president of the Dublin Historical Preservation Association (DHPA)

board. He said that he will remain active with DHPA to help with the city cemetery expansion, and some school projects.

The council greeted Lt. Col. Andrew Jones, the new commander at Camp Parks. Jones has served in the Army for 24 years, the past 20 as an officer. He has had assignments that included Washington, Oregon, Missouri, and several Southeastern seacoast states.

Dublin San Ramon Services District general manager Bert Michalczyk reported on water conservation efforts to date. During the previous week, 42 percent less water was used than for the same week a year ago. So far this year, DSRSD customers have used 28 percent less water than they did last year to date.

Michalczyk said that DSRSD's program of giving away recycled water to people who drive to their wastewater treatment plant with any size container saved the public 2 million gallons last year. This year, the figure is projected to be 5 million gallons. DSRSD will open a second water station at Dublin Place, said Michalczyk.

Dublin apartments continue to improve compliance with the city's non-smoking ordinance. A report on the consent calendar shows that three more apartment complexes -- Dublin Station, Emerald Park and Fountains at Emerald Park, chose to become non-smoking properties this year.

The ordinance, and continued improvement in apartments, has helped Dublin merit an A grade from the Lung Association on its grading scale for cities.

Dublin includes 22 complexes with 5018 units that are affected by the ordinance. All have met the requirement that at least 75 percent of their units are non-smoking.

First Woman to Lead a National Security Lab Selected to Head Sandia

Jill M. Hruby has been named the next president and director of Sandia National Laboratories. She will be the first woman to lead a national security laboratory when she steps into her new role July 17.

A Sandia staff member and manager for the past 32 years, Hruby most recently served as a vice president overseeing Sandia's efforts in nuclear, biological and chemical security; homeland security; counterterrorism; and energy security.

Hruby's appointment was announced to the Sandia workforce on Tuesday by Rick Ambrose, who chairs the board of directors for Sandia Corp. and is the executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Space Systems. Sandia Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp., operates Sandia Labs for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NASA).

"The board looked at a number of outstanding candidates," Ambrose said. "We saw right away that Jill has the right combination of technical expertise and strategic vision to lead Sandia into the future. With more than three decades of experience at Sandia, she understands the core national security missions and scientific foundations that are fundamental to the labs' success."

Hruby said, "Leading Sandia is a tremendous responsibility because of its importance to the security of our nation and the phenomenal engineering and scientific talent here. I embrace the opportunity to maintain the U.S. nuclear deterrent and lead Sandia in solving the difficult security challenges we face as a nation. I'm proud to be the first woman to lead an NNSA laboratory, but mostly I'm proud to represent the people and work of this great lab."

Hruby joined the technical staff at Sandia's California laboratory in January 1983, working in thermal and fluid sciences, solar energy research and nuclear weapon component research and development. During her career, she also has done research in nanoscience, hydrogen storage, mechanical-component design and microfluidics.

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proposed.

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian said that there is a stream of revenue coming in from development projects that have already been approved.

MidPen is in the process of gaining financing for Kottinger Gardens, an affordable senior housing development approved by the city last June.

The project will consist of 185 units, including single story cottages and two and three story multi-unit buildings. The new housing will be built on land currently occupied by Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens. The current buildings will be torn down.

Total cost for developing and constructing the housing is estimated at \$68.8 million. Funding will come from a number of sources, including 9% tax credit equity, a conventional loan, HOME loan and the city's contribution.

MidPen has applied to

the Tax Credit Allocation Committee for an allocation of 9% Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Tax credits are issued for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households.

However, since first applying, there has been an increase in the cost of construction. Bocian told the council that the process is competitive with decisions based on a point system. MidPen determined that additional public funds were required to be competitive in the current round of funding, he explained.

To date, MidPen has obtained approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remove Kottinger Place from HUD's public housing inventory, allowing its demolition.

It has received approval from the Alameda County Housing Authority for a project-based section 8 contract for 50 new units to as-

sure that existing residents will be able to retain rents at 30 percent of their current income levels.

Three members of the public urged the council to grant the additional money.

Becky Dennis suggested that one option the council might consider to assure future funding for such projects was to increase the fee developers pay in lieu of building affordable housing.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin pointed out that the recent California Supreme Court ruling strengthens the city's ability to level the fee. "We could consider increasing the fee in the future. Affordability is one of the biggest needs in the city."

The Court decision clears the way for cities to require developers to sell a percentage of the units they build at below-market rates as a condition of a building permit. Developers also could be given the option of paying into a fund for low-cost housing.



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4th of July Fireworks are a beloved American tradition and Livermore has been loud and clear they want the tradition to continue! We are excited to continue this tradition and look forward to your participation in helping us keep it sustainable in downtown.

The City of Livermore is once again funding the Pyro Technic Display, Police and Public Works Services. Livermore Downtown Inc. will be providing the Interactive Downtown Radio Feed, Sound Systems throughout the viewing areas, all parking and security coordination, liability insurance and staffing.

To assist in funding this event, ALL Parking in the Lot that is bordered by Railroad Ave, L St, Livermore Ave and the North side of First St will be Fee Parking. \$20.00 per car. Additional for RVs and Trailers taking up additional parking. (The Old Lucky site/Behind First Street Alehouse etc.)

The community can participate in supporting and sustaining the event by choosing a level of support on our Indiegogo Campaign www.indiegogo.com and pre-purchasing parking passes. This campaign will end on June 28th to insure all tickets and passes can be mailed in time. We look forward to your support in helping us achieve our goal! It is an honor to work with our community to produce the Livermore Downtown, Red, White and Boom Block Party and Fireworks Celebration! We celebrate our community, our local businesses, our local residents and all of the freedoms that come with living in Livermore, California, United States of America!

Saturday, July 4th

Livermore Downtown

(fireworks from parking garage)

Join Livermore Downtown on the 4th of July for our intimate fireworks celebration!

6pm Street Closure for Crowd Preparation
9:30pm Fireworks Display



VALLEY ROUNDUP

California Budget

Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker explained her opposition to the budget deal between Governor Brown and the majority party.

She stated, "I applaud Governor Brown for holding our budget to smarter revenue projections. There are many supportable provisions in this budget. However, it includes harmful provisions that shift funding out of our classrooms where it is needed most. I cannot endorse taking money away from classrooms to fund other programs."

The budget moves \$145 million of existing childcare funding into Prop. 98 without increasing Prop. 98 spending, which squeezes funds available for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). The budget also radically expands Medi-Cal without doing anything to address the provider shortage or reimbursement rates for doctors--two problems that imperil health care to Californians who are currently enrolled.

Baker also points out that the revised budget does not adequately address the funding shortage for developmental service providers and foster care support programs. It jeopardizes access to justice in our judicial system by failing to provide judges and re-open courtrooms, while at the same time increasing the fees charged to Californians in order to use the court system.

Baker concluded, "The final budget deal makes little progress in addressing a key priority of Californians -- water. The budget fails to streamline the construction of new water storage projects that are needed to provide long-term drought relief, despite the fact the budget provides a CEQA exemption for the construction of the proposed Golden State Warrior arena. If streamlining the process is good enough for a sports arena, it should be applied to increase our water supply as well."

Mobile Irrigation Training

Mobile irrigation water laboratory training is being offered through the Alameda County Conservation District from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th at 3 Steves Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

Stuart Styles, Director of the Cal Poly Irrigation Training and Research Center, San Luis Obispo, will present the program.

The fee is \$15 per person cash upon arrival. Lunch and refreshments provided.

To RSVP, contact Katherine Boxer, Executive Officer Alameda County Resource Conservation District, at Katherine.Boxer@acrcd.org or (925) 371-0154 ex. 111.

Beautification Nominations

The City of Livermore Beautification Committee is accepting nominations for its 2015 Appearance Awards through July 31st. The Appearance Awards recognize Livermore residents or business owners that enhanced the surrounding neighborhood and community by improving or re-designing the overall look of their property. Since many residents have worked hard to decrease water usage during the drought, this award program provides an avenue to recognize such efforts.

The award categories include water wise landscaping for a home or business, special architecture, historical renovations, and improvements in the downtown perimeter. The 2014 award-winning properties were: 437 Knottingham Circle; 711 S. M Street; 1021 Olivina Avenue; Tri-Valley Haven - 116 N. L Street; and, Livermore Spa - 2255 Fourth Street

Award nominations are due no later than July 31st, and winners will be recognized at an October 2015 City Council Meeting. Residents can nominate their own property as well as neighbors. Visit <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/civicaX/filebank/documents/9589> for more information and the application form. Questions? Email Committee Chairperson Marti Sutton at marti_sutton@yahoo.com or visit the Committee's table at the downtown Farmers' Market on July 12th.

Fire in Livermore

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded on June 22 at around 2:30 p.m. along with the Alameda County Fire Department and Cal Fire to the report of a vegetation fire threatening a structure in the 7600 block of Hawthorne Ave, Livermore.

The first fire crews on the scene found an approximate 1 acre grass fire with numerous vehicles, mechanical equipment items and a single family home on fire. Firefighters

initiated a quick fire attack with the intent to stop the fire before it could cross Greenville Rd. or spread to other adjacent properties.

The fire also spread into cargo containers, one of which was filled with tires creating a large column of dark smoke that could be seen for many miles. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the property of origin. The vehicles that burned did not appear to be in operating order prior to the fire. The residence was a total loss. The sole occupant will be staying with family he has locally.

A total of 12 Engine Companies responded to this fire. It was held at First Alarm, but that alarm was augmented by the Cal Fire vegetation response. The cause of the fire was believed to be accidental when the homeowner was working with metal equipment creating a spark that spread quickly to the dry grass. Approximately 2 acres of grass and mechanical equipment burned before the fire could be contained. An early estimate of the amount lost is \$500,000. Fire crews remain on scene mopping up hot spots, and will be there into the evening.



Photo courtesy of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

Livermore Relay for Life This Weekend

Relay For Life of Livermore is set for this weekend, June 27-28 at Livermore High School's football field.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event where participants walk for 24 hours because cancer never sleeps and neither will we until we can defeat it.

This is the 30th Anniversary of Relay For Life. Livermore has held the event for 14 years. Gates open at 7:00am with the events beginning at 9:00am on June 27th with the Survivor Lap. There is no cost to enter the event.

There will be music, games, raffles and Food Truck Mafia on hand. Kids' Camp will be open from 10:00am til Dusk with Ping Pong Toss, Ring Toss, Frisbee Golf and Corn Hole and much, much more for only \$5 all day play.

Cancer touches all of us, please help us "win the fight." Come spend 10 minutes, \$10 dollars and tell 10 friends about the event. Check out Livermore's Relay website at www.relayforlife.org/livermoreca or "Like" our Facebook Page.

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Pleasanton Council Approves New Zoning for Summerhill Project

The Pleasanton City Council approved a down-sized housing development at last week's meeting.

The vote was 4 to 1 to change the zoning from 30 units per acre to 15.9 units per acre for the Summerhill Project on West Las Positas Blvd. in the Hacienda Business Park.

Jerry Pentin, the "no" vote, objected to a provision that prevents future residents from having access to the nearby arroyo trail. He said that he did not vote for the first proposal because of lack of access to the arroyo. He asked residents to tell him why they want to keep new residents out of the arroyo.

The two residents who spoke during the public hearing noted that the residents would have the same access that they have to the arroyo, that is through Hopyard Road. Those living in Parkside adjacent to the arroyo paid a fee of \$1000 each for permits to build gates to obtain access to the arroyo. They use the access to pick up trash and beer bottles.

The first plan, which has council approval and growth management allocation, was for a 177 unit apartment complex. The 94 units okayed last week will consist of condos and town homes, including ten affordable units.

Neighbors living in Parkside, adjacent to the site, had objected strongly to the apartment complex. Through negotiations with the developer, Summerhill Homes, the density was reduced to the current level.

Kevin Ebrahimi, vice president of development for Summerhill, told the council that although they could still build the apartment project if the down-

size version were not approved, the condo/town home proposal is a better fit.

One of the issues raised by the council related to water use. Karla Brown asked if there were a way to delay construction during the drought.

Arnie Olson stated that in his view, a requirement that the developer gain certification from Zone 7 that there is water available for the project would be sufficient to allow it to go forward.

Brown turned to staff and asked if Zone 7 had ever failed to certify the availability of water. The answer was "not to our knowledge."

Ebrahimi noted that it would be 13 to 14 months to two years before the first occupancy. Among other water saving provisions, the project does not include a swimming pool and would use recycled water for landscape irrigation when it became available.

Pentin wondered about the Zone 7 contract and the possibility of finding other water resources.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the city has no contract with Zone 7. This was done in order to allow the city to have the opportunity to look for water elsewhere, such as from EBMUD or San Francisco. The obstacle is that it is costly to make connections and secure water from these agencies, he said.

Councilmember Kathy Narum summed up the council majority's view of the project. "We have been approving a lot of apartments. I am happy to see ownership housing."

Mayor Jerry Thorne said, "I appreciate the cooperation between the developer and residents that brought us to where we are today."

Bay Area Students Learn Value of Science and Engineering Through 'My Brother's Keeper'

More than 60 disadvantaged youth from Oakland, San Francisco and Tracy visited the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for a special "Day at the Lab," as part of the White House initiative, "My Brother's Keeper."

The My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative was launched by President Barack Obama to address opportunity gaps with disadvantaged and disconnected youth, specifically targeting minority boys, to encourage positive future life and career choices. The goal is to connect young people to mentoring and support networks and to instill a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The Department of Energy, which joined the MBK alliance and task force, chose Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to be the first stop in several upcoming MBK events at the national laboratories throughout the summer.

The Lab event kicked off with Tony Baylis, director of LLNL's Office of Strategic Diversity and Inclusion Programs, stating, "Our hope is that this will be a special day to inspire and motivate you and that you take something back with you to make a difference in your life," Baylis said.

LLNL Director Bill Goldstein said, "We are very proud to have you here and we are very proud to be hosting this event and representing the White House and the Department of Energy with the My Brother's Keeper initiative. The Laboratory leads the nation not only in science and technology, but also in the support of STEM education. It is critical for us to be involved all along the pipeline, as you are our future scientists and engineers."

The students were treated to an interactive Fun With Science presentation where they not only learned about chemistry, electricity, air pressure and the states of matter, but participated by helping with experiments.

Tre Germany, a seventh



Jordan Chatmon makes "elephant toothpaste" with Fun With Science presenter Nick Williams. Photo by Anne Stark.

grade student at Claremont Middle School in Oakland, came dressed in a three-piece suit and passed out business cards. "I want to be a mechanical engineer," Germany said. "I enjoyed Fun With Science, seeing electricity being conducted and what it can be conducted to and seeing what happens in air pressure in certain situations."

The day also included a tour of the National Ignition Facility and a visit to the LLNL Discovery Center. Students enjoyed a presentation on cybersecurity, participated in a "Family Feud"-style game and engaged with Lab scientists at interactive displays of lasers and additive manufacturing.

On hand for the visit were several guests including Elias Alcantara, the associate director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs; Kimberly Budil, vice president for the Office of the National Laboratories at the University of California; Nicole Nelson-Jean, man-

ager of the Livermore Field Office; Jody Tallbear, the acting strategic initiatives and policy adviser in the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity at the Department of Energy, and Timothy McCleese, chief of staff to the deputy secretary of Energy.

McCleese asked the students to remember a simple message: Pass it on. "You may not remember everything about the day,

however, you will remember something," McCleese said. "I want you to go home and tell your brother, your sister, your cousin, your mother about what you saw and heard here today, because you may be that one individual, because of what you shared, that will encourage them to raise their hand and participate the next time an opportunity such as this arises."

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feel they can't support it."

Board president Scott Haggerty, whose district includes the proposed expansion area of Carnegie Park, said that the plan is a state issue. He stated that Sen. Steve Glazer and Assemblymember Catharine Baker are newly elected to their jobs. However, their predecessors, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan and Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, had ample time in office to become involved in the issue and deal with it, but did not.

The staff report says that native people's concerns are not being addressed, a topic that also drew comment from a spokesperson from the Society of American Indians in Livermore. She said that the land includes burial sites and other sacred sites for many tribes in the area.

Some of the speakers in support of the critical letter to the state represented Friends of Tesla Park, the Sierra Club, Save Mount Diablo, Center for Biological Diversity, the California Native Plant Society, and an equestrian group, the Tri-Valley Trailblazers.

They talked about the negative impacts off-road vehicle activity can have on habitat. The area is home to both threatened species and plants. In addition, the area is of historic significance.

Others in support of the letter spoke for themselves. One environmental scientist said that the DEIR provided no evidence supporting the statement that there would be less than significant run-

off water and soil washout. "Soils are not renewable resources. They take thousands of years to develop," he said.

The off-road vehicle expansion proponents included two people who said they were professional environmentalists and dirt bike riders. One said that she was fascinated when she came into the world of dirt biking at "how well they maintained biological resources. I saw effective use of catchment basins (for water runoff). It's contained in the area, and they are not getting silt downstream."

Light Bulb Celebration Set

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will celebrate the Centennial Lightbulb "A Million Hours of Service," on Saturday, June 27.

From 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will be hosting an event to celebrate the first million hours of service of the Livermore Centennial Light Bulb at Fire Station Six, 4550 East Ave., Livermore.

The free community celebration is open to the public. It will also include vintage and antique fire apparatus, history mobile, fire safety house, displays, music, books and T-shirt sales, and a BBQ hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation.

The lightbulb, continuously glowing, has served as a night light in the fire station since 1901. This year's celebration will mark another benchmark for this light bulb, "A Million Hours of Service." Included in the celebration will be the release of a new historical book about the bulb.

The light is never turned off and can be viewed through a webcam twenty-four hours a day. It is acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records, Ripley's Believe It or Not, and numerous publications from around the world.

Over 2,000 community members and people from around the Bay Area are expected to attend the event. Money raised from shirts, books, and BBQ sales will benefit the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports injured and fallen firefighters, the burn foundation and local charities in the Tri-Valley.

More information can be found at www.centennialbulb.org

A speaker said she grew up on a ranch, and is living as an environmentalist. She was surprised, like the previous speaker, to hear the stereotypes about off-road parks. They are really not true.

One off-road supporter said that Livermore encourages him to visit the area to patronize the wineries, but does not want him to ride his same motorcycle to an expanded Carnegie Park.

Some speakers emphasized the motorcycle park's family entertainment. One said that Hollister is the nearest comparable facility.

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Deep Fried Pizza Wins Fair Snackdown

"It's as if a Reuben sandwich made sweet, sweet love to a steamroller," said competition judge Jim Gladstone of the Alameda County Fair's newly crowned Snackdown Grand Champion. The toasty, tasty creation features deep-fried pizza crust, mozzarella cheese, lean pastrami, red onions, sauerkraut, and a special, homemade mustard sauce, all sizzled to perfection in a wood fire oven.

The winning combination was enough to earn Tony Cardinali of Cardinali Family Concessions his second

Grand Champion title in two years, and the Championship Belt. Last year, Cardinali's "Spaghetti Ice Cream" took the top prize. Deep-Fried Wood Fired Pizza can be found near the Fair's "C" Building at Cardinali's Wood Fire Pizza stand.

Cardinali also took the award for "Most Creative" entry for his "Deep-Fried, Caramelized Bananas Foster," a deep-fried, frozen banana on a stick, caramelized with brown sugar and topped with caramel rum sauce, marshmallow crème



and a cherry. The treat can be found at Cardinali Grill, also located near the "C" Building.

The award for "Best Taste" went to "Cap'n Crunch Shrimp on a Stick with Sweet Sriracha Sauce." Judges raved about the shrimp's crunchy texture and tangy sweetness of the homemade Sriracha Sauce. Don Delahoyde created the winning recipe, which can be purchased at Sharky's Fish Fry, located across from the Fairground's Grandstand entrance.

"Deep-Fried Peanut Butter & Jelly Cheesecake on a Stick with Bubble Gum Frosting" rocked the judges' palates enough to take the award for "Best Theme" ("Rock the Red, White & Blue"). The indulgent, crispy cheesecake treat is topped with light blue frosting and red gumballs for some patriotic pizzazz. Jackie Bradbury of Sweet Cheeks, located in the Kids Carnival area, created the junction.

The panel of judges included Univision Radio personality Chuy Gomez, Passport magazine food writer and contributing editor Jim Gladstone, Bay Area food, wine and travel blog-



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Rides are among the main attractions at the annual Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton (upper right and at left). New this year was a rodeo competition. Pictured in the lower photo is the grand entry. The fair continues through July 5, except for Monday.

ger Deborah Grossman and the Fair's Facebook contest winner, Jerry Wang, an oral surgeon from Pleasanton.

The Fair's food vendors were all invited to enter the competition earlier this year. Contestants were allowed to enter as many items as they

wished and a first-round judging panel chose 13 finalists from the submissions received.

The Fair runs through July 5 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

DOWNTOWN

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at the entire area bounded by L Street, the railroad tracks, land behind First Street businesses, and land adjacent to the Bankhead Theater.

During the public hearing, speakers asked that the RFP lists a conference center that could be available for a variety of uses, such as council meetings, performances, and conferences.

In suggesting that a council chambers be included as one of the uses in the RFP, Jeff Kaskey pointed out that the Downtown Specific Plan states that the city should concentrate civic and quasi-civic buildings in the downtown. Council chambers were specifically mentioned as an appropriate use.

Dave Ackerman, general manager of the San Francisco Premium Outlets, stated, "Put in the language of the RFP the idea of a comprehensive redevelopment that exists as one concept." He mentioned uses such as a facility that could serve as a small convention center, small venue for performances, community center and city council meetings. Ackerman said that the structure of the RFP will determine what the city receives in proposals.

Heather McGrail, manager of McGrail Vineyards and Winery, and the secretary of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, said that there is a tremendous need for a full-service luxury hotel with a conference center. The area has gone from 30 to 54 wineries in ten years. It is becoming a destination. "What I hear from tourists is that they come out from San Francisco on BART and return to the city the same day. Then they plan to go to Napa to spend two or three days."

Other winery representatives, Jim Perry from Eagle Ridge and Steve Ziganiti from 3 Steves Winery, echoed her statements.

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center board chairman Jean King asked that a conference center and a full service high quality hotel with all the amenities be included in the RFP. She noted that LVPAC was first organized as the Livermore Valley Conference and Cultural Center, because the founders recognized that the

Bankhead Theater would be more successful if it were near a conference facility. She also mentioned that a wish list for the South Livermore Area included a resort. A hotel in the downtown would work for wine country.

Jean Shuler, a long time employee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, stated there is a desperate need for a luxury hotel and a conference center in the downtown. Currently, Lab employees travel elsewhere to attend conferences. It would be more convenient to be able to meet in Livermore. In addition, a hotel could be used to house visitors for recruiting purposes.

Bill Dunlop, a former Lab employee who now works as a consultant, also mentioned the need for a hotel with conference capabilities. He pointed out that when conferences are held in conjunction with NIF, they are held in Pleasanton. Livermore does not have a place to hold 100 to 200 people. "Spend time to determine what is needed. A conference center would enhance the downtown."

Dick Ryon, a downtown property owner, suggested a process of workshops to come up with a plan for the area.

Following the public hearing, Councilmember Bob Woerner said that he was looking for the plan to be comprehensive, to look at a range of uses. We aren't forced to accept any of the proposals.

Councilmember Gary said the city owns parcels in the center of a market that includes a thriving wine country and scientific centers - something not many places could claim. Gary said it was not his intent nor that of the RPP to designate any one use on any given parcel.

Councilmember Spedowski said it is important to get as much input as possible from the community before any decision is made.

Mayor John Marchand said, "It's time to do this. What we are able to consider for a hotel/conference center will be market driven. There is a lot of flexibility in determining what the market will support in Livermore."

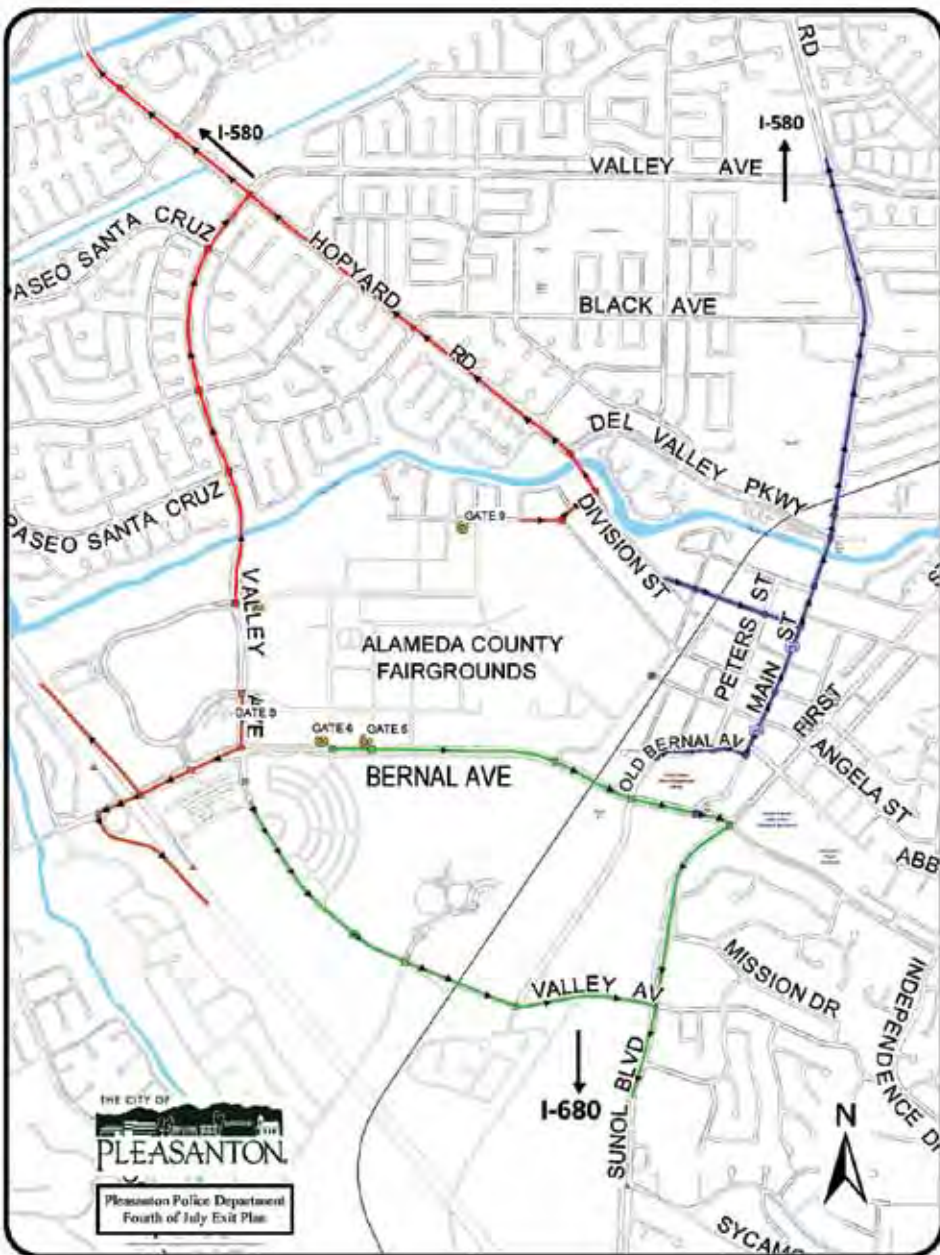
Pleasanton Prepares Plan to Deal with 4th of July Fairgrounds Traffic

The City of Pleasanton has created a traffic mitigation plan designed to coordinate a safe and efficient exit for the more than 70,000 fairgoers expected to attend the Alameda County Fair on Saturday, July 4, 2015. A highlight of the fair agenda on that date is a spectacular fireworks display with live accompaniment by the Oakland East Bay Symphony.

Under the direction of the Pleasanton Police Department, the City has collaborated with numerous agencies including the California State Highway Patrol, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County Fair, Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (Wheels buses), Bay Area Rapid Transit, and the Pleasanton Unified School District to implement the plan on July 4, 2015.

"This traffic plan was designed to create a more orderly exit from the fairgrounds on July 4th, one that will expedite the flow of traffic and allow emergency vehicles access to the fair if necessary," according to Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller. "Our best advice to those who plan to attend the festivities at the fair on July 4 would be to arrive early to secure parking. Those who are not planning to attend the fair would do best to avoid the area to avoid congestion."

The plan will involve street and freeway exit closures as well as alternative bus routes. The first component will prohibit parking on neighborhood streets around the fairgrounds on July 4. Then, perhaps as early as 3:00 p.m. on July 4, some streets will be closed, including west bound Bernal Avenue from First Street to Valley Avenue. Pleasanton Avenue at Bernal Avenue



will also be closed to vehicular traffic. Later in the day, access and parking at the fairgrounds main gate will be very limited. Parents are encouraged to accompany their under-age minor children to the fair as drop-off and pick-up in a close location to the fair may not be possible.

Some intersections will only allow traffic in certain directions. For example, eastbound Bernal at Valley Avenues will only allow

turns onto southbound Valley Avenue.

Following the fireworks show, fairgoers can still enjoy many of the activities at the fair, such as carnival rides and concessions, which will remain open later in the evening. Traffic exiting the fairgrounds will be directed to the freeways according to specific routes, based upon which gate visitors leave:

- Gate 12: traffic exits on northbound Valley Avenue

- to Hopyard Road, to I-580

- Gate 8: traffic exits southbound Valley Avenue to westbound Bernal Avenue to I-680 North

- Gates 5 & 6: traffic exits eastbound Bernal Avenue to Sunol Boulevard to I-680

- Gate 9: traffic exits from Rose Avenue to Fair Street to Division/Hopyard Road to I-580

- Downtown: traffic exits northbound Main Street to Santa Rita Road to I-580

SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Smoke 10B Summer Travel Ball team won the Capitol Sports Association ASA Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Softball Tournament held at Incline Village in Nevada the weekend of June 20th. The girls played inspired softball the entire weekend. Two come from behind wins on Saturday and a blow-out win in the Championship Game on Sunday highlighted their undefeated weekend in Tahoe. Great pitching, explosive hitting and aggressive base running led the way to their first Tournament win of the summer season. Smoke 10B pictured are (top row) Audrey Sweet, Skylar Jester, Alex Mello, Terra Hatcher, Karen Castro, Jordan Duarte, Karlie Geissbuhler, Sierra Black; (bottom row) Emma Hatcher, Alizabeth Ruiz, Miranda Peters and Kaitlyn Aguilar; Manager Elvis Aguilar. Coaches Joe Duarte, Steve Black, Eric Sweet, and Dan Ruiz; not pictured Rudy Peters.



The Stompers 12B team won the Del Holson Fastpitch Softball Tournament this past weekend. On Saturday, Stompers beat the Benicia Outlaws 10-2, beat the San Lorenzo Heat 12-1, and lost to the Vallejo Hurricanes 3-12. Seeded second for Sunday, Stompers played the San Lorenzo Heat again, but this time in the quarter-finals. Stompers won this quarter-final game 6-1. Stompers moved on to the semi-final and beat Union City Fury in a very close game 8-7. The Stompers met Vallejo Hurricanes again and this time in the championship game. It was a 3-hour long game of endurance in the heat, and the Stompers triumphed with a 29-19 win. Stompers team members are Ally Calcagno, mascot "Sadie Stomper," Mya Wells, Remy Laflamme, Bridgette Laszlo, Taylor Houchins; (back) Coach Renee Stiner, Riley Stiner, Alysa Perez, Sofia O'Brien, Coach Mel Smith, Michaela Smith, Vanessa von Sosen, Lauren Indermuehle, and Coach Scott Indermuehle

PVC Dolphins

The Pleasanton Valley Swim Club won again on Saturday, July 20, 2015. The Pleasanton Valley Dolphins were on fire against the Livermore Fireballs, winning by 174 points.

Following are top times:
25 yard Freestyle : Thatcher Douwes 22.93, Makayla Rauscher 18.18, Brady Memillin 18.42

50 yard Freestyle : Vanessa Montiel 29.68, Julia Gonsman 27.55, Erin Walsh 27.95, Chase Sinclair 24.29

25 yard Butterfly: Paolo Casentini 30.47, Drew Krekorian 27.47, Jackson Risher 16.44

50 yard Butterfly: Ally Wu 30.89, McKenna Harris 30.74, Matthew Dotson 28.56

25 Breaststroke: Ava Vollgraf 31.52, Kate Hopkins 25.44, Eli Morris 27.27

50 yard Backstroke: Brooke Christian 32.43

25 yard Backstroke: Sophia Kang 18.47

Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash – a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

Baseball Camps

Thunder Sox Baseball Club is holding baseball camps in Livermore this summer. The first camp will be held July 6-10, the second, July 13-17, both from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Camps are open to ages 8U-13U. Cost is \$250 per week. For information go to www.TsoxBaseball.com. To register, email Coach Lonsdale at TsoxBaseball@gmail.com.

4th of July Run

The City of San Ramon will host its annual 4th of July Run San Ramon 10K Run/5K Fun Run and Walk. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course. The Run San Ramon will be a chip timed race. This is a fun, flat, and fast paved route

beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, and right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road.

All events per person: \$35.00 (postmarked by June 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 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 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 through race day. Online pre-registration discount deadline is June 23.

Race-day Registration: All events per person: \$40.00

Registration is available online at www.active.com, search "Run San Ramon". Online registration is available until June 23rd. Race day registration open at 6:45am.

Mayor's Cup trophies will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male & female of the 5K & 10K. Mayor's Crown trophy will be awarded to the lowest combined times of the 2014 Bah Humbug! and 2015 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5k runner (male and female). Medals are awarded to the first three finishers in each age division. All pre-registered participants will receive a short sleeve commemorative shirt.

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:45 a.m., at the San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The 10K Run will start at 8:15 a.m., with the 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m.

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

Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. This season starts in September and ends in early November. No prior experience necessary. To learn more, visit LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org or email info@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org.

Fastpitch Opening

Mavericks Fastpitch 12U travel ball team is seeking a utility player to complete the Summer and Fall roster. To schedule a tryout send an email to: mavsoftball121@gmail.com

Fireworks Available in Dublin; City Issues Safety Tips on Their Use

Benefiting local non-profits and service organizations, "Safe and Sane" fireworks will go on sale in Dublin beginning June 28, 2015, at 12:00 PM. The City of Dublin and its public safety departments would like to promote fireworks safety and urge extreme caution in their use. Safety is especially important this year due to the extremely dry conditions caused by the drought.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks require the use of several safety precautions. Their use is limited to the hours of 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on the 4th of July only, in the following City parks:

1. Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
 2. Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza)
 3. Emerald Glen Park (Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive)
 4. Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road)
- Dublin property owners may use their "Safe and Sane" fireworks at any time during the sales period. No fireworks of any type (including "Safe and Sane") are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other City facility, or public school.

Those who purchase fireworks should keep the following precautions in mind:

- Always read and follow the safety directions.
- Never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks.
- Never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Only light one device at a time, and remain a safe distance away after lighting the device.

• Never try to re-light or handle "dud" fireworks (faulty and unexploded fireworks).

• Fireworks should always be used in safe, open areas and away from buildings, combustibles, dry vegetation, and, especially, people and animals.

• A connected garden hose should be ready nearby and a pail of water kept handy for disposal of spent fireworks and "duds."

• Pet owners should keep pets indoors on July 4, as many animals become extremely agitated by the sights and sounds of fireworks. Some of these pets will even run into the streets and away from home in an attempt to flee fireworks activity that is distressing to them.

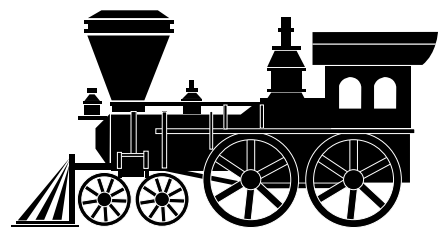
Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, pose an even higher threat this year due to the extremely dry conditions of the Dublin hillsides, where there is

great potential for wildfires. Law enforcement and fire officials plan to be extra vigilant due to the dry winter and the drought conditions. Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include fines and jail time.

To learn more about firework safety, please go to www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks.

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Cowboy Code Academy Team Wins Competition

In February of 2013, Livermore High School teacher Sue Johnston teamed up with some students to start the Livermore High School Cowboy Code Academy.

"We were going to go to Kahn Academy or Code.org. We didn't have any particular goals in mind, so we started searching and we found the C-STEM robots." Says Johnston. Johnston is referring to the UC Davis Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education (C-STEM).

UC Davis offered Johnston a fellowship to learn how to use the robots and the Cowboy Code Academy was underway.

Students meet once a week to learn how to program robots, taking on different and more advanced challenges including programming the robots to dance, shoot a basket, raise as much weight as possible and more. The challenges present new coding opportunities, testing the students to be creative in the programming and work to solve the challenge. "It's a real thrill, to accomplish a task and get that sense of achievement...it is really fun," says Johnston.

On May 30th, a team of 13 students competed at UC Davis in the RoboPlay Challenge. This included a team of three, a team of four and a team of five. The team of five Livermore High students won the competition; two boys and three girls: Ajan Adriano, Steven Herman, Emma Kristovich, Christine Cummings, and Abigail Paterson. In addition to the team victory, club President Megan Kristovich won the C-STEM College Scholarship.

While the Cowboy Code team was traveling north to UC Davis to compete in the RoboPlay challenge, the first annual Innovation Fair was taking place at Livermore High School. This event was created and led by Livermore High School senior Kristen Young, who will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) this fall. The Innovation Fair created a space for young students to explore, hands-on, programming, coding and robotics.

LVJUSD School Board of Education recently approved a new course that integrates robotics into the understanding of Algebra 1 skills and concepts. Algebra with Computing and Robotics (C-STEM) guides students through topics in Algebra 1 while simultaneously teaching students programming and computational thinking. This hands-on course was



Cowboy Code Team from Livermore High School.

created by the UC Davis Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education (C-STEM). Students utilize robotics to reenact physically derived mathematical problems, allowing them to visualize situations, associate linear and quadratic graphs with physical phenomenon, and predict and identify

key features of the graphs with robotics.

"We're moving towards STEM for all kids," says Principal Alberto Solorzano. "It is great to see dedicated teachers like Sue Johnston taking on creative projects to engage students and provide access to innovative opportunities."

Lab Joins CalCharge Consortium Effort

Through the public-private consortium CalCharge, energy storage companies will soon have streamlined access to three U.S. Department of Energy national labs in the Bay Area, giving them a major competitive advantage in the fast-growing battery industry.

CalCharge, which is designed to accelerate the development and deployment of energy storage technologies, lists the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) as its newest partner member. LLNL joins Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, completing CalCharge's trifecta of national labs in the Bay Area.

"Lawrence Livermore offers cutting-edge expertise in materials, manufacturing and computation for application to energy storage solutions. Partnering with CalCharge creates a valuable new path for engagement with industry in this area, which is especially important to California's energy future," said LLNL Director Bill Goldstein.

The Lab's current energy storage research ranges from electromechanical batteries to 3D-printed graphene aerogels to lithium-based batteries with improved power densities and safety characteristics. Investors and innovators will have the opportunity to tour LLNL and learn more about its work at an open house in August.

Energy storage is considered key to the broad uptake of clean energy technologies throughout the economy, from transportation to the power sector to consumer electronics.

CalCharge and Lawrence Livermore are developing a standard cooperative research agreement that would allow CalCharge members access to Lawrence Livermore's scientists and facilities. The agreement, known as a Collaborative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), would complement CalCharge CRADAs already in place with Lawrence Berkeley and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. The CRADA streamlines the process for industry looking to partner with the national laboratories.

The resources available at the three institutions could help spur dramatic improvements in advanced energy storage manufacturing.

CalCharge is a battery and electrochemical energy storage consortium that brings together emerging and established companies, academic and research institutions, government bodies, and financing sources to jumpstart a new era of energy storage technologies for the electric/hybrid vehicle, grid, and consumer electronics markets. It operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of CalCEF Catalyst, a 501(c)(6) trade association, and is primarily funded by dues and contributions from members.

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learn about and strengthen regional planning activities through collaboration with regions throughout California. With its diverse regional planning organizations representing California communities ranging from those small to large, urban to suburban, rural to agricultural, located in the north, south, central, coastal, mountain, and desert, it offers the ability to compare and contrast information and experiences in the effort to effectively plan within our own regions.

"Alameda County, with

its multiple gateway corridors connecting the 9-county Bay Area region to the rest of the state and nation, is deeply affected by regional planning decisions. I look forward to working with CALCOG members to improve regional planning in a way that recognizes and values the diverse economic assets of our individual regions," Haggerty added.

The supervisor represents the First District communities of Dublin, Fremont, Livermore and unincorporated eastern Alameda County.



Second graders at Joe Michell School enjoy themselves during a Shakespeare lesson. Photo by Jeff Fielding Photography.

LVEF Funds Support School Programs

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) awarded a \$74,500 grant to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD). The grant will support the following programs:

Google Chromebook computers (\$39,000): District high school students use Chromebooks for a variety of purposes, including research, collaboration, remote learning, and testing. The Chromebooks are critical to the District's mission of "making sure each student graduates with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world," according to LVJUSD Assistant Superintendent Cindy Alba. Del Valle, Granada, and Livermore High School will each receive 32 Chromebooks under this grant.

Shakespeare for Second Graders (up to \$25,000): Each second grade class will receive ten 50-minute Shakespeare classes over the course of ten weeks, taught by two Teaching Artists from Shakespeare's Associates, Livermore's resident Shakespeare company. The program is designed to enhance the language arts

curriculum by increasing language skills, encouraging the expression of ideas, developing imagination, and relating key themes in Shakespeare's works to the students' own lives. The program will be implemented District-wide in the fall, following a highly successful pilot at Joe Michell School this spring.

"I am thrilled that we will be able to expand the Shakespeare's Associates program to all Second Grade classrooms!" said LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers. "This is an amazing opportunity to expose children to poetry and the performing arts, providing a new and special component to the second grade experience. The theater is close to my heart and I am very pleased to partner with LVEF to provide this opportunity to our students."

Music Education (\$10,000): LVEF will distribute \$10,000 to the music programs at Joe Michell and Junction Avenue K-8 schools; Christensen, East Avenue, and Mendenhall middle schools; and Granada and Livermore high schools. Music education has been a high priority for LVEF since

the organization's inception. The primary source of revenue for LVEF's music fund is Make Time for Music, a student showcase and fundraiser which LVEF sponsored this spring for the 22nd consecutive year.

Shooting Stars (\$500): Established six years ago by a Livermore High School student, Shooting Stars is a cheerleading team for LHS special needs students. In addition to performing at pep rallies, basketball games, football games, and The Bankhead Theater, Shooting Stars has been featured in the Independent Newspaper, The Valley Times, Channel 30, KPIX Channel 5, and ABC News. Shooting Stars

will use the LVEF grant to purchase team shirts, sweats, shoes, sweatshirts, and trophies.

"I am delighted that LVEF will support our Shooting Stars cheer leading squad," said School Board Trustee Anne White. "The Shooting Stars have become fixtures on our high school campuses and true members of the school communities. I am grateful for our very special Livermore community which has embraced the Shooting Stars, their efforts and their successes. I applaud LVEF for joining in support of our Shooting Stars."

For more information visit www.lvef.org.

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Nottingham Marks Five Years of Supremacy

by Laura Ness

When Collin Cranor was still a kid, barely of drinking age and already helping craft Satyr's Pond wines, he dreamed of making a high-end blend. Seems like forever ago, but all of a sudden, Collin and his family are marking the 5th anniversary of Nottingham Cellar's flagship Bordeaux Blend, Supremacy.

It began in 2007, when Jeff Cranor, Collin's Dad, first sourced Cabernet Sauvignon and other varieties from the Del Arroyo Vineyard in the Livermore Valley. Impressed, they acquired five Bordeaux reds from several Livermore vineyards to craft a Satyr's Pond Meritage. When they split from Satyr's Pond just after the 2008 harvest, Collin and Jeff knew their flagship wine for their newly launched Nottingham Cellars had to be a Bordeaux blend. It is more than fitting that Collin himself came up with the absolutely appropriate name, Supremacy.

From the outset, Cranor set out to create a "Left-Bank" style blend, meaning heavy on the Cabernet Sauvignon, light on the Merlot. Beginning with the 2008 vintage, it was 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 7% Malbec, all from Del Arroyo. We tasted it recently and it was showing like a champ, exuding its Cab Sauv chops, bristling with grilled chile peppers, tobacco and saucy ground black pepper dust. The core is smooth silky raspberry and chocolate, with an entirely fabulous finish. At only 7 years old, this one will be flying at its peak about 2030. The current price for the limited library stock is \$150 per bottle.

Each year, they've fine-tuned the blend in the vineyard by working more closely with their chosen vineyard partners. Collin admits that when Supremacy first launched, finding decent Malbec and Merlot presented a big challenge. He also says that he really didn't feel as though he was making "good enough" Petit Verdot or Cabernet Franc until 2011. At this point, he is really stoked about having better components, enabling him to put together blends that better represent both the vintage and the Livermore Valley.

At this point, Cranor says that both Casa De Vinas and Smith Ranch will continue to provide the essential backbone of the wine: however, he will be trialing three new Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in 2015, along with two new sources for Cabernet Franc, a new Malbec vineyard as well as a new Petit Verdot vineyard. There's no stopping this juggernaut.

Tasting through the five-year vertical of Supremacy, you can easily see the progress he's made year to year. That's not to say that any of them are more or less worthy or interesting than the next. Age is a friend of wines like this: the longer you let them sit, the better off your experience of them will be. Since they all come in around 14.5%, they're not too hot to erode their aging potential. However, these aren't 30-year wines: I'd give them 15 to 20.

The 2009 seemed to be experiencing a "time out" when we tasted it. Wines can do that. They behave like teenagers, locking themselves in their rooms, refusing to come out. Consequently, the aromas were quite muted, restrained and closed, although you could detect the outlines of its cherry cola core. In another month or so, it will probably be back swinging for the fences.

More of a player at the moment, the 2010 is heavy on Cab Sauv with a bit more Petit Verdot, and equal parts, 8% each, of Cab Franc and Merlot. The aromatics are lovely, with black raspberry and balsam predominating. On the palate, the supple, gorgeous texture is deftly wrapped with black raspberry, cedar and spice, with a finish that pings back and forth, much like an echo, for a considerable period. Snag some for \$125. This one has miles to go.

My favorite of the lot at this time is the 2011, which is tasting just fabulous, as the Cabernet Franc has the floor at the moment. This wine comes from the following vineyards: Cabernet Sauvignon: Casa De Vinas, Smith Ranch, Ghielmetti Vineyard; Cabernet Franc: Ghielmetti Vineyard; Malbec: Corvino Bosco; Merlot: Triska Crane Ridge; and Petit Verdot: Ghielmetti Vineyard

Still showing its youth, the aromas are redolent of barrel, with caramel, toast and coffee taking center stage. Intense, focused and energetic, this wine invades the palate, practically exploding in the mouth with the full force of its well-toned muscular tannins. Eternally grippy, this is a 20 to 30 year wine, if you have the patience for it. A wise investment for \$65.

The 2012 will officially be released in July at \$80 per bottle. It regales your nose with its considerable barrel aromas, including raspberry brulee and toasted coconut. This is very Cabernet dominant, heaped with gorgeous tobacco and super smooth cherry, with lush cocoa and coffee powder on the finish. Don't miss it, as this definitely will fly out the door like a bat at sunset.

Clearly, these wines are the product of a studied approach. Collin succinctly states, "You can't fake it at the end. The process starts with good vineyard sourcing." There is only one chance to get it right each year.

Asked how his approach to working with vineyard managers has changed as a result of making this wine, Collin comments that he has come to understand how to achieve the best grapes from the handful of people who are willing to deliver premium grapes at harvest.

Notes Cranor, "When you talk about lowering yields with growers, the price goes up. We understand this. Each acre has to generate x number of dollars. The frustrating thing is when we agree to pay more for better, and the grower just crops out the vineyard like a production site. It works once, but we never come back. Our best sites are locked in and we just produce more from those vineyards/growers."

Asked what the one piece of advice he would give to up and coming winemakers, he says simply, "Get good fruit. Keep your winery, tools and barrels clean. Respect the wine-making process. The blending process starts the day you pick the grapes. Understanding your components early gives you tremendous perspective when it comes time to make that final call. It is about getting full value out of your investment. A lot of time, effort, sweat, tears, and dollars go into making great wine. If you respect the process, you give yourself a better chance to produce wines that you will be proud of."

With the current offering of Livermore Valley Bordeaux blends, including Supremacy and Steven Mirassou's Lineage, Livermore has much to be proud of, indeed.

HAGGERTY

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to know whether the Zone 7 maps showing areas of high concentrations of nitrates were correct. Samples in the same area can vary widely. Without enough samples, it might not be a fair assessment, they said. As a result, a landowner would have to install an expensive new or more complicated septic system, when one might not really be needed.

Also, some saw language of the plan as adding another layer of requirements to rural development. It looked to them as if both Zone 7 and county health were going to be setting requirements.

However, at meetings, staff made it clear that while Zone 7 can recommend policies to county health, it will not set requirements. That will be up to county health, as will enforcement.

Zone 7 director Jim McGrail, who owns a vineyard in rural Livermore, delayed action on the plan at the board's Feb. 18 meetings, so that he and his neighbors could learn more about how it would work. Most directors had no objections to the plan, but they supported the requested delay.

McGrail said he was now ready to vote for it. However, he said that one thing "did stick in my craw." It was the word "permitting."

McGrail said he understood that Zone 7 would only recommend actions to the county, but he doesn't want anyone to get the idea that both Zone 7 and the county would serve as permitting agencies. That would be a double burden on property owners, he said.

This time, McGrail voted for the NMP, because the approval makes Zone 7 eligible for grant money. With the money, Zone 7 can study the "nitrate hot spots" around the Valley, and learn more about their exact location and depth. He said Zone 7

staff does excellent work, but needs more tools to better define the problem.

"I don't want to see these hot spots stymie agriculture in rural Livermore," he said. Without accurate knowledge, Zone 7 recommendations could unnecessarily wind up keeping farmers or others out of those areas, he said.

McGrail said that Greenville Road will be the first hot spot to be studied. General manager Jill Duerig said work on the study will begin this summer, with at least one of two interns able to devote time to it.

Director Angela Ramirez Holmes said that she would have liked more transparency around the issue. Although rural residents attended meetings earlier this year, they were not informed of subsequent meetings, she said. "They did not receive any mail telling them that we were going to adopt this," she said. "We know they still have concerns. They called me," said Ramirez Holmes.

Director Dick Quigley said that there have been discussions about the plan. "This has been on that table. It has been truly noticed," he said.

DISTRICT ASKS ZONE 7 FOR WATER

Bethany Byron Irrigation District (BBID) has asked Zone 7 for water. BBID has been supplying water to Zone 7 in various years over the past two decades.

The item did not call for action. It was provided as an alert to the board.

BBID, a pre-1914 Act water district, has been exempt from later laws concerning water quotas. It draws its water directly from the Delta, and has never had limits on the amount it could take. Now that the state is severely restricting such districts, BBID is suing the state, because it will have trouble meeting farmers' needs.

It is not very likely that the federal authorities will agree to a deal to give BBID water, said Duerig. If the deal does occur, BBID has offered to pay the water back to Zone 7 over a three year period, at a payback ratio of 1.5 acre feet for every 1 acre foot borrowed.

Duerig said that Zone 7 is able to make water available. At latest report from Zone 7, retailers who are continuing strong conservation efforts. Zone 7 should have an extra 14,000 acre feet this year. Getting paid back at a higher rate would be useful for future water storage, said Duerig.

BBID has been a sort of "sister organization," said director Bill Stevens, who added he would feel guilty taking back more water than would be given to BBID.

FOUNDATION CRACKS'

REPORT IS READY
Directors were given a 38-page report from a consultant about soils movement and their effect on buildings' foundations. The report, which was included the meeting packets and available on the Zone 7 web page, was not discussed. It is in response to Pleasanton homeowners, who asked Zone 7 several months ago whether nearby production and injection wells were having an effect on the soils where they live.

Several homeowners reported expensive foundation correction work. Zone 7 has said in the past that it's likely the kinds of clay soils in Pleasanton along Santa Rita Road may be the cause, not the wells.

The report talks about quake fault creep and the behavior of soils and various factors that cause them to shrink or expand, which could produce the soil movements that homeowners are concerned about.



Competitors in the Father's Day Spirit Run held in Pleasanton.

MAILBOX

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Joe Michell Program Alvin Stein Livermore

These Educators at the school need to get educated! Come into the 21st Century and realize that Rodeo equals Cruelty to Animals. The article says-helps to defend against bullying. That's a lot of Bull. Rodeo is Bullying. Why not teach kids what the real way to interact with animals is and how a good relationship with animals leads to good relationship with humans?

Not Affordable John Stein Livermore

I enjoyed the creativity and optimism in the recent letter written by Heather Quinker supporting Livermore's proposed rezoning of the Sunset Office Plaza. I would like to offer the following clarifications.

Based upon the size and type of homes being proposed the starting price will likely be well over \$800,000 per unit. I am not sure that defines a first time buyer. While the City requires a certain percentage of the homes be affordable, recently the requirement has been met by in lieu cash payments.

The Sunset Plaza was completed in 1979 and therefore is not over 40 years old. However many of the suggested alternative store fronts and converted single family homes are well over 60 years old.

The old Nob Hill Plaza on Pacific Avenue would be a good location for a new

office plaza, but, it is current General Planned and zone for mixed use. That is multistory residential with small shops on the first floor and limited parking. For it to become offices would require a General Plan change, rezoning, an interested developer and agreement of the property owner. Recently an application has been filed to upgrade the site for a new supermarket. I am not sure how "easily it could become a new office plaza".

Like the lobster in the pot of cold water with a fire under it, I am not sure exactly when the appearance and character of a community changes. Is it when low intensity commercial and vacant land is filled with housing like Brighton or Sunset Financial Center or when the downtown is filled with high rise apartments and condos? Is it when thousands of new residents suddenly arrive? Is it when we keep adding homes without planning for new roads, schools, libraries, churches, supermarkets and water supplies? The question is, as always, what is the amount, type and rate of growth Livermore can accommodate before turning into another San Jose or Oakland.

While the loss of Sunset Plaza offices will require thousands of people to travel hundreds more miles per year to access services, it is not the end of the world. It will just make South Livermore and the entire City just a little less desirable place to live.

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Emmy Awarded for Movie about Ray Guy: 'Destined for Canton'

By Carol Graham

JR Romero admits he was less surprised than his daughter had been to learn of her Emmy nomination for a Raiders Report special she'd produced titled "Destined for Canton."

"It had been a quest she had been on since she started working for Silver and Black Productions," said the Livermore resident of daughter Jessica Romero. "She was so determined, I knew it was only a matter of time."

His confidence was well-placed. On June 6th, Jessica and her team earned a 2015 Northern California Area Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement: Arts/Entertainment-Program/Special at the 44th Northern California Area Emmy Awards Gala in San Francisco.

When she heard the winner announced, "I remained seated for a moment because I didn't realize they had named our show," said Jessica. "I kind of floated down to the podium to accept the award with my heart pounding through my chest. I was so happy and surprised at what was happening, it was kind of a blur."

It's an understandable reaction, especially for a 27-year-old in only her third season working full-time for Silver and Black Productions, the Oakland Raiders' in-house television production operation devoted to providing viewers with behind-the-scenes content.

"Destined for Canton" is a half-hour special that tells the story of punter Ray Guy's 2014 induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

"Ray Guy made history when he became the first pure punter to be inducted last year," said Jessica. "Our team was hoping he would finally make it in after being up for the honor numerous years and not making the cut. We knew it would be an awesome story to share with viewers and Raider Nation."



Jessica Romero with her Emmy

Although Jessica's official role is producer, the 2011 San Francisco State University graduate also writes, edits and conducts interviews.

"I wear a lot of hats," she said, adding that on the six-member production team, she is the only woman. "I feel fortunate because I have a supportive team, and they give me a lot of freedom to develop my ideas for a story after we've decided on the subject matter. However, I do put a lot of pressure on myself to perform at my highest possible level knowing that I am competing in a male-dominated sports industry."

Yet it is a world Jessica grew up with. JR's family moved to the Bay Area in the late '60s, when he was seven years old. "It was the same year the Oakland Coliseum opened," he recalled. "All of my family have been Raiders fans since then."

While JR may not have been as surprised about Jes-

sica's success as she was, he was every bit as excited.

"My wife and I were ecstatic," said JR, who in July will step up as the Livermore Rotary Club president. "We had an Emmy party at my sister's house with siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in attendance. The house was



Jessica Romero poses with her colleagues after they received their Emmys.

decorated in silver and black stars and balloons. We had dinner, cake, and a viewing of the winning show. Everyone was taking pictures with Jessica and the Emmy. Everyone is so proud of her."

Jessica's Emmy now sits on a desk in her Oakland apartment. "I often glance at it and am still processing that my team earned such an honor," she said. "It's pretty surreal."

"Destined for Canton" is aired on Comcast SportsNet California, and can be

viewed on Raiders.com.

"I hope viewers, especially those who are passionate about football, really grasp what a special thing Ray Guy did for the sport while representing one of the most storied franchises in the NFL, the Raiders," said Jessica. "He introduced concepts like hang time and

positional punting, and set the standard for punters today. He made people realize the impact a punter could have on the game."

It is not unlike the impact of a determined young filmmaker who shared an inspirational story, and made her own dream come true.

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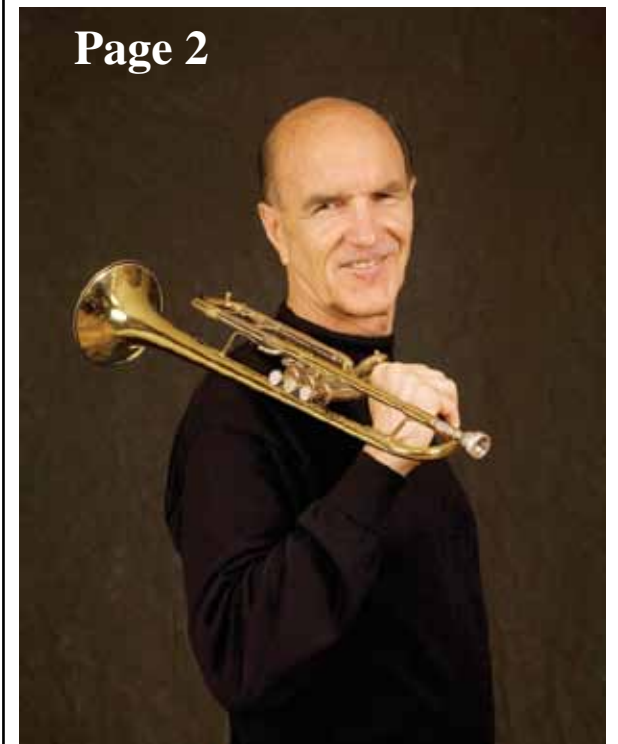
Trombonist Spencer Sussman

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Judith Helton as Author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

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Dave Roche

As You Like It, Sense and Sensibility Performances Set

Productions of *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare, and Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, adapted by Jon Jory, will be presented by Shakespeare's Associates Livermore Shakespeare Festival this summer.

Lisa A. Tromovitch directs *As You Like It* and Jennifer Le Blanc directs *Sense and Sensibility*.

As You Like It is the play known for the famous line "All the world's a stage," two cousins, raised as sisters, prove the power of their love for each other by running away from an oppressive father and regime. In a forest made magical by love, passions are ignited as the rules of society are softened to fit the natural world.

As the artifice of society is worn away, that which is truly important becomes clear, and each character finds their own path to happiness: the fathers, the lovers, and even the clowns.

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Maryssa Wanlass, Lindsey Marie Schmeltzer and Allan Littlehailes from Livermore Shakespeare Festival 2015. *As You Like It* Costumes by Barbara Murray. *Sense and Sensibility* Costume by Jonathan Singer. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com





Lee Waterman and Jazz Caliente



Joe DeRose and Amici

Livermore Library Presents Jazz in July

Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, once again takes over the Civic Center Library for four programs by top jazz artists. All programs are on Sundays at 2pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

There is no admission charge. The series is underwritten by the Friends of the Livermore Library. No reservations are required. Parking and seats are limited.

This year's lineup:

July 5: Dave Rocha's Hardbop Quintet kicks off Jazz in July

Dave Rocha has been performing with his jazz group for more than 20 years. He has played in a number of major cities, including New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

His band plays an eclectic mix of jazz standards (by Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, John Coltrane, etc.) "pop" tunes (Cole Porter, Gershwin and Jobim)

and original compositions. This covers a wide variety of styles from up-tempo bebop, "modal" tunes, swing and blues, to Latin jazz, ballads and jazz waltz.

In addition to his trumpet expertise, Rocha is also an accomplished flugelhorn player. This instrument is similar to the trumpet, but has a larger bell, which gives it a darker, mellower sound.

Dave Rocha's band members include Tod Dickow on tenor sax, Keith Saunders on keyboard, Chuck Bennett on bass and Akira Tana on drums.

July 12: Lee Waterman and Jazz Caliente

Jazz Caliente consists of an all-star ensemble whose members have appeared with a Who's Who of musical luminaries including: Tito Puente, Whitney Houston, Eddie Palmieri, Linda Ronstadt, Michael Bolton, Madonna, Jon Fad-dis, Tom Scott, Pete Escovedo, Sheila E, John Santos, Armando Peraza, and the Harlem Jazz Orchestra.

Band members include Lee Waterman (guitars), Melecio Magdaluyo (sax and flute, Javier Navarrette (percussion), Tommy Kesecker (vibraphone), Bill Lanphier (bass), and Bill Belasco (drums). All the band members are terrific ensemble players and exciting soloists. Don't miss this opportunity to see these world class artists perform in an intimate setting.

Jazz Caliente focuses on Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms. Lee Waterman founded the band in 1989 as a vehicle for his original compositions and his unique arrangements of songs by the great Jazz and Latin masters, including Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Tito Puente, and Sergio Mendes. For more information about Jazz Caliente, visit their website at www.leewatermanproductions.com.

July 19: Joe DeRose and Amici

Born in San Jose, California, Joe has been playing the drums since the age of

five. He was first taught at home by his older brother Gino. He later became active playing in school bands and this is where his first love for jazz began. He received a scholarship to attend the Stanford Jazz workshop and then became a member of the Alum Rock Jazz Band (1988). At the age 14, Joe began playing professionally around the San Francisco bay area. He has had the honor of studying with such greats as Louie Bellson, Joe Porcaro, Freddie Grubber, Wally Schnalle, Bryant Mills, Karl Carter, John Ramsay, Rick Considine, Lewis Nash, Kenwood Denard, Mike Mangini and many others.

Joe is now the leader of his own Jazz-Fusion group, Joe DeRose and Amici. It was in 2010 that they recorded their debut CD, *Sounds for the Soul*. They performed their CD release at the prestigious Yoshi's Jazz club in Oakland and performed their south bay CD release at The Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa

close to perfect as one can get!" (Brent Black, *Critical Jazz*).

July 26: Pamela Rose-Hammond Organ Party!

Pamela Rose is a San Francisco jazz and blues vocalist who has thrilled audiences locally and internationally with her swinging, soulful style. Rose is that rare breed of entertainer who connects solidly with her audience by always delivering a personal and unforgettable musical experience. Her rich, warm voice and easy rapport with excellent musicians moves jazz and blues audiences of all ages.

Originally from Southern California, Rose attended UC Berkeley and quickly met up with Hammond B-3 organist Merl Saunders, who took her on tour in 1977. This experience helped to define the strong passions that keep music fresh for Pamela today: writing and developing songs which are personal to her, a strong love for improvisation and spontaneity that comes with performing live, and a crazy adoration for the soulful sounds of Hammond B-3 organ.



Pamela Rose

Cruz. Their latest release *Peace Streets* was up for a Grammy this year. This band consists of Hristo Vitchev on guitar, Dan Robbins on Bass, Murray Low on Keys, and Dann Zinn on sax. They recently performed at The 2013 San Jose Jazz Summer Festival.

"Joe De Rose and Amici take old school fusion and move it into the next millennium with *Peace Streets*. Joe De Rose swings like a beast, a lyrical drummer with the intensity of a Billy Cobham and the deft touch of a Max Roach. The harmonious synergy captured here is mind blowing. I grew up on fusion, this is better. Joe De Rose and Amici get it right. This is as

Pamela Rose has teamed up with Hammond B-3 wizard Wayne De La Cruz to create an album that jazz and blues enthusiasts are already calling a classic. *Hammond Organ Party!* is an inexplicably rare encounter between a soul-drenched singer and a prodigious jazz organist. Loose and limber, moving and grooving, the album feels like a Saturday night celebration, with Rose and her top-shelf cast romping through swinging jazz standards, blues hits, and R&B classics.

For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

SHAKESPEARE

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A romantic tale, set in Regency England, *Sense and Sensibility* still "holds the mirror up to nature" as women and men relegated to rigid societal roles struggle to balance propriety with desire. Perhaps because the story is set in a time and place where society's rules are so clear-cut, it is easier to appreciate the predicaments we still find ourselves in today.

Two sisters express their passion in wildly divergent ways, while miscommunications fueled by gossip threaten their happiness. The play is based on Jane Austen's novel.

Performances will be on the following schedule: July 2 – August 2, 2015 Preview of *Sense and Sensibility* on July 2, *Sense and Sensibility* Opening Night Performance on July 3rd. *Sense and Sensibility* performances are July 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 2nd. The Benefit Gala, Auction and Performance of *Sense and Sensibility* will be held on Saturday, July 11th at 5:00 PM with the performance at

8PM. Preview of *As You Like It* will be on July 16, with performances of *As You Like It* on July 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 August 1, 2 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 16th.

All performances begin at 7:30PM with the exception of the Benefit Performance of *Sense and Sensibility* on Saturday, July 11 at 8PM.

All shows will be held at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Tickets are \$50- \$25; benefit performance with dinner and auction on July 11th \$125; Livermore Shakes Family Night (*Sense and Sensibility*) on July 2nd (*As You Like It*) on July 16th; Family Night Kids Tickets \$5; Pre-Show Buffet available for \$49/person added to price of show ticket.

Tickets can be purchased at (925) 443-BARD or www.LivermoreShakes.org



Lindsey Marie Schmeltzer in *Sense and Sensibility*, Livermore Shakespeare Festival 2015.

Matt Finders and Element 116 Along with Trombonist Spencer Sussman to Jazz Up 'Evenings on the Green'

Matt Finders & his Element 116 jazz band, and trombonist Spencer Sussman are the featured groups on Tuesday, June 30 at "Evenings on the Green." The events begins at 6:45 p.m.

The family-friendly free concert series is sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. This series is presented on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

Livermore native Matt Finders, a bassist and composer/arranger, spent 17 years as a trombonist with the Tonight Show as part of the Jay Leno Band. Matt has directed the jazz programs at Mendenhall and East Avenue Middle Schools and founded the Jazz Lab Music Camps.

Matt relocated to Livermore in 2013 and is dedicated to helping grow a jazz culture in the Tri-Valley. Matt formed Element 116, a Livermore-based school band that plays jazz and big band tunes. Element 116 has been seen at all the Livermorium



Element 116

Celebrations.

Spencer Sussman (tenor and bass trombonist, composer/arranger, and educator) has entertained audiences from the warm beaches of Costa Rica to major Los Angeles music venues. He is pursuing a master's degree in jazz studies at San Jose State University, studying under the expertise of Scott Whitfield, Thomas Hornig, and Grammy Award winner

Aaron Lington. He currently lives in the Bay Area where he performs, composes, arranges, records, and teaches trombone lessons.

Next Tuesday, "Evenings on the Green" continues with One Mile featuring Jeff Mirocha on guitar, playing hits by singers and song writers from the 60's and onward.

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of the permitted restaurant areas because the Livermore Police Department is now strictly enforcing the ordinance on public alcohol possession and consumption through its alcohol safety and awareness program. Additional support was provided by Sanctuary Ultra Lounge Restaurant, Catering and Events; Wine-makers Pourhouse Beer Garden; and Sauced BBQ and Spirits.

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Special Exhibit Opens for Viewing



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As a special Summer Exhibit, the Harrington Gallery and the Firehouse Arts Center present the abstract paintings of San Francisco artist Janet Seifert. The 15 painting installation is located in the Grand Atrium exhibition spaces.

Open through July 18, the public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibit during Firehouse open hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located in beautiful downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free.

The artist will conduct a painting demonstration and discussion on Friday, July 17, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the lobby exhibition area. Public is invited to attend, and the suggested donation for the session is \$5. Free parking is available in the Firehouse Arts Center lot with entrance on Spring Street.

With her studio in the SOMA Studios, 689 Bryant Street in San Francisco, Seifert has exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) among other prestigious venues. She describes her work as landscapes of the imagination. According to Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan, Seifert uses “gestural brushwork to create spontaneous compositions, and capture the essence of a moment in time.”

Seifert says of her work, “This series of paintings is based on abstract improvisation, a spontaneous yet contemplative approach to painterly expression born of abstract expressionism. The technique uses the flow-



Janet Seifert to host demonstration and discussion

ing elegance of fluid pigment to create intuitive, original compositions that embody the freshness of passing experience. It's alchemy of a certain sort, working with intuition and materials in a way that have no certain outcome. For me the process is a journey into the mysteries of creativity.”

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

Spend An Evening with Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Firehouse Arts Center

The name Laura Ingalls Wilder is synonymous with settler life in the 1800s and life in a simpler time. Museum on Main in Pleasanton welcomes historical actress Judith Helton as the 1800s author of the Little House book series in “An Evening with Laura Ingalls Wilder” at the Firehouse Arts Center on Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm in the evening.

Born in 1867, the name Laura Ingalls Wilder brings to mind life in the big woods, in a little house on the prairie, and on the banks of plum creek. The



American author's books have spanned generations, taught us about pioneer life, and inspired the 1970s-1980s television

show Little House on the Prairie. Judith Helton portrays Wilder in this one-woman program presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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.

Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Bilingual Storytellers to Present Program in Livermore

The Livermore Public Library will present Cascada de Flores bilingual storytellers on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 2:30pm at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Ave., Livermore. Cascada de Flores is one of a variety of free performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

“The Tree and the Donkey Who Loved to Sing,” a bilingual and participatory story, features the song, ancient musical instruments, poly-rhythms and sweet characters of Mexican music and dance. In this bilingual family program, viewers will meet the donkey and its jawbone, the abuelito and the vulture, the owl and the iguana, and the instruments that come from the tree. Children and their families are invited to sing, dance and play to the beautiful traditional songs and dances.

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are geared toward children ages 4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, storytellers and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2015 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.

Unanimous Superior Ratings for LHS Orchestra, Symphonic Band

Both the Livermore High School Orchestra and Symphonic Band received unanimous Superior ratings at the California Association for Music, Bay Section Festival. Unanimous Superior is the highest possible rating for a band or orchestra.

Livermore High School competed with musicians from around the Bay Area. The students are judged on their performance of several prepared musical selections. The bands/orchestras are then presented a piece of music to sight read and perform for the judges after three to four minutes of review. Livermore High School Orchestra and Symphonic Band received a superior rating on both parts of the judging resulting in the overall Unanimous Superior rating.

Livermore and Granada High School bands perform in the community and at festivals upwards of 20 times per year including at football games, concerts, competitions in the fall, festivals in the spring, graduation ceremonies, and the Livermore Rodeo Parade.

“We have awesome students and the community is amazing, always supporting us whole heartedly,” says Dean McNair, Livermore High School music teacher and band director, “Our students are the best, and I am extremely proud of all of them.”

WINE COUNTRY By Harry Stoll

The road less traveled: Finding white blends

Purists no doubt have good reason for wanting 100% of a varietal in their glass. I prefer blends. Red blends are long established, now white blends are making their mark. Valley wineries often include some varietals that are not commonly found in the Livermore Valley.

Seeking white blends, we left 680 at Bernal Avenue to go south on Sunol Blvd. between two branches of the Union Pacific Railroad. Shortly after they crossed in a shallow X there was Verona Road. Because former girlfriend Ghislaine was beside me, I decided to revisit the balcony scene. The map had a funny mark on it, but you know maps. We came to a bridge with a post in the middle of the road. Hah! I maneuvered around it, but at the far end: a barricade. We paused to enjoy the silence of the rush of the blue streak running deep below. Arroyo de la Laguna. Fun to say, and appropriate for the overused "awesome." I Marjorie Dawed back. Warning: Amateur driver on a closed bridge. Do not try this on the road.

At Elliston Winery, I asked for a spin with Danse de Blanc, but she hadn't saved the last dance for me. Shucks. She'll be back next year. Sign her dance card in advance and go try it.

We drove on Vallecitos Road to Tenuta Vineyards. Rich Rollins, officially the director of operations, but de facto director of fun, said, "Give us 30 minutes and we'll be friends for life." The tasting room does rock, with plenty of laughter and a wall covered with rather racy paintings. Hey come on, it's art. Rich pointed out that owner Nancy Tenuta is one of a very few women winemakers in the valley. We had a tight schedule so couldn't stay long. "Give us three minutes and we'll be friends for life," said Rich as we parted. Here are two white blends from Tenuta:

Multi Vintage Tenuta Vineyards Duet Livermore Valley (\$25). This is smooth with a bountiful aroma. The

label states it's Chardonnay and an aromatic varietal, which no doubt is Viognier. Has an almost hardy substance and the mere 5% of Viognier lights up your life. Turkey san with thick slices of cranberry for this baby.

2014 Tenuta Vineyards Aria Livermore Valley (\$25). An intriguing blend of 60% Pinot Grigio, 30% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% French Colombard. By the pool, on the patio, sitting on the back porch, or on the deck or veranda, it's right for a light repast right now. Light and crisp, and the traditionally somewhat sweet Colombard does not cloy.

We drove the long way back to Vallecitos Road because that's what we do. We went through vineyards and passed large yellowish houses with red tile roofs on large lots. We went this-away and that-away and arrived at Pat Paulsen Vineyards. Pat's son Monty is now the owner/winemaker and deserves several adjectives, including, but not limited to, gracious and informed. "He's the real deal," said Ghislaine. Here is one of his creations.

Multi Vintage Pat Paulsen Vineyards American Gothic White (\$20) Pat Paulsen Vineyards first launched American Gothic Red in the mid 1980s, to great fanfare and acclaim. Now it has a companion white wine. The label depicts Jane and Pat Paulsen, standing in front of the Pat Paulsen Vineyards tasting room in Asti, California, a la the classic American painting by Grant Wood.

The wine is a dry white blend of premium Californian varietals, with typical California fruitiness. Soft enough to drink on its own, yet with enough backbone to go well with a meal. The wine is 100% Lake County Sauvignon Blanc. It's crisp and smooth. I brought a bottle home to Puget Sound and really dug Geoduck (pronounced goeey-duck) clams for chowder, for a pairing.

The label points out that Jane and Pat came from the Dust Bowl to California after losing their pork belly farm.



It also says it goes with chitlins biscuits and gravy. I say it goes with jambalya and a crawfish pie me oh mio.

Now it's rising on Tesla Road to BoaVentura where we stood still will looking at the view as we appreciated the unique blend.

BoaVentura White Wine Alameda and San Joaquin counties. (\$24). This intriguing mixture of 42% Albarino Mokelumne River, 38% Albarino Livermore Valley Las Positas College Vineyard, 18% Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley, and 2% Orange Muscat, Livermore Valley floats you on a whole raft of flavors, providing an overall balance. It was fermented in steel tanks, giving it a bit of minerality for a clean, crisp hit with a bit of citrus, peach, to dance the mango, dance the dance of love. For me, it was a salade Nicoise in the shady backyard when it was summer and the living was easy. Another good choice was crab cakes and a dip of Greek yogurt and lavender blue and dill.

Sip and Shop During Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine Stroll

Over 30 downtown locations will become tasting rooms on Saturday, July 18th from 5-8 p.m. for Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine.

This year, musicians will entertain up and down Main Street. Participants will discover downtown businesses, listen to live music, taste a variety of local wines and small bites. In addition, each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map.

Presale tickets are available for \$35 online at PleasantonDowntown.net and also at Redcoats located at 336 St. Mary Street and at the Rose Hotel located at 807 Main Street. Friday, July 10, tickets will be available for \$40.




If not sold out, remaining tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$45 (cash only) at the event starting location – the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Tickets must be redeemed on July 18 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center.

A variety of wine will be offered by BoaVentura de Caires Winery, Boisset Wine Living, Ehrenberg Cellars, Elliston Vineyards, Enoteca Five, Garré Vineyard and Winery, Fenestra Winery, Little Valley Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, New Leaf Community Markets, The Honey Wine Company, The Mead Kitchen, Treasure Island Wines, Wenté Vineyards, Winemakers Studio and more.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be selling a limited number of designated driver tickets the night of the event for \$10 cash. Event is rain or shine, no refunds. The PDA is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen tickets.

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ValleyCare Auxiliary Awards Scholarships to Local Students

The ValleyCare Auxiliary conferred a total of six \$4,000 scholarships, one \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship at the Auxiliary's annual Appreciation Luncheon on May 11.

The following students received scholarships:

Zachary Kline will graduate from De La Salle High School and will attend UCLA, majoring in biochemistry with the goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon. Zachary has a 4.45 GPA and has already completed an internship in cardiothoracic surgical skills at the Stanford University School of Medicine. In his spare time he is completing an online AP calculus course and is a pitcher for the De La Salle baseball team. Zachary was selected to receive the Dr. Daniel Lucas \$4000 scholarship donated by the Medical Staff and named in honor of Dr. Daniel Lucas, a beloved ValleyCare radiologist.

Sabrina Downey will graduate from Granada High School and will attend Azusa Pacific University with the goal of becoming a nurse, specializing in midwifery. Sabrina is in the ROP Nursing program. Her long term goal is to travel to another country as a missionary nurse and has completed four mission trips. Sabrina maintains a 4.28 GPA. Sabrina was presented with a \$4,000 Auxiliary scholarship.

Alyssa Floris will graduate from Livermore High School and will attend Grand Canyon University with the goal of becoming a nurse. Alyssa is interested in becoming an emergency room nurse and eventually a life flight nurse. Alyssa is in the ROP Nursing program and will have the distinction of being the first in her family to attend university. Alyssa received a \$4,000 Auxiliary scholarship.

Augustine Chemparathy will graduate from Dougherty High School and will attend Stanford University to major in biomedical computation with the long term goal of becoming a neurobiologist. Augustine has a 4.69 GPA and has participated in several biology and chemistry competitions winning several awards. Augustine received a \$4000 Auxiliary scholarship.

Cassidy Herro will graduate from Livermore High School and will attend UCLA with the goal of becoming a nurse. Cassidy hopes to join the Peace Corps and has a long term goal of becoming a charge nurse at a children's hospital. Cassidy is taking classes in sign language and will soon receive certification. Cassidy has never missed a day of school from kindergarten and has a 4.2 GPA. Cassidy was presented with a \$4000 Auxiliary scholarship.

Barik Singh will graduate from Foothill High School and will attend UC Santa Barbara majoring in pre-med-

icine with the goal of becoming a physician. Barik has been a Junior Volunteer at ValleyCare and was selected to participate in the Kaiser Permanente Summer Youth Employment program, shadowing an orthopedic surgeon. Along with receiving an academic letter for academic excellence, Barik has been a member of the Cantabella Childrens Chorus for 12 years. Barik received a \$4,000 Auxiliary scholarship.

Sarah Partridge will graduate from Livermore High and will attend Humboldt State to study kinesiology with the goal of becoming a physical therapist. Sarah is in the ROP Sports Medicine program and has shadowed physical therapists. Sarah was voted most inspirational by her high school baseball team. After an interesting evening of interviews by the scholarship selection committee, one of the interviewers, Joe Carlucci, executive director of Therapy and Ambulatory Services at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, was so inspired by her story, he decided to personally fund Sarah's scholarship. Sarah

was presented with a \$4,000 scholarship named "Most Inspirational Scholarship."

Kayla Heffelfinger will graduate from Vineyard High School and will attend Las Positas College with the goal of becoming a nurse. Kayla is interested in working in the neonatal or midwife areas. Kayla is in the ROP Nursing program, and hopes to continue volunteering at ValleyCare. Kayla received the \$1,000 scholarship donated by the Ivancich, Martin & Costis Law Firm.

Avery Harker will graduate from Granada High school and will attend Utah Valley University to study Emergency Services, with the goal of becoming a firefighter paramedic. Avery is currently taking an emergency medical responder class at Las Positas College and plans on taking the EMT course and becoming EMT certified. Avery is also an ROP Medical Occupations student. Avery was given a one-time award of \$500, donated by Dr. Kana-gala, a member of the ValleyCare medical staff and one of the scholarship selection committee members this year.

Community Invited to Tie a Knot for Veterans at 1st Wednesday



Thais Carlucci with a quilt

Hope Hospice invites all to tie a knot for Veterans on July 1 at Pleasanton's First Wednesday event in downtown Pleasanton.

During the past year, Hope Hospice volunteers have been making plush lap blankets that are adorned with patriotic symbols – the American flag, stars and stripes, and the American bald eagle – for the organization's Veteran hospice patients. This project was started by Pleasanton resident Thais Carlucci, a long-time Hope Hospice home care volunteer, as a way to say thank you to Hope Hospice's Veteran patients. "When I visit our Veteran patients and they talk about their time in the service, it's clear that it's something they're really proud of – it doesn't matter if they served for two or 20 years – it's important to them," Carlucci says. "Making those blankets is a tiny part of how we at Hope Hospice honor our Veterans."

Hope Hospice is a proud participant of We Honor Veterans, a program that helps our hospice team honor patients' service to our country and enhance the quality of care we provide to help meet the special needs of Veterans.

Community members can join in on this special project by stopping by the Hope Hospice booth to help tie knots on the fringes that border each blanket. No special skills are needed. For information, contact Hope Hospice Director of Volunteers Jill Biggs at (925) 829-8770.

Scholarships Encourage Pursuit of Interest in Science and Engineering



Pictured are Megan Kristovich (left) and Katie Johnston who have received NSTec scholarships.

Two Livermore area high school students were awarded \$5,000 scholarships each by National Security Technologies LLC (NSTec), to encourage their interest in science and engineering.

This year's recipients of the NSTec Engineering and Science Scholarship are Megan Kristovich

and Katie Johnston, both graduates of Livermore High School. Kristovich plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley and major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Johnston will attend California Institute of Technology and major in Computer Science.

The scholarship pro-

gram, an extension of the NSTec education investment philosophy, was launched in 2006 and has provided more than 221 scholarships and \$1 million to high school seniors across the country planning an education in engineering and science.

NSTec partners with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation to administer the scholarships. The company is the management and operating

contractor for the Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities including the company's Livermore Operations, for the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Field Office.

"We created these scholarships to encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers who are essential for our national security mission," says NSTec President Ray Juzaitis. "Several of our NSTec Engineering and

Science Scholarship recipients also serve summer internships – our vision is that one day they may become our employees." Scholarship recipients are given an opportunity to intern at NSTec after their first year of college.



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June 30	MATT FINDERS & ELEMENT 116	Jazz and Big Band
	SPENCER SUSSMAN	Jazz Trombone
July 7	ONE MILE	Singer-Songwriter Pop Songs from the 60's thru Today
July 14	CHEZA NAMI PRESENTS CHINYAKARE ENSEMBLE	The Dance and Music of Zimbabwe
	EDEN ADBA TAIKO	Taiko Drums
July 21	SECRET TATTOO	Six-Piece Unit Playing from "Great American Song Book"
July 28	LISA MARIE JOHNSTON	Country, Americana & Blues
August 4	AUDIO ILLUSION	Classic Rock, Pop, & Blue - 50's to the Present
August 11	ALLEN VEGA	West Coast Blues with a Texas Twist
August 18	LUNAFISH	Psychedelic Rock of the Late 60's & Early 70's
August 25	KALAIKOIL	Classical South Indian Dance
	PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND	Marches, Show Tunes and Favorites

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Dublin's Picnic Flix Begin with Dolphin Tale 2

"Picnic Flix," Dublin's Summer Outdoor Movie Series, begins Friday, June 26.

The movies will be shown at Emerald Glen Park. Food, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 PM, with movies to begin at dusk. The series starts on Friday, June 26, with "Dolphin Tale 2" (PG). Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets, but pets are not allowed.

Movies include:

Friday, July 24: When the Game Stands Tall (PG)

Friday, August 21: Big Hero 6 (PG)

For more information, call (925) 556-4506.

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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Freeze Frame Exhibit, top 25 finalists from the Tri-Valley Conservancy's 2014 Freeze Frame photo competition will be on display at Cuda Ridge Winery. This is a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. The exhibit runs from May 1 through July 31, 2015. Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

A Collection of Sharon Wood's Photography will be open for public viewing at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, from June 2- July 30th.

Special Summer Exhibit: Janet Seifert and Abstract Improvisation Painting. Through July 18. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present the luscious abstract paintings of San Francisco artist Janet Seifert. With her studio in the well-known SOMA Studios, 689 Bryant Street in San Francisco, Seifert has exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) among other prestigious venues. The artist will conduct a painting demonstration on Friday, July 17, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the exhibition area. Suggested donation is \$5. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wed., Thurs., Fri. from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

Repurposed: Creative Re-Use of Otherwise Discarded Items. New installation at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Works by 4 Northern California artists using diverse processes, motivations, and cast-off materials to create sophisticated fine art pieces. Includes origami, assemblage wall pieces, free standing sculpture, collage incorporating old sheet music and books, and a large installation work not to be missed. Open to the public June 24 through July 23. Young@Art Event: Thursday, June 25, 4:30-5:45 p.m. "Recycled Fun" Young @ Art Youth Gallery Program. Ages 5-11. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 60159. 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. Donations always appreciated.

Art on the Green, Bankhead Plaza Green, 2400 First St., Livermore, third Saturday of the month June-Septem-

ber. Sponsored by the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Event open to all artists displaying artist-only products. All art must be family acceptable. \$20 fee, information contact Anne Giancola at agiancola@livermoreperformingarts.org to RSVP.

Art Under the Oaks, July 18 and 19, sponsored by Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No admission charge. Art displays and demonstrations. www.livermoreartassociation.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Artists at Work, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore. June will feature printmaker Erica Barajas. **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.

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners



The Dave Rocha Jazz Quintet brings its swing era sounds to the Pleasanton Public Library for a free performance on Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. Trumpeter Dave Rocha and his jazz group have performed for more than two decades in major cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco. The band plays an eclectic mix of jazz standards by Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, and John Coltrane, to name just a few, as well as pop tunes by Cole Porter and Gershwin, and original compositions. For more information about this and other library events, visit the library's website at cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library, or call (925) 931-3410.

are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer Art, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years. Sessions: July 27-31; Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443- 8755 or frank.a@comcast.net

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond

- Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., June 29th 9:30 to Noon for five weeks and Tues., June 30th, 6:30 to 9PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388.

WINE & SPIRITS

Wente Vineyards, Sundays in the Round, three new food experiences paired with Wente Vineyards wines . \$60 club members, \$65 non-club, per guest, per experience. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Dim Sum: July 12, 11-2; Festival of Lights, Indian cuisine, Aug. 16, 11-2 925.456.2405 or www.wentevineyards.com

Wine country events: 6/25/2015 Music in the Orchard, Concerts for Charity at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa. Benefitting local the Pedrozzi Foundation. The first concert will feature Meredith and the Mercenaries. Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beerworks and Ken's Woodfired Pizza will be back again to take care of food and libations. Tickets available online at www.purpleorchid.com and through Nottingham Cellars and Altamont Beerworks tasting rooms. \$10 presale/\$15 at the door. A portion of food and beverage sales to benefit The Pedrozzi Foundation. No outside food or beverage. 6/27/2015 Music on the Patio at Nottingham Cellars and Occasio Winery. The talented guitarist, Tom Duarte plays 1-4pm with his Latin and contemporary style. Wine tasting customers, bring a snack and some friends and join us for a relaxing afternoon.

Charles R Vineyards hosts a free Summer Concert Series this Friday, June 26th from 5:30pm - 8:00pm, Live music on the patio by Mud Daddy, a five piece Rock cover band. Sip, sing & sway the evening away. Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd./ 5800 Greenville Rd. in Livermore.

Las Positas Vineyards, Sun., June 28, "Sunday Funday," tasting of newest wine and cheese pairing flight. \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. Live music by Anthony Delaney from 2-5pm, check out his website at www.anthonysdelaney.com For more details, call 925-49-9463 or

email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. 4th of July weekend celebration, tasting room open 11:30 a.m. each day, bring the family and have a picnic. To reserve a picnic table, email curt@laspositasvineyards or visit www.laspositasvineyards.com

Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Vineyard and Winery, Wine Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m. July 1. Pouring three most popular Italian and French varieties for \$6 a glass; watch the sunset from our serene garden. Wine club family members can apply their discount. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore. More information at www.rmwinery.com.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Independence Day Celebration, July 4 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards, exclusive tour of The Restaurant's ½ acre organic production garden followed by a special two course lunch utilizing ingredients from the garden. Space is very limited. Price per guest, per session: \$45 public, \$39 Club (Plus tax and 18% service charge). All events are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; dates are July 8, August 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; wentevineyards.com

Taste Our Terror! July 23-26. Thursday July 23, 2015 is the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence parring 19 winemakers with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. 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 advance through 7/10, \$95 after; weekend event tickets available from \$35-\$100. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. www.lvwine.org.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Wine Wednesday at Retzlaff, 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 26. The winery and grounds will be open late for visitors to wind down with a glass after work. This is a Livermore Valley wide event with a different winery participating each week. Evening wine specials available by the glass or bottle. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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.

Steve Fread performances: 6-25 5:30-7:30 Cuda Ridge Neil Young set.

A Tribute to the Broadway Divas, Vol. 1. Featuring songs of Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Bernadette Peters, Angela Lansbury. July 18, 8 p.m. and July 19, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

New West Guitar Group, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, July 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Puerto Candelaria, the vibrant rhythms

and dance of the rich, exuberant Columbian culture. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

New Christy Minstrels, fresh folk sound in the 1960s with their lighthearted style, rich harmonies, and original, chart-topping hits such as "Green, Green" and "Today." Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Keiko Matsui, Japanese-born pianist and composer. Aug. 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Summer Music Night, Aug. 8, 8 p.m. evening of Bay Area talent. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Jazz All Star Quintet brings together legendary pianist and band leader Dick Hyman, award-winning tenor saxophonist Harry Allen, and arguably the greatest living jazz clarinetist, Ken Peplowski. Aug. 9, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pamela Rose Presents Wild Women of Song, Red-Legged Frog Productions, Aug. 9, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Celtic Roots of Great American Music celebrating American music's rich Irish and Scottish heritage. Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Mad's Men: Featuring Mads Tolling, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Rockapella rocks the house with just one instrument – their voices – but an astonishing full-band sound. Aug. 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pleasanton Ukulele Band 'A Taste of Hawaii', Aug. 30, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Romeo and Juliet: Free Shakespeare in the Park in partnership with the City of Pleasanton present Shakespeare's timeless classic. The tale of young lovers doomed by their family's historical culture of meaningless prejudices and violence. The remarkable genre-defying play soars to the heights of 'romantic comedy' before plunging into heart-break. Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., June 27 – July 12 in Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. Special Performance: Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. (No performances July 3 and 4.) The performance lawn is next to the Aquatics Center. Bring family, friends, a blanket

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and a picnic. For more information, visit www.sfsakes.org.

As You Like It and Sense and Sensibility will be performed on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. The Clorox Company Foundation Family Nights will be held on Thursday, July 2 (Sense and Sensibility) and Thursday, July 16th (As You Like It) with \$5 youth tickets (under 18). For tickets call (925) 443-BARD or visit www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Girls Night: The Musical - Desperate Housewives Meets Mamma Mia! July 9, 7:30 p.m., July 10, 8 p.m., July 11, 2 and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800

The King and I, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; Aug. 1, 2; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, 8 p.m., July 23-26, Las Positas College in newly renovated outdoor amphitheater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre Summer Gala, Aug. 2, 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Aesop Amok, presented by Peripatetic Players, produced by Idiot String. Sun., Aug. 16, 5 p.m. Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Free admission. Show runs about 50 minutes.

HMS Pinafore, Lamplighters Music Theatre production of Gilbert & Sullivan's satire. Aug. 22, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

COMEDY

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. July 11, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

Summer Comedy Night, July 25, 8 p.m. featuring Joe Klocek. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 8, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

MOVIES

Movies in the Park, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Free. Movies begin at dusk. All are PG. July 9: Pee Wee's Big Adventure; July 16: The Neverending Story; July 23: Big Hero 6; July 30: Maleficent; August 6, Back to the Fu-

ture; August 13, Into the Woods. <http://cityofpleasantonca.gov>, or 931-4826.

Picnic Flick, Emerald Glen Park., Dublin. Food, beverages, snacks available for purchase 7 p.m.; movies begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. All are PG. June 26, Dolphin Tale 2; July 24, When the Game Stands Tall; August 21, Big Hero 6. 556-4500 for more information.

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyards, Retzlaff Vineyards, 6 to 10 p.m. July 19, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 925-447-89341. Livermore Valley Opera program. Go to www.livermorevalleyopera.com for ticket information.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Alameda County Fair, runs through Sunday, July 5, Tuesday through Sunday each week at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. A complete schedule is available on the Fair's website at www.alamedacountyfair.com. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways. For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series, State of the City address by Livermore Mayor John Marchand, June 25, 11:30 a.m., Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org/

Backyard Model Railroad exhibit benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Saturday, June 27, 10 am til 4 pm. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore. The "Great Lodestone Railroad Empire" has 16 trains, 1100 ft. of track, 4 towns, 300+ people & many more exciting features. Admission \$40 per family includes refreshments, lunch & "I Spy" games for kids. Raffle tickets on sale: need not be present to win prizes.

Cheza Nami, 2nd annual Diversity and Cultural Awareness Camp at Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, in the multi-purpose room from July 27th - July 31st, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The camp will introduce students to cultural diversity through performing and visual arts which includes African dance, African drumming, and crafts. To register for Cheza Nami's Diversity Camp visit www.chezanami.org or call 925-398-3827. Scholarships for need based students available to qualified students.

4th of July Family Fireworks Celebration, Sat., July 4 downtown Livermore, 6 p.m. street closure, 9:30 p.m. fireworks. www.livermoredowntown.com

Tri-Valley Ducks Unlimited Chapter, 30th annual fund-raiser and banquet, Sat., July 11, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Includes happy hour, raffle games and prizes, live and silent auctions, dinner catered by Kinder's Meats, custom shirts and glasses. 5 p.m. doors open. Tickets \$75; \$50 (under 17); \$125 couples. For information, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800 or kmbandas-sociates@sbcglobal.net. Tickets online at ca.ducks.org.

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... Laura Ingalls Wilder, Tuesday, July 14th, 7 pm: Born in 1867, the name Laura Ingalls Wilder brings to mind life in the big woods, in a little house on the prairie, and on the banks of plum creek. Judith Helton portrays Wilder in this one-woman program presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. 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.

Little League Intermediate World Series in 2015 from Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th at Max Baer Park, Livermore. intermediateworld-series.org. Welcome parade Aug. 1, 3 p.m. in downtown Livermore. www.livermoredowntown.com

Taste of Downtown, Aug. 2, noon to 5 p.m. Livermore Downtown, Inc. www.livermoredowntown.com

18th annual Pooch Parade, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers in downtown Pleasanton. Over 200 dogs are expected to participate in this year's event. 5:30pm at Lions Wayside Park. trivalleyguidedogs.org

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Aug. 9, noon to 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. No admission charge. Games, music, historical demonstrations, tours and more. 443-0238.

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... Andrew Carnegie, Tuesday, August 11th, 7 pm: A rags-to-riches story, Scottish-born Andrew Carnegie, emigrated with his poor family to the United States in 1848 and by 1901 Carnegie sold his steel company for \$480 million. The steel mogul is portrayed by actor and professor Doug Mishler. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. 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.

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series, August 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road. Speaker TBA. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org

REACH Founders Honored For Over 20 Years of Service



Norm Guest (right) and Lloyd Hanson were recognized by REACH.



The community gathered on June 14 to acknowledge Norm Guest for his many years of service to REACH for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley by dedicating a REACH home in Pleasanton to him as he retires from the board.

Members of the Guest family were present from Connecticut, Oregon, and Texas. Norm, a retired Castro Valley High School teacher, served on the REACH board for 22 years.

The dedication also included Lloyd Hanson, who retired from the board a few years ago. Norm and Lloyd were both founding members of the organization and remained on the board for such a long time. Hanson is a retired engineer. Both are long-time residents of Pleasanton.

"We can't thank these men enough for having the vision to create, lead and inspire our organization for more than two decades," said Kay King, the Board's current Co-Chair. "It's almost exactly 25 years ago today that our founders first met with the purpose of creating our organization."

REACH currently supports 26 special needs adults in its six Pleasanton and three Livermore homes. During its tenure, REACH has sponsored other services for the developmentally disabled adults in the community including athletic teams, nutrition programs, dances, and educational opportunities.

Their annual golf fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, July 27th at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. For more information go to www.trivalleyreach.org/events.



Guest family

Milestones

Military

Kristopher King Serving Aboard USS Donald Cook

A 2001 Dublin High School graduate and Dublin native is serving on USS Donald Cook, living and working at a Navy base in Rota, Spain.

Petty Officer 1st Class Kristopher King (pictured at right) is a geographic sonar technician on the Rota, Spain-based ship. Rota is located near the Strait of Gibraltar, the entryway into the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean.



"I enjoy the people I work with," said King "My job is about management. I enjoy mentoring my junior sailors."

USS Donald Cook is 505 feet long, almost the length of two football fields. The ship is 66 feet wide and weighs more than 9,200 tons. Twin gas-turbine engines can push the ship through the water at more than 30 mph.

USS Donald Cook is an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer that has been outfitted with an Aegis ballistic missile defense capability that enables the ship to conduct long-range surveillance, tracking, and engagement of short and medium-range ballistic missiles. Only 15 other destroyers in the Navy have been outfitted with the Aegis BMD system.

As a sailor with numerous responsibilities, King said he is learning about himself as a leader, sailor and a person. "I've become more mature and have experienced a bevy of different personnel," said King.

With approximately 30 officers and 250 enlisted comprising the ship's company, jobs are highly varied which keeps the ship mission ready — this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the propulsion system.

King also said he is proud of the work he is doing as part of the Cook's crew, protecting America on the world's oceans.

Air Force Airman Alexis R. Massey graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Massey is the daughter of Jill Massey of Sonora, sister of Bobby Massey of Milpitas, and sister of Mac Massey of Ripon. She is a 2012 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton.

Air Force Reserve Airman Alvaro Briseno graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Briseno is the son of Ninfa and Jaime Briseno of Pleasanton. He is a 2012 graduate of Village High School.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Leading the Way! Mardi Gras Bash 2015, Fri., June 26, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Includes sit down dinner, raffle prize drawings, live and silent auctions, live band and dancing. \$100 per person, benefit for Morny Nop Foundation, which provides leadership education opportunities for teens through middle school Leadership Awareness Days; in the planning stage a Leadership Academy, a two week-long summertime pilot program for middle school students with internships available for high school students who are interested in leadership training. The Morny Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. www.mornynopfoundation.org

Tri-Valley republican Women Federated July dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th, at Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore. Guest speaker Peter Friedman is a strong defender of American freedom. He has studied Islam and the Koran for over forty years and frequently lectures to groups in California. He has worked with the DOD and FBI, is a Training Counselor and Law Enforcement instructor. Members of the public are invited to attend: social time, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and dinner and speaker at 7 p.m. \$34 for guests, \$30 for members. RSVP by Monday, July 6th with Linda Krikorian, 925-426-1474, or email krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

Trains, Trains, Trains, Backyard Model Railroad exhibit benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Saturday, June 27, 10 am til 4 pm. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore. The "Great Lodestone Railroad Empire" has 16 trains, 1100 ft. of track, 4 towns, 300+ people & many more exciting features. Admission \$40 per family includes refreshments, lunch & "I Spy" games for kids. Raffle tickets on sale: need not be present to win prizes.

Livermore Library Board, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., June 25 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Reducing Alzheimer's: Healthy Body, Healthy Brain, class offered Saturday — June 27, 2015 by Heritage Estates, Kindred, and Professional Healthcare At Home. Classes will be held in the Assisted Living Activities Room on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Heritage Estates, 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call Heritage Estates to RSVP at 925-373-3636

Tri-Valley Democratic Club Summer Potluck BBQ, 11:30 a.m. Sun., Aug. 2 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. www.trivalleydems.com

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful

cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

18th annual Pooch Parade, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers in downtown Pleasanton. Over 200 dogs are expected to participate in this year's event. 5:30pm at Lions Wayside Park. www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Debbie Shields who will speak on "Getting Organized!" on July 8, at 7:30 at its meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. The discussion will be about the needs to get organize genealogical papers, different ways to sort things and how to figure out what works for you. She is currently the Secretary of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogy Society, manages their member database and teaches part of the semi-annual beginner's seminar. Debbie has also served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. No charge, Visitors are always welcome.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, June 28, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 25 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan.sdcanfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

Volunteer drivers are needed for Pleasanton and Dublin routes. Donate a couple of hours weekly or every other week to help end senior hunger. Call 925-931-5385 for details.

Earth friendly demonstration garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Alameda County Master Gardeners present talks on a variety of topics., 10 to 11 a.m. July 11: dealing with pests and diseases that bloom with the summer heat (1 p.m.); Aug. 8: ABC's of garden design; Sept. 12: bulbs: the best drought resistant garden color; Oct. 10: multiply and divide perennials; Nov. 14: roses - selecting, planting and pruning. Gardening advice and guided tours 2nd Saturday of each month. Garden open to public every day during daylight hours. No admission charge.

Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA) seeking volunteer host families for high school boys and girls from various countries for the upcoming school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a foreign teenager. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children living at home are all encouraged to apply. The exchange students arrive from their home countries before the current school year begins. Each FIEA student is fully insured, brings his/her own spending money and expects to bear his/her share of the household responsibilities as well as be included in normal activities and lifestyles. For information contact your Local Representatives Carol or Susan Berger at 209-502-7443 or by e-mail arielpdog@charter.net. Information: www.forteexchange.org.

Education

Tara Cayton, the daughter of Thomas Cayton and Marcia Ikeda of Pleasanton, has been named to the dean's list of Macalester College for academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2014-15 school year. A graduate of Amador Valley High School, Cayton was a senior at Macalester last spring.

Maria Mercurio of Pleasanton graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, English from McDaniel College. McDaniel awarded 358 bachelor's degrees during the 145th Commencement on May 23, 2015.

Rees Curtis of Pleasanton, has earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Curtis was among approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees during Georgia Tech's 249th commencement exercises on May 1 and 2 at the McCamish Pavilion.

Miriam Rose Moran of Livermore graduated May 24, 2015 from Whitman College in Washington state. She is the daughter of Bill and Claire Moran. Her majors were Foreign Languages & Literature: French summa cum laude She was a recipient of the Abshire Research Scholar Award, 2015, 2013 & the Louis B. Perry Award, 2014. She was listed as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa by election due to evidence of broad cultural interest and scholarly achievement in liberal arts.

Citadel Class of 2015 graduate, Marc Eteve of Livermore, California has commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps. Eteve was commissioned during a ceremony on May 8, 2015.

Eteve received a BS in Physics during commencement on May 9, 2015.

Christine Kunzler of Livermore, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Widener University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who earned a grade point average of 3.50 and above for the semester.

The following Wake Forest University students have been named to the university's Dean's List for Spring 2015. Students who achieve a 3.4 grade point average and no grade below a "C" were named to the list.

Sara Borchers of Livermore, has been named to the Wake Forest University Spring 2015 Dean's List.

Henry Robbins of Livermore, has been named to the Wake Forest University Spring 2015 Dean's List.

Milestones



Joseph Massoud

Joseph Massoud Earns Eagle Scout Honors

On May 24, 2015 the Eagle Court of Honor for Joseph was held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore. This ceremony celebrated the successful trail to Eagle Scout rank for Joseph.

He started out as a Tiger Cub Scout with Pack 903 at St. Michaels School. He participated fully through the Cub Scout Program and bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 939 (First Presbyterian on 4th Street) with the Arrow of Light ceremony in 2008.

Joseph's trail to Eagle exposed him to numerous experiences that have contributed to his growth as a person, citizen, and Scout. He obtained many Merit Badges, has hiked over 173 miles, camped 56 nights, contributed 72 hours of service to the community, held leadership positions, such as Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Quatermaster, went on bike tours, ski trips, canoe trips, and back country adventures. He spent two weeks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

For his Eagle Project Joseph built two donation boxes, one for food donations to the local food pantries, the other for clothing and supply donations for the Homeless Refuge. Both are placed at the entrance to the church at St. Charles Borromeo.

\$30,000 of college scholarships were awarded to 13 students from the 3 Pleasanton High Schools recently. Pictured in the top photo at right are Roger Dabney Memorial Scholarship recipient Mitsu Dill and other recipient, Lauren Liao from Foothill High School. Michael Sowell and Jordan Robinson were also recipients from Foothill High School. Amador Valley High School recipients were Erick Calva, Maki Nagar, Victor Mendez and Rika Ko, with the Warren Annis "Service Above Self" Memorial Scholarship going to Cheyenne Harper, and the Harry Plett Memorial Scholarship awarded to Stokley A. Chaffee Jr. Village High School recipients were Caroline Lopez, Matthew Gray and Jacob Smith. The funds for the scholarships were raised through the 2014 Rotary Father's Day Spirit Run. In the middle photo at right, Rotarian, Larry Annis, presents the Warren Annis Memorial Scholarship of \$4500 to recipient Cheyenne Harper, from Amador High School. In the lower photo at right, Rotarian, Sherline Montgomery, presents Rotary Scholarships to Jacob Smith and Matthew Gray at Village High School.



Cal State East Bay honored Jacob Blea III, a Livermore resident, as the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year during its annual Honors Convocation on Saturday, May 16. Blea, a judge for the Superior Court of Alameda County, earned his B.A. in English and his secondary teaching credential from the university in 1975 before attending law school at UC Berkeley. He was appointed to the bench in 1997. He currently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Gale/Schenone Hall of Justice in Pleasanton. He has served the legal community for more than 35 years. In addition to his involvement in several community service endeavors aimed at helping teens and young people, Blea has taught in the University's paralegal education program for 25 years. He is a board member on the Suicide Prevention for Teens Board in Livermore. In addition, he is a leader and frequent speaker for the Every 15 Minutes Program. Judge Blea serves as an advisory board member of the Mony Nop Foundation, an organization that works with middle school students and empowers youth through skill development and group experiences by providing volunteer opportunities and scholarships. He and his wife have been married for 32 years. They have four children: Janae, a graduate of Biola University; Jacob IV, who will be attending Cal State in September; Jonathan, a junior at Biola University; and Joy, a sophomore at Granada High School.