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- A women’s center will be included in the sports center and will use the main clubhouse (both new additions) to enhance the offerings for families.
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Do you plan to take a stroll down Candy Cane Lane (Walnut Drive) this holiday season?

Jerry Greiner
Cybersecurity
Oh yes. We go every year. In the 29 years we’ve lived in Pleasanton, we’ve missed it only once or twice, because we were out of town for the holidays. I really admire the people who live on that street and work together to make it happen. It’s a destination that truly everyone can enjoy.

Christa Greiner
Retail
Of course! It is our second ‘Happiest Place On Earth’ (right after Disneyland). I especially love how every year there seems to be more decorations than the year before. I like that it keeps changing and we never know quite what to expect — other than that there’ll be a spectacular display.

Josh Goodman
Waiter/college student
Well, it wasn’t really on my to-do list, but now that you’ve reminded me about it, I would really love to go and check it out. I always hear great things about it.

Michele Corridor
Banking
Absolutely! It’s an annual tradition in my neighborhood for a bunch of us to gather at 7 p.m. on the corner of Peaceful Lane and Abbie Street, on the Sunday before Christmas, and walk into town together, up Main Street and then over to Candy Cane Lane. It’s always a wonderful outing, and a great opportunity to catch up with people.

Jenny Lyness
College student
I sure do hope to get there, but I have lots going on while I’m home from school over the break and I prioritize seeing people I care about over seeing colorful lights. Ideally, I’ll be able to combine getting together with a friend or two, with taking a stroll down Candy Cane Lane. That would be perfect.

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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**Tri-Valley takes on vaping**

Livemore school district sues JUUL, Pleasanton ordinance on its way, local legislators push bills

By Ryan J. Degan

The use of electronic cigarettes and flavored tobacco among teenagers throughout the United States has become so prevalent that many have gone so far as to refer to the issue as an "epidemic" among young people.

While some residents eagerly action await from state and federal legislators, local Tri-Valley communities have begun enacting their own policies and procedures to curb the mass use of vaping among teenagers in their jurisdictions.

Most recently, in an effort to pro-actively take the fight to vaping at its source, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District filed a lawsuit this week against San Francisco-based JUUL Labs — one of the largest vapor product companies in the country — alleging JUUL targets minors with its marketing strategy, directly contributing to high use among Livermore teens.

The school district alleges JUUL’s "marketing strategy, advertising, and product design targets minors, especially preteens and teenagers, and has and will continue to increase the likelihood that minors, like the students in the district, will begin using e-cigarettes and become addicted to tobacco products and this will cause further harm," the lawsuit reads.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court on Monday, further argues JUUL has used "sleek e-cigarette devices" alongside a variety of fruity flavors that are designed to appeal to both children and teens.

The city of Livermore has also gone to great lengths in order to snuff out the number of teenage vape users.

In June, the City Council approved an ordinance that outright bans the sale of all flavored tobacco within the city limits, as well as creates a new prohibition of the sale of all tobacco products within 1,000 feet of a "youth-populated area." The ordinance also prohibits the sale of all electronic smoking devices not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration — although flavored vaping fluids will still be banned, regardless of FDA approval.

The ordinance was originally challenged by a referendum effort backed by JUUL, but the company dropped its referendum support in October. The City Council formally canceled the referendum election on Nov. 25.

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**Women’s Hall of Fame**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 class of the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame.

The Women’s Hall of Fame has 11 categories: Business & Professions; Community Service; Culture & Art; Education; Emerging Leader; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Occupations; Philanthropy; Science, Technology; Engineering and Mathematics; Sports & Athletics; and Youth.

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PUSD programs honored statewide with Golden Bell awards

Local Leaders of the 21st Century Club & Estrella del Pueblo

By Julia Baum

Two Pleasanton Unified School District programs that have positively impacted the community received statewide recognition last week by being honored with two Golden Bell awards from the California School Boards Association.

The Local Leaders of the 21st Century Club and Estrella del Pueblo (PUSD’s mariachi program) were two of 57 programs throughout California bestowed with the award at the CSBA annual conference this month.

“We are proud to receive this recognition for two programs that have had an immeasurable impact on our students and broader community,” said Superintendent David Haglund in a statement. “Both the Local Leaders and our Mariachi programs are a testament to the incredible relationships we have fostered with organizations and families and how our students have been empowered to engage and make a larger impact on the world as a result.”

Local Leaders of the 21st Century started as a pilot program at Amador Valley High School nearly five years ago to give students opportunities to learn about and advocate for sustainable practices by partnering with local nonprofit the Go Green Initiative. The club now has more than 100 members at Amador and sparked interest at Foothill High School, where students started a second club.

Several members of Local Leaders and Go Green CEO Jill Buck accepted their group’s award during the beginning of the PUSD Board of Trustees’ Dec. 10 regular meeting. Estrella del Pueblo will be recognized by the trustees at their Jan. 14 regular meeting.

Foothill student chosen for U.S. Senate Youth Program

Avachat is one of two students representing state in D.C. this spring

By Julia Baum

Pleasanton teen Arushi Avachat doesn’t give up easily; the Foothill High School senior wasn’t fazed when she didn’t make the cut for the United States Senate Youth Program (USYP) last year.

Avachat resolved to try again this fall, though, and is now one of two high school students in USYP who will represent California when she heads to Washington D.C. this spring.

“It was very exciting to get into this year,” Avachat told the Weekly about being accepted into the prestigious national program that provides selected students with opportunities to learn in-depth about the Senate and federal government, including a potential chance to meet Supreme Court justices.

Candidates are selected for their academic excellence, leadership skills, interest or participation in actively serving their communities in the areas of student government, education, public affairs and/or community service, and also considering a career in public service.

After securing a nomination to the California Department of Education from Foothill principal Sebastian Bull, Avachat poured all of her energy into writing several essays “relating to some kind of political prompt.”

Avachat focused on whether the number of candidates in the 2020 Democratic primary will impact the eventual presidential nominee’s success in the general election.

“We were to analyze whether that would influence in a positive or negative way the eventual November election,” she said. “I said it could have both impacts — one, something to be wary about is creating more divisiveness and party disunity.”

Since she was a young girl, Avachat said she’s “always been interested in politics and government. I just think that’s fascinating,” but her motivation to learn more and dive into activism has deepened at Foothill, where she’s a member of the We the People competition civics team and marched with her classmates to protest gun violence last year on National Walkout Day.

“Especially in high school, I’ve been more involved in political
LAVTA switches to paperless tickets next month

Use paper tickets by Dec. 31 or donate to annual campaign

BY JULIA BAUM
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority passengers have until the end of the year to use up their paper tickets before the public transit agency switches to paperless passes on Jan. 1.

“If you have some stashed away; now is the time to find them and use them,” the agency said on their website.

The LAVTA Board of Directors voted in October 2018 to end the sale of paper tickets but agreed to accept paper Fare Buster and senior/disabled 10-ride tickets through the end of 2019 “in order to give our passengers time to use up any tickets that had already been purchased.”

Notices have been posted on all Wheels and Rapid buses since last month. Day Passes can now be bought directly onboard. Riders can still use cash to pay onboard directly for a magnetized Day Pass card good for unlimited rides through 2 a.m. the following day.

Clipper Cards are also accepted and can be purchased either online, at Clipper Card outlets such as Whole Foods or Walgreens, or any public transit station or agency office in the Tri-Valley. Money is added online or at a Clipper Card outlet; the card automatically deducts the ride fare.

Riders can also donate tickets to an annual bus ticket drive organized by Livermore resident Jacky Poulsen, who said that Wheels will match the first $1,500 in donations. All tickets will be given to local agencies that serve low-income residents.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to: Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. Be sure to include your name and email address, and write “Bus Tickets” on the envelope and memo line to receive a 501(c)(3) donation receipt.

Tickets can also be donated by visiting http://bit.ly/2019bustickets; a convenience fee based on the donation amount will be added to credit card donations to ensure beneficiaries receive the whole donation.

The Peanuts Gang

“A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage” comes to the Bankhead Theater for three performances, at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Sunday (Dec. 29), with the beloved animated characters of the Charles M. Schulz story coming to life, backed by the unforgettable Vince Guaraldi musical score. The show will end with a sing-along.

Tickets are $20-$95. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

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**April 18** Navigating the Healthcare Environment/Advocating for Your Loved One

**May 16** Necessary Evils: Exploring Legal and Financial Issues

**June 13** Living with Dementia: Developing Daily Care Plans

**July 11** Essential Skills for the Family Caregiver

**August 15** Understanding Advanced Illness

**September 12** Living with Dementia: Self-Care and Preventing Caregiver Burnout

**October 10** Facing End-of-Life Issues and Handling Grief and Loss

**November 14** Medicare: An Overview and Update

**December 12** Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill

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On the county level, despite statewide laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to residents under 21 years of age, one in four teenagers in Alameda County have used e-cigarettes. The Alameda County Public Health Department said that contrary to popular belief, e-cigarette aerosol is not harmless water vapor, but contains at least 10 toxic chemicals.

Of these teenage vape users, more than two-thirds (68.9%) of high school students who purchased e-cigarettes reported buying them from the store themselves or from someone else; only 6.5% bought these products online.

Alameda County officials went on to say that approximately 87.6% of youth tobacco users reported using a flavored tobacco product. Further adding that flavored tobacco use was high across all genders, races/ethnicities and grades of young users.

“Flavored tobacco is often the first product introduced to youth who haven’t smoked before,” said Dr. Erica Pan, health officer for Alameda County. “That sweet aroma can hide the taste of tobacco, making it more appealing to new smokers. There are thousands of flavored e-cigarette products available, including youth-friendly flavors like gummy bear and mango.”

Countywide, Dr. Pan and the Alameda County Public Health Department are working to curb vaping use and youth access through both health education and spreading awareness about potential policies and solutions that local groups can enact.

While public health has done a good job of getting cigarette smoking rates among teens down, there is a lot of work to do around addressing the ease of youth access to tobacco products and exposure to secondhand smoke with the rise of e-cigarette use. For the first time in 10 years, youth smoking rates are on the rise. We should be alarmed,” Pan said.

In Pleasanton, the city’s current smoking restrictions that prohibit smoking in city buildings, public parks, public trails and places of employment also extend to vaping, but restrictions on the sale of vaping products may expand past those levied on traditional cigarettes.

The Pleasanton Youth Commission has recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance to ban the sale of electronic smoking devices and related paraphernalia citywide starting July 1, 2020, according to Cindy Chin, city public information officer.

The Youth Commission has already presented its recommendations to the city’s Economic Vitality Committee and plans to present it to the Planning Commission in January followed by the City Council for final consideration sometime during the beginning of the new year.

Dublin is also in the process of considering policies that would ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products and electronic smoking devices within city limits, according to public information officer Shari Jackman, who added that Dublin consistently receives an “A” grade from the American Lung Association for its anti-smoking ordinances.

Out on the frontlines, so to speak, the Pleasanton Unified School District has banned smoking on their various campuses in an attempt to curtail use, with PUSD students taking an active role in combating widespread use.

During its regular meeting on Aug. 27, the PUSD Board of Trustees approved a student-driven resolution to provide vaping-related health education for students. The resolution also calls on trustees to oppose the marketing and sales of tobacco, flavored tobacco and vaping products to youth throughout the city of Pleasanton.

On the state level, the California State Legislature is actively seeking its own regulations on the sale of vaping products and flavored tobacco in the Golden State, with the Tri-Valley's own State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) having introduced legislation to reduce the number of young vape users.

Senator Bill 38 seeks to prohibit tobacco retailers from selling, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, flavored tobacco products — with the notable exception of menthol-flavored products and tobacco products designed for a non-electronic hookah, according to the bill.

“Students who recently came to my office told me that flavored vaping is sadly becoming the rage among middle school and high school kids,” Glazer said in a statement. “We must stop marketing these dangerous products to children. It is an epidemic that requires urgent action.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom has also made efforts to combat the use of vaping products in California, and in September signed an executive order allocating $20 million to launch a statewide digital and social media campaign to spread awareness on the risks associated with vaping nicotine and cannabis products, according to the Governor’s office.

The executive order also directs the Department of Public Health with developing recommendations for warning signs with health risks where vaping products are sold.

As local communities work to curb the epidemic of electronic cigarette use among teenagers within their own borders, U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) has introduced a bill that seeks to at least temporarily halt the sale of unregulated vaping products nationwide.

The Preventing Vape Use Act was introduced on Nov. 8 by DeSaulnier, whose district includes Danville and Alamo, and seeks to halt the sale of all e-cigarettes nationwide until they undergo a pre-market review by the FDA.

“For nearly a decade, the FDA has allowed e-cigarettes to go largely unregulated, setting the stage for today’s epidemic of e-cigarette use. While escaping regulation, the industry profited off the backs of those teens to the tune of $7 billion in annual sales,” DeSaulnier said in a statement.

Also on the federal level, President Donald Trump called for a ban on flavored e-cigarettes in September, but backed off in the weeks after — citing fears that prohibition would lead to job losses and could potentially hurt his re-election prospects, according to the Washington Post, which cited sources close to Trump.

Congress is considering raising the federal smoking age from 18 years old to 21 as part of its next spending bill. The measure passed the House on Tuesday, with Senate debate to follow.

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POLICE BULLETIN

PPD welcomes new police officer, public relations coordinator

The Pleasanton Police Department has two new faces among its ranks: Officer Justin Qualle and Teri Yan, the department’s new public relations coordinator.

Qualle, a lateral transfer from the Ripon Police Department in San Joaquin County, was sworn in during a special ceremony at Pleasanton police headquarters on Dec. 11. The department also announced Yan’s hiring last week.

“Both Teri Yan and Officer Justin Qualle are thrilled to be working for the city of Pleasanton and look forward to serving the Pleasanton community,” department officials said in a statement.

Yan will become one of the most visible civilian members of the department as its public relations coordinator.

A Tri-Valley native who graduated from California High School in San Ramon and earned a Bachelor of Arts in radio and television from San Francisco State University, Yan started her professional career in the marketing department for news agencies such as KTVU FOX2 in San Francisco and FOX23 in Tulsa, Okla.

Most recently, Yan worked for the San Francisco Police Department, spending 3-1/2 years producing digital content targeting officers and the public.

Qualle, who was born in Stockton and raised in Ripon, graduated from California State University Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice.

He said he became interested in a law enforcement career after being hit by a drunk driver when he was in the fourth grade. “The incident made Justin appreciate the care and service provided by the first responders along with the members in the medical field,” PPD officials said. “He wanted to become a police officer so he could help others in need no matter what the circumstances.”

Qualle completed the San Joaquin Delta College POST Intensive Academy in February 2017 and soon after was hired as a reserve officer by the Ripon Police Department. He ultimately earned a full-time position, and within a year, he received the Officer of the Year award from American Legion Post 190.

In other news

• A driver died in a fiery crash and her passenger sustained major injuries after being pulled to safety from the burning vehicle that had collided with an oncoming van in rural Alameda County on the outskirts of the Tri-Valley early Saturday morning, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The incident unfolded around 5:03 a.m. Saturday on Grant Line Road between Livermore and Mountain House, according to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

A Nissan passenger vehicle was traveling at an unknown speed eastbound on Grant Line Road west of Midway Road when, for unknown reasons, the driver unsafely turned the Nissan to the left and directly into the path of a westbound Ford van traveling at about 50 mph, according to Hahn.

The two vehicles collided and the Nissan caught fire.

“The passenger of the Nissan was pulled out by passersby and attempts were made to get the driver of the Nissan out but could not due to the Nissans intense fire,” Hahn said. “Unfortunately the Nissans compass cumb to her injuries at the scene.”

Authorities are working to identify the driver and notify her next of kin.

The Nissan passenger was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley with major injuries, according to Hahn. The Ford driver sustained minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

• An Alameda County sheriff’s deputy has been charged with misdemeanor child molesting for allegations made by a 13-year-old girl and inappropriately touching her, according to court documents.

Jason Deitschman, 49, of Castro Valley, a nine-year sheriff’s veteran who worked as a patrol deputy out of the Eden Township substation in San Leandro, was charged and arraigned late last month and pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

Deitschman has been placed on administrative leave, according to sheriff’s spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Detective Sgt. Lauren Tucker of the sheriff’s Special Victims Unit wrote in a probable cause statement that her office started investigating Deitschman on Oct. 29 after it received information that he had sent numerous inappropriate text messages to the 15-year-old girl.

Tucker said the girl provided screen shots of the text messages and many of them “were sexually inapropriate in nature.”

The girl also told investigators that she felt uncomfortable being around Deitschman and disclosed an incident in June in which he was giving her a massage for a sore back, according to Tucker.

The girl alleged that Deitschman unzipped her bra, moved his hands to her buttocks, put his hands underneath her shorts and made skin-to-skin contact, Tucker wrote.

• The Livermore Police Department is warning the public about recent “multiple scams” where individuals reportedly impersonated city of Livermore employees to target residents for money.

“We have heard reports of phone calls warning residents that their water service will be disconnected due to non-payment unless the resident purchases a prepaid debit card within a 30-minute window,” LPD said. “We have also had reports of scammers going door-to-door impersonating city of Livermore employees and asking for payment for services.”

Law enforcement is reminding residents that they need never give their credit card information over the phone and should not give payment to anyone they do not recognize as a city employee.

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Originally born in Honolulu, HI, He grew up and spent nearly all his life in Pleasanton. Frank was generous and always willing to lend a helping hand for any project, treating it as if it were his own.

He had a passion for training and racing horses, as well as gardening and yard work.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Diane Teixeira, along with their son Paul Teixeira, and his brother Franklin Teixeira (Pancho). Other survivors include nieces Millie Teixeira, LeAnne Maroney, Diana Lynn Beggs Jones, and nephew Kody Teixeira. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, December 20th at 1pm at St Michael Cemetery, Livermore, CA. In lieu of gifts or flowers, donations to the American Heart Association or the American Kidney Fund are welcome.

Lloyd Martin Jantzen

June 18, 1936 - November 12, 2019

Lloyd Martin Jantzen passed away on November 12, 2019 at the age of 83 after a long illness. A resident of Pleasanton for over 50 years, Lloyd was a gentle soul with a positive outlook on life who made friends easily throughout the community. He was born in Seminole, Oklahoma and lived in Colorado in his youth.

Lloyd was a veteran of the United States Navy which brought him to the Naval Air Station in Alameda. While in the service, he was trained at various Aviation Electrical Schools. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Lloyd continued to expand his technical education working as an engineer. He worked for 30 years in telecommunications with Pacific Telephone, Telegraph Company and Pacific Bell. For 22 of those years, he worked in different management capacities. When his children were young, he volunteered with Alameda County 4-H, was active with Livermore Lions Club, and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Lloyd is survived by his children Cindy Ford (Jim), Catherine Rivenes (Andy), and Jeffrey Jantzen (Christine), along with his grandchildren Collin and Keith Lewis, Logan (Kirsten) and Drake (Tara) Rivenes, and Hailey andIgnoring siblings, Ronna Cornella, Evelyn Bonnie Beasley, and Karen Jantzen will miss him very much. He was preceded in death by his wife Sally, parents Martin and Ethel Berneice Jantzen, brothers Dell, Dale, and Kenneth Duane Jantzen. Lloyd will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Cathleen Cordova

November 25, 1946 – October 31, 2019

Cathleen Cordova, age 72, passed from this world on Thursday October 31, 2019 while visiting Arkansas.

Cathleen was born on November 25, 1946 in Magdalena, New Mexico. She received her baccalaureate from University of California, Davis; received a master’s from the school of International Training in Vermont.

Cathleen served in the Army Civilian Special Services in Vietnam 1968-69 and was awarded the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal; and two years in Korea 1969-70.

She was a Banquet Manager at Windows on the World restaurant, the World Trade Center. She completed the Police Academy in Alabama. 1988 joined the Pleasanton Police department. She was a Community Services Officer and retired as an Evidence Technician in 2008.

Cathleen was recognized for her contributions to the book and HBO special called ‘Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam’. She spearheaded the drive to raise $4 million for the Vietnam Women’s Memorial monument. She was instrumental in forming the “Circle of Sisters-Circle of Friends” organization. She was a member and National President of the Women’s Overseas Service League.
Happy Hanukkah

8-day Jewish celebration starts Sunday night

By Jeb Bing

Hanukkah and Christmas overlap every few years, but the confluence of the two holidays coming so near this year is indeed close.

Hanukkah starts this Sunday night (Dec. 22) and continues through the week to close on Dec. 30.

Next year, the eight-day Hanukkah celebration will end Dec. 18, a week before Christmas. In 2021, it will be over Dec. 6, much earlier. But in 2024, the beginning of Hanukkah and Christmas Day will be celebrated together on Dec. 25, indeed a rare occurrence.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the larger Syrian army. It also celebrates a miracle that happened during this time, where just a one day’s supply of oil allowed the menorah in the rededicated temple in Jerusalem to remain lit for eight days.

The Gregorian calendar most countries use is based on the solar cycle, with 365 days a year, plus a correction every four years including 2020 coming up.

This Saturday, in fact, marks the winter solstice, which in Pleasanton occurs at 8:19 p.m., the shortest daylight period of the year.

“But the Jewish calendar is a lunar-solar calendar,” explained Rabbi Larry Milder, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. “Every month is a lunar month, with the first day being the new moon.

“Hanukkah will always begin on a waning crescent moon, near the end of the month of Kislev. Gregorian months, by contrast, have nothing to do with the moon,” he said, adding:

“There is a lot to admire and appreciate about the holidays celebrated by other faiths. That Christmas and Hanukkah come at the same time this year gives us pause to consider what we have to learn from one another.”

“We may not believe the same things, but like the sun and the moon, we are in a kind of dance that goes round and round, shining light each in our own way. Here’s to the alignment of our cosmic lights.”

To celebrate Hanukkah, Beth Emek will host a teen Hanukkah celebration at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday (Dec. 21). At 4:30 p.m. Sunday, the congregation will hold a Hanukkah Mitzvah (or good deed) night for families with young children.

“Light. Hope. Redemption. These three words will permeate my Chanukah this year,” said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, spiritual leader of the 14-year-old Chabad of the Tri-Valley, based in Pleasanton.

“This week families of all faiths will celebrate and strengthen their commitment to God with light,” he said, adding:

“We will reach out with the light of charity, goodness and kindness to those less fortunate than us, we will shine our inner light to heal broken relationships and we will pray that a light of mutual understanding illuminates our country during this divisive era.”

Chabad of the Tri-Valley plans a more public celebration.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Chabad members will put electric menorahs on the roof of their cars and drive around Pleasanton with a special police escort. The car parade will arrive at the Chabad center at 3370 Hopyard Rd. for a menorah lighting to launch the start of Hanukkah, or Chanukah as Chabad prefers.

At 5:30 p.m. Monday (Dec. 23), Chabad will take its celebration to Stoneridge Shopping Center’s Grand Court, calling it “Chanukah Wonderland.” Its 9-foot-tall menorah will be lighted at 6:30 p.m.

Then next Saturday (Dec. 28), as Chanukah draws to a close, Chabad will hold another celebration in downtown Livermore in front of the Bankhead Theater. The lighting of Livermore’s menorah will end the celebration at 8 p.m.

Merry Christmas

Christians observe Jesus’ birthday next week

By Jeb Bing

Next Wednesday is Christmas, falling midweek, which could make family get-togethers a bit more difficult for those needing to travel long distances.

Cheer up. Because of leap year in 2020, Christmas Day will be on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the next four years.

For those wanting an early start to celebrating Christmas, CrossWinds Church along Interstate 580 in Livermore will offer Christmas Eve services at 4 and 6 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 23).

Identical services will follow at 12, 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Christmas Eve. Because of the crowds expected, tickets for the services must be reserved ahead of time at www.crosswindschurch.org.

They’re free.

Cornerstone Fellowship, located across from Costco in Livermore, also will have five identical services, all on Christmas Eve at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

Catholics will have the most options for Christmas services with masses at St. Augustine just off Bernal Avenue at 4 and 8 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at 8 and 10 a.m. Masses at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church on Stoneridge Drive are scheduled for 4 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve and 9 and 11 a.m. Christmas Day. Also see www.catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Clergy from these and other Tri-Valley churches also offered their thoughts on Christmas.

The Rev. Mark Wiesner, pastor, Catholic Community of Pleasanton

Christmas, for many, is the favorite holiday of the year. Along with all the cultural and secular observances, for those of us with a Christian spiritual inclination there is a deeper awareness: its most
The Rev. Mark Wiesner, pastor for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, wishes hundreds for them and the hope that Jesus brings.

We hear about God’s deep, unconditional love has lost their faith or someone who feels disconnected from God, someone who in our doors. Whether it’s someone who struggle, we all need support. Those whose in moments of doubt and about their faith, and how it makes a difference in their life. In moments of doubt and struggle, we all need support. Those whose faith you admire can be a great source of encouragement to everyone who walks in our doors. Whether it’s someone who feels disconnected from God, someone who has lost their faith or someone who feels like they’re not measuring up, they will hear about God’s deep, unconditional love for them and the hope that Jesus brings.

Pastor Derek Meekins, Harvest Valley Church

Although I participate and enjoy buying gifts and decorating the Christmas tree and stringing lights around the house — as festive and heart-warming as these activities are — my primary focus during Christmas is to honor the historical event of Jesus Christ coming to this earth and being born.

But not just for the sake of his birth, but also what followed, which was Jesus dying on the cross for my sins.

Christmas Eve service at Harvest Valley at 5 p.m. The church located at 3200 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Also see www.harvestvalley.org.

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Austin, senior pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

How do you respond to Christmas? For some Christmas is as the old song says “the most wonderful time of year” filled with joy and excitement, parties and concerts, decorations and carols, traditions and worship. For others, Christmas is a tough time, serving as a reminder of what once was or one disappointment after another, a time filled with stress or maybe loneliness.

To see these reactions, all you have to do is look around you in your office, your neighborhood or the local shopping center. As a pastor, I can help but step back and reflect upon how the first people to hear the news of Christmas responded.

I think of Mary, the young girl who would be the mother of Jesus. When she heard the news from the angel of what was going to happen, she moved quickly from shock and fear to humble submission to the will of God, to going and sharing her news with family.

What was her news? That God had not forgotten His people. That God was not somewhere out there, oblivious to life in this world but was a God who was coming into the world with one purpose: to save us.

Why would God do this? Because God loves us. This is the heart of Christmas that God loved us so much to send his son into the world to be Immanuel God with us so that we might be saved and live eternally with him.

Christmas Eve services at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 7 and 10 p.m., Christmas Day. 10 a.m. Church is located at 1385 South Livermore Ave. in Livermore. Also see www.oslm.net.

The Rev. Ronald Culmer, St. Clare’s Episcopal Church

Author Ron Edmundson suggests five greater joys at Christmas, and I for one agree whether you know our Lord or not:

• Lower expectations of others
• Increase your investment in others
• Examine your life and address sin, and
• Change your perspective
• Joy is a gift.

Joy is not based on what we have done or could do, but on God’s grace towards us. Set your eyes on the prize, set your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of your faith.

Christmas Eve services at St. Clare’s Episcopal Church: 5 and 9 p.m., Christmas Day 11 a.m. Church located at 3350 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Go to www.scclarepleasonton.org.

The Rev. Heidi Hester, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

The Christmas season is filled with expectations; some are tangible while others are simply unrealistic.

As much as twinkling lights on a tree or a favorite holiday song playing on the radio bring about a sense of nostalgia longing for, these nights fill the void so many seek to fill during this time of year.

In my experience, that void can only be filled with a love that goes beyond my expectations and reminds me that I am not alone.

My expectation for Christmas continues to be that somehow, even for a brief moment, each person would know that they are loved and that there is hope in the love of the Christ-child.

That love is often thought of as a warm-fuzzy feeling, but the love of Christ is so much more. That love manifests itself in our relationship with one another.

Our church communities hopefully become the place where all are welcomed, where all can find a place to belong and to become part of the fabric of the community.

It is in these church communities that the Christ-child’s love for us becomes tangible: a warm meal, food for the table at the end of the month, a backpack full of school supplies, an invitation to explore this love freely given in a safe place with others on the same journey.

This is the gift that Christmas brings to us, the gift of belonging and being loved.

Christmas Eve services at Trinity Lutheran Church: 7 and 11 p.m. The church is located at 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Also see www.tlcpleasonton.org.
Deacon Dave’s at 352 Hillcrest Ave. in Livermore is among the most popular displays in the Tri-Valley.

Christmas displays beckon viewers

BY DOLORES FOX CARRIER

Extravagant Christmas displays all look alike at a casual glance — bright and merry and loads to see.

But the better ones have themes, says longtime decorator Alex Dourov, who elaborately bedecks his home on Knottingham Circle in Livermore each year while also maintaining californiachristmaslights.com.

“What sets my site apart from all the others is that I am very selective,” he said, “I am doing it on what I think people would truly want to see."

He aims to get people out of their cars to enjoy his decorations, which include interactive features, such as buttons to start a train or cause a sprinkling of snow. A telephone on the front porch calls Santa so children can hear one of 20 messages.

“My house started out just like anybody else’s,” Dourov, 61, said, “a humble beginning.”

He strung up lights, then added a few board cutouts.

“My first blow mold was a snowman holding a broom,” he recalled.

Then each year he became excited about features to include and how to develop new ideas. He still shops each year after Christmas to buy new lights and accessories, and has invented some highlights, such as his starburst. He has a light show synchronized to music on 107.9 FM.

Dourov recalled that when his family moved to Livermore in 1992, he was frustrated by newspaper lists of decorated homes that instead of leading to magnificent displays often led to frustration.

In 1999, he launched trivalley-lights.com, which included photos and addresses of local displays. Most importantly, Dourov verified that the displays were as advertised. That endeavor has grown from the Tri-Valley to canvas the entire state, and the site is now californiachristmaslights.com.

The verification process is still important to him.

“I have email addresses and phone numbers and am constantly in communication with the homeowners, verifying and validating that they are current — their on-date and off-date and a description of their display,” he said.

Such massive light displays used to be expensive, Dourov noted. His December electric bill was an extra $800 before the first generation of LED lights for Christmas came out.

“But the better ones have themes, and everything gets hooked into the light and sound synchronization,” he explained.

This year, one side of his lawn features a manger scene and gifts that light up and dance to music. On the other side is a penguin, igloo, snowmen and a snow machine.

And he continues to plan new features.

“I am a member of different groups of CCP (Crazy Christmas People), as my wife calls it,” he said. “We all post new projects we have built and designed on our own.”

He said judging by the homes of his daughter Caitlin, 28, and son Christopher, 24, apparently CCP is hereditary. Even while attending Chico State, Caitlin called for his assistance, and her apartment won awards for three years for its decorations.

The Dourov home will be decorated through Dec. 29. Before heading out for viewing, check the locations, hours and dates at californiachristmaslights.com, which also has descriptions and links to videos.

Dourov has help from a programmer in Washington, D.C., who updates the website each year.

“He does it all for free — in the spirit of Christmas,” Dourov said.

Dourov estimates that he himself spends about 100-125 hours each November and December preparing and updating the website daily.

“It really is a labor of love,” he said.
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The Amador Valley wrestling teams turned in some strong early-season performances last weekend. The varsity boys competed at the Bay Area 57 tournament at Castro Valley High last Saturday. Top finishers for the Dons included junior Luke Neely as consolation bracket champion at 126 pounds (3-1 overall), and third-place finishes for Owen Boyce (138 lbs., 4-1), Ryan Bailey (220 lbs., 3-1) and Nathan Boyce (285 lbs., 4-1). Other results included fourth place for Kurt Mirador (120 lbs., 3-2), sixth place for Schon Gonzales (132 lbs., 2-3), Andrew Saah (145 lbs., 1-2), Nathaniel Cabrales (195 lbs., 1-2) and Julius Ramos (160 lbs., 0-2).

Highlights included in the second-to-last match of the whole tournament, Bailey throwing Livermore’s Tyler Emmanuelle to win in double overtime. Nathan Boyce, who weighs 235 pounds but wrestles athletes who are up to 285 pounds, had four pins. And finally, Gonzales — just a freshman — pinned two seniors. The Amador girls were at the Roger Briones tournament at San Leandro and found some success as well.

Sophia Jetton (first place), Mykayla Guevarra (second), Erin Taylor (second), Izzy Harrison (third) and Peyton Boone (fourth). In a rematch of the North Coast Section finals from the last two years, Guevarra wrestled Lizette Rodriguez in the finals, losing 5-2. Guevarra had a 2-0 lead going into the third period but fell late.

The junior varsity boys were at the Foothill tournament and came home with a pair of titles, for Conner Kriekenbeck and Jackson Navarette. Other top results included third-place for Demetrio Loerares, Josh Hiller and Ben Singh, and fourth place for Affaan Waheed.

The Dons have about 32 boys between the varsity and the JV lineup, and 10 girls on the varsity. The top wrestler is Guevarra, a captain who placed fourth at state last year. For the boys, the elite wrestlers coming into the season are team captain Donovan Lucente, who placed sixth at NCS as a sophomore and seventh as a junior, as well as fellow captain Bailey and Mirador, who were each in the top 12 of NCS last year. The Dons have won the East Bay Athletic League four of the last five years, and placed second last season.

Foothill basketball

The Falcons took home a pair of wins last week.

In the first game, Foothill beat Concord 77-54. The Falcons used a 26-15 fourth quarter to pull away for the win. Nick High had 24 points to lead Foothill. Josh Valentine with 10 points was the other Foothill player in double figures.

The next night, Foothill pulled out a 65-61 thriller in triple overtime against Sierra of Manteca. Sierra had just gotten back four players from their NorCal finalist football team and turned in a big defensive effort. Carret Hill had 23 points to lead Foothill. High had 15 points and Valentine had 10 to help lead the way.
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