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

Zone 7 District Looks at Big Changes for Rate Structure

By Ron McNicoll

An overhaul of the entire structure of how Zone 7 Water Agency bills the four Valley water retailers is being considered.

The Zone 7 board met Aug. 26 to hear Sanjay Gaur, a consultant for Rafelis Financial Consultants, describe the current rate structure, and show how it compares to two other models used by California

water wholesalers to pay for their infrastructure and water deliveries.

Also during the meeting, the board voted 5 to 2 to approve the text of a letter responding to the Alameda County Grand Jury about how the agency handled the acquisition of nearly 5000 acres of Patterson Ranch land adjacent to Lake Del Valle.

In his report, among the

consultant's recommendations was a 5 percent increase above the projected 3 percent cost of living increase annually for the operations and maintenance budget.

With Valley water conservation efforts far above state-required percentages, Zone 7 is being left high and dry when it comes to revenue. The conservation numbers locally are espe-

cially dramatic for July and August when compared to the baseline year of 2013, when residents normally do more watering.

Even without the drought, state law will require all California households to cut water usage by 20 percent by 2020. So Zone 7 is considering a way to pay for all the changes coming up, and to stabilize rates as much as possible in the long run.

The directors did not approve anything at the meeting. The intent is to discuss possibilities at their regular board meeting Sept. 19. Traditionally, directors set the following year's water rates at the September meeting and hold a second reading in October. The board would then meet the required 45-day period prior to when the new rates would take effect Jan. 1.

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September 9 Talk Set On Climate History

A public talk on the climate history of California and the west will be offered next Wednesday evening at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

The talk, by author and earth scientist Lynn Ingram of UC-Berkeley, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Reservations and advance payment of \$32 are required by Saturday, September 5, for dinner and the talk.

Two years ago, Ingram and a Berkeley colleague co-authored a book describing how scientists have painstakingly unearthed clues to thousands of years of western climate history, revealing a past that includes prolonged droughts punctuated by extreme floods.

The book received considerable attention as a warning that "our modern civilization may be ill prepared for the future climate changes that are predicted to beset the region," in the words of the publisher, University of California Press.

The book is titled, *The West Without Water: What Past Droughts, Floods and Other Climatic Clues Tell Us About Tomorrow.*

Ingram herself studies climate history as reflected in rock and soil layers and in fossils, particularly near lake and ocean shores where water levels rise and fall with the seasons and with changing climate. In her book, she also describes the efforts of many other scientists to understand western climate history.

The Valley Study Group is hosting the talk. To make arrangements to attend the event, phone 447-8876 or send an email to VSGPresident@gmail.com.

Dublin School Board Vacancy to Be Filled

On August 25, 2015 the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees adopted procedures and timelines for a provisional appointment to fill a board vacancy following Sean Kenney's resignation, effective July 31, 2015. The appointee would remain until the regularly scheduled election in November 2016. The seat would be up for election at that time to fill out the remaining two years of the term.

The process for the provisional appointment includes the completion of an application and a formal interview by a Board panel of two Trustees. The Board panel will nominate candidates. The Board will conduct interviews at the September 22, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The board will make the provisional appointment. The successful candidate will take the oath of office and be seated that evening.

Interested individuals are required to submit an application. Application

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Pictured are Michael Rodrigues and Kristin Allen (his partner with whom he was inducted), and Marie Annonson (their coach). For the story, go to page 2. Photo - Sarah Tyler Photography.

Healthy People Improve the Bottom Line For Hospitals

Hospitals are in the midst of a journey of change leading to health care that will reduce costs by keeping people healthier.

"It's all about better health care and outcomes through integrated health care, which involves taking care of the whole person, catching problems earlier."

That was the observation of Rebecca Rozen, regional vice president of the Northern Hospital Council. She spoke at the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon held at Concannon Vineyard last Thursday.

Rozen noted that hospitals are part of the quality of life of a community. The affordable care act, along with Medicare (Medi-Cal) are transforming how hospitals will operate in the future.

She said there are four areas where change is taking place.

The first relates to consolidation and affiliations. Rozen stated, that we will continue to see more hospitals, physician groups and insurers consolidating to provide economies of scale and better bottom financial lines.

The second involves payment for goods and services. How and what payment is made and who is paying have been transformed with the affordable care act. In the past, hospitals were paid for each medical procedure. Rozen said that this provided an incentive to do more procedures. Now, hospitals are paid for results - providing the right care at the right place and at the right time.

Outpatient services are becoming more the norm with hospitals reserved for patients with complex medical procedures and complex

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Park District Moves to Purchase Ridgetop 'Jewel' in San Ramon Valley

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors voted unanimously Tuesday to enter into an option to acquire 362 acres of the former Wiedemann Ranch on the western edge of San Ramon.

The pristine parcel will connect Bishop Ranch Open Space Preserve and Dublin Hills Regional Park. The purchase will preserve one of the most visible hilltops in the San Ramon Valley and provide a critical link

in the popular Calaveras Ridge Trail.

"When you look west from the Valley, you'll see the Park District has been stitching together parks that preserve the ridgelines. There's Las Trampas, Bish-

op Ranch, Dublin Hills and now this. This is the missing jewel in the necklace," said Park District Board Member Beverly Lane, whose district includes the Wiedemann property.

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Batchelor Leaves TVLC for Private Academy

By Ron McNicoll

Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) has appointed an interim CEO to replace Bill Batchelor, who has resigned from the corporation.

Batchelor had led TVLC

since its opening eight years ago of its first school, Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). He saw the organization through the creation of Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) school, two charter schools in Stock-

ton, and the addition of Old Town Academy, a San Diego elementary charter school.

Batchelor is joining the leadership team of a private prep academy that is attracting students from around the world. The small

academy eventually will provide its classrooms in a converted office building at 3090 Independence Drive, and will share the building with LVCP.

TVLC board president (See TVLC, page 5)

LVPAC Lobster Clambake to Spotlight 'Arts Champion of the Year' Award Winner, Scott Haggerty

Half Moon Bay's seafood meets Livermore's finest wines at the Third Annual Lobster Clambake, slated for Saturday evening, September 12, 2015.

Presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), this New England-style lobster clambake will feature seafood by Sam's Chowder House, the award-winning wines of Wente Vineyards, live music, dancing, as well as silent and live auctions.

Set on the lawn of Wente

Vineyards, the event will benefit both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, which provide opportunities to experience and explore the visual and performing arts in the Tri-Valley.

LVPAC's largest fundraising event of the year will now also feature the "Arts Champion of the Year" Award. The newly created award will be presented annually by LVPAC to honor individuals who have made

(See CLAMBAKE, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Grapes are ripening in the vineyards of the Livermore Valley. The annual harvest wine celebration on September 6 offers an opportunity to sample the fruits of the vines. For the story, see page 8.

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PET OF THE WEEK

You'll want to look over this 3-legged Rover before he's picked by someone else! The 6-month-old Lab mix is adorably floppy. He's a tad green, but with love and training he'll be a magically delicious family pet. Hurry! If you're lucky he'll still be available...there's no overlooking Rover! Fetch Rover today at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

Livermore Gymnast Inducted into the Hall of Fame

By Carol Graham

Michael Rodrigues stood onstage, one of nine world-class athletes being inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Overhead a video highlighted the accomplishments that led up to this moment.

"Recounting all of the wonderful feats from the past, I was filled with a sense of great accomplishment and pride," said Rodrigues, 33, a Livermore resident. "It was like standing on the first-place podium and watching the American flag rise high above the crowd all over again."

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place on August 14 in Indianapolis, during the P & G Gymnastics Championships (named for sponsor Procter & Gamble) and the USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show.

"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame has put me among the ranks of World and Olympic champions," said Rodrigues. "It's a huge accomplishment and something that I am very proud of."

Rodrigues is a graduate of Junction Avenue Middle School, Granada High School and Las Positas College. He worked at Splashes Car Wash, Safeway and Office Depot while steadily climbing to the top echelons of acrobatic gymnastics, earning three World Championship medals - first a Bronze, then a Silver, and, in 2010, the Gold. In 2009, he and partner Kristin Allen became the first U.S. athletes to win the mixed-pairs Gold Medal at the World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

"The World Games are like the Olympics - happening only every four years," said Rodrigues. "When Kristin and I learned we'd won, we threw our arms up and screamed in victory. It was an overwhelming feeling, the greatest feeling I've ever felt. As the Gold Medal was hung around my neck, the national anthem began to play and our flag was raised. It gave me chills and I won't lie, I cried a little."

Acrobatic gymnastics, nicknamed acro, was previously called sport acrobatics. Competition includes two or more gymnasts performing routines consisting of acrobatic moves - dance and tumbling - set to music. Athletes' different sizes and abilities allow them to carry out the complex moves, with bases mainly performing supporting and pitching (throwing) roles, while tops are known for balancing, flexible poses and flying.

"Acrobatic gymnastics is best described as what you might see in Cirque du Soleil," said Rodrigues' girlfriend and photographer Sarah Tyler Mills. "It's a form of gymnastics but is sadly not yet in the Olympics. It's crazy, it's mind blowing, it's beautiful."

After retiring from competition, Rodrigues and Allen performed in the Las Vegas-based Cirque du Soleil show Viva ELVIS, which ran from 2010 to 2012.



The duo is shown receiving their gold medals.

"Our act featured acrobatic feats and emotional choreography set to one of Elvis' biggest hits, Suspicious Minds," said Rodrigues. "I also performed various character roles such as Elvis himself, getting his famous buzz cut before entering the military, and as the Jailhouse Rock warden. It was an amazing experience."

Today, Rodrigues has returned to Livermore and coaches full-time at the WestCoast Training Center.

"This will be my third season there, and I'm excited to keep building athletes and help them reach their goals and dreams," he said. "Being a gymnast not only helped my life, it shaped it. I was able to travel around the world, make friends, and earn the respect of high-level athletes from across the globe. Now I'm able to work as a coach and earn a living giving back to children through the sport that I love and that has given me so much."

Being inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame is one of the sport's most prestigious honors. Established in 1963, USA Gymnastics is the nation's governing body for gymnastics, and is responsible for selecting and training teams for the Olympic Games and World Championships. Only four acrobatic gymnasts have been honored with induction into the Hall of Fame, including Rodrigues and Kristin Allen.

At the Indiana Convention Center on August 14, the athlete who has won more gold medals than any other American acrobatic gymnast, stood watching the video that replayed his most triumphant moments.

"When it ended, we were allowed to give a short thank you. I kept mine short and sweet, thanking my family, my coaches, and everyone in the acrobatics community who supported us along the way," said Rodrigues. "Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is like icing on the cake."

LPC President's Speaker Series To Focus on Hispanic Heritage

The first-ever Las Positas College President's Speaker Series will take place this year. Sponsored by the Las Positas College (LPC) Foundation, the series will feature Hispanic Heritage through discussions with prominent artists, musicians and speakers.

"It is my goal, and that of the LPC Foundation, to bring high-level speakers, artists and performers to the college to engage with our students and the Tri-Valley community," said Barry Russell. "In response to our growing number of Hispanic

students, we are delighted to focus this inaugural series on the Hispanic Heritage and the arts."

From September through November, three individuals will be featured. The guest line-up includes:

- September 15 - 30 Art Exhibit by Claudio Jimenez Quispe with the opening event 5 to 8 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 16.

Claudio Jimenez Quispe is an internationally known maker of retablos. His work has been exhibited all over the world.

- October 1 at 11 a.m.

- Art Lecture by Gregorio Luke, "Frida Kahlo: A New Look"

- October 1 at 7 p.m. - Art Lecture by Gregorio Luke, "Diego Rivera: The Man and His Murals"

- November 10 at 7 p.m. - Concert by Gustavo Romero, Pianist

For more information about the Las Positas College President's Speaker Series, please contact Kenneth Cooper at (925) 424-1013 or by email at kcooper@laspositascollege.edu.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Friends of Dublin Library to Hold Fall Sale

Friends of Dublin Library, Inc. will hold its fall used book and media sale at the Dublin Library, Sept. 11-13.

Friday, Sept. 11 is members only night from 6 to 8 p.m. Memberships will be available starting at 5:30 p.m.

On Sat., Sept. 12, sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun., Sept. 13 is Bag Day.

Fill a paper bag (provided) for \$4.00 Bag Day Special: ½ off on selected audio-visual, vintage and specially priced items.

During the sale, most prices are \$1 or less. Funds from sales go towards purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs. The sale features specially priced books of ex-

tra value, vintage books, and a teacher materials section.

The library is located at 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

More information is available on the Library's website at www.aclibrary.org, the Friends' website at www.dublinfriends.org, or you can call the Library at 925-803-7252. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

Julia Morgan Play To Be Performed

A play about famed American architect Julian Morgan, written by a former technical writer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has been chosen for performance next February at Ross Valley Playhouse in Marin County.

The play, called Arches, Balance and Light, re-imagines Morgan's life as told by the pioneering architect herself at two different stages in her life: as a 25-year-old going to Paris to study architecture; and as a 70-year-old looking back, living in San Francisco.

The play's author is Mary Spletter, who worked in

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's technical information department from 1994 to 2002. Spletter's work at LLNL and at several campuses of the University of California was generally aimed at popularizing science and technology.

Now an Oakland resident, Spletter became interested in Julia Morgan after joining the Berkeley City Club, which is one of the more than 700 California buildings that Morgan designed.

Hearst Castle, in San Simeon, is the most famous of Morgan's efforts. She also

designed many buildings on the campuses of Mills College and UC-Berkeley as well as YWCAs, civic structures, churches and private homes.

Morgan played a pioneering role for women in architecture as the first woman to be accepted at the prestigious Ecole Beaux-Arts in Paris. She was the first woman in California to be licensed as an architect.

Spletter's play will be performed from February 19 through March 8 under the direction of Jay Manley, director of theater at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills.

Program to Teach Pleasanton Teens Job Skills

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department is launching its inaugural fall session for the Leadership-in-Training (LIT) program for teens. This program provides comprehensive training and placement in a volunteer position to work closely with city staff on various projects.

The LIT Program is offered to students entering grades 9 through 12 in the fall of 2015. It provides teens with the opportunity to develop job skills and prepare for future employment

through training, hands-on experience, and evaluation. There is limited space in the program. Applicants must be Pleasanton residents. All registered participants will take part in a volunteer placement interview on Tuesday, September 15 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

This comprehensive program will cover job skills, customer service, leadership and interviewing. Students will be placed in a volunteer position and work closely with city staff in a role throughout the community

services department including sports, art classes, aquatics, drama programs, youth and teens, senior center, community services marketing, youth commission sub-committees or with the Pleasanton public library.

Deadline to register is Thursday, September 10, 2015. To register please visit pleasantonfun.com course: 60858. Limited space available. For more information, please contact David Weisgerber at (925) 931-3474 or by email at dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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September 2015



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Water Summit Set

The East Bay Leadership Council in collaboration with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is holding a free Water Summit on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 8:15 to 10:00 am at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Three experienced and independent panelists will present their views regarding a report prepared for the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) about water supply diversification. Zone 7 will also make a presentation regarding its own Tri-Valley water supply options.

Registration is free. Go to <http://members.eastbayleadershipcouncil.com/events/details/special-water-task-force-meeting-552>

Taking Care of Brown Lawns

Pleasanton will host a workshop with the theme of "What To Do with That Brown Lawn."

It will be presented by the City's Water Conservation Division featuring local landscape designer Kat Weiss.

The event takes place at the City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton, on Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

This workshop will feature such topics as:

- Sustainable and beautiful alternatives to "lawns" and
- Efficient and easy irrigation system changes
- How to sheet mulch

The workshop is free, though due to limited seating, call 925.931.5504 to reserve a spot or visit www.Pleasanton-WaterConservation.com

Vonheeder-Leopold Elected

At the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) annual conference in mid-August, Dublin San Ramon Services Director Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold was elected to serve a three-year term on the CASA Board of Directors and appointed to the CASA Education Foundation board.

Vonheeder-Leopold has served on the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors for 15 years and during that time she has been an active member of CASA. She is also an Alternate Special District Representative to the

Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission.

A lifetime resident of Alameda County and a resident of Dublin since 1971, she served as the City of Dublin's Vice Mayor for two terms. She also has served on the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities, the Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency Board of Directors, the Tri-Valley Waste Authority Board of Directors, and Tri-Valley Transportation.

The CASA Education Foundation is a nonprofit corporation established to attract new professionals into the industry.

Swalwell Visits Afghanistan

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, returned Monday from a bipartisan congressional delegation trip to Afghanistan. Swalwell met with military leaders and troops for an on-the-ground update of the U.S. efforts in Afghanistan to ensure the peaceful transfer of power and root out militant Islamic terrorism.

"Our mission in Afghanistan has dramatically shifted in the past year, and efforts to assist the Afghan government in a more limited role are paying off," said Swalwell. "As part of my role as a member of the Intelligence Committee, I received detailed updates from Afghan government officials and high-ranking U.S. military commanders on the U.S. troop drawdown and the transition to Afghan-led security. Our leadership and training is helping Afghans stand up and take control of the security of their country, a sharp contrast to the troubling security situation in Iraq where we do not have a willing partner and stable environment."

It was Swalwell's second visit to Afghanistan. In August 2013, he traveled to Afghanistan on a trip led by the House Armed Services Committee.

"The best part of the trip was meeting with U.S. troops bravely serving in Afghanistan, including many from California," added Swalwell.

Correction

A story about the "Middle College" program at Las Positas College in Livermore said that students would take classes at their high schools. That is incorrect, all classes will be held at the college campus.

TVC to Host Financial Planning Session

The Tri-Valley Conservancy invites all individuals who consider themselves to be investment minded, a supporter of open space preservation or want to ensure the local quality of life remains for future generations to attend an upcoming meet and greet. Tri-Valley Conservancy is hosting an Estate Planning/Meet and Greet on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Wente Vineyards-5050 Arroyo Road--from 6pm to 9pm. Refreshments will be served.

Gift planning provides an opportunity to create a lasting impact and legacy while helping Tri-Valley Conservancy to continue preserving open space, natural resources and wildlife habitats in perpetuity. Charitable gifts allow support of the conservancy's work far into the future while also providing tax benefits and other advantages. Meet and

Greet presenters include Attorney Jim Phillips, Financial Planner Ken Perine and local Livermore residents sharing their personal story of why they are remembering Tri-Valley Conservancy in their estate plans.

If interested in attending this Meet and Greet, to

learn more about charitable giving opportunities please RSVP by calling Kellie Hayes, 925-449-8706 or emailkhayes@trivalleyconservancy.org.

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DSRSD Taking Comments on Water Plan

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) is circulating a draft "Water Supply, Storage, Conveyance, Quality, and Conservation Policy" (Water Supply and Conservation Policy) for public comment. Based on a 156-page "Long-term Alternative Water Supply Study," the policy establishes a blueprint for future water reliability and supply diversification efforts.

"We encourage input from the community," says Engineering Services Manager Dan McIntyre. "We need to diversify our water supply so it is more reliable. The past two years have clearly demonstrated that depending on one source (the State Water Project) for two-thirds of DSRSD's water supply is not working."

Five key goals of the Water Supply and Conservation Policy are as follows:

- Increase reliability of the water supply and decrease its variability so DSRSD customers only have to conserve water moderately 15 percent of the time and endure severe water use restrictions, such as in 2014/15, only once in 100 years.
- Increase reliance on locally controlled water sources such that local and regional supplies satisfy at

least 60 percent of DSRSD water needs.

- Reduce reliance on one source so that no more than 40 percent of the District's total water supply comes from one source.
- Promote permanent conservation within the community so as to enable the community to achieve residential potable water (drinking water) consumption of 70 gallons per capita per day (residential GPCD).
- Increase use of recycled

and advanced purified water so that at least 90 percent of treated wastewater is reused and not wasted through disposal in the San Francisco Bay.

The District is circulating this draft Water Supply and Conservation Policy to ten sister agencies and seeking their comments. Final adoption of the policy is scheduled for the Oct. 6 board meeting. The public can submit comments to tom@dsrsd.com.

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packets are available at the following locations: The district website at www.dublinusd.org. Look under "Headlines;" the district main office at 7471 Larkdale Avenue, Dublin; or any Dublin USD School Main Office. Application packets will also be mailed to interested parties upon request. Requests may be made by phone to (925) 828-2551, ext. 8002 or by e-mail to fischershelley@dublinusd.org.

Completed applications must be received by the Superintendent's Office at 7471 Larkdale Avenue on or before Friday, September 10, by 4:00 p.m.

Candidates will be contacted for an interview with the board panel, which will take place between September 11 - 14, 2015.



BY ROBERT ROMAN

IF YOU suffer from low back pain, according to National Institutes of Health, you are among

four out of five Americans who will suffer from disabling back pain during their lifetimes.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerve often called "sciatica".

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EDITORIAL

Enjoy the Weekend

Activities related to art, wine, and entertainment all add to the quality of life in this area. They also provide jobs and contribute to the economy.

Those who haven't yet sampled the local scene have an opportunity to do so at several events planned for the upcoming Labor Day weekend, September 5 and 6.

The City of Pleasanton is celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday. A wide variety of free mini-shows and activities are planned, including Taiko Drummers, "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-painting, scenes from "Tales of Olympus Jr.," mariachi band, arts demonstrations, and kids' art projects. The activities will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Also in Pleasanton, the 150th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games will take place on Saturday and Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Bagpipe bands, history re-enactments, and dance and sports competitions are all part of the festivities.

In Livermore, the Bankhead Theater launches its 9th season of programming on Saturday with a performance by the Ray Charles Project. The calendar for the entire season can be found at www.bankheadtheater.org.

On Sunday, wineries will welcome visitors attending the 34th annual Harvest Wine Celebration. The event, presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, will include wine tasting, food, and entertainment. Ticket information can be found at www.lvwine.org.

So, have fun this weekend!

HEALTH CARE

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issues. She pointed out that payments are lost when a patient needs to be readmitted if the readmission could have been prevented.

To avoid such issues, health care is being reorganized to better manage care by assembling a team. For an example, if a hip replacement were necessary, pre-surgery counseling, surgery, post-surgery therapy and finally home care are all part of the equation. As care becomes more complex, hospitals will need to partner with agencies to provide the care.

The government is the biggest payer of health care, Rozen added. With a growing senior population, one in three are enrolled in Medicaid. They are vulnerable to state and federal budget cuts. The federal government matches state funds. California has never fully funded medical. It ranks 48th or 49th in terms of what is paid for care, she commented.

In the past, hospitals used to make up the deficit by shifting costs to commercial insurers. The market there is shrinking. Rozen said that we can't do cost shifts anymore. Preventative medicine to keep people healthy will lower the cost of health care.

Which brought Rozen to her third point, the need for people to take charge of their own health by making sure to do screenings, eat right and exercise. "Staying healthy will impact what everyone pays for health care."

Rozen's final point focused on technology and innovation. There has been \$4 billion invested in digital health care options. They are changing the delivery of care. For example, a heart health monitor attaches to an i-phone, sensors measure blood pressure and temperature, and another tracks blood sugar levels. Doctors can monitor patients remotely. This makes health care more convenient for the patient, allows doctors to spend more time with sickest patients and reduces trips to the emergency room, according to Rozen.

One new service, Doctor on Demand allows for a virtual appointment.

Rozen continued, in the

future, we may see hospitals at home. Johns Hopkins has focused on elderly patients providing hospital care at home involving a nurse and designated physician, who visits each day.

"We are facing a brand new world. Hospitals are experimenting with a lot of new ideas. They are not just about helping the sick, but also making sure people remain healthy," Rozen concluded.

There were questions about future technology, as well as what jobs might be available.

Genomics is an area that the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is involved in researching. The goal would be to produce precision medicine, individualizing care for a patient.

Rozen said that genomics is still in the infancy stage. As it grows, what works will become how patients are treated. It takes a while to move from the research stage to caring for a patient. Hospitals are incubators where it is possible to try something to see if it works. If it does, it will become the standard.

As for jobs, Rozen said that reality changes. It's not easy to say what jobs will be available in the future and what programs schools might offer. However, she said, the need for nurses will not go away. I think there will be more team based care. Workers will need to be able to communicate, work as a team and be proficient in math and science.

Prior to Rozen's talk, Kareen Knowles, associate medical group administrator for Kaiser Permanente, provided an update on Kaiser care in the area. She too referred to an evolving world of health care. Through the use of such innovations as telemedicine and e-medicine, how health care is delivered is radically changing, she commented.

Locally, 130,000 members are treated at the Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon medical offices. She said it is hoped that the Dublin Special Medical facility will become a reality in the near future.

ZONE 7

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Rates were set for calendar year 2016, when the board raised them by 3 percent a year ago for calendar year 2015, and 3 percent more for 2016. However, it's clear something more needs to be done, according to staff.

Considering alternatives before the new calendar year is important, said Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig. The high conservation numbers were not available when the budget was set last year. An adjustment is needed, if the board sees fit to do so, she said.

"We are going in the hole much faster than anticipated. We are using much more of our reserves. We as staff feel we are heading on a road to disaster if we don't bring this to the board's attention and do something about it," said Duerig.

Duerig also noted that none of the numbers in the consultant's presentation include capital cost increases that might be needed to pay for such projects as the Delta bypass in Gov. Jerry Brown's tunnels plan.

In the consultant's report, even if the drought ends soon, the agency would start to run out of reserve money and into a slight shortfall in fiscal year 2017-18.

The drought surcharge could sunset after the third year. Increased water rates would take over to replenish reserves after that. The consultant recommends a 5 percent increase above the projected 3 percent cost of living increase annually for the operations and maintenance budget.

There is also the problem of financing capital improve-

ments. Zone 7, in recent years, maintained a pay-as-you-go policy. Reserves are saved up; then bids are let on a project. However, if Zone 7 stays with that approach, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be depleted after 2016-17.

If Zone 7 wants to solve that problem with "pay-go," as the consultant called it, then it would take 17 percent in revenue adjustments for the first four years, along with adjustments that include charges above the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

An alternative would be to sell a bond for \$26 million, ostensibly placed on the 2018 ballot. The advantage of a bond is that it would bring in money right away. However, the bonds still would need to be paid off, with water rates covering the debt financing.

A suggestion from Gaur, based on models from the Los Angeles and San Jose water districts, would establish a fixed-charge structure that treats average demand and peak demand separately. The average demand structure could have a five-year rolling average, with a drought recovering surcharge based on the average. The peak demand would be based on usage over the previous three summers. That way of financing demand creates "water readiness" for the retailers, said Gaur.

Gaur's financial proposal would increase revenue stability for Zone 7. It would force better planning on the part of the retail agencies, according to Gaur's slide presentation. The disadvantage is that some say there

could be less incentive for immediate conservation, although Gaur said he doubted that it is true.

Zone 7 sent postcards to the public about the work session. One member of the public who attended said that if Zone 7 rates go higher to retailers, there will be even more water conservation, and it will hurt Zone 7 even more.

Representatives from the water retailers, Livermore, Pleasanton and DSRSD, told the board they want to work with the agency in forming a policy. Duerig said that Zone 7 will continue to work with retailers and move forward with a presentation in September.

SPLIT VOTE ON GRAND JURY REPLY

The Grand Jury, in response to an anonymous complaint, reviewed records, and concluded that Zone 7 should have been more open about the transaction, both before the purchase, when it was discussed in closed session, and after it was announced. The Grand Jury had no problem with the \$18 million payment for the land.

The Zone 7 response rejected virtually all of the Grand Jury comments. It stated that the closed sessions and their content and procedures were all in conformity with the Brown Act.

The Grand Jury also made some suggestions as to how Zone 7 could improve its transparency including televised or streamed or recorded on-line board meetings, which the agency has mentioned in the past and is

currently investigating.

The first draft of the response letter was pulled back for more word-smithing from some board members, who had not seen it at a committee level. At the board meeting, Director Sandy Figuers said he thought the response and cover letter to the Grand Jury was "extremely well-written." Bill Stevens said, "I liked the first version better, but this one is fine."

Board president Sarah Palmer said, "I felt maybe the first version was too preachy for us, so we modified the take on this to some extent, while retaining the message."

Directors Angela Ramirez Holmes and James McGrail voted no. Neither gave a reason at the meeting.

Ramirez Holmes told The Independent that she felt the board could have taken a "softer tone" and show the Grand Jury that "in certain aspects, we could acknowledge that we can always do better."

Ramirez Holmes said she agreed with the board that it acted within its legal rights regarding the handling of the closed sessions before acquiring the property. However, the agency could have done a better job of outreach later on, when it told the public the public why the land was acquired, said Ramirez Holmes.

After the meeting, McGrail emailed, "I voted 'no' because I believe there are transparency issues regarding the property purchase." McGrail's fuller statement will be available in the future.

Pay for Success Grant to Focus on Cure for Asthma

Alameda County has been selected to receive a \$275,575 award as part of a groundbreaking funding initiative called Pay for Success. The goal of this grant is to address the problem of childhood asthma. The award will help fund a feasibility study to learn how to prevent asthma and to act quickly to address housing problems that lead to asthma in children. The funding will be provided by the California Pay for Success Initiative, a project of Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) and The James Irvine Foundation.

In a Pay for Success project, private funders and investors pay for social services up front, working with

counties, states, and service providers. In this case, the goal is to address childhood asthma. If the project succeeds, the County will pay the funders back, with a small return on their investment. If the project does not address the problem at the agreed-upon levels, the County doesn't have to pay. It is a model designed to both improve outcomes and reduce costs.

Alameda County aims to use the Pay for Success model to shift funding for social services toward prevention and early intervention activities to address childhood asthma through its Healthy Homes program. That program helps to reduce housing hazards

that can lead to asthma, as well as provide education on asthma triggers and offer technical assistance to property owners.

"We are confident that this initiative will help us learn how to prevent children from having to make traumatic trips to the emergency room and the hospital," said Brenda Rueda-Yamashita, Chronic Disease Program Director of the Public Health Department. "The program has the added benefit of saving money, which can go toward helping children even more."

Partners of the initiative award are the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Public

Health Department, and the Community Development Agency's Healthy Homes Department along with its partners Impact4Health, LLC, Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., and the University of California, Berkeley.

The award will support continued development of the Pay for Success initiative over the next 18 months. It will also set the foundation for Alameda County's pursuit of other Pay for Success initiatives to address chronic conditions such as diabetes, homelessness, and recidivism. For more information on the California Pay for Success Initiative visit <http://nff.org/CaliforniaPFS>.

Watchdog Committee Finds ACTC in Compliance

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its 13th Annual Report to the Public this past Monday. It covers fiscal year 2013-2014 expenditures and CWC activities through June 2015.

The report shows that Alameda CTC's audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps. Auditors identified no accounting concerns. The report also provides an update on the delivery of voter-approved programs and

projects funded by Measure B, the Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements approved by 81.5 percent of voters in 2000.

It was the 13th year in a row that Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from the agency's independent auditors.

In fiscal year 2013-2014, Alameda CTC received \$127.1 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$172.7 million, which includes the expenditure of sales tax revenues received in prior years, as follows:

- \$113.5 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$19 million for highway and streets projects.
- \$35.3 million for cities and Alameda County for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$3.4 million for general administration.
- \$1.5 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

The CWC is undergoing a name change to the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC). The 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, which guides the expenditures of Measure BB (approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014), requires the development of the IWC and will report directly to the public on Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures of the agency. In 2016, the IWC will release its first annual report to the public.

MAILBOX

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Hit Job Thomas Crabtree Livermore

Whether I believe in a cause or not, nothing annoys me more than deception and lies used to discredit someone or an institution. In the August 27th Opinion page, Mr. Bolin has apparently been deceived by the outright lies in the video put out by the "Center for Medical Progress" against Planned Parenthood. But he then adds his own horrific lie by comparing Planned

Parenthood to genocide. This has to be deliberate because he must understand what genocide means.

Also, he has not paid attention to the news that the video is mostly a work of fiction involving deception, nasty editing, suggestive voice-overs, and a sad video clip of a miscarried baby. This clip has nothing to do with Planned Parenthood and was illegally used, without the mother's consent. The mother could sue the CMP but has decided not to do so.

I suspect I could interview Mr. Bolin for an hour on some innocuous topic and with proper editing and questions, show him admitting to being a serial killer.

Golf Course Les Edwards Livermore

The City of Livermore has chosen to revisit the issue of getting rid of the Springtown Golf Course, the same as seven years ago. There is no doubt in my

mind that the ultimate goal is to sell the land for development! The staff called a meeting of "select" members of the Springtown homeowners on July 30. Why not a notice to all valley people who play at Springtown? The players range from Walnut Creek to Fremont and eastward to Tracy.

The ages of players range from first time children to elderly people in their 90s. Many players in these groups cannot keep the pace required on other local courses---thus not happy with play and give up the game they should love! I fall into that elderly group and do no longer play any where but at Springtown. The closing of the course would mean I would no longer have an outdoor activity of enjoyment. This is very probably true of the older players who like the course.

In the mid 90s, Mr Ramil, a teacher at Christensen Middle School, approached the pro shop management about forming a middle

school golf league. This was done and soon spread across the Livermore-Amador schools. What a great way to be initiated in competitive team golf! It lets young students determine if golf will be a part or all of their futures. Well respected LPGA player Paula Creamer of Pleasanton played in Middle School matches at Springtown. Others include golf scholarships to college, work in the golf industry, etc. If there were no longer a Springtown Golf Course, where will these students practice? How will they get there?

Wake up councilmembers, your staff not only wrote a contract with little concern as to why no experienced golf management companies made bids. The long term lease was awarded to a company with essentially no experience in managing the important golf income stream--that being the grill, pro shop, golf carts, all of which directly impact the green fees.

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The Livermore Planning Commission recently recommend that the city council approve plans to develop a site in North Livermore. Neighbors of the property had organized Save the Hill in an effort to stop the development, citing major environmental concerns. Pictured is a view from the top of the hill looking toward Brushy Peak. The city council will consider the matter at its September 14 meeting. A spokesperson for Save the Hill group commented, "In light of the disappointing results of the Planning Commission meeting, we plan to continue to educate the City Council on the flaws of this project. This frustration has fueled us. We are now even more determined to Save The Hill as we feel the best use of the land is to leave it as Open Space."

Magazine Ranks Charter Prep in Top 500 U.S. High Schools

Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory School (LVCP) has placed 366th in the nation among high schools in a ranking by Newsweek magazine. Newsweek narrowed a list of 16,200 public schools (LVCP is a public charter school), and applied a threshold cutoff that resulted in a list of 4823 schools based on achievement as measured by statistics in various education components. Further cuts resulted in a list of the top 500, which is published on the magazine's web page. Among statistics that helped LVCP earn the ranking were its graduation rate

at 98.7 percent, college-bound category at 94.9 percent, college readiness at 77.9 percent, average SAT score of 1575, and a counselor-student ratio of 220. Principal Eric Dillie told The Independent, "We believe that every student can be successful and move on to a post-secondary educational institution. The staff at LVCP relentlessly works to ensure that every student is prepared and ready for not only post-secondary education, but career and life as well. We are proud of the work we do, and the national ranking proves that we are

doing the right work." Tim Hall, president of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) board, and board member Dick Corso also passed along their compliments to LVCP for its attainment at the TVLC board meeting Aug. 27. LVCP was the second school started by TVLC; the first was the K-8 Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). There are also two affiliated public charter schools in Stockton and one in San Diego. LVCP enrolled 435 students this fall. It is located at 2451 Portola Ave., Livermore.

AAUW Tea to Welcome Current And Prospective Members

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women Welcoming Tea for current and prospective members will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, at Lynnwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

The program, "Looking Forward," will focus on AAUW plans and programs for the coming year and how the L-P-D Branch will participate in them. Interest group representatives will provide information about stock study and bridge groups, book discussion and dinner groups, as well as activities for singles.

As it has done for the past several years, this summer the Branch sponsored eight junior high girls from schools in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin to attend the Tech Trek week-long science camp at Stanford University. The camp features hands-on activities in science, math, and related fields. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in science, math, engineering and technology (STEM) fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional, and recreational facilities are located on the Stanford campus.

The Branch also awarded a total of \$4,000 in college scholarships to three local women: Claire Williams, Rebecca Rodriguez, and Annie Geasa. Claire Williams is enrolled at USC and has a dual major: Business Administration/Communications. Her goal is to become a teacher and eventually a district level administrator. She has extensive experience working with children and supporting the reading programs at the library. Working with the school district and Girl Scouts, she gathered more than 8,000 new books that were distributed through the pediatric unit of a local free health clinic. Her personal statement says, "I do this because we can't wait for a better world. It is up to each of us to go out and help create that world, one story at a time."

Rebecca Rodriguez is enrolled at CSU, Chico, and is majoring in History. Through her involvement with Girl Scouts she has learned organization, delegation, and leadership and earned the ultimate Girl Scout award, the Gold Award. She has a green belt in Karate and began teaching children's classes. Rebecca Rodriguez has also taught at a Chinese after school program for the past three years and has additional experience as a TA in several history classes at the university.

Annie Geasa is enrolled at Boston University and has a dual major: Biology/Journalism. Although Annie Geasa entered the university as Journalism major, she entered a dual major program in her sophomore year because she felt there is a lack of knowledge on the part of the general public about science. She intends to pursue a career in Science Journalism to facilitate the flow of information between the science community and the rest of society.

At the Welcoming Tea, two L-P-D AW members, June Schaefer and Dawn Gordner, will be honored for fifty years of membership in AAUW. Further information about AAUW membership is available at all regional libraries and online at <http://LPD-CA.AAUW.net/>. For questions about the Tea contact Marilyn at (925) 426-1055.

TVLC

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Tim Hall said at the board meeting, "It's a grand understatement to say that much of our growth and success as a corporation is the direct result of the outstanding vision and leadership of Bill Batchelor. Without Bill's leadership, much of what we know today as TVLC would not exist."

The board appointed John M. Zukosky as interim CEO. He will serve until the board makes a final appointment to the position. Zukosky has served as TVLC finance officer for two years.

Zukosky's father, John D. Zukosky, resigned from the TVLC board, said Hall, who expressed thanks for the man's "invaluable contribution to the board and schools," as a director and the board's treasurer.

The younger Zukoski told The Independent that his father left the board to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, now that the son is interim director. Zukoski explained that as TVLC finance officer, he reported directly to Batchelor. Now that he is interim CEO, he reports to the TVLC board, as Batchelor did. There could be a conflict, or the appearance of one.

Before Zukoski became TVLC financial officer, he worked at the corporate offices of Robert Half International, whose business is the staffing of services for finance and accounting professionals.

At the meeting, the board also welcomed its newest member, Dr. Ken Morris, who serves on the board of Old Town Academy. Morris is a physician at a north San Diego County non-profit health clinic. Morris attended via a telephone hook-up. He said, "I am happy to be on board, and happy to learn my role, and how to be of help in the coming term."

The Acacia schools in Stockton also have a representative, Jeff Tilton, but he

was unable to attend.

The board unanimously approved hiring the RINA Accountancy Corporation as auditors for the TVLC 403 (b) retirement fund plan. The plan is the non-profit's equivalent of a 401 (k) plan for a private business. TVLC has surpassed 120 employees that are eligible for the 403 (b) plan, so hiring the firm was necessary. The contract with RINA will cost \$9000 each year.

The board also approved three appointments to the LVCP Foundation board. None of them belong to the LVCP school site council. That signifies a change that will ensure there is no conflict of interest between the school site council and the foundation board membership, said Zukoski. The three appointees are Jerry Mullens, Meg Epperly, and Marija Danilovic, residents of Livermore.

REQUEST FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY

Also at the meeting, director Dick Corso said that he attended a recent Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) board meeting where an update was given about the school district's supervision of LVCS.

There was a list of more than 200 items. Only a small

number of them is left to be acted on by TVLC, said Corso. "I want to make sure that we understand what our action plan is," he said.

Corso said that it is not clear to him whether some of the items are mandatory or not. He would like to understand them better. "We cancelled a board meeting recently (in July). My opinion is that we should not do it in the future. They are critical of our transparency and making sure our stakeholders have the opportunity to speak to and hear from us."

"We are in a business that requires a tremendous amount of trust. We need to make sure we recognize perceptions as well as actual (performance), and create opportunities for people to trust us," said Corso.

Along those lines, Corso said he would like to see the meeting minutes available 24 hours after the meeting. If the staff can't accomplish that goal for some reason, Corso said that as board secretary, he would be happy to do it for awhile, until staff is able.

Zukoski told The Independent that a faster turnaround in producing the minutes was one of the areas of improvement requested by LVJUSD.

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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are Livermore Aquacowboy swimmers, Paige Chew and Matthew Hayes.



U6 Livermore Fusion Sassy Sisters battled the Rainbow Unicorns. All of the girls played well and had a blast. In the photo are Malia Rabino, Allison Tenca, Audrina Johnson and Mia Ghiglieri.



The Fusion U7 Thunder Penguins and Tiger Sharks played an action packed game Saturday. For the Tiger Sharks, Jared Austin and Jack Bronte showed some impressive offensive skills with multiple goals. On the Thunder Penguin side, Weston Rosenhan had great defensive plays, Colton Salamida scored two goals and Nicholas Persi attacked the ball throughout the game.



Livermore Fusion U10 Girls gave Coach Matt Caution a surprise send-off. To celebrate their last practice with their coach, Matt Caution, the U10 girls teams gave him a champion's soaking to wish him good luck. Coach Matt is returning to his hometown in Missouri to direct a new soccer club. Matt played professionally in the USISL and the National Professional Soccer League.



The Raptors and The Boyz faced off this weekend in an U5 boys Fusion soccer match. It was well played by both teams throughout the game. Leo Vadorro led the charge offensively for the Raptors. The Boyz were led offensively by Landon Peterson, Erik Rangai, Samuel Zavala, and Beckett Guenther. The defensive squad led by Josh Hawley, Cooper Hahn, Gavin Maier, and Levi Bragado had a busy day trying to stop the mighty Raptors.



The Fast Cheetahs and Thunder faced off this weekend. The game was back and forth with Easton White and Cole McGinnis holding down the defense for the Thunder. Mathias Quintana sparked the Thunder on offense all game. The Fast Cheetahs were paced on offense by Brandon Hahn, Viggo Jensen, Caden Romero, and Joseph Tenca. and Shamus McGrail, Brayden Benjamin. Ty Rankin controlled the middle of the field for most of the game. The anchors on defense were Chasyn Haskins and Christian Jose for the Fast Cheetahs. Photo - Kim Lauritsen.



It was a great defensive match up between the Cheetahs (maroon) and the Skylanders (white) in Fusion action. Sean Dempsey and Gavin Guenther both scored goals for the Cheetahs. Cheetah goalies Connor Mathis and Russell Rasmussen made some great saves against Skylanders' shots on goal.



Livermore Fusion U8 Leaping Leopards played an excellent game against the Lava Girls. Standouts for the Leaping Lizards were Addyson, Sarah, Angelina, Iliana, Chloe, Gracie, Savannah, and Aveolela.



The second game this week between the Fusion U9 Super Sonics and Sharknado was again a great Soccer day at the field. Goalkeepers Jordan Rudolff and Isaiah Leon for the Sharknados blocked many shots taken and got into plays recovering the ball. Super Sonics goalkeeper Joey Osorio and defense Cj Scorcinelli held strong and never gave up. The Super Sonics and Sharknado teams battled it out on the field both scoring 4 points each. Michael Barker (2) Josh Graber (1) and Jonathan Hahn all scored goals for the Super Sonics. Blake Downs (3) and Kameron Lamb (1) scored goals for the Sharknados. Although goal scorers have names mentioned, all players put in 100%. It was a great evening at the field.

Livermore Aquacowboys

Livermore Aquacowboy swimmers, Paige Chew and Matthew Hayes, were selected to the All Star Pacific Swimming North American Challenge Cup (NACC) team. The NACC is an international age group competition held annually between Mexico, Canada, Pacific Swimming, Southern California Swimming, and Gulf Swimming.

The fastest 64 swimmers in the 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 age groups from each country/LSC are selected for this meet based on all Long Course meets swum through June Age Group Championships. The meet was held in San Diego, CA, August 6-8 at the UC San Diego Canyonview Pool.

Paige swam 100 Free, 400 Free, 100 Breast, 200 Breast, 100 Fly, and 200 IM. She got new best times in the 400 Free (new JO time) and 100 Breast. Paige was also chosen to swim 3 relays, and came away with 3 relay medals, placing 2nd in the 800 Free, 3rd in the 400 Fr, and 3rd in the 400 Medley. She made finals each evening in all her individual events with her best placement in finals at 4th in 100 Fly.

Matthew swam 50 Free, 100 Free, 100 Back and 200 Back, acquiring a new best time in the 100 Back. He

made evening finals in the 200 Back finishing 5th overall. Matthew was a member of the Bronze Medal 400 Medley relay, swimming the backstroke for the team.

Both swimmers were integral in the Pacific Swimming team winning Second Place overall at this year's Challenge Cup competition.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion Soccer:

U8: Lightning Dogs vs Club America. Both teams started off the season with great team work. For the Lightning Dogs, Kenny Gandhi and Mason Peters both handled the ball well and scored goals. On defense, Artavion Sims and Zach Lininger had some impressive blocks. For Club America, Hayden Druba led the offense with 4 goals. Daniel Camargo and Cooper Cox also moved the ball well. Goalie, Emilio Henthorn, had several key saves.

U9: The Dragons 5, Shark Attack 3: The Dragons' offense was powered by Tyler Franchi and Kaden Green, each scoring two goals. David Ghobrial was a defensive force in this game. Hunter Black had an awesome game for the Shark Attack, scoring all three goals. Gregory Laney was the anchor for the defense, and Dominic Villasenor made several saves on goal.



The game between the Goal Getters and Team 4 started with offensive fireworks in Fusion Rec U14. With decisive dribbling to control the midfield and energetic offense to set the tempo, the Goal Getters defeated Team 4 with a score of 5 to 0. Scoring for the Goal Getters were Caitlin Sobrepna (1), Lindsey Homen (2), and Paula Leigh (2). Keepers Dawn Powell and Arianna Hatton behind a physical defense insured the shutout for the Goal Getters.



The Granada High School freshman football team played Deer Valley High School in Antioch winning their first game of the year. The team did not score during the first half of the game. In the 3rd quarter, Rudy Ayala intercepted a pass and ran the ball down the field for a touchdown. The team held the lead for the remainder of the game winning 7 to 6. In the photo Jacob Morton prepares to pass the ball while Octavio Morales and Zack Macintire hold off the opponents.



This weekend the Fusion Select Girls U9 Copper Team brought home 1st place in their division scoring 13 goals by 5 players in 4 games, including a 6-0 shutout. Amazing passing and hard fought battles on defense were key to their success. The team's tournament MVP was Delaney Aumua with more than 10 saves in the goal and amazing field play as a defender. Special thanks to Elena and Maya for joining the team.



In their initial outing, Livermore Fusion Select Girls U14 Heat made it to the finals in the San Ramon Copper Select Kickoff this past weekend. All the girls played well, many of them strong on both offense and defense. A special purple heart award goes to Sabrina Pertica. Pictured are Amanda Price, Avni Vachhani, Catherine Linney, Claire Wiedenfeld, Kaitlyn Patters, Katherine Terry, Mia Smith, Myah Bullis, Olivia Tabaracci, Payton Rose, Ryann Lubeck, Sanjana Bhanvadia, Sarah Davisson, Sophia Dunn, and Coaches John, Mark and Scott; (not in the photo) Madeline Koning, Samantha Ruelas, and Sabrina Pertica.



Fusion Select U9 boys won the San Ramon Kick Off Tournament this weekend. Pictured are team members with their championship trophy.

SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Kaos's season opening game was a State Cup game in Clovis against California Odyssey South. The first half was filled with teamwork, good passing, and some good shots on net. The half time whistle blew and the score remained 0-0. The second half was filled with more good passing and teamwork, leading to some good opportunities to score. Their defense held off Kaos, until Katie Zeck hammered a beautiful shot into the upper corner of the net. California Odyssey fought hard to tie the score, but Kaos was able to hold them off. Final Score 1-0.



Early in the first half, U11 West Coast Warlocks Kyle Wallace (pictured) was driving down the right sideline and kicked a beautiful cross that Jeremy Miller buried into the back of the net to take an early 1-0 lead. Later that half, West Coast was awarded a corner kick that #19 Daniel Ramirez put home to take a 2-0 lead into half. There was some stout goal tending on both end of the field during the 2nd half. Fusion's only goal was scored on a penalty kick that Dylan Lee nearly stopped. The Warlocks played tough and held on to the 2-1 lead to win the season opener.



The Fusion U9 girls won the blue division championship in action in San Ramon. The team outscored opponents 19-2 winning the first game 3-0, second game 4-0, third game 9-1, and the championship 3-1. The team defense was outstanding all weekend as teams found it very difficult to get anything done against it. The team had 7 different goal scorers in the 4 games. A tough hard fought championship game found them tied with about 10 minutes left before Fusion scored two quick goals to put the game out of reach. Pictured are (front row) Mea Neubauer, Makenna Smith, Kayla Clarin, Marisa Segura, Kylee Scroggs, and Daniella Williams; (back row) Coach Bryan Williams, Avery Maxwell, Coach Michael Neubauer, Madden Black, Mani Ribabaiti, Maddie Funk and Coach Brent Scroggs.

Golf Tournament

Join Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation on the links at Castlewood Country Club on Monday, September 21 for their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m. Awards, appetizers and cocktails are at 5:00 p.m. Castlewood Country Club is located at 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton.

Adult Basketball

Registration is underway for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Fall 2015 Adult Basketball League.

Games begin on Sept. 20. High and low divisions are offered. Fee is \$495 per team (based on 6-team leagues, 10 games plus playoffs for the top four teams).

Registration will be taken through dept. 10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center Gym, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Completed roster, waiver and fees must be completed at registration.

For information, contact Kacy Silva, ksilva@larpd.org or 373-5733.

Adult Softball

Looking for Adult Softball Players ages 18 and up (Men & Women)

Levels ranging from lower competitive coed to competitive men's. Season runs until mid-October on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

If interested, contact: Michael Garza at mgarza@larpd.org or 925-373-5731

Water Polo

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) offers a USA Water Polo team (USWP), the LAZERS. As a USWP club team, all practices and competitions will be sanctioned, requiring all participants

to be registered with USWP. All experience levels are welcome, however athletes must be able to swim two laps (50 yards) without stopping. Register for the LAZERS team and play the world's most exciting aquatic game. To register, call LARPD at 925-373-5700, or visit www.larpd.org. For more information about the LARPD LAZERS, visit lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com or e-mail lazerswp@gmail.com.

The fall session begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and is coed for ages 14 & under. The beginners (Level 1) practice on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Level 2 experienced players, practice Tues./Wed./Fri. 4-5:30pm. The session runs until Nov. 5.

Track and Field Club

FTC track club is taking registrations for fall season (Sept.-Dec.) and will begin practices on Sept. 7th. FTC is based in Pleasanton and is a U.S. Track and Field (USATF) sanctioned club for kids aged 7 to 18, from any school and from any geographic area.

Participants compete in USATF sanctioned meets. Athletes in other sports who want additional speed training and conditioning are also accepted. To learn more, visit www.ftctrackclub.com, or contact Jorge Quero (925) 209 7520.

Youth Open Gym

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department announced its fall season line-up for the Youth Open Gym program, which includes both basketball and volleyball.

The Youth Open Gym program is designed specifically for children in grades 6 through 12, and is aimed at giving kids an opportunity to develop their on-court skills in both basketball and volleyball.

Participants are encouraged to come with a group of friends or come alone and make new friends. Play is drop-in format (non-instructional), though City staff will facilitate court use. All equipment will be provided and all skill levels are encouraged to join.

Grades: 6 - 12: Saturdays (September 12 - November 21 except Oct. 31), 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Harvest Park Middle School Gym, 4900 Valley

Foothill Season Starts with Dominant Performance Against San Leandro

The high school football season kicked off this past weekend with the following games:

Foothill 38, San Leandro 15: Despite losing quarterback Kyle Kearns to graduation this offseason, the Foothill Falcons (1-0) continued its offensive dominance with an impressive 38-15 victory against San Leandro (0-1) to start the 2015 season.

Quarterback Ben Wooldridge was a big part of the continued success, as the sophomore tossed three touchdowns in his debut performance. Standout receivers Isaiah Floyd and Ruben Mercado helped Wooldridge acclimate to the starting spot as Mercado caught a 15-yard touchdown pass and Floyd hauled in a pair of scores (a 62-yard strike and a 2-yard pass) in addition to a 21-yard touchdown run that opened the game's scoring in the first quarter.

The Falcons also recorded a special teams touchdown when Dario Dondero recovered a blocked punt for a score in the second quarter.

Foothill will travel to Oakley this Friday to take on Freedom (1-0), which defeated Tracy, 46-28, in its season-opening contest.

Deer Valley 20, Granada 6: The Matadors (0-1) lost in their season-opener for third time in the previous four seasons, as Deer Valley (1-0) cruised to the easy victory.

Leading the charge for the Wolverines was senior running back Rai-Shyan Alexander, who rushed for 146 yards on only 15 carries, including a pair of touchdown rushes. The two scores by Alexander represented all of the offensive touchdowns for Deer Valley, as the team's additional six points came via an eight-yard fumble recovery by Antonio Johnson in the first quarter.

Quarterback Devin Gould added 101 yards through the air on 9-of-13 passing.

50th Anniversary Game Set for November 6

This year's game between Livermore and Granada High Schools will commemorate the first time the schools met on the Livermore High School Football Field to play a varsity football game.

On Friday, November 6, 2015 the Livermore Cowboys and the Granada Matadors will square off in the 50th anniversary of that historical game. Kickoff for the game is 7 p.m.

Past players, coaches and cheerleaders from both schools will be in attendance and will be recognized as part of the festivities. A BBQ tailgate will take place prior to the varsity football game.

Dino Certa, 1966 alumnus recalls that "the entire town" was at the first game. Downtown Livermore was a virtual ghost town. The town loyalties were split down the middle when Granada High School was built in 1963, and approxi-

ately one-half of the 1963 Freshman Class left Livermore for their new cross town high school, Granada. Since then, the rivalry, school spirit and bragging rights have continued to bring the community together.

Amador Valley 27, Heritage 14: Amador Valley kicked off its season with an impressive win for the fourth-straight year, this time defeating Heritage by 13 points at home Friday.

The Dons' (1-0) defense limited the Partiotis (0-1) to 331 yards of offense, as Heritage quarterback Nick Zell threw as many interceptions (two) as touchdowns in the failed comeback attempt.

Amador Valley will have a bye next week before traveling to Oakley for a Sept. 11th contest against Freedom (1-0).

Livermore 35, Newark Memorial 0: For the second-consecutive season, the Livermore Cowboys began its football schedule with an impressive victory against Newark Memorial.

The Cowboys (1-0) were consistent throughout the contest, scoring touchdowns in every quarter against the Cougars (0-1).

Livermore hosts McKinleyville (1-0) this week after the Panthers beat Ukiah, 56-46, to begin their 2015 campaign.

Dublin 34, Alameda 20: For the fourth time in five years Dublin began the varsity football calendar with a victory.

The Gaels (1-0) earned a road win against Alameda with an impressive 14-point win, the third-consecutive year Dublin has started the season with a contest against the Hornets (0-1).

Dublin will host Fremont's American (1-0) this Friday in the Gaels' home opener. American defeated Arroyo, 44-12, in San Lorenzo last week.

Campo di Bocce to Host National Championships Next Year

The United States Bocce Federation announced the selection of Campo di Bocce of Livermore to host the 2016 National Bocce Championships slated for June 25th through July 2nd this coming year. www.campodibocce.com

This is the 5th time Campo di Bocce will have hosted this national sporting event.

"One of the reasons Campo di Bocce was chosen to host this competition is the fact that it is considered one of the top Bocce facilities in the U.S.," says United States Bocce Federation President, Jerry South.

Ben Musolf, COO at Campo di Bocce said, "The event rotates each year from

East to West. The 2015 Championships were held at great acclaim by the Sons of Italy Lodge in Methuen, MA near Boston, and now it moves West.

The best players from across the United States will compete in three different competitions, from B level Open Bocce to A level Open Bocce to Punto, Raffa, Volo (the International game). Winners of the International competition will go on to the 2016 Pan-American games where U.S. players will

compete with top teams from Chile and Argentina.

"It's a real honor to be chosen to host this U.S. Bocce championship", said Musolf, Tournament Chair and COO at Campo di Bocce.

This year Campo di Bocce will be making all events open to the public so that Bocce enthusiasts, beginners to competitive level, will be able to come and see the best in the U.S. compete.

Bocce as a sport is growing rapidly in popularity. Musolf noted, "In the U.S. today,

some 3 million Bocce enthusiasts enjoy competing in everything from league play to backyard social events. It's a sport anyone can play, anyone can compete in and anyone can enjoy. In fact the United States Bocce Federation is currently sponsoring introduction and instruction to the youth of America, so tomorrow's champions are being developed today. This 2016 U.S. Bocce Championships will most likely produce the Champions of tomorrow."

'The Mountain' from Game of Thrones to Compete at Highland Games in Pleasanton

To the many fans of HBO's ultra-popular "Game of Thrones," he is a larger-than-life, menacing giant of a man. To the world of strength and endurance, he is one of the world's strongest men. To the patrons of the upcoming 150th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, he is the challenger with the aim to out-perform the world's top Heavy Event athletes.

He is Hafthor Julius Bjornsson, the Icelander who has taken both the TV series and the world's strongest man competition by storm. He is also a special guest at the Scottish Games in Pleasanton over the September 5 and 6 weekend.

The 6', 9" Hafthor began his sports-oriented lifestyle as the center on the Icelander National Basketball Team, but switched to the stron-

gest man circuit where he has reigned for the past two years as "Europe's Strongest Man", and placed second in the "World's Strongest Man" competition in 2014, as well as holding three third-place finishes.

At Pleasanton, the 26-year-old Hafthor has challenged the world's top professional Heavy Event athletes to the 56-pound Weight-for-Height. Hafthor, and one of the pro athletes in the challenge, Mike Zolkiewicz of Boston, are the only athletes to successfully clear the 19-foot barrier. Competitor Andy Vincent has made, but failed in the attempt. Zolkiewicz holds the Scottish Games Record at 19'. 2", but Hafthor has unofficially thrown 19', 3". If that mark is bettered during the challenge, the record

would be an overall mark as Hafthor's challenge does not meet the Scottish Games criteria that stipulates that all of the athletes must compete in all eight heavy event disciplines. Hafthor will be competing in only the single discipline.

The twelve pro athletes and Hafthor will begin the challenge at 1:30 Sunday afternoon on the track in front of the grandstands.

"The Mountain" will be available for autographs both days from 11:00 a.m. to noon next to the clock tower and also on Saturday in the early afternoon under the grandstands. Immediately following the Weight-for-Height Challenge on Sunday, Hafthor will leave to fly to Ireland for a Games of Thrones shoot.

Avenue. Residents \$30, nonresidents \$33.

To register, visit pleasantonfun.com course: 61285. Limited space available. For more information, please contact the Pleasanton Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or by email at pleasantonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Livermore Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for our 2016 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is now open at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org. Visit website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club will be holding their annual new player clinic on September 13 from 9am to noon at the Livermore High School football field. For \$40, participants will receive three hours of lacrosse instruction plus a stick and ball (value \$35) to keep. Register at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

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Park It Events and Activities Offered by the East Bay Regional Park District

The Bay Area has long been a hub of mountain biking, beginning with the sport's origins on Mt. Tamalpais in the 1970s. Great weather, an abundance of trails and natural beauty, and an athletically-inclined population have made the Bay Area one of the most popular regions in the world for this challenging and fun sport.

The East Bay Regional Park District boasts hundreds of miles of trails that are open to mountain bikes. Overall, most mountain bicyclists, hikers and equestrians share the trails with few problems. But, with ever-increasing numbers of park visitors, occasional conflicts are inevitable. Here's a quick refresher on trail rules for bicyclists, hikers and equestrians alike:

Mountain bikes are allowed on any trail over 8 feet wide, and most paved trails. They're also allowed on a handful of narrow trails throughout the District, including the Heron Bay and Swallow Bay trails at Del Valle; Zeile Creek trail at Garin; Panorama trail at Mission Peak; Clyma trail at Morgan Territory; Brandon trail at Lake Chabot; Brushy Peak Loop trail at Brushy Peak; and a variety of narrow trails at Briones, Redwood and Sibley. Check maps and www.ebparcs.org for details.

A few areas are off-limits to bikes entirely because of narrow trails, crowds or sensitive habitat: Claremont Canyon, Huckleberry, Ardenwood, and portions of Coyote Hills, Mission Peak, Sibley, Tilden Nature Area and Eastshore.

Crockett Hills Regional Park offers almost 13 miles of outstanding single-track trails that are open to mountain bikes.

Throughout the Park District, the bike speed limit is 15 mph. Bicyclists should call out if they're passing a hiker or equestrian. Most collisions happen when hikers are caught off guard, or can't move out of the way fast enough.

"If you're hauling down a hill doing 25 mph, even if you do call out a hiker won't be able to move fast enough," said East Bay Regional Park District police Lt. Lance Brede. "And if the hiker's wearing headphones, they might not hear you at all."

In general, all trail users should be courteous and accommodating, and remember that everyone wants to have an enjoyable experience at the park. Safety and consideration should be everyone's priority.

Staying on the trail is important, as well. Creating bootleg trails or shortcuts causes erosion, degrades the landscape, and can be costly to repair.

- Help the Park District plan the new Clayton Ranch preserve at a community meeting Sept. 9 in Clayton.

The new, 4,200-acre park will link Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve and Mt. Diablo State Park, providing an uninterrupted swath of open space and habitat in central Contra Costa County.

Park District planners will be at the meeting to give a history of the property, discuss the planning process, answer questions, and put the public's input on what the new park should contain: trails, campsites, picnic areas or other amenities.

The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Clayton Community Library, Hoyer Hall meeting room, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton.

For those who can't make the meeting, comments, questions and suggestions can be sent to planner Raphael Breines at rbreines@ebparcs.org or (510) 544-2325.

- Good news from Alameda: the threatened Western snowy plovers have once again chosen Crown Beach as their overwintering site. The small, speckled shorebirds have recently been spotted foraging along the beach for flies, worms and other goodies, in hopes of fattening up for spring.

To protect these special birds, the Park District has erected signs, poles and strings to create a "symbolic fence" around the birds' roosting area. District staff ask that the public give these birds plenty of room and remember to keep dogs off the beach.

- Celebrate harvest time at the annual Apple Festival, Sept. 12 at Garin/ Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks.

The festival is a longtime favorite for families, and a fun - and tasty - way to celebrate the East Bay's agricultural heritage. Sample antique apple varieties, try some hand-cranked ice cream, press your own apple cider, and enjoy a day of music, dancing, crafts and old-fashioned games.

The festival is free and will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Garin Barn Visitors Center, 1320 Garin Ave., Hayward.

- Train buffs of all ages will want to be at Ardenwood Farm over Labor Day weekend for the annual Historic Rail Fair.

Enjoy steam train rides, hand-car rides, model railroads, garden railroads and other train-related treats will be part of the event. Live music will be provided by the Diaspora Swamp Boys, the East Bay Stompers and the Apple Butter Brothers.

The fair, co-sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 5, 6 and 7 at Ardenwood, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. More information is at www.spcrr.org.

- Four parks are hosting open houses on Labor Day. So bring picnics, the family and friends and enjoy a day of activities at Crab Cove, Black Diamond Mines, Tilden or Coyote Hills.

Crab Cove's open house will include "seaweed science," fish feeding at the aquarium, beach exploration with a naturalist and other events. Drop by between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crab Cove, 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda.

Crafts, games, farm activities and more will be available at the Tilden Nature Area in Berkeley. Open house activities will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour the historic Hazel-Atlas silica sand mine at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the visitor center. Tours will be at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Participants must be age 7 or older.

At Coyote Hills, spend the day doing sack races, egg relays, tug-of-war, kick-the-can and other activities. Drop by between 10 a.m. and 3:30.

Blessing of the Grapes Signals Start of Grape Harvest

The 2015 Blessing of the Grapes took place last week among the organically grown grape vines at Retzlaff Vineyards. The ceremony was a prelude to the 34th Annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration this Sunday, September 6.

A rabbi, priest and clergyman took part in the blessing. In past years, comments have been made that the introduction sounds like the start of a joke. Last year, participants indicated they come back with a play on the words during this year's event.

Father Mark Wiesner of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church did the honors, stating, "A rabbi, a priest and a pastor went into a vineyard and there were no sour grapes."

In addition to Father Wiesner, Pastor Steve Wilde of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore and Rabbi Laurence Milder of Congregation Beth Emek took part in the proceedings. All three talked about wine as being a part of religious gatherings.

The centuries-old ceremony, practiced by many religions honored the vineyards, the grapes and the people who make the annual harvest a reality.

Father Wiesner prayed that the harvest would go well.

Pastor Wilde spoke of how the sun, clouds, and the soil work together to produce the grapes. Wine from any vineyard is a Blessing from God, the gift of labor, soil and the fruit of the vine.

Rabbi Milder told of Noah planting a vineyard after the flood, saying that he must have brought the vine and clippings with him on the ark. The clippings would have come from the first vineyard planted in the Garden of Eden, said Milder. At the end of his comments, he raised his glass and urged everyone to join in the toast "to life (l'chaim)."

Aaron Taylor, who is in charge of production, planning and property upkeep at Retzlaff, talked about the upcoming harvest. He pointed out that Jose Hernandez manages the vineyards.

Taylor noted that the white varietals have been harvested, which was about three weeks earlier than average. He noted that Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay production was down



Pictured toasting the harvest following the blessing of the grapes at Retzlaff Vineyards are (from left) Pastor Steve Wilde, Aaron Taylor and Salomé Garau-Taylor from Retzlaff Vineyards; Father Mark Wiesner, Rabbi Laurence Milder; Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; and Amy Hoopes, president of the Winegrowers board of directors.

compared to last year.

He couldn't predict when the red varietals might be harvested, stating that the weather has had an impact. "Across the state there is an issue with uneven ripening. The warm spring and cool early summer has impacted the grapes."

The result is what is called "shatter," or "peas and pumpkins," where the same cluster will have very small, immature grapes along with larger, riper grapes. "This makes for the potential to produce an interesting crop. What is tricky is deciding when to pick." For example, he said the tiny grapes have a lemony taste, which could produce a range of flavors in the wines.

David Galles, owner of Galles Vineyards, also commented on the weather, stating that when grapes bloom at the wrong time, the wind and rain can cause the shatter affect.

As with the whites, the production of red grapes is down. "That's not necessarily a bad thing," commented Taylor. There have been a large number of grapes on the market in recent years.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association

will present the 34th annual Harvest Wine Celebration this Sunday, September 6, from 12 to 5 p.m.

"Guests can take advantage of a one-day ticket that allows them to have a two-day experience," stated Chris Chandler, Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. "The event takes place on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. However, about 30 wineries will honor wristbands on Monday, too."

Tickets include wine tasting, a commemorative Livermore Valley Wine Country glass, wine discounts, and a program that serves as a guide for both the Harvest Wine Celebration and future visits to Livermore Valley wineries.

The celebration features more than 40 wineries offering complimentary wine tasting, with many adding live music, vendors, food and activities that reflect their unique characters. Tickets purchased in advance are \$45, with online sales ending on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Tickets on the day of the celebration are \$55.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association

(LVWA) is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1981 to support the wineries and growers in the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area.

Tickets for non-drinkers are \$5, with proceeds donated to Livermore's Every 15 Minutes program, an intensive two-day program offered to high schoolers by the Livermore Police Department, with the goal of saving lives by demonstrating the dangers of drinking and texting while driving. Non-drinking tickets are available only on the day of the event.

Tickets purchased online will be held at the will-call location (winery) selected during purchase. A valid photo ID and printed receipt are required.

Additionally, tickets may be purchased from Livermore Valley wineries, Bay Area Safeway stores, The Wine Steward in Pleasanton, and the First Street Wine Company in Livermore.

The Sunday of Labor Day weekend is the one day each year when Livermore Valley wineries are open to ticket holders only.

For more information, visit www.lvwine.org.

CLAMBAKE

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significant contributions to supporting the cultural and performing arts in the Tri-Valley.

The inaugural "Arts Champion of the Year" award will be officially presented at the event to Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Jessica Aguirre of NBC News, will host the event.

Last year, the Lobster Clambake was a great success, with more than 450 attendees, surpassing the \$100,000 fundraising target for the event. LVPAC Board Vice President and Event Chair Denise Watkins said that capturing and continuing that momentum has been invaluable in putting together this year's event. "The clambake is our most significant annual fundraiser and will be instrumental in supporting LPVAC Programs and operations at both the Bankhead and the Bothwell," stated Watkins. As with most arts non-profits, LVPAC's earned revenues provide just over half of overall income with the remainder made up of donations, grants and sponsorships.

"Although we are free of the bank debt that was such a concern last year, we started

the year with limited cash and no reserves. The Clambake is a key element in our development plan necessary to support LVPAC." Watkins added. "We hope everyone in the community will take this opportunity to step up and support the Bankhead and the Bothwell, while enjoying what will be a fun and festive evening together."

The event has garnered extensive community support from individuals, corporate sponsors, and local businesses. Numerous live and silent auction items have been donated, including a tour of the Tesla Plant as well as the loan of a Tesla for 48 hours. In addition, the following have been contributed: a suite for the PAC 12 Championship at Levi's Stadium, a box with eight tickets for the annual Bridge School concert at Shoreline Amphitheater, private dinner in your home for 8, a suite for a Sharks Game, as well as other sporting tickets, vacation homes, golf outings and fine dining opportunities. One unique item provides an evening for up to 50 guests for a private concert on stage with Jazz Musician Matt Finders, from the Tonight Show Band, at the Bankhead Theater.

The menu for the LVPAC

Lobster Clambake delivers an authentic East Coast food fest. Catered by Sam's Chowder House of Half Moon Bay, attendees dine on whole Maine lobster, clams, and mussels, accompanied by New England clam chowder, Andouille sausage, red potatoes, bread, corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw, followed by lemon scented shortcake for dessert.

Live music will be provided by local artist, Lloyd Gregory.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 12th at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Founded 130 years ago, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest, continuously operated family-owned winery. Now under the management of the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family, it offers a portfolio of fine wines, with wine tasting, fine dining, and championship golf on its extensive facilities.

Individual tickets to the LVPAC Lobster Clambake are \$175 per person or \$1,750 for a table for 10. Tickets can be purchased through the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First

Street, Livermore or at www.bankheadtheater.org. Additional auction item donations and event sponsorships for the clambake would be welcomed. For more information, please contact the development office at (925) 583-2305.

The LVPAC 2015-2016 season kicks off September 5, 2015 with the Ray Charles project. Executive Director Scott Kenison noted, "We are kicking off the season with two weeks that show the diversity of our programming. From local Grammy award-winning musicians in The Ray Charles Project to acrobats from China to Kenny Loggins and Blue Sky Riders from Nashville, we are proving that there really is something for everyone."

Subscriptions and single tickets for all shows in the 2015-2016 LVPAC Presents season, as well as resident companies and events at the Bothwell Arts Center are available now through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at (925) 373-6800, or www.bankheadtheater.org, or via the new LVPAC mobile app.

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SHORT NOTES

Book Events

Towne Center Books events include the following:

- The Power and Purpose of the Teen Age Brain with Dr. Dan Siegel on 7:00 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 17 at the Amador Theater. He will be talking about his newest book, *Brainstorm*.

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door or on line at www.firehousearts.org. Purchase books at Towne Center Books. 925-846-8826.

- Read It and Eat with Lauren Groff on Sept. 29. The discussion will be about Lauren's newest book, *Fates and Furies*. Reservations are required. \$35.00 for lunch and book. \$15.00 for lunch only. 925-846-8826.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. www.townecenterbooks.com

Creek Cleanup in Dublin

The City of Dublin invites residents to participate in its 7th Annual Creek Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This year, volunteers will be helping to clean up four creeks in the City -- Tassajara Creek (at Emerald Glen Park), Alamo Canal (behind the Dublin Civic Center), Alamo Creek (by Alamo Creek Park), and South San Ramon Creek (adjacent to Dublin High School). Volunteers will meet City staff at the group picnic area at Emerald Glen Park at 9:00 a.m.

A continental breakfast will be served before the group ventures out to the creeks. At noon, the group will meet back up at Emerald Glen Park for a light pizza lunch.

To participate, please contact the City of Dublin's Environmental Services Department at (925) 833-6630, or via e-mail at ES@dublin.ca.gov. Reservations are required.

Save Mount Diablo

The Save Mount Diablo Challenge set for Oct. 4 climbs up Southgate Road taking riders

all the way to the summit of Mount Diablo.

Now until September 7th, registration is \$75. Beginning September 8th, the price goes up to \$90. With early-registration, receive a commemorative T-shirt with artwork by Matt Nolte with Pixar.

This year there is a new "Challenge Yourself" category -- A non-competitive bike ride for the whole family, including an ice cream social.

Information and registration at www.savemountdiablo.org

Diablo Restoration Team (DiRT) Workday on Saturday, September 5th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Bring a lunch and picnic in the gazebo after a satisfying morning of supporting Save Mount Diablo in its mission to preserve, protect, and restore one of Contra Costa County's most precious natural resources. Dress in layers, be sure to wear sturdy shoes, and bring plenty of water and sunscreen. There are no restrooms on site. RSVP to Jim Cartan: jcartan@savemountdiablo.org or call the office at 925.947.3535

Writing Club

Young Adult author J.L. Powers will be at Livermore Public Library to lead the Writing Club for Young Adults. Starting again in September, young adults aged 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on September 17, October 8, November 12, and December 17 2015. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required.

For more information, visit Teen Space page on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

Convention of States

Tri-Valley Republic Women Federated meeting will be held Thurs., Sept. 10 at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore.

Theme "The Convention of

States" featuring speakers John Morley, in favor, and Judi Caler, not in favor.

Morley is the appointed District Captain for The Convention of States Project for the 12th and 13th Assembly Districts of California. He is also the Co-founder of The Tracy Tea Party Patriots.

Caler is the Article V Issues Director for Eagle Forum of California. She's co-founder of Common Core Concerns of Nevada County and founder of AnimalSave, a pet rescue nonprofit in Nevada County.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. following social time at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. TVRWF members \$30, guests, \$34. Reservation deadline is Sept. 8, email krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

Camp Dublin

Emerald Glen Park will once again become Camp Dublin the weekend of Sept. 11-12. Registration is being accepted for the event. The cost is \$22 per person, and the price includes all activities, games, crafts, a campfire, entertainment, dinner and breakfast.

Check in at 3:00 PM near the skate park on Gleason Drive. Activities begin at 4:30 PM. Check out is on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Please register each member of the family who will be attending. Kids 2 years old or older must register - go to <https://www.dublinrecguide.com>

Contractors Academy

The Alameda County Public Works Agency will hold its third annual Construction Contractors Academy for small local construction contractors. This free workshop series will be held at the Bay Area Builders' Exchange, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on September 12, September 19, September 26, and October 3, 2015.

The Construction Contractors Academy is designed to enhance the competitiveness of

small local firms in public works contracting. Session topics include improving bid estimating skills, utilizing local business certifications, constructing competitive bids and pursuing contracting opportunities. Past attendees report being able to immediately apply the skills gained from the workshops, which subsequently resulted in better business practices and new contracts.

Participants who attend all four sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Alameda County Public Works Agency. They will also receive a free, 90-day trial membership to the Bay Area Builders Exchange's Online Plan Room, which provides online project plans and specifications.

Enrollment is limited and must be completed by Friday, September 4, 2015. To register for the series, please email businessoutreach@acpwa.org or visit the website at www.acgov.org/pwa. For more information about the Contractors Academy and BOB events, please visit the Public Works Agency website at www.acgov.org/pwa/business.

Firefighting Heroes

Museum on Main invites preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families to "Firefighting Heroes" a celebration of the men and women who help protect the community on September 9. This event is part of M.O.M.'s Reading Time, a free, monthly book and activity program at Museum on Main. Story time begins at 10am with activities immediately following.

The morning is sure to be full of fun and excitement as children listen to a story about firefighters and meet members of the Pleasanton Fire Department, who will be stopping by with their fire truck and gear. Following story time children will complete a firefighter themed craft to take home.

Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups should

call in advance: 925-462-2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org.

Habitat and Birds

Birds and Their Habitat Preferences will be the topic of the Sat., Sept. 5 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8 a.m. at the Sycamore Grove Park Nature area entrance.

Kingfisher in a desert? Great Blue Heron in dense oak woodland? Steller's Jay in open grassland? None of these are very likely. Join this program to go in search of various bird species across a variety of habitat types: open woodland, riparian, grassland and shrublands. This hike will include dirt and gravel trails, and cover 1 mile to 1.5 miles, depending on the group and bird activity, and will last about 2 hours. Bring binoculars if you have them; there will be some to lend. Call the Ranger Office at 925-960-2400 for directions.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Student Workshop

The Pleasanton Library is offering a free workshop for high-school students, aimed at addressing the unique concerns that oftentimes affect new and incoming students.

Called "Jumpstart to a Successful School Year," the workshop will provide real-time and long-term solutions for a successful school year and college planning. The event will include advice on how to:

- learn where to go for help and support on campus
- join clubs and organizations on and off campus that explore areas of interest
- develop healthy relationships

- align high school courses with college majors, scholarships
- identify strengths and career/college choices

- prepare for pre-admission testing for college ...without a lot of stress and instructions on constructing a career and academic portfolio—provided by CareerTrackPlus.

The workshop runs from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM on September 9th.

There will also be games and prizes.

To register for free, contact the Teen Services Librarian, Teresa Parham at 925.931.3404.

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Expo on Firefighting Careers in Livermore

A Firefighter Career Expo on Sept. 12th will connect future firefighters with departments hiring the next generation of first responders

The Firefighter Career Expo will be held in Livermore on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10am to 1pm.

Sponsored by the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Cal-JAC), and the Cal-JAC's Women's Commission, the Career Expo provides would-be first responders with an up-close-and-personal look at what it takes to become a firefighter. The free event is open to all, but is geared toward encouraging women and transitioning military to consider a career as a first responder.

It will be held at the Firefighter Candidate Testing Center, 526 Commerce Wy., Livermore.

For information, go to www.becomingafirefighter.org

OBITUARIES

Jean Marie Carvalho

Jean Marie Carvalho was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She passed away peacefully August 14, 2015 at the age of 82, surrounded by her loving children, and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Carvalho in 2008. She is survived by her seven children. She also enjoyed the liveliness and happiness of ten grandsons and one great granddaughter. An only child herself, Jean loved having a big family.

Jean was born and raised in Oakland, CA. Jean loved singing, writing, family pets, arts and crafts, and encouraging lively family celebrations. An avid reader, writer and storyteller, Jean inspired in all her children and grandchildren a passion for reading. She enjoyed gardening, often winning prizes in the local rose show.

Jean was a devoted Catholic and member of St. Raymond's Church in Dublin. Participating in the prayer chain and choir were sources of joy and friendship. Jean was positive her beloved family will carry out her loving legacy.

Lee Talbot

Lee Talbot lost his hard fought battle with Multiple Myeloma on August 3rd, 2015. Lee's life was about going fast, and his family referred to him often in the last few years as the "Energetic Bunny." In his youth, he built and raced motorcycles and cars with his friends on dirt tracks and in the California deserts. Later he shifted to speed-style, and interests to building and racing boats. Most of all he loved to build and modify boats, and in doing this over the years acquired a large group of friends from Arizona to California, who will remember their wonderful family times racing and being around the water and jet boats.

Lee spent his working life for 36 years at the Livermore National (then Radiation) Lab in Mechanical Engineering. During that time he sought to be in the frontline

testing area and got much satisfaction from being part of the Lab's success.

Those left here to miss him are: his wife, Judy Talbot of Astoria; his daughter, Tanna Orr of Salem, OR.; former wife & friend Jean Talbot of Livermore, CA.; their two children, Lori Talbot Briegleb and her husband Brad Briegleb of Clayton, CA., and Christopher Talbot & his wife Connie of Livermore, CA.; Judy's children, Erin Goulette of Eugene, OR. and Tim Cadigan of Portland, OR.; a sister, Suzie & her husband Dick Tavis of Santa Barbara, CA.; and a large, extended family, including grand-children, great grand-children, and great-great grand-children. He had many, many terrific friends who will remember him and their good times together.

A Celebration of Life will be held September 5th at 11am at Beeb's in Livermore.

David Robert Gast

David was born on July 23, 1962 and passed peacefully at home on Monday August 10, 2015.



He grew up in Manhattan Beach, CA and lived there until he was married in 1991. Soon after David and his family moved to Livermore. Dave started his own construction company which specialized in fences, arbors and decks. Due to Dave's influence several of his employees now have successful businesses of their own today.

Beloved father to Joshua and Megan. Loving grandfather to Harlee. Loving husband and friend to ex-wife Debbie. Survived by brothers Donnie, Michael and Tom.

Friends and family are invited to attend his Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 5th at 2:00pm at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore CA 94551

Ruth Alice Verhasselt
June 15, 1936 – Aug. 21, 2015
Resident of Livermore

Ruth Verhasselt, 79, of

Livermore, Ca. peacefully passed away, found at home, on Friday, August 21, 2015.

Ruth was born on June 15, 1936 at Phlox, Wisconsin, a daughter of the late Joseph and Alice (Berendsen) Verhasselt.

Ruth graduated from Antigo High School, Antigo, WI in 1954. She then attended Badger Green Bay Business College in 1955 and National School of Aeronautics in Kansas City, Mo in 1958 that began her career with Trans World Airlines and the airline industry from 1958 to 1993. Ruth moved around during her career, starting in New York City, to Sacramento, Ca, to Honolulu, and finally settling in the San Francisco Bay Area. Ruth also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and teaching credentials from Holy Name College, Oakland, Ca. during 1982-87. She also loved to travel, to Europe, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal and throughout the Pacific, Guam, Taiwan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Japan during her TWA career.

In retirement, Ruth found interesting volunteer and part-time activities; for many years as usher for the Oakland A's baseball and Oakland Raiders football teams, and at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

Ruth was a devoted Catholic parishioner and active as a lector and Eucharistic Minister wherever she lived; at St. Raymond in Dublin, Ca, at St. Joseph in Phlox, Wi, and most recently at St. Michael in Livermore, Ca.

Survivors include six siblings: Therese (Noskowiak), Appleton, Wi, Agnes, San Mateo, Ca, Gerald, Pebble Beach, Ca, Robert, Bonney Lake, Wa, Verene (Ferrona)

San Mateo, Ca, Patrick, Manitowoc, Wi, and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by siblings: Valeria (Hecker), William, James, and Fr. Richard Verhasselt.

Interment and burial services are being arranged through Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Center, St. Michael Cemetery, Livermore, California (925) 455-9696.

Gerald (Jerry) William Hayes

Feb. 3, 1928-August 13, 2015
47 year resident of Pleasanton

Jerry (47-year Pleasanton resident) beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend of many passed away at the age of 87. He was born in McKeesport, PA.,



graduating from Pennsylvania University before serving five years in the U. S. Marine Corps achieving the rank of staff sergeant. Jerry married Margaret Elaine Woodcock, the love of his life, on August 25, 1956 in Philadelphia. After seven moves with Swift & Company, they settled in Pleasanton in 1968, where they raised their family. Jerry founded

J & J Sales, Patio Products, and NorCal Pottery in San Leandro, Ca.

His enthusiasm for life was revealed in his smile and love for people. Jerry enjoyed family, gardening, poker, golf, Penn State football, and food, especially breakfast. He coached bocce ball at the Pleasanton Senior Center and served as a "Big" SIR where he was a lifetime member. Jerry and Elaine travelled throughout the United States and from Scandinavia to Central America.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Hayes, sons Eric (Eleisa) and Ken (Kathy), daughter Patty Fishbaugh (Rich), and eight grandchildren. We were fortunate to have his love in our lives, and he will be dearly missed.

A celebration of his life will be held at Saint Clare's Episcopal Church on September 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to CarlingBridge.org, Saint Clare's Church in his name or The American Lung Assoc. of California.

Margaret Montan

Margaret Montan, born in Baker, Montana April 17, 1931, passed away, after a brief battle with cancer, on August 23, 2015 She was 84 years old.

She was preceded in death

by her husband Donald. Margaret is survived by her four children: Kristen (Emily), Tom (Karen), Kären (Stephen Woodward), Ingrid, and three grandchildren (Xavie, Yzzy, and Leon). Margaret was beloved by the many people her life touched, especially all of the students she taught in her over 25 years in the classroom.

Her family is comforted by the fact that she fulfilled her life dreams; she had her four children, she was a life long teacher, she traveled the world, and she died peacefully in her sleep in her own bed.

The family invites you to a celebration of Margaret's life to be held at "The Barn," in Livermore California, October 3, 2015, 1-4pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) or an educational charity of your choice.

Carolyn Heath Biery

Recently Carolyn completed her circle of life. She is survived by the love of her life for 30+ years Steve Biery, special friends Sandy Guymon and John Greci and Mango the Cat.

No services are planned and her body donated to UCSF so others can learn.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Alaska Raptor Center, 1000 Raptor Way, Sitka, AK 99835-2984.

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Marching bands, highland dancing and country dancing are all part of the festivities.

Fairgrounds Site of Annual Games and Gathering

This year's annual Scottish Highland Gathering & Games marks the milestone of 150-years of continuous Celtic festivals produced by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. The first Games, held in 1866 at the corner of Market and 14th Street in San Francisco, marked the beginning of what has become considered by many as the largest such festival in the world.

For the Sesquicentennial the Club will celebrate with the largest-to-date gathering and games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on September 5 and 6.

Nearly 40 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada will be in competition as well as taking part in the daily afternoon Grandstand Show. This marks the largest assembly of pipe bands in America. The daily show will also include the famed L.A. Scots Grade I Pipe Band, marching and playing in unison with the Third Marine Aircraft wing Band - Miramar, the only Games in the world to present a U.S. military band and top pipe band in concert together.

The annual event features 21 different events and attractions.

One of the premier events

is the World Championship in the Heavy Events that include the world's top professional athletes competing in eight different athletic skills, highlighted by the famed tossing of the "cabrer," the 22-foot, 150-pound pole. The invitational Heavy Events also includes the amateur, womens and senior divisions, with more than 70 athletes in all. The pros represent five countries, the U.S. Canada, Scotland, England and South Africa.

Among the many attractions is the Western U.S. Highland Dancing Championships; Living History with Mary Queen of Scots, the Highland Warriors, the Roman Legion and invading Vikings. Entertainment will be offered on six stages with continuous music ranging from traditional to Celtic Rock; Scottish Fiddler's Rally; Celtic Harpers; Scottish Country Dancing and much more. Four of the stages offer traditional and Celtic Rock bands, groups and individuals: Albennach (Scotland), Brother (Australia), Steve McDonald (New Zealand), Tempest, Molly's Revenge, Browne Sisters, Golden Bough, Michael Mullen and Neil O'Neil.

Two stages feature continuous Fiddling, Harping,

Singing and Scottish Country Dancing featuring the Scottish Fiddlers Rally with Alasdair Fraser & Celtic Harpers with Varlene Schermer.

The Irish are well represented with the Irish Pavilion featuring Irish Step Dancing exhibitions.

Add to all of this the Glen of 100 Clans; Children's Glen; Sheep Dog Trials; Birds of Prey; Five-A-Side Soccer Tournament; Dart Competition; Rugby and Scottish Shinty Tournaments; Highland Cattle; Clydesdale Team; archery participation; British Automobile and Motorcycle displays; the Kilted Mile Run; more than 100 indoor vendors; Whisky Tasting and Master Classes, plus British and American Food.

A special guest this year will be Iceland's 6' 9" tall Game of Thrones actor and heavy athlete, Hafhor Julius Bjornsson (aka 'The Mountain') who is competing in the Sesquicentennial Games. Hafhor will challenge the 12 pro competitors from the World Championships in the 56# weight over the bar event on Sunday afternoon. He will be available for photos and autograph signings all weekend.

All of this is bundled into

two days of family entertainment that is regarded as one of Northern California's best festival bargains.

Additional information and pricing can be found on the official website: www.TheScottishGames.com.

Gates open 8:00 a.m. Athletics begin 8:30 a.m. Other activities begin 10:00 a.m. Close is at 6:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies are held in front of the main grandstands beginning at 12:30 p.m. both days.

The grandstand show featuring 38 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada plus 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band Miramar in concert with the famed L.A. Scots Pipe Band will be held in front of the main grandstands beginning at 3:45 p.m. both days.

Nearly 100 clan tents are featured in the gathering of the clans.

Animals will be represented. More than 20 exotic birds, including hawks, falcons, owls and more, with professional handlers and informative information will be at the games. Demonstrations in the precise herding of sheep by highly trained dogs and their handlers will be provided by the Northern California Working Sheepdog Association. There will be a Clydesdale horse team



and highland cattle present.

The quick game of Five-A-Side soccer with eight Semi-Pro teams from California and Nevada. Local Rugby teams will compete. The ancient Scottish game of Shinty will be played by local teams.

A number of British marque clubs display their cherished automobiles.... how about a three-wheeled Morgan! BSA, Triumph

and Norton and other two-wheelers from Britain.

Sample premium single malt whiskies. Attend a Master Class seminar with a Whisky Master. (Additional cost).

A Friday night concert will be held at the host hotel, Marriott San Ramon. Marine Band and Celtic entertainment. Open to the public for \$14.00.

Living History One of Highlights of Annual Scottish Games

Mary Queen of Scots and her royal entourage, the Highland Warriors, the Roman Legion and the invading Vikings, all part of the history of Scotland portrayed at this weekend's Scottish Games.

"Living History" is one of many highlights of the 150th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The Living History area is one of the most popular venues of the 21 different events and attractions at the Games. St. Andrew's Noble Order of Royal Scots portrays the Court of Mary, Queen of Scots, as Her Majesty has returned to Scotland from a childhood in France. Recently widowed, our young Majesty is ready to rule Scotland despite the misgivings of her half brother and many of the Lords of the Congregation. Her Majesty travels to the Pleasanton Scottish High-

land Gathering and Games to meet Her Loyal Subjects.

The Highland Warriors, as escorts for Her Majesty, will demonstrate the art battle with shields and broadswords.

With shield and spear, the legion of Roman conquerors will march and practice their battle skills. Following the departure of the Roman Legions from Britain, it was the Vikings from the North that invaded Scotland and most all of Britain. The Vikings will be seen in a less aggressive manner at the Games, with two groups displaying family life in the foreign land.

On more of a fanciful venue is the Armored Combat League. This involves teams of armored fighters battling in full-contact with steel weapons. The fighting takes place twice each day in the Living History area. For additional information visit our website: www.TheScottishGames.com

STILL TICKETS

With the deadline for purchasing advance sale tickets to the 150th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games now past, the Games Information Telephone Line has received a number of calls from distressed persons under the impression that they cannot purchase tickets for this weekend's event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The event organizer, the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, wants to make clear that all four admission gates at the fairgrounds will be open from 8:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon Saturday and Sunday.

The ticket prices are: Adult 1-day \$24.00; Adult 2-day \$31.00; Seniors 65+, Youth 12-17 and handicapped \$13.00. Kids 11 and under are free as are Military with active-duty identification. The fairgrounds charges a parking fee.



Historic re-enactments are all part of the games.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 507798

The following person(s) doing business as: REO Promotional Products, 715 Meadowlark Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

(1)Robert Osaki (2)Eileen Osaki, 715 Meadowlark Street, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by Married Couple

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s)

listed above on 10/1/2010. Signature of Registrants :s/: Eileen Osaki This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 30, 2015. Expires July 30, 2020.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 507177

The following person(s) doing business as: EDT TEC Inc, 3737 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): EDT TEC Inc, 101 Convention Center Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89104

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to

transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/13/2003. Signature of Registrants :s/: Eli Kozak, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2015. Expires July 15, 2020.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 507928

The following person(s) doing business as: E and J Construction and Consulting, 5834 Newfields Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

(1)Edward Melgoza, 5834 Newfields Lane, Dublin, CA 94568 (2)Jobert Verceles, 5607 Freestone Road, Liver-

more, CA 94551 This business is conducted by Co-partners The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Edward Melgoza, Member/Partner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 507122-123

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Three Bird Nest (2)Featherweights, 6764 Preston Ave, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the

following owner(s): Three Bird Nest Designs, LLC, 6764 Preston Ave, Suite A, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a Limited liability company

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 9, 2012.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Demetrious N. Shaffer, Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2015. Expires July 14, 2020.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 462696

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Curves Livermore, 1129 Catalina Drive, Livermore, CA 94550.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 3/12/2012 in the County of Alameda.

The full name of Registrant: Alicia Shaffer, 879 Tolentino Ct, Livermore, CA 94550

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Alicia Shaffer

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2015. Expires July 14, 2020.

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The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Curves Livermore, 1129 Catalina Drive, Livermore, CA 94550.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 3/23/2011 in the County of Alameda.

The full name of Registrant: Shambers, Incorporated, 1129 Catalina Drive, Livermore, CA 94550

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Amber Baydo, Vice-President

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Tracei Herro
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 15779984

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Naomi Rohit Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: (a)Naomi Rohit Shah Proposed Name: (a)Naomi Nikul Patel

Present Name: (b)Naomi Shah Proposed Name: (b)Naomi Patel

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described

above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 11/12/2015
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept: 503

b. The address of the court is: 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544

3. a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street Livermore, CA 94550

Dated: July 30, 2015 /s/: Winifred Y. Smith Judge of the Superior Court

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 506966

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Lewis B. Sampson
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on July 9, 2015. Expires July 9, 2020.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROY LESCHINSKEY
Case No. RP15783162

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ROY LESCHINSKEY**

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **LOIS WEBB** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ALAMEDA**.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: **LOIS WEBB** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: **October 13, 2015**
TIME: **9:30 AM DEPT: 201**

at: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse**

7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. (X) Attorney for Petitioner: **RONALD W. HILLBERG - ATTORNEY 630 CRANE AVENUE, Suite C TURLOCK, CA 95380-4549 (209) 667-0761**

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Walk and 'Shoppe' to Help Raise Funds for Lions Club Projects

By Carol Graham

September 22nd marks the last day of summer. Heat will be lifting, kids will be back in school, leaves will be glowing scarlet and gold, and Christmas will be less than 100 days away.

As the day slips into evening, 500 participants will fan out along Pleasanton's Main Street to enjoy the Pleasanton Lions Club's 4th annual Restaurant & Shoppe Walk. For three hours, from 6 to 9 p.m., they can visit more than 20 downtown restaurants and businesses to sample delicious fare.

They may savor Caprese salad bites and homemade focaccia at Forno Vecchio, fruit-kabob bouquets at Noland's Cake Shop, Concanon wine at Savvy Seconds, smoked salmon at Nonni's Bistro, roasted corn and chorizo salad at Cocina Mexico, gourmet cupcakes at Milfleur, spinach and cheese raviolis at Fontina Ristorante, or a frosty cone at Meadowlark Dairy.

Or they just might try them all.

The Restaurant & Shoppe Walk has become a favorite end-of-summer event

that not only raises funds for the Pleasanton Lions Club (PLC) to carry out myriad service projects, but also offers participants a unique opportunity to explore Pleasanton's vibrant downtown while allowing businesses the chance to showcase signature dishes and services.

"It's a very relaxed and casual way to spend an evening," said PLC Treasurer Tom Davis. "It's not the usual wine stroll or beer crawl; the whole family can enjoy this event. It's an inexpensive way to discover downtown Pleasanton while having wonderful food and drink."

With the purchase of a \$25 ticket (about a dollar a stop), participants receive a passport listing participating businesses and goodies offered. Planning a route is part of the fun, with guests starting out from any point they like.

"My favorite stop last year was Café Main with their samples of pizza. We've since returned for lunch," said Clem Plummer. "Main Street is attractive and inviting, and the arch adds character. I enjoyed the area at



Pictured are scenes from last year's event. In the top photo, shown with their passports are Mitch Grimes, Lori Plummer and Clem Plummer. Photos - Pam Grimes

twilight as the light changed, and it just felt very good to be out with family."

This year, PLC celebrates its 85th anniversary of service to the community, making it the oldest service club in Pleasanton. Funds raised at the Restaurant & Shoppe Walk will support the club's

work with the Lions In Sight vision programs, Fishing Derby for Special Kids, Tri-Valley Haven, Lions Center for the Blind, backpack and school-supply donations, and financial assistance to non-profit organizations and individuals alike.

"In March, a local 10-year-old boy contacted us to help raise funds so he could attend Colorado's Aspen Camp for the deaf," said PLC Secretary Pam Grimes. "He really wanted to go but it was very expensive. He came to our club with his mother and a sign language interpreter, and gave a power point presentation about Aspen Camp. We were impressed with his charm and self-confidence, and were thrilled to help him."

In its first three years, the Restaurant & Shoppe Walk has raised about \$35,000. The club also teams with local organizations like Pleasanton Military Families, Scout troops, and Amador Valley High School sports to help sell tickets. For each passport sold, they retain \$8 to benefit their organization.

"Tickets are on sale now," said Grimes. "We have a limit of 500 tickets, and last year we sold 456."

Tickets are to be purchased in advance at: Comerica Bank, 600 Main Street; Renee Huber State

Farm, 320 St. Mary Street; or at Pleasanton's final 1st Wednesday Street Party on September 2nd, in booth #25. If tickets do not sell out, remaining passports will be available for purchase from the above businesses prior to the event's start on September 22nd.

"We are extraordinarily grateful for the support and generosity of the participating businesses who make this fundraiser possible," said Grimes. "Without their willingness to donate their labor and food we would not be able to host this event."

For the young boy who dreamed of attending a camp that seemed so far out of reach, the community's cooperative efforts will never be forgotten.

"He was thrilled we donated funds to help him go to camp, and after he returned, he followed up with a nice letter telling us about his experiences," said Grimes. "It warms your heart to know you bring others such joy."

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

New Art Exhibits Opening in the Tri-Valley, see page 2



Carol Faber-Peake work Sea Goddess can be found at the Livermore Art Association Gallery



Absolutely Abstract features works by Linda Jeffery Sailors, including "Veggie Pile"



SPENCER DAY

Spencer Day Coming to the Firehouse

San Francisco favorite son and #1 Billboard Recording Artist Spencer Day plays the Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday, September 12, at 8:00 p.m.

This will be the first concert in the Tri-Valley for Day, who frequently plays Feinstein's at the Nikko to sold-out audiences. "It's a lovely coup for us, to be able to bring Spencer 'across the bridge' to the intimate Firehouse Arts Center for all his fans," notes Firehouse publicist Jane Onojafe.

Day has been a perennial favorite in the San Francisco Bay Area for over a decade, and is widely regarded for his original songs that blend compelling melodies, smart lyrics and lush arrangements. His most recent album, "Daybreak," debuted at #1 on the iTunes Jazz Chart.

In "The Look of Love," Day celebrates American Songbook classics, re-imagining in his honey baritone

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"Veggie Pile"

Abstract Show at the Library

The annual Absolutely Abstract Art Show will be exhibited at the Livermore Library Gallery Hall from September 1st through September 30th.

This show is unique since it is the only show dedicated to abstract art in the Tri-Valley area. Local featured artists include Lynda Briggs and Louise Gray, both known for their large abstracts and Linda Jeffery Sailors for her watercolors on Yupo paper. Sandra Berkson and Jan Loomis are noted for their colorful paintings. Other artists include John Tringham, Lynne Shephard and Lenore Kreit. In all, 27 art works by 14 artists will be on view and are for sale.

The Livermore Library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The hours are Monday-Thursday 10-9; Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-5; Sun. noon-6.



"Beauty of Light" by Lenore Kreit

California Dreaming' - Water Opens Sept. 2

The Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center present Rain Dance, an art exhibition at the Bankhead Theater. This exhibit features six artists' interpretation of everyone's favorite California Dreamin': water.

The art works range from abstract to representational and are executed in a variety of media. The artists featured are Jason Conn, Danielle Eubanks, Kerry McGehee, Linda Ryan, Julie Hayward Trout, and Bernard Weston.

The exhibit opens September 2 and is on display through November 2, 2015. The Bankhead Theater lobby will be open to the public starting on September 5 on Tuesdays through Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

The Artists' Reception will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 1-3 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Native American dancers from the Indian Education program at the American Indian Center will perform pow wow dancing at the reception. This visual feast for the eyes in art and dance creates an atmosphere of cool water and a celebration of dance and song in pleasing, natural acoustic beats.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore, CA. Call 925. 447-ARTS for more information about Rain Dance.

Two Artists Featured at Downtown Art Studios

Jonathon Miller and Joanna Crawshaw will display their work together at the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios. This two-person show is titled "Light and Layers." An artist reception will take place on Thursday, September 10 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at 62 South L Street in Livermore, which coincides with the studios' monthly Artists at Work Night.

Jonathon will be displaying a photography retrospective, including some of his recent work with cyanotypes. He deals primarily in an industrial theme, but he'll also surprise viewers with some great portraiture.

Joanna will be showing a selection of her abstract paintings. Her focus is on color, mood and memories. She might even throw in a few pinup works just for fun.



Jonathon Miller "Chabot" (lower right) and Joanna Crawshaw "Abandon" will be on display.

Additional Bothwell Downtown Artists will be on site for the studios' monthly Artists at Work Night. Chat with them about their current work, see them in action, and support them by purchasing unique local art.



New Artist Displays Work at LAA Gallery

Livermore Art Association Gallery (LAA) welcomes their new artist Carol Faber-Peake. Painting, sculpting, mask making, writing, collage artworks, and storytelling arts are her creative mediums. As life continues to evolve, her intention through the creative art process, is to empower people to use art not only as a healing tool but to discover their inner consciousness.

After obtaining her Associate in Arts at Las Positas College in Livermore, she attended Cal State University East Bay Hayward and graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Fine Arts. Carol designed and facilitated a



Carol Faber-Peake Sea Goddess

pilot four hour workshop at John F. Kennedy University in Berkeley, California on honoring transitions and reminiscent work in November, 2011. In 2012, she

received her certification in Faces of Your Soul Mask Making through Kaleo Ching and Elise Ching at John F. Kennedy University. June 2013, she received her Masters of Transformative Arts from John F. Kennedy University.

On display at the LAA Gallery are two of her mixed media masks, Sea Goddess and Dragonfly Maiden, as well as a collection of her paintings, and color reprints of her original works.

The LAA Gallery is located at 2155 Third Street in Livermore. Hours are 11:30 to 4:00 Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

Men of Worth Performing Tunes and Songs in Concert

Irish Scottish folk music duo Men of Worth will perform at 2pm on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore



Men of Worth bring Irish Scottish music to the Livermore Library

SPENCER DAY

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all the favorite standards, including "Groovin," "A World Without Love," and of course "The Look of Love." The show infuses elements of cabaret, storytelling, and humor, with a contemporary upbeat twist that has become his signature sound.

According to Cabaret Scene reviewer Steve Murray (reviewing Day's most recent Feinstein

shows): "Spencer Day, one of the finest lyricists of his generation, brought his most accomplished show to the first of two sold-out evenings... I've been covering Day since his career began and, at the tender young age of 36, he's reaching a peak that he can reasonably sustain for decades to come. Yes, he's that talented, unique and now absolutely confident

Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

Men of Worth's tunes and songs are so authentic, so closely connected to their heritage, that Scotsman Donnie Macdonald sings some in his native Gaelic; while Irishman James Keigher includes time-polished pieces saved from the oral traditions of his native County Mayo.

"Our music has its history in the crofting life of my Hebridean homeland and James' western Ireland. It was a part of the fabric of everyday life and it came to America with the immigrants a century ago," explained Macdonald. "Now, we're playing it again, to audiences for whom it could only be a generational memory".

"For us, the irony is we were brought up in Scotland and Ireland, and as boys we listened most eagerly to the music of America and not especially to the music of our own areas. On our radios, we heard Hank Williams Sr. and Jim Reeves. We wanted to see the Arkansas River, not Loch Lomond, and Reeves' hometown of Carthage, in east Texas, had more romance for me than did the Isle of Lewis."

Keigher admitted, "Joni Mitchell, Neil Young and Crosby, Stills and Nash influenced me greatly. Keigher, who as a teen was already performing his own songs in the Irish pubs where he learned his wit and humor. "But now I have returned to my own musical bloodlines, too," he added.

The pair could not escape the emotion and tradition of their homeland song heritage. "We could not grow away from those sounds," said Macdonald, "so we have preserved them as accurately and authentically as we can, in our performances. We entertain people with the real music of our regions; we have an ancient yet fresh musical story to tell."

Sometimes that music comes from prosaic sources – Keigher wrote one song after overhearing two old ladies gossiping about him in a village market – and sometimes from traditional music passed down the generations. Several of Macdonald's songs come from his mother's own poetry and from Hebridean crofters' airs.

The musicians, who met in California in 1985, each

in his abilities. He has the keen knack of writing complete musical vignettes about people, places and events. Mixing influences from Gershwin, Bernstein, Porter and the contemporary songwriters like (Rufus) Wainwright, (Billy) Joel and (Paul) Simon, Day has come up with a highly idiosyncratic style that puts him at the forefront of modern musicians."

Reserved seating tickets for "The Look of Love" are \$17.00 - \$27.00, and can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

play a handful of instruments, among them mandolin, guitar, mandocello, banjo, concertina and bodhran (a handheld drum). They have played concerts across the US, from Alaska to Texas. They also take guided tours to their own musical roots: leading folk fans to the western isles of Scotland and to Ireland's heartland to hear the real music of the isles.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

BANKHEAD THEATER



The Ray Charles Project
Sat **SEP 5** 8pm

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 2015 5:30PM

Lobster CLAMBAKE

Wente Vineyards
Vineyard Lawn

National Circus & Acrobats of the People's Republic of China
Sun **SEP 13** 2pm





Blue Sky Riders
Fri **SEP 18** 8pm

The 40th Annual San Francisco Comedy Competition
Fri **SEP 25** 8pm



925.373.6800 bankheadtheater.org
2400 First Street, Livermore

Variety of Musical Styles Can Be Found at the Highland Games

One of the favorite events at the annual Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, held at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, are the stages that provide continuous entertainment. The weekend of September 5 and 6 presents cornucopia of styles emitted from the six stages, ranging from traditional Scottish/Celtic balladeers to high-voltage Celtic rock, plus the unusual tribal rock.

The three main stages host 45-minute sets beginning on-the-hour with two performing groups. A fourth stage amplifies continuous Scottish traditional balladeers, and the two Celtic Heritage stages transmit a variety of Celtic music including the Fiddlers Rally with famed fiddler Alasdair Fraser, the Celtic Harpers presented by Verlene Schermer, plus the Gelic renderings of Kelsey Fitch and solo ballads from Michael Mullen and John Kelly. This, and Scottish Country Dancing make up the profile of the popular Celtic Heritage area.

Argyle Stage-1: Tempest and Molly's Revenge. Since forming in 1988, Tempest has delivered a globally-renowned hybrid of high-energy Folk Rock fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. Hailing from Oslo, Norway, founding member and lead singer/electric mandolinist, Lief Sorbye, is recognized as a driving force in the modern folk-rock movement.

With the retirement of founding member Pete Haworth, Molly's Revenge became a dynamic Celtic trio featuring David Brewer (pipes, whistles, bodhran), John Weed (fiddle), and Stuart Mason (guitar, mandola). The performances with the new lineup have been marked by full houses and standing ovations.

Edinburgh Stage-2: The Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh and Steve McDonald.

The Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh have been performing at festivals and concert halls across the United States for over 20 years. Their sets always include several rousing numbers and a few traditional and not so traditional ballads, and always a Gaelic song or two. They are known for making any song their own, while still keeping true to the original work.

Sisters Diane, Pamela and Laura bring powerful lead vocals and haunting harmonies to every song, while Cousin George's strong, unaffected vocals and original guitar style brings a rich and authentic sound to each piece.

Over the course of his career, New Zealand's Steve McDonald has entrenched himself into the hearts of Celtic music fans worldwide. His four albums tell the story of Clan Donald amid the rich history of Scotland, and feature a mixture of Steve's original compositions and some well-loved favorites.

Strathclyde Stage-3: Albannach and Brother:

Albannach is Scots-Gaelic for "Scottish" or "Scotsman". That's exactly what they are. Albannach are all born and bred in Scotland and their purpose in life is to share their intriguing culture, history and heritage with you by means of their music. Albannach are not just another Scottish 'Pipes & Drums' band, indeed they bring a new and exciting form of music to your living room.

Chances are you've seen BROTHER on NBC's 'ER', maybe heard their music on the classic 'Baraka' soundtrack or UPN's 'Twilight Zone.' The band has



Brother (left) and the Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh to perform.

shared stages with Joe Walsh, John Entwistle, Linkin Park, and Alicia Keys and are the only independent band to have played the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Fusing signature vocals and guitar with the deep pulse of the didgeridoo, the soaring highs of the bagpipes, and tribal percussion, BROTHER is wholly original. The band's powerhouse live performances are an energetic celebration, captivating and engaging the audience from the first song to the last.

Glenfinnan Stage-4: Peter Daldry, Neil O'Neill & Gunpowder Rebellion:

Peter Daldry is a Celtic singer/songwriter originally from the town of Clydebank, Scotland. Peter has been a resident in California now for nineteen years and has been performing at Pleasanton since 2005.

Celtic Troubadour, Actor, Seannachie, Educator. Neil O'Neill has been performing music in concert and glob-



ally at music venue/festivals for more than thirty years. Born in Johnstone, Scotland (one mile from the great Braveheart, William Wallace in Elderslie), a son of the great O'Neills of Tyrone and the Byrne (Burns) families, he is a pure Scottish tenor who passionately sings from the heart of the Celtic music canon.

Gunpowder Rebellion is comprised of the Caledonians' own Michael Mullen, Past Chief Kristan Robbie Anderson, Derek Ritchie, and their "Little Sista" from the Macintosh Pipe Band, Gail Muldrow. The band name stems from the Guy Fawkes Gunpowder Plot, in which Fawkes and his companions conspired to discharge a stockpile of gunpowder stored in an undercroft beneath the House of Lords on 5 November 1605. Guy Fawkes Day is celebrated on that anniversary every year in Britain with fireworks and bonfires, and his mask has become a symbol for "Liberty v. Tyranny" for over 400 years..

Madama Butterfly Preview Offered in Free Opera Program

Livermore Valley Opera will showcase talented opera singers who will appear in the upcoming production of Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" in a free OperaLIVE! event in the Tri-Valley.

The singers will perform on Sunday, September 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library.

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that present opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience this beautiful music and drama," says LVO President Jim Schmidt. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out other opera and other live performing arts."

The library performances occur prior to each opera production, and over the years attendance expands. It's one of many outreach programs LVO offers that include visits by singers to schools in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

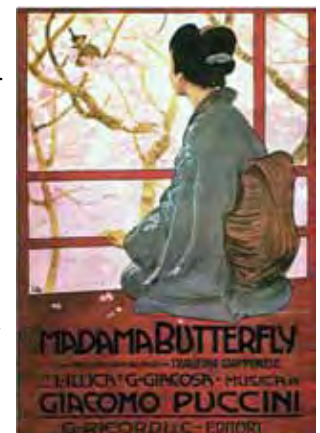
The one-hour performance will present the professional opera singers who will appear in "Madama Butterfly" featuring various arias and duets from this well-loved opera including Metropolitan Opera singer soprano Marie

Plette, a returning star to the stage for LVO, as the innocent Cio-Cio San.

"The singers will perform selections from Puccini's famous opera providing listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater when 'Madama Butterfly' opens on September 26," adds Schmidt.

A question and answer period follows immediately after the performance. "We have presented these popular preview programs in local libraries for many years," says Schmidt. "Audiences have been thrilled to hear professional opera singers perform up close in these intimate venues."

For more details on the full production of "Madama Butterfly" and the library preview programs, please visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com.



Benefit Concert and Auction to Raise Funds for PPIE

Indie rock, high-end dining and school supporters will come together for a cutting-edge Benefit Concert and Auction at the Firehouse Arts Center in Downtown Pleasanton on Thursday, October 1 to benefit the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE).

"We're really excited to host our fall event at the Firehouse Arts Center," said PPIE Executive Director Susan Hayes. "Education is important in our community so the chance to hold the event in the heart of downtown is a great opportunity."

The event will feature live music of Bay Area indie rock band Ten Car Train, gourmet food provided by Valley Catering, and a no-host bar sponsored by The Cellar Door. Attendees won't go home empty handed thanks to the wide variety of auction items, ranging from jewelry, sports activities and catered dinners hosted by local restaurateurs to a 7-night stay in a private

home in Kailua Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Sponsorships and Auction Donations are still being accepted until September 15, 2015. Download forms at www.ppie.org.

The rock show fundraiser concept isn't new to PPIE or Ten Car Train. The band's strong ties to Pleasanton inspired them to perform a successful fundraiser for the foundation at Handles Gastropub in 2014.

"Our show for PPIE last year was an incredible experience and we wanted to do it again and make it even more special," said Pleasanton resident David Stark, who sings and plays bass for the band.

Chris Zaballos, a Foothill High School graduate and singer and guitarist for the band, agreed, adding, "Our music will really sound great in an intimate setting like the Firehouse." In addition to Stark and Zaballos, the band, which formed in 2009, is rounded out by guitarist and Foothill graduate Jacques

Gautreaux, and drummer Charles McKeag, who has children attending Pleasanton schools. Listen to their music here: <https://tencartrain.bandcamp.com/>

Doors open to the general public at 6:30 pm and tickets must be purchased in advance at www.ppie.org. General admission tickets are \$40 per person. The event features a limited number of VIP package tickets available at \$100 each, which include a pre-concert reception beginning at 6:00 pm backstage with the band, as well as special balcony seating upstairs during the performance.

"Pleasanton is known as a great place to live, work and have fun, and this diversity of activities is reflected in our schools" said Hayes, "We hope the energy surrounding our fall fundraiser takes that diversity to a new level."

For more information about PPIE, log onto www.ppie.org or contact mail@ppie.org.

Coin Club to Host Annual Show

The Livermore Valley Coin Club will hold its 5th annual Fall coin show and sale on Sunday Sept. 13, 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm. The show will be held at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive Springtown in Livermore.

More than 30 dealers from all over Northern California will offer gold, silver, and base metal coins

from the United States and foreign countries. Ancient coins will be offered as well. Prices range from a few cents to hundreds of dollars. Dealers will make appraisals and purchase coins from the public.

Admission is free. Wooden "nickels" commemorating the event will be given away while supplies last. An hourly

drawing will be held for a U.S. silver eagle dollars. Members of the Livermore Valley Coin Club will set up numismatic displays, information table and will be available to discuss the club's activities. Limited lunch service will be available. For further information please call Stephen Kramer at (925) 980-9307.

Ruby Hill Wines Earn High Ratings

Two Ruby Hill Winery estate driven wines have received 90+ ratings by the prestigious, Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Ruby Hill 2011 Jewel Collection Cabernet Sauvignon received a 92 point score. It is 100% sourced from fruit grown on the Ruby Hill Estate Vineyard. Additionally, Ruby Hill 2012 Reserve Chardonnay, received 90 points from Wine Enthusiast.

Ruby Hill Winery owner Mike Callahan commented, "We're really proud of these scores as they indicate the high quality of our Estate Vineyards.

We strive for excellence in growing exceptional fruit, as we believe that's the key to great wine." Callahan went on to say, "This is fantastic news not only for Ruby Hill, but also the Livermore Valley wine region as a whole.

These 90+ scores and reviews will be published by Wine Enthusiast Magazine in the November 2015 edition.

Over the last decade the Callahan Family has made great progress in rebuilding the historic winery and Ruby Hill has re-emerged as a winemaking leader in the region. Today there

are two wineries on 150 acres of farmed estate vineyard with over 15 grape varieties under vine. Ruby Hill has become a boutique label making award winning Cabernet, Chardonnay, Zinfandel, & Petite Sirah among a host of other blends.

In anticipation for Harvest 2015 and under the leadership of UC Davis educated Winemaker, Jesse Plautz, the wineries completed a brand new production facility and tank room, located at sister-winery, Rubino Estates, which sits on the historic site of the original Ruby Hill cellar.

FIREHOUSE

ARTS CENTER

CELEBRATING SEASON 6!

 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">DARLINGSIDE</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Firehouse Season 6 Kick-Off! Saturday, September 5 • 8 PM</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">SPENCER DAY: "THE LOOK OF LOVE"</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">#1 Billboard Recording Artist and Songwriter Celebrates the Classics Saturday, September 12 • 8 PM</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Civic Arts Stage Company</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">TALES OF OLYMPUS JR.</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">September 18 - 27 Friday • 7:30 PM Saturday • 2 & 7:30 PM Sunday • 2 PM</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">MARK HUMMEL'S GOLDEN STATE LONESTAR REVUE</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Cross-Country Blues Extravaganza! Saturday, October 3 • 8 PM</p>

TICKETS: Phone 925.931.4848 Online www.firehousearts.org/events
Box Office 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton



Firehouse 5th Anniversary Event!

Join Us in Celebrating 5 years
of Arts & Entertainment!

Saturday, September 5th • 11am – 3pm

LARPD Offers Variety of Programs in September



The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has September events that promise big fun.

One of the District's most popular and long-running events returns on Saturday, Sept. 12 – Children's Fair. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., families get free admission to a wide variety of activities. Kids can partake in make-and-take crafts while adults learn about the resources available throughout the community. Entertainment includes performances by local groups as well as a Livermore Police K-9 demonstration. Car seat checks are available from the Livermore Police from 10 a.m. to noon. Youth can learn about fire safety from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Safety Trailer and fire truck. New jump houses will be offered in the air-conditioned gymnasium this year, for

a nominal fee. Other fee activities include a petting zoo, pony rides and a train ride. All the fun happens at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

Volunteer positions are still available for this year's Children's Fair – adults and youth ages 13 and older are invited to join in the merriment of this event. Various shift times and volunteer jobs are open. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at 925-373-5765 to sign up.

Taste the bounty of summer's end with the annual Applefest, at Ravenswood Historic Site. Explore the apple orchard and taste antique apple varieties not found in stores. Those in attendance can help pick apples, make and drink cider, find out what an "apple slinky" is, get faces painted, play

old-fashioned games and go on docent-led tours of the historic home. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, with Ranger "Apple" Amy doing a special apple tasting and apple history talk at 2 p.m. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. \$3 donation per person is appreciated. For more information, call the LARPD Ranger Office at 925-960-2400.

Kids ages 5 to 14 are invited to sign up for the Youth Triathlon to be held on Sunday, Sept. 20. Divided by age group, participants will swim, bike and run their way around the Robert Livermore Community Center. This triathlon is just for fun and fitness – time and placing will not be kept. The Youth Triathlon gives children a chance to build confidence while trying something new and healthy. Registration is \$25 and must be done in

advance, with a deadline of Sept. 14. No registration on the day of the event. Participants provide their

own bike, helmet and swim gear. For more information, contact bpipes@larpd.org or 925-373-5749.

Learn more about these and many other LARPD offerings at www.larpd.org.



Photos shown were taken at last year's Children's Fair.



Gary and Nancy Harrington

An Evening with the Harringtons to talk about Public Art in Pleasanton.

Museum on Main has invited Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, to discuss the many artworks in the community on Tuesday, September 8. The talk begins at 7 p.m.

These works include "Poppies" at the Veteran's Memorial Building, "Girl Reading" in front of the Pleasanton Public Library, and the already popular "Pioneer Founders," a large scale mural installed on Main Street in 2014. The Harringtons will share the stories behind many public art pieces around the city and the artists, including those in the Harrington Art Partnership, a 10-year public art acquisition and installation program.

Please note the change in location. For this event only, we will be at the Amador High School Theater. It is general seating at the AHS theater, 1125 Santa Rita Road, 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 Amador Theater 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.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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LASYO Gören Berg & Kathy Boster Music Directors



Concertmaster Ethan Ha and Harpist Shannon Zheng were soloists in Carl Stix, 1896 work, "Legend." This was a premier of a new transcription published by Dominique Piana of Livermore. Ethan just graduated from Livermore High School and is entering UC Berkeley this fall. Shannon is entering the tenth grade at San Ramon Valley High School.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

Artists at Work Nights, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 10: Joanna Cranshaw and Jonathon Miller; Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Inside and Out: Plein Air and Studio Works. Announcing the newest installation at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Featuring recent works by seven Bay Area artists who paint together for inspiration and challenge. The pieces are begun out of doors and completed in studio. Open to the public through September 12. 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.

"Paramnesia" Photo Series by Naomi Vanderkindren, August 28 - September 28, 2015, using 19th century photographic techniques, to create a unique blend of old and new images. Louie-Meager Art Gallery, Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd, Fremont. M/W 11a.m.-4p.m., T/Th 10am-3pm, and by appointment. Free admission, \$4 parking fee. For more information visit www.ohlone.edu/org/artgallery or call 510.659.6176

Absolutely Abstract Art Show, Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from Sept. 1-30. Only show dedicated to abstract art in the Tri-Valley. No admission charge.

Pleasanton Art League Fall Members' Exhibit, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Sept. 24-Oct. 24. Reception and awards Sept. 29, 6 to 8 p.m. Information, www.PAL-ART.com or www.firehousearts.org.

Celebrating Our Artists - arts and crafts from Present & Past Times, Sat., Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Köttinger Place and Pleasanton Garadens, 240 and 251 Köttinger Dr., Pleasanton. Open house art fair to view works by talented group of seniors. Information email Köttinger@barcelon.com.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, meeting 6 p.m. Sept. 14 at Charles R Winery, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. Annual potluck and social. RSVP by Sept. 8 to Carol Eicher, carol_a_eicher@yahoo.com.

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.

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 last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

New Drawing Class - "Basic Drawing: Focus on Nature" This class is for beginners and the artist who want to improve drawing techniques. Classes start with the basics and quickly focuses on nature drawing. Included-

instruction on site techniques, three dimensional development, and composition. Starts Wed., Sept 16th 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks or Thurs., Sept 17th 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks. Maryann has a certificate in nature illustration from the Tucson Desert Museum, Art Institute. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame 1912 2nd St Livermore 925-443-3388

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond

- Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., Sept 14th 9:30 to noon for five weeks and Tues., Sept 15th 6:30 to 9 PM 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

The Chef & The Winemaker - A

Celebration of the Bay Area's Most Acclaimed Women Chefs, Wente Vineyards Restaurant. Dinners, 6 to 9 p.m. Tanya Holland, Executive Chef/Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen, TV personality, cookbook author, 2013 California Chef of the Year, Sept. 10; Joanne Weir, James Beard Award Winner, TV Personality, cookbook author, Chef/Partner of Copita, Nov. 12. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; event information 925.456.2424; dinner reservations at 925.456.2450 or wentevineyards.com/restaurant

McGrail Vineyards and Winery special events: **Tapas, Tasting, and Tunes** every other Friday - July 3-Sept. 11, 6 to 9 p.m. wines and a delicious mixture of sweet, savory, and a bit of spicy flavors from the acclaimed chef, Eduardo Posada, of Posada Restaurant and Catering. www.mcgrailvineyards.com

Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards, exclusive tour of The Restaurant's 1/2 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.; Sept. 9, Oct. 14. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; wentevineyards.com

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, Sept 4th "Evening in the Vineyards" 6-9pm featuring Juke Joint. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's and for dessert chocolate trifuffles all are available (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, visit www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited. Saturday, Sept 5th Saturday Tasting & Picnicking outdoors under our Heritage Oak Tree. Special tasting & buy a bottle and stay for a picnic. \$10 for Reserve Flight offered 1130am-3pm, for more information please email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. Monday, Sept 7th at Las Positas Vineyards celebrate Labor Day at the vineyards. Tasting Room will be open 1130am-430pm.

34th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration

Sun., Sept. 6, noon to 6 p.m. Over 40 wineries featuring wine tasting, entertainment, and arts and crafts. Presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org

Wood Family Vineyards, Sept. 6 and 7, Double Barrel Food at the winery on Sunday, September 6th, noon to 4:30pm. 33rd Annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration and on Monday, September 7th, noon to 4:30pm. Labor Day Festival at Wood Family Vineyards. 7702 Cedar Mountain Road, Livermore. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com

Artisan Spirits & Brand Works Sept 5, 6 & 7 will introduce distilled spirits: Vodka, Raspberry Brandy, two Gins, and Orange Spiced Brandy for tasting and sales. Enjoy arts and crafts, live music and food trucks. 5963 Graham Court, Suite D, Livermore, (925) 371-8606, www.artisanspiritsbrandyworks.com

Labor Day Weekend at Eckert Estate Winery. Sept 5,6 & 7. noon to 5pm. New releases: 2014 Chardonnay, 2014 Viognier, 2010 Carignane, and 2010 Montepulciano. Bottle Your Own Wine will take place the entire Labor Day weekend. live music from Marilyn's Ghost and food will be offered by Licensed 2 Grill food truck. Arts and craft vendors. 5963 Graham Court, Suite D Livermore, 371-8606, www.eckertestate.com

MUSIC/CONCERTS

The Front Porch Music Festival, Sat., Sept. 5, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Features nationally acclaimed artists from around the country. Sip world class wines from Wente Vineyards and The Winemakers Studio. Purchase wine from our tasting rooms, beer from Eight Bridges Brewing and food from Ken's Pizza & The Wood Fire Kitchen by Wente Vineyards. Advanced tickets only \$35, 12 years old & under \$10. Tickets at the door will be \$45. No outside food or alcohol allowed. 925.456.2305 or wentevineyards.com

Darlingside in Concert. Opening Night Season 6 @ Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. Saturday, September 5, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00-\$30.00; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Show includes songs from their brand-new album "Birds Say," which drops September 18! Indie, folk, and retro-pop sensibilities; four-part barbershop harmonies; classical strings paired with bluegrass, folk, and rock instrumentation.

Spencer Day: "The Look of Love" in Concert. San Francisco favorite son and #1 Billboard Recording Artist and songwriter Spencer Day comes to the Firehouse Arts Center for the first time! Celebrating the classics with his distinctive, upbeat twist and honey baritone vocals. Cabaret styled show

includes his trademark storytelling and humor. Hits include "Groovin'," "A World Without Love," and of course "The Look of Love," plus many more. Saturday, September 12, at 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$17.00 - \$27.00; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Blue Sky Riders. Grammy winning legend Kenny Loggins, Songwriter of the Year Gary Burr, and Georgia Middleman, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Annual Piano Recital. Saturday, September 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual piano recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) and Asbury. San Ramon resident Misha Galant, MTAC Young Artist Guild member and Livermore-Amador Symphony performer will present timeless music masterpieces by J. S. Bach, William Bolcom, Franz Liszt and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The community is invited to attend. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: 925 443-2514 accoll@comcast.net

House Rent Party with Rick Estrin and The Nightcats, Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, tickets www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Concert featuring Heidi Moss, soprano and Kurt Erickson, piano, Sun., October 4, 4 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton. Moss teams up with Lieder Alive! resident composer Kurt Erickson to present a concert of new and familiar works in the German lieder and art song tradition. Works by Schubert, Strauss, Wolf, and also specially commissioned pieces by composers David Conte, Henry Mollicone, Daron Hagen, Erling Wold, and Kurt Erickson. Festive Reception will follow. Freewill offering. Childcare provided. 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton www.stclarespleasanton.org/concerts-at-st-clares/

ON THE STAGE

By the Way, Meet Vera Stark by Lynn Nottage, directed by Dawn Monique Williams, a biting new comedy about racial stereotyping in Hollywood. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, Aug. 27-Sept. 20. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, Danville. September 4-22. Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in partnership with the National Park Service and Role Players Ensemble. Events take place at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville or in locations in downtown Danville. Shows will include Desire Under the Elms and A Streetcar Named

Desire. Other events are planned. Free previews of the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival will be hosted at three area libraries in August: Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Library, 400 Front Street; Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.; and Saturday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Tickets for Desire Under the Elms and A Streetcar Named Desire and for other Festival events, are available online through the Town of Danville Box Office a www.villageatreshows.com, or (925) 314-3400. General information about the Eugene O'Neill Foundation is available at www.eugeneoneill.org, or by calling (925) 820-1818.

The Ray Charles Project, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Firehouse Arts Center 5th Anniversary Celebration! Saturday, September 5, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eden Taiko Drummers kick-off the festivities at 11:00 a.m. on the South Patio. Lots of fun, free activities, including "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-painting, preview mini-performances of "Tales of Olympus Jr," mariachi, arts demonstrations, kids art projects, improv shows, and of course free cake, ice cream, and balloons! Box office will be open, all Season 6 tickets on sale. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. Free parking lot entrance is on Spring Street. Schedule and more info at www.firehousearts.org, and in person at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Role Players Ensemble production, Sept. 4-19. Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

Circus and Acrobats of China, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Civic Arts Stage Co Presents Tales of Olympus Jr., 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 18-27, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

COMEDY

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 19, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

The 40th Annual San Francisco Comedy Competition, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for: The Pirates of Penzance, fresh take on comic opera by Gilbert & Sullivan. September 19th and September 20th at 10:00am---- Callbacks (by invitation only) September 27th at 6:00pm. 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. No appointments necessary. All Roles open, No AEA ---- Small stipend available. Please prepare 16-32 bars any Gilbert and Sullivan or comparable musicals (no pop or rock style). Please download and bring audition form filled out and have all conflicts from October 25nd -January 31st listed. Also, bring a current head shot and resume. (<https://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/the-pirates-of-penzance>). Show will run January 16th through January 31st 2016 at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Contact Producer, Kathleen Breedveld with any questions. KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com

Valley Concert Chorale scheduling appointments for auditions for singers who would like to be a part of the Chorale's 2015-2016 season. Auditions will be held on the following dates: Mondays, September 14, 21 and 28. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. Information at www.valleyconcertchorale.org

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 43rd Competition for Young Musicians, application deadline is Sunday, September 27, 2015. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/18.) Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on February 20, 2016. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applications must be accompanied by an \$8.00 application fee and a recording for preliminary screening. Additional information at www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org or contact the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paws in the Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27, Amador Valley Community Park, Pleasanton. Valley Humane Society a dog walk and animal festival benefiting animal rescue and community programs. Walk with or without a dog, form a "dog pack" with family and friends. www.valleyhumane.org

149th Scottish Highland Gathering &

Games presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Labor Day Weekend September 5-6, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Includes Irish dancing, Highland dancing, piping and drumming, sports, music, etc. www.caledonian.org/

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... The Harringtons & The Pleasanton Art Partnership Tuesday, September 8th, 7 pm: Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, to discuss the many artworks in the community. The Harringtons will share the stories behind many public art pieces around the city and the artists, including those in the Harrington Art Partnership, a 10-year public art acquisition and installation program. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumon-main.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Loyster Clambake at Wente, Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Children's Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12 Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Entertainment, make it and take it booths, food booths, and more. No admission charge. Hosted by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. 373-5700.

Applefest 2015, Sept. 13, 1 to 3 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Tour the orchards and taste antique apple varieties. Make cider, play old-fashioned games. Orchard tour at 1:15 p.m. \$2 donation requested. 960-2400.

Livermore Valley Coin Club 5th annual Coin Show on Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Displays, bourse and prizes. Limited lunch service. Admission is free. Free wooden nickels will be available, as well as free coin appraisals and estimates. Hourly drawings will be held.

Splatter, Sept. 19, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Arts and culinary marketplace, wine tasting, interactive art experiences, music by Double Funk Crunch. No admission charge. Presented by City of Dublin. www.dublinsplatter.com

Paws In Need: Paws & Outlaws Barbeque on Saturday, Sept. 19 at The Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. 3 to 6 p.m., live music by Blue House Band plus trip tip and pulled pork from Red Smoke Grill. Funds raised will benefit Paws In Need, which serves the Tri-Valley from Livermore to Danville by providing financial assistance for two vital programs--a Spay/Neuter program to combat dog and cat overpopulation and the Just Like New Fund to care for sick or injured pets and community animals when the owners are unable to do so due to financial hardship. There will be a raffle and prizes during the evening. \$35 per person and \$15 per child. For

information or tickets, contact one of the co-chairs Lisa Williams at lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com or Leslie Haas at leoleleslie@att.net. Tickets may also be ordered at the Paws in Need website, www.paws-in-need.org.

Pleasanton Lions Club 4th Annual "Taste of Pleasanton" Fall Restaurant & Shoppe Walk Fundraiser. Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 6pm-9pm. Shop while sampling fabulous foods, desserts and beverages from over 20 local restaurants and shops while strolling downtown Pleasanton. Tickets cost \$25.00 (tickets are limited and must be purchased prior to the event) Contact Pam Grimes for tickets or more

info: 925-872-7552. Tickets may also be purchased from the following downtown Pleasanton businesses: Renee Huber State Farm and Comerica Bank, www.pleasantonlionsclub.org. Proceeds benefit projects and charities supported by the Pleasanton Lions.

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series, September 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 24-26, 2015 at the Alameda County Fair-

grounds in Pleasanton. The promoters of the event are Rusty Barn Promotion Group. The Festival features every brand of sewing, quilting and embroidery machines from very best sewing, quilting, needle-art, knitting, rubber stamping, embossing, scrapbooking and creative arts vendors. 4501 Pleasanton Avenue Pleasanton (Young California Building). Parking: \$10.00 per car charged by the Fairgrounds. Free admission this year only both to consumers and guilds. Coupons widely available locally and at www.quiltcraftsew.com

Quilting in the Garden, Sept. 26 and 27,

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts hung from tree to tree; several classes, lectures and a garden tour are part of the event. Featured artist Freddy Moran; guest artist Sally Collins. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Information about activities go to www.aldenlane.com or www.inbetweenstitches.com

26th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, presented by the Altamont Cruisers, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 27 in downtown Livermore. Featuring muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

Eugene O'Neill Festival Begins Series of Special Events This Week

For the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, beginning September 4, the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House offers "A Season of Desire" with a schedule of events that explore the appetites behind human desires.

"The cornerstone of the month-long Festival is production of works by two American masters. These and other events will focus on some of the various ways humans yearn for what they do not have, and in some cases, covet what they should not have," says the Foundation's director of artistic programs, Eric Fraisher Hayes.

The O'Neill Festival in Danville opens with Tennessee Williams' drama *A Streetcar Named Desire*. In a production directed by veteran George Maguire, and produced by Role Players Ensemble. *Streetcar* plays for eight performances, September 4-19 at the Village Theatre in downtown Danville.

The production will feature Festival newcomers Melanie DuPuy as Blanch, Rob August as Stanley and Samantha Behr as Stella.

Complementing the Williams play is *Desire Under the Elms*, Eugene O'Neill's classic drama of lust, greed and jealousy, opening September 18 for six performances in the Old Barn at the Eugene

O'Neill National Historic Site in the Danville hills.

Some performances in the Old Barn are near sell-out already. Directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes, the cast of *Desire Under the Elms* includes Konnor Heredia as Eban, Gretchen Lee Salter as Abbie, and Randy Anger as Ephraim Cabot.

There will be post-performance discussion of the plays following all matinee performances. (*Streetcar*: September 13 and 19; *Desire Under the Elms* on September 20 and 27.)

Tickets for *Desire Under the Elms* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and for other Festival events, are available online through the Town of Danville Box Office at www.villagetheatreshows.com. Seating is limited for events at the Old Barn at the O'Neill National Historic Site.

In addition to the two staged productions, the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival has scheduled several panel discus-

sions, an award-winning film, tours and talks on themes related to the Festival theme of "Desire."

A special screening of the 1951 Academy Award-winning film *A Streetcar Named Desire* is planned for Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theatre (450 Front Street, Danville), featuring Marlon Brando and Vivien Leigh.

Eric Frashier Hayes will discuss "Eugene O'Neill: Evolution of an Artist from Provincetown to Danville" on Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave, Danville). His talk was initially presented at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland in June.

"The Secrets of O'Neill's Danville" is the focus of a docent-led walking tour on Saturday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m., starting from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.


A panel discussion, "100 Years of Desire" will

be held at the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site on Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. The panel will probe desire as depicted in cinema, theatre and literature.

Biographer and novelist, John Lahr, son of comic Bert Lahr, will discuss his biography of Tennessee Williams and his new book "Joyride" at Rakestraw Books (3 Railroad Avenue, Danville) on Sunday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Details are available at www.villagetheatreshows.com, or the O'Neill Foundation website, www.eugeneoneill.org.

Eugene O'Neill lived at Tao House in the Danville hills from 1937-1944, and it is here that he wrote his most notable plays, including *A Long Day's Journey into Night*, *The Iceman Cometh*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.



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September Religion Chat to Focus on the Afterlife

Interfaith Interconnect will present the September Religion Chat at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore CA on September 9, 2015, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The doors at the church will be open at 4:30 PM and close at 6:30PM so that attendees can visit with each other before or after the official program if they choose to do so. This event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

The topic will be "What is your faith's position on an afterlife?"

Speakers will be Pastor John Bost of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, who will give the Lutheran perspective, and Margaret Zhao, who will explain the Buddhist way of thinking.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission statement reads, "To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley." In order to accomplish our mission, a variety of events are held each year.

To contact the group, e-mail Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or go to www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com. They are also on Facebook.

Beth Emek to Introduce New Prayer Book for High Holy Days



Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton is one of the first congregations in the country to adopt Reform Judaism's inspirational new prayer book for the High Holy Days. The prayer book is called Mishkan Hanefesh, meaning "sanctuary of the soul." It will be introduced to the congregation at Rosh Hashanah services on Sunday, September 13.

"Mishkan Hanefesh changes the way the worshipper approaches these High Holy Days," says Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder of Congregation Beth Emek. "It has a greater focus on the spiritual transformation of each worshipper than previous prayer books."

The last time the Reform movement published a High Holy Day prayer book was in 1978. "Much has changed in the past 30 years," says Rabbi Milder. "Reform Jews have a deeper appreciation for traditional texts, while at the same time desiring a more creative spirituality in their worship."

Congregation Beth Emek is the Tri-Valley's only synagogue affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

"We are very excited about the new possibilities that Mishkan Hanefesh offers our congregation as it enters into this sacred time of year," says Rabbi Milder. "The High Holy Days are meant to be a time when we examine our lives, and commit to a more conscious and holy way of living. Our prayers are the guideposts to that personal journey."

Information about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services is available by calling Congregation Beth Emek at 925-931-1055, or visiting their website at www.bethemek.org

BULLETIN BOARD

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Paws In Need Paws & Outlaws Barbeque on Saturday, Sept. 19 at The Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. 3 to 6 p.m., live music by Blue House Band plus trip tip and pulled pork from Red Smoke Grill. Funds raised will benefit Paws In Need, which serves the Tri-Valley from Livermore to Danville by providing financial assistance for two vital programs—a Spay/Neuter program to combat dog and cat overpopulation and the Just Like New Fund to care for sick or injured pets and community animals when the owners are unable to do so due to financial hardship. There will be a raffle and prizes during the evening. \$35 per person and \$15 per child. For information or tickets, contact one of the co-chairs Lisa Williams at lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com or Leslie Haas at leoeslie@att.net. Tickets may also be ordered at the Paws in Need website, www.paws-in-need.org.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Sept. 9, noon lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Sept. 7 to Marsha, 830-8483. Sept. 12, 1 p.m. friendly bridge in Livermore, RSVP by Sept. 5 to Harriett, 447-8229. Sept. 13, 1 p.m. lunch in Dublin, RSVP by Sept. 11 to Marge, 828-5124. Sept. 16, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by Sept. 14 to Ginny, 510-656-5625. Sept. 17, 5 p.m. happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by Sept. 15 to Mary, 705-7337. Sept. 19, 4 p.m. October Fest House Party, RSVP by Sept. 14 to Patti, 371-2612. Sept. 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Sept. 22 to Gloria, 846-8320. Sept. 27, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Sept. 24 to Ruby, 462-9636. Sept. 30, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by Sept. 28 to Vickie, 510-656-1166.

Caregiving and Private Caregiving class Sat., Sept. 19 sponsored by Heritage Estates, Kindred, and Professional Healthcare At Home. Skilled home care services help patients recover from illness, injury, or surgery in the comfort of their own homes. Through our non-medical services, trained caregivers assist clients with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, companionship, and transportation assistance. Classes will be held in the Assisted Living Activities Room, Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Heritage Estates, 850 East Stanley Blvd. Livermore. Call Heritage Estates to RSVP at 925-373-3636.

Learn Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Class for new beginners starts September 14th, Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up): Contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking)

partnering at the September 14th mixer with the Good News Bears, a non-profit organization based in Livermore. From 5-7pm at Barone's Restaurant (475 St. John St), GNON will be collecting new teddy bears for the non-profit organization. In addition, attendees will be able to sponsor a bear for as little as \$5. A representative from Good News Bears will be available to answer any questions. Find out more about GNON, contact GNON Founder/Director, Frances Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 at gnoners@gmail.com. All women are invited to attend this September 14th event. For further information or to RSVP, visit the GNON website at www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html.

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to a potluck and guest speaker evening on Sept. 18th, 2015. Meetings are the third Friday of each month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. The social/cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM, with dinner at 7:00 PM. Please call Judy at 462-2487 for more information.

Leading the Way! Mony Nop Foundation Mardi Gras Bash 2015, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 16 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. \$100 per person includes a sit down dinner, raffle prize drawings, live and silent auctions, live band and dancing. The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. MNF recommends that donors consult with a licensed Certified Public Accountant regarding tax-deductible donations. Tax ID# 46-2438663 For information or to purchase tickets, go to www.monynopfoundation.org.

Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Clean-up, Sat., Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to noon Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park, Livermore. Pre-registration is required, call TVC: 925-449-8706 or go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org

Flea Market, presented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 19 in the parking lot at 527 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Space set up form 6 a.m., close at 4 p.m. Cost \$20 for a 15'x15' space, \$5 for a table rental. Sign for a space at the Eagles social room. Vendors welcome. Call Eagles Hall, 449-6281 or Val Olson at 449-5807 for information.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets 7 p.m. Mon., Sept. 21 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Democratic Party Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog will discuss the recent elections, mailers & phone calls, top 2 primaries, unions and Democrats, party organization, improving club impact on elections & electing more Democrats. Refreshments

Dublin 4-H Club is accepting registration of new members now. The 4-H year starts in September, with the first meeting on September 14th at 6:30 at the Dublin San Ramon Services District office in Dublin. 4-H is usually thought of as for kids who raise animals, but Dublin 4-H offers learning activities such as Cake Decorating, Rocketry, Robotics, Dog Care, Puppetry, Public Speaking, Primary, Beginning 4-H, Poultry, Gardening, and even Genealogy for kids. Membership is open to those as young as 5 years old up to age 19. Leaders are certified and

fingerprinted. For more information call Sharon - at 925-462-4518, or email to sharonclay@comcast.net. Visit www.dublin4h.com.

Mount Diablo Rose Society: Burling Leong, the owner of a wonderful mail order rose nursery in Visalia called Burlington Roses, brings her passion for roses and rose gardens to talk about her recent work to re-introduce the original varieties to the Hearst Castle garden. Prior to establishing her own nursery, Burling worked with Ralph Moore, who many call the "father of the miniature rose, in his nursery in Visalia. The meeting is Wednesday, September 9 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Guests are welcome.

Livermore Valley Coin Club 5th annual Coin Show on Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Displays, bourse and prizes. Limited lunch service. Admission is free. Free wooden nickels will be available, as well as free coin appraisals and estimates. Hourly drawings will be held.

Del Arroyo 4-H Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Arroyo Seco School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. The first club meeting for this year will be September 16th at 6:00pm. Those interested in joining 4-H are invited to attend. Open to anyone 9 to 19 years old. For more information call Margaret Miller at (925)-447-6980 or email mmiller1435@gmail.com.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., Sept. 10, 2015 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Ann Reichert will show photographs of her trip to Cuba and share stories about her Cuban travel adventures. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 373-5500.

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

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2015, 7:00 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Marlene Simon of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory will speak on native and Mediterranean bulbs for our water-wise gardens. Marlene is also the Plant Lady on the Good Day Sacramento Show, Channel 12. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Republican Women **Federated** will host guest speaker, John Morley, who will discuss the pros and cons of Convention of the States. John is District Captain for the Convention of States Project for the 12th and 13th

Assembly Districts of California. John is an elected member of the Republican Party of San Joaquin County, a member of Tracy Republican Women Federated, and member of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of California. Please join us on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Social time is 6:30 pm. Dinner and speaker time is 7 pm. For reservations and information, contact Linda Krikorian, 925426-1474 or email krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com, by Monday, September 7

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) monthly mixer. This event is open to everyone...even first time attendees. Special this month, \$10/pp for everyone. 5 to 7 p.m. Mon., Sept. 14, Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John St., Downtown Pleasanton. RSVP and prepayment are required. www.gnon.org/rsvp.html. Questions 925-487-4748

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meets Mon., Sept. 14. Featured speaker Garl Satterthwaite, will talk about DNA and Genealogical Research. He will provide insight into DNA Testing, which tests are available from each company and for what price. His talk will be based on his research and the many DNA seminars he has attended in the last eight years, including the Jamboree which he attended in June in Southern California. He has volunteered as a library docent in genealogy and has given genealogy lectures at the Thousand Oaks Senior Center in Southern California before he moved to Pleasanton in 2012. His wife is also an avid genealogist and DAR member. Since their arrival here he has lectured on Quakers and has been a docent at the Pleasanton Library. The meeting is at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton at 7:30 on September 14. All are welcome. There is no charge. For further information contact the Program Chairs at program@L-ags.org

26th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show. Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sun., Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

The 50th reunion of the Livermore High class of 1965 is coming up soon Friday, October 2. A number of activities are planned for the first weekend in October. A cocktail hour, dinner/dance and general reminiscing set for Fri., Oct. 2 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. at the Bella Rosa Center. LHS graduates from the class of '65 era are invited to attend the party. Registration form is available at www.livermorehighclassof1965.blogspot.com. Detailed information about other planned activities is also listed on the blog. Send question to livermoreclassof1965@gmail.com.

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 everyone 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.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy

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Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge, investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys to get to know. SIR Branch #121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel, Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about opportunities. For more information check our website: branch121.sirinc2.org or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the subject line).

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at 925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. www.clutterlesseastbay.org

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally

chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

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

Pleasanton Lions Club - welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

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

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationssam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

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

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage

and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

American Legion Post 237, is looking for new members. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Bring a copy of discharge document DD-214 to a meeting. Mailing address is Amer. Leg. Post 237, P.O. Box 823, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566.

RELIGION
First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpci.org or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

United Christian Church, www.ucliv.org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers

and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more information.

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

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

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore, Rector: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 8.

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. www.trivalleychurch.org.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnewood.org or visit our website at www.lynnewood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 2:20 p.m., 2nd ward 9 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 12 noon. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 1 p.m.; 4th ward 9 a.m., Springtown ward, 11 a.m. Young single adult ward, 1:30 p.m., 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin.

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

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Mondays at 7pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). More information: LivermoreQuakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador

Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

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

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.org>.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. www.smbclive.com or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews new Preschool Program, TVCJ is starting a new preschool program to explore the Jewish holidays in a secular way. Holiday crafts, activities and food. Apples and Honey for the new year. Sunday-Sept. 13 10:30-11:30 at the Ireland Home-19663 Fremery Ct., Castro Valley. \$7.00 per child. Call 510-888-1404 for information

"1 & 2 Corinthians" will be the featured study of Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton this fall. A Children's Program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class starts on Sept. 10 and continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2014. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Worship is at 10 a.m. The worship celebration is called "Ancient Future" because it is rooted,

as the early church was, in God's story, which is central to participants' lives. The gatherings typically include a mixture of songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message. Sunday school, child-care and separate gatherings for teen-agers are all offered each Sunday concurrently with the worship service. For more information, go to www.centerpointechurch.org or call the office at (925) 846-4436.

Eckankar, Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday September 5 at 12:00 Noon. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For more information, contact <http://eck-ca.org/>

Grief workshop. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and we will explore them in this eight-week series of workshops. Join us for eight Thursday nights at 7:30pm starting September 17th to November 5th. 2015 at St. Elizabeth's Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Silva at 925-846-9543

Milestones

Community



JoAnna Stansby of Dublin claimed victory in the Wager Women's Knockout event at the Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABCs), one of the 19 championship-level events held in Chicago from Aug. 6 to 16. This is Stansby's ninth NABC title. The NABCs are held three times a year across the U.S. and Canada to bring together players of all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, with opportunities for everyone to play daily from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The 2015 Fall NABCs will be held in Denver, Colo., from Nov. 26 to Dec. 6.



Edna Chance celebrated her 98th birthday at the Zephyr Bar & Grill in Livermore. Her birthday week started with a dinner with her children Tom Chance and Janet Buckley, their spouses and the children of her siblings who live in Livermore. Edna she is now the survivor of a family of 5 that came to Livermore in 1928. Edna, mother and siblings followed their father to California from Colorado. Their father worked on a crew on the Hetch Hetchy Dam construction. All of her sisters and later husbands, as well as her brother became involved in the business life of a growing community. Edna is the matriarch of a family of 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Valley Montessori School Board Appoints New Head of School

With the retirement of Roz Hamar on July 1st, Ann Clark was appointed by the Valley Montessori School Board of Trustees in Livermore to become the school's fourth Head of School.

VMS was founded in 1976 by Beth Marshall and subsequently grew under the direction of Mary Ellen Kordas. Currently, with a staff of 70 teachers and administrators, it is the largest not-for-profit, and only triple accredited, Montessori school in California—American Montessori Society (AMS), California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) and the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).

For the past 30 years, Ms. Clark has served Valley Montessori School and its students in a wide range of capacities, including: primary and toddler teacher, Director of Early Childhood Education, Parent Relations, Student Services, as a member of the governing Board of Trustees, and since 2010, as Associate Head of School.

She established the campus Edible Schoolyard, the Harvest Festival, the Environmental Sustainability Program, and the Journey & Discovery seminars.

Ms. Clark was raised in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development from Chico State University, and her Master of Education degree from the College of Notre Dame. She is credentialed in Montessori Primary Education and Montessori School Administration, has served as a lecturer in Montessori education and administration at the College of New Rochelle, New York, and continues to teach at St. Mary's College in Moraga. In addition, she has served on the national accreditation team for the American Montessori Society (AMS).

"I love coming to work each day," she says. "I'm greeted first by the stunning beauty of our campus, and thereafter by the inspiration of kind and respectful teachers, and the infectious, intellectual curiosity of our self-confident and eager students.

"It is such an honor to be a part of inspiring this kind of success in our students," Ms. Clark says. "The future for these children burns intensely bright. And in the short time we have to kindle a life-long love of learning, I make it a point to pause each day, to share their love, to listen and laugh. They are such a gift to us all."



Crystal Knoth is pictured with her children Derrek, Emily, and Conner

LVEF New Board Member

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) has announced that Crystal Knoth has joined its Board of Directors.

A Livermore resident since 2010, Crystal has been extremely active in the parent community at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, which her three children attend. She presently serves as PTA President, following a stint as PTA Auditor. Crystal also volunteers as a leader of the Moms to Moms and Life Groups programs at Cornerstone Church. She worked previously as a health care Product Line Manager.

Crystal says, "I'm excited to join LVEF and have an opportunity to share my insights as a parent and PTA activist, and to help LVEF raise money for Livermore schools."

For more information about LVEF visit www.lvef.org.

DPIE Selects New President



Edy Coleman (pictured at left) has been selected as the Dublin Partners in Education (DPIE) president for 2015-2016

Coleman has been a resident of Dublin since 1977. She and her husband, Richard have been married for 53 years. All five of their children are graduates of Dublin High School.

She is a retired Community Services Director for the American Cancer Society. Currently she is a member of Dublin Historical Preservation Association and Docent for the Dublin Heritage Parks and Museums. Treasurer of Ct St Raymond of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.