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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

TV30 honors top high school athletes



TV30



JEB BING

Foothill High star wrestler Dustin Dukleth (holding award) is congratulated by Pleasanton Vice Mayor Karla Brown, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Oakland Raiders tight end Tony Stewart at TV30's outstanding high school athletic awards ceremony.

Mayors David Haubert of Dublin (from left) and John Marchand of Livermore with Pleasanton Vice Mayor Karla Brown and Cheri Grevin from Congressman Swalwell's office join in congratulating winners at TV30's outstanding high school athletic awards program.

Congratulations to the 56 Tri-Valley students who received TV30's outstanding high school athletic awards for 2015. Nearly 300 city, civic and school leaders joined in TV30's fifth annual awards ceremony at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore, including the athletes' families, school principals, athletic directors and coaches.

Sponsored by Tri-Valley Community Television, the event featured keynote speaker Tony Stewart, a former tight end for the Oakland Raiders who currently works for the NFL in the Player Engagement Department.

For a list of the winners, sign on to tv30.org.

Others included Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), who talked about his sports experiences as a student at Dublin High School, State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Carol Shimizu, principal at Dublin High School, said, "Our athletic department staff and students really look forward each year to this event."

Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of TV30, praised the student-athletes for their hard work that enabled them to earn the top athletic awards. She also thanked the audience for participating in the awards event, "making it a very special night with the sole purpose of honoring the athletes and their families."

Joining Marshall Kamena, president of the TV30 Foundation, Tench-Stevens added, "You have given the award recipients a positive experience they will remember for the rest of their lives."

TV30 also honored Bennie Lave-

ver with the "Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding High School Coach of the Year Award." Lavever, who has coached wrestling and football in the Tri-Valley for 35 years, is the former wrestling coach at Foothill High School and is now coaching student wrestlers at Livermore High. He was chosen from nominations submitted by TV30 viewers.

The "Game of the Week" trophies went to high schools in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Awards were also presented to the superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches from those schools.

A highlight of the program was a giant-screen video of the students' award-winning plays as they walked to the podium to receive their awards from "Tri-Valley Sports Final" hosts Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich and Anna Kagarakis. They were also personally congratulated by Stewart and Mayors David Haubert of Dublin and John Marchand of Livermore and Vice Mayor Karla Brown of Pleasanton.

The show is now airing on TV30 through Aug. 31 and is also available via Video on Demand on the station's website at tv30.org. Also included in the broadcast are individual interviews with the Athletes of the Week, parents, coaches and principals. Photos of the event can also be downloaded at no charge from the website. DVDs are available for purchase.

Now in its tenth year, "Tri-Valley Sports Final" covers high school, team and individual sports in the Tri-Valley cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore with a new show each week. Visit the tv30.org website for a schedule of air days and times. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton artist Tatiana Salvator stands with her completed artwork, "I Love Pleasanton," on the utility box at Ray and 1st streets. Photo by Autumn Whitney. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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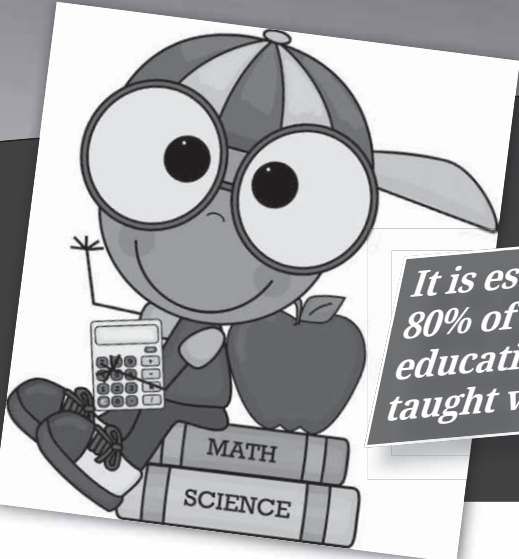
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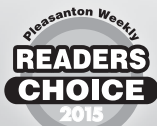


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Jason Howland
Medical device tool coordinator

I look them in the eye and acknowledge they are speaking to me, and I treat them with dignity and respect but tell them I can't give them any money. I lived in San Francisco for 10 years and was approached by people constantly. I decided I just had to get on with my own life rather than supporting theirs.



Gisele Griffin
Sports therapist

I usually engage them in conversation, assess the situation, and go with my intuition and instincts, especially if the person has children with them. If I get the sense they are not truly in a bind and are capable of earning money rather than just asking for it, I will not give them money. I work too hard for my money to give it away to someone who can work for it, just as I do.



Spencer Germain
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I will generally give a few dollars to the first person of the day to ask me because it makes me feel good to know I'm helping someone out. But I can't give money to everyone who asks, because if I did, I wouldn't have any left for myself.



Kiran Bala
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If I have some spare change, I will usually give it to someone who asks, but I never give any more than that because even if they say they will use it for food, I don't know how they really intend to use it. And I don't want to be responsible for fueling someone's drug habit.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Bridge work

Maintenance crews will begin work Monday on minor upgrades to seven Pleasanton bridges, with the projects expected to last about three months, city officials announced.

"The improvements we are making to the bridges are more preventative in nature, but like anything in life, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," city engineer Steve Kirkpatrick said.

The projects are designed to extend the life of the bridges, with efforts such as sealing concrete to prevent water intrusion, replacing worn-out seals and some repainting, according to Kirkpatrick.

The program is funded through the Federal Highway Bridge Program administered by Caltrans. The city received federal funding for design and construction for the program, estimated to cost \$630,000.

WIRED Act

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), whose district includes Pleasanton, joined two Republican colleagues last week to introduce a bill aimed at helping students, veterans, unemployed and underemployed people in their job search.

The Widening Internet Readiness for Employment Development (WIRED) Act would direct the Department of Labor to create guidelines for One-Stop Career Center websites — many of which are clunky and outdated — to improve their design and offer job-seeking services virtually.

"You can't train and assist a 21st-century workforce with 20th-century tools. In 2015 a job-seeker should not have to walk into a One-Stop Career Center to get resume or cover letter assistance when the tools exist to provide these services on a standard website," Swalwell said in a statement.

"This bipartisan legislation makes a commonsense fix to help job-searchers more easily access the skills and preparation they need to find a job," he added.

Night of music

Oakland singer/songwriter Emily Zisman and her band, The Day is Done, will headline the Firehouse Arts Center's Summer Music Night 2015 at 8 p.m. tomorrow night, with Pleasanton vocalist Maddy Hudson and guitarist Shanth Gopalswamy opening the show.

Hudson is a Pleasanton singer/songwriter who attended Foothill High and American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Gopalswamy is headed into ninth grade at Foothill.

General seating tickets are \$15; student tickets, \$10. For more info, visit www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or go to the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

Claims against Tri-Valley Community Foundation settled for \$1.75 million

Former directors cleared of culpability as insurance covers obligations once pegged at \$3.2 million

By JEB BING

Claims totaling \$3.2 million against the leaders of the now defunct Tri-Valley Community Foundation (TVCF) are likely to be settled for \$1.75 million paid by left-over funds and an insurance policy that covered the organization's directors.

The settlement agreement is scheduled to be ruled on Aug. 27 before Judge Charles Novack in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Northern California in Oakland.

The foundation, which served the financial interests of charities in the Tri-Valley and beyond for years, closed its doors abruptly in

March 2012 after an audit found it was claiming and appropriating funds it didn't have. These included \$2.5 million in its "donor advised funds," which weren't in its audited account.

Chapter 7 trustee Michael G. Kasolas then filed a claim in Bankruptcy Court, contending that David Rice, the longtime president of TVCF, and its board members failed in their management and administration of the affairs of the organization. At one time, he wanted those responsible to stand trial before a jury on those charges.

In the settlement agreement, calmer decisions prevailed with the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of

California (NIAC), which insured the organization's board of directors, agreeing to pay \$1.75 million to settle all claims in exchange for dismissal of further claims. Originally, creditors had sought more than \$3 million in claims.

In the settlement, NIAC representatives said the directors' coverage was limited to \$1 million, but eventually agreed to the higher amount in mediation proceedings. Kasolas also determined that legal statutes potentially applicable to the directors arguably prevented the imposition of any personal liability against them.

Unclear in the settlement is the continued or potential liability of

Rice, himself, who was not a director and may not have been covered by the NIAC policy. Rice was fired April 30, 2012, after an independent audit found discrepancies in his organization's finances and reserves. Ron Hyde, then chairman of the foundation's board of directors, was named chief executive and president.

Rice reportedly left his home in Walnut Creek for a position with a nonprofit in Texas, but repeated attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful.

Earlier this year, counsel for the NIAC initiated discussions to resolve

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MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller talks with Pleasanton Gardens resident Surin Kitphatana at a dinner for residents, police and other emergency workers during National Night Out Tuesday evening.

A time for residents, officers to connect

Pleasanton police, other emergency workers visit block parties on National Night Out

By MEREDITH BAUER

Scores of police, firefighters and other emergency personnel attended dozens of neighborhood watch block parties across the city during the annual National Night Out on Tuesday night.

The event, which was held nationwide, aims to connect neighbors and emergency workers in a friendly atmosphere.

Stepping out of his patrol car, Pleasanton police Lt. Brian Laurence walked over to a group of local children playing near a cul-de-sac. One girl recognized him and immediately went running to give him a big hug.

"Hey, girls!" he said as children walked by holding cotton candy. "Are you having fun?"

Laurence was among the police officers to visit parties across Pleasanton that evening.

Police Chief Dave Spiller said the event is as much for neighbors to get to know one another as it is for residents to get to know officers. Even high-ranking officers, including the chief, attended neighborhood gatherings.

It's no secret that public perception of police has been a contentious point across the country. It's events like this, Laurence said, that keep residents connected in

order to "put a face to the police department."

When thinking about the nation's opinion of police, "it's not at its zenith," he said. "You constantly have to work to overcome that stereotype."

So Laurence made a point to kneel down when a 4-year-old asked him a question. That way, he'd be eye-to-eye, and she'd see his smile. When a child ran up to him, he greeted them with a hug or high-five and a toy wrist band.

He's attended National Night Out for about 12 years, and he said he's seen it make a differ-

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School registration approaches

What to bring, when to go to campus

With summer break in its penultimate days, registration is ready to begin at many public schools in Pleasanton with the start of classes set for Aug. 25.

Registration is for all Pleasanton Unified School District students to fill out the appropriate paperwork to begin the school year and for students to get their list of classes. Other services are also available during registration, such as signing up for the PTA or ordering a yearbook.

Parents or guardians of students who are new to the district should bring a completed enrollment form, which can be found at the district's website under "enrollment," an original birth certificate or passport, immunization records from a doctor and two versions of proof of residency — bills such as cable, water, land-line phone, garbage or PG&E; rental agreement or a close of escrow document.

Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan should also bring a copy of that plan, and high school students should bring their latest report card or transcript.

Current students still need to complete walk-through registration, which includes residency verification. Students younger than 18 must have a parent or guardian accompany them to complete registration. Parent or guardian signatures are necessary for some paperwork.

Students entering kindergarten will have to show proof of vaccination for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT), polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), hepatitis b and chickenpox. Students

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Community leaders featured on TV30's student production

'Tri-Valley Youth View' represents work of station's summer camp

By JEB BING

"Tri-Valley Youth View," a 30-minute special TV program produced by middle and high school students who attended the TV30 Summer Camp, is currently airing on TV30 and on the station's website at tv30.org.

For the seventh summer, Tri-Valley Community Television is offering two sessions of its unique TV Summer Camp. This episode of "Tri-Valley Youth View" represents the work of 12 students who attended the first five-day camp.

"The first set of summer campers this year were very serious about learning all aspects of TV production," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of Tri-Valley

Community Television.

"We all appreciate the time community leaders give to come to the studio to be interviewed by the students," she added. "They inspire the students, and it appears the students inspire them too by demonstrating their dedication to producing a quality TV program."

The hands-on TV camp provides an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production. The script for "Tri-Valley Youth View" was written and produced by middle and high school students in the camp. They researched and wrote questions, acted as crew for all the production positions and were the talent for the program.

Guests on the current program include Chris Foss, Dublin city manager; Craig Bueno, board member of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller; and Jim McGrail, member of the board of directors of the Zone 7 Water Agency.

Other guests include Eric Payne, founder of Livermore Valley Wine App; Lee Jouthas, Dublin Library branch manager; and deputy fire chief Jeff Peters of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, who also brought a fire truck with him to the interview.

Broadcast times for "Tri-Valley Youth View" are 6 p.m. Mondays, 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays,



TV30

Deputy fire chief Jeff Peters of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department brought a fire truck with him for this interview by TV30 campers Kole Boyd and Holden Curtis.

11 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. Sundays.

In addition, the program may

be viewed streaming live and via Video on Demand on the website at tv30.org. ■

I-680 toll express lanes construction set to start

Dublin firm given notice to proceed on project through San Ramon Valley

By JEREMY WALSH

The project to bring toll express lanes to Interstate 680 through the San Ramon Valley is expected to start construction this month, with completion estimated by late next year.

"The beginning of work on the 680 express lanes between San Ramon and Walnut Creek is an important milestone," John Goodwin, spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) said Tuesday. "It's the first Bay Area Express Lanes project to be undertaken by MTC ... and reflects our commitment to get more performance out of the Bay Area's existing freeway network, and existing carpool lanes in particular," he added.

The MTC aims to convert existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-680 between Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and Rudgear Road in southern Walnut Creek into express lanes that would charge tolls for access during peak commute times. The project does not include freeway widening.

The joint Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) in late-June approved a contract worth a maximum \$18.5 million with DeSilva Gates Construction LP to complete the lane conversions.

The Dublin-based firm was issued a notice to proceed last Friday, Goodwin said.

"The issuance of the notice to proceed gives the contractor 20 days to send us a detailed construction schedule," he explained.

Agency officials anticipate work will begin this month and continue for the next 15 months, with opening currently slated for late 2016, according to Goodwin.

As proposed, the congestion-relief project would replace existing HOV lanes with express lanes on southbound I-680 from Rudgear Road to Alcosta Boulevard and on northbound I-680 from Alcosta to Livorna Road in Alamo — approxi-

mately 23 miles overall.

The express lanes would be free to access for carpools, vanpools, public transit, motorcycles and eligible clean-air vehicles while other solo drivers could pay a toll to use the lanes. Toll lane hours and rates have not been finalized, Goodwin said.

Work by DeSilva Gates is set to include adding signage, overhead toll readers, camera equipment and polls, median barriers, roadside lighting and associated roadwork such as striping and paving. A total of 31 overhead sign structures are planned for medians through the I-680 corridor.

The contract awarded to DeSilva Gates on June 24 is worth about \$16.3 million for construction, plus almost \$2.2 million in contingency funding.

The San Ramon-Walnut Creek segment is the one of three MTC projects aimed at creating express lanes on I-680 most of the way up to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge.

The second project, planned for southbound I-680 by adding and converting lanes between the bridge and Rudgear Road, is scheduled for completion by 2018, according to the MTC.

Project 3, which remains unscheduled until funding is secured, would create northbound express lanes from North Main Street in Walnut Creek to the bridge coupled with operational improvements between North Main and Livorna, according to agency officials.

"The 680 Express Lanes project in Contra Costa County will be followed by similar projects along I-880 in Alameda County and I-80 through Fairfield; and later along other segments of 80, 680, 880 and the East Bay approaches to the Dumbarton, San Mateo-Hayward and Bay bridges," Goodwin said.

To receive construction notices related to the express lanes, send a message to info@bayareaexpresslanes.org. For more information, visit www.mtc.ca.gov. ■

Tri-Valley Heroes nomination period open

Sponsorship opportunities available for fourth annual awards program

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

The Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com are once again putting out a call for nominations and sponsorships for the annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards — our salute to the community members dedicated to bettering the Tri-Valley and the lives of its residents.

Individuals who live or work in San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Pleasanton, Dublin or Livermore are eligible, as are organizations and businesses headquartered in these communities.

If you know a person, organization or group deserving of recognition, complete the online nomination form. Nominations can also be emailed directly to Gina Channell-Allen, but make sure all the information requested on the form is included. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Sept. 14.

Our panel of "hero" judges will bestow honors in eight categories:

Arts and Culture: For acknowledgment/recognition of achievements or contributions within the area of arts and culture.

Community Spirit: For selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that has enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community.

Courage: For an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity.

Environmental Stewardship: A group or individual committed to minimizing risks and conserving and recycling, thereby reducing the impact of our business on the community and natural resources.

Innovation: For a person, group

or business who apply innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community.

Rising Star: An individual between 10 and 18 years old whose services directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness.

Role Model:

For displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be.

Lifetime Achievement: Recognizes an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors.

We want to recognize those individuals, groups or organizations that stand out because of their actions, integrity or honor, whether that hero is a firefighter who rescues a child from a burning house, the girl who is courageously battling leukemia, the business that allows its employees to mentor teens, or the neighborhood group that cleans up the creek.

Criteria for award consideration

For the individual component, nominees for the awards must be a resident of Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo or Livermore or the work/volunteering that they do must take place in one of these communities.

The contribution for which they are being nominated must have made a significant impact

to a cause, a person or a group in that market. Nominees must be at least 16 years of age during the active program year, except for the Rising Star award.

If a nominee is an organization, group or business, it must be currently based and operating in Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo or Livermore and serve the residents of that area.

The contribution for which the organization, group or business is being nominated must have a proven impact on one of these community. National or international organizations with local offices or branches may apply, but they will be judged only on the work they do locally.

The work that a nominee does to inspire a nomination may be part of a nominee's job (a teacher, principal or social worker, for example) but volunteer work, or the work a nominee does above and beyond their professional role, may hold more value during the judging process.

By the same token, the work that an organization, group or business does elicit a nomination can be part of their organizational mandate, but the work they do selflessly for the sole benefit of a cause, person or group outside of their work may hold more value during the judging process.

The work for which a nominee is nominated must have taken place, at least in part, during the 12 months prior to nomination.

Nominators may remain anonymous to their nominee, but they must provide their contact information to Embarcadero Media for verification purposes.

If a nominee is selected as a semifinalist, they will need to provide a digital head shot photo of themselves.

A committee of staff and com-

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the claims before retired Superior Court Judge James Warren. That resulted in the settlement agreement that will go before Bankruptcy Court Judge Novack Aug. 27.

In his Bankruptcy Court filing, attorney Steven B. Sacks, who represented Chapter 7 trustee Kasolas, said that Rice, during the last two years of his presidency and at a time when financial discrepancies were known, raised what he said were additional funds that would be used to reduce liabilities.

He specifically targeted large donors who had the ability to make donations in excess of \$100,000. But Rice assured donors that their donations would be held by TVCF and disbursed only once the donors gave advice or directions.

"Rice did not honor those assurances," Sacks stated. "The board was aware, or should have been aware, that funds were received by TVCF under such arrangements," but did not take any action to en-

sure that happened. Rice, in fact, with the board's approval provided donors with a solicitation marketing brochure that affirmed that donors would have a say in how their contributions were used.

Instead, those funds were commingled with uncommitted donations that were not sufficient to meet the outgoing expenses and payments TVCF had promised, "continuing to mispend agency funds in a manner contrary to the representations it had made to donors," according to Sacks.

Sacks also criticized TVCF's auditors, Robert Lee & Associates, which, Sacks said, early in its report in May 2011 "failed to mention the ample information of financial irregularities that RLA uncovered."

"Most egregiously... it stated that TVCF had donor permission to use agency funds as working capital when donors had not given such permission," he said.

By the time of TVCF's bankruptcy filing, the agency had misspent and diverted millions of dollars in funds that had been earmarked for distribution to other charities or were subject

to restrictions on their use, Sacks stated in his Bankruptcy Court report.

In fact, when a donor of agency funds would question why a pass-through contribution had not been delivered, Rice would find funds to make those payments.

"Spending by Rice continued apace through 2011 and into 2012," Sacks added, with Rice obtaining funds from TVCF investment accounts on his own authority without counter-signature from anyone on the board of directors. He accessed those funds whenever he felt that cash was needed for immediate needs without consultation with donors or directors.

In connection with the settlement agreement, TVCF's former directors argued that they were entitled to rely on information and advice that they received from Rice and the Robert Lee & Associates auditing firm even though that information turned out to be wrong or incomplete.

The proposed settlement agreement, which it clears the former directors of any culpability, does not resolve claims against RLA or, presumably, David Rice. ■

Drysdale Properties acquires San Jose brokerage

Bridges operations in East Bay, Peninsula

By JEB BING

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties, with offices in Pleasanton, has acquired Prudential California Realty (PCR), a 33-agent company based in San Jose.

Gretchen Pearson will continue to lead the operation as the president/CEO of the San Jose office. Robert and Linda Sears, former owners of that agency, will serve as Realtors there.

Drysdale Properties now has 33 office locations and more than 900 real estate sales professionals who produced approximately \$2 billion in sales volume in 2014.

"The sales professionals at Prudential California Realty have

a tremendous reputation for providing exceptional and professional real estate service, and have an in depth expertise in the local markets," said Gretchen Pearson of Drysdale Properties. "We are proud to have them join the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network."

"We are also very excited to add a location in the greater Bay Area market, which bridges our operations in the East Bay and Peninsula," she added.

Robert Sears agreed. "Bringing these two real estate operations together allows us to provide enhanced services to both consumers and associated Realtors throughout Northern California," he said. ■

REGISTRATION

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entering seventh grade will have to show proof of vaccination for tetanus, reduced diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) and measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), according to the California Department of Education.

Proof of age must be shown for incoming kindergarten students who are new to the district and have not already been registered.

While there are no fees associated with registration, district staff recommend parents bring their checkbooks since there are opportunities to buy school spirit gear, pre-order yearbooks and pay for other items.

School site registration dates are:

- Alisal Elementary, Aug. 18 from 8-10 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.
- Donlon Elementary, Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fairlands Elementary, Aug. 18 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:15-3 p.m.
- Hearst Elementary, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m.
- Lydiksen Elementary, Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Mohr Elementary, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Valley View Elementary, Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Vintage Hills Elementary, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m.

- Walnut Grove Elementary Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and 5-7:30 p.m.

- Harvest Park Middle School, Aug. 17 and Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

- Hart Middle School, Aug. 14 from 8-11 a.m. and 12-2 p.m., Aug. 17 from 8-11 a.m. and 12-2 p.m. and Aug. 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Pleasanton Middle School, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. and Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Foothill High, Aug. 17 from 12-6 p.m. for students with last names that start with A-K, and Aug. 18 from 12-6 p.m. for students with last names that start with L-Z.

- Amador Valley High, Aug. 18 from 12-7 p.m. and Aug. 19 from 12-7 p.m.

- Village High, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ■

—Meredith Bauer

HEROES

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NIGHT OUT

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ence. Often, residents only interact with police when they're reporting — or involved with — a crime. But he's noticed residents who get to know officers during the evening sometimes feel more comfortable reporting crimes because they feel officers will listen to them.

In another part of town, Spiller sat with retired residents at a gathering at Pleasanton Gardens senior housing Tuesday evening, eating barbecue and asking about any issues they've faced with crime.

"This is really important for us to connect with the community," Spiller said.

Nadina White, administrator at Pleasanton Gardens, said organizing a large meal for officers and other officials was worth all the effort. She had her children join in the preparation so they could understand officers "are here to protect us."

"Serving the people who serve us, it's an awesome opportunity for us," she said. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pleasanton Lt. Brian Laurence poses with 4-year-olds Sheah Eddy (left) and Aidan Safta at a neighborhood block party on Chardonnay Drive in Pleasanton.

THE CITY OF
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- P15-0248/PUD-111 and P15-0249/P15-0390/P15-0250, Ponderosa Homes II, Inc.
Applications for the approximately 6.22-acre site located at 3410-3450 Cornerstone Court for: (1) General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation of a 4.28-acre portion of the site from Community Facilities – Other Public and Institutional to Medium Density Residential; (2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning and Development Plan approval to rezone a 4.28-acre portion of the site from the PUD-P&I (Planned Unit Development – Public & Institutional) District to the PUD-MDR (Planned Unit Development – Medium Density Residential) District and to construct 27 single-family homes and related site improvements; (3) Modification to the approved site plan; and (4) Conditional Use Permit to eliminate the existing church and its related uses and to retain the existing preschool and private school facility as a stand-alone use with a modified operation and site plan

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton pair arrested on suspicion of carjacking during test-drive

Vacaville police arrested two Pleasanton residents after they allegedly stole a car during a test-drive last Friday evening.

Shane Woodcock and Shawna McLemore went to a Vacaville dealership under the auspice of buying a car, according to police. While on a test drive, they reportedly took the salesman to a Wells Fargo Bank.

All three people went inside the bank, but after Woodcock and McLemore slipped away, the salesman realized something was wrong and went outside to find the two in the car, police said. Woodcock allegedly said he had a gun and drove away at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle was then spotted on westbound Interstate 80. The pair reportedly drove into oncoming traffic, then into a residential area where they fled on foot, police said.

McLemore, 33, was found hiding in a shed and taken into custody with the assistance of a police dog. She was treated at a hospital in Vacaville, according to police.

Woodcock, 37, was arrested shortly thereafter. Officers found a knife and a replica handgun at the scene, according to police.

In other police reports:

- Two homes on Mohr Avenue were burglarized last week with thousands of dollars worth of jewelry stolen, according to police.

The homes, located in the 3800 and 4800 blocks of Mohr Avenue,

respectively, were broken into while the owners were away, according to police.

The home in the 3800 block was burglarized between noon and 12:40 p.m. on July 29 when someone threw a rock through a rear sliding glass window, police said. The thief took about \$1,000 in jewelry and caused about \$1,250 in damage to the window.

The home in the 4800 block was broken into some time between July 26 and July 29 when someone pried open a kitchen window and climbed through, later leaving through a rear sliding glass door, police said.

The thief took about \$42,000 in jewelry, watches and electronics — including iPads, and Rolex and Breitling watches — and caused about \$250 in window damage.

Police are uncertain whether the two incidents are connected.

- Pleasanton police are looking for three women suspected of taking \$2,000 worth of underwear from a Victoria's Secret.

The women, whose photos were released by police, allegedly took 143 pairs of underwear from a "Very Sexy" panties display the afternoon of July 28, put the items in a bag and left without paying.

They were inside the Stoneridge Shopping Center store for about one minute, police said.

- A Pleasanton man was arrested July 29 after he allegedly took a pack of beer from a convenience store.

Police allege Jason Lee Orr, 46, put the beer in a backpack and tried to leave the ampm on Bernal Avenue. After being confronted, he allegedly shoved the manager,



COURTESY OF PPD

Pleasanton police are looking for information about the whereabouts of these three women, who are accused of taking underwear from Victoria's Secret.

pushed the cashier to the floor and ran from the store.

The store's manager pursued and then went back to the store, but Orr followed the manager, according to police. The manager hit the store's panic button, and Orr was later found and arrested by Pleasanton police.

- A San Jose man was arrested July 29 after Pleasanton police allege he left a dog in his car so long that it was in distress.

Police found a 3-year-old shepherd mix in Reginald Conrad Schlemmer's van parked in the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center on Bernal Avenue. Since the dog was experiencing heat stress, police entered the car, got the dog out and took it to a veterinarian, according to police reports.

Officials tried to contact Schlemmer, 24, but couldn't reach him until two hours after they removed the dog from the van. Schlemmer was arrested around 1 p.m., and the dog has since been taken to a shelter, police stated.

Temperatures spiked at 100 degrees that day. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.

Correction

The Feb. 20 "Police Bulletin" item regarding an incident at a Home & Garden showcase at the Alameda County Fairgrounds misidentified the gender of a person involved. The incident involved two men. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 25

Assault/battery

- 11:47 a.m. on First Street and Bernal Avenue

Fraud

- 4:44 p.m. in the 1900 block of Brooktree Way

July 26

Theft

- 2:04 p.m., 6900 block of Calle Altamira; theft from auto

- 2:36 p.m., 7200 block of Valley Trails Drive; auto theft

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Rape report

- 5:22 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Residential burglary

- 9:38 p.m. in the 6600 block of Hansen Drive

July 27

Theft

- 1:30 p.m., 4400 block of Valley Avenue; bike theft

- 7:32 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 11:03 p.m., 700 block of Donata Court; theft from structure

July 28

Graffiti

- 9:11 a.m. at Denker Drive and Payne Road

- 1:01 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

July 29

Theft

- 9:18 a.m., 3200 block of Touriga Drive

- 10:32 a.m., 2900 block of Liberty Drive

- 2:34 p.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 3:17 p.m., Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Residential burglary

- 12:47 p.m. in the 3800 block of Mohr Avenue

- 1:18 p.m. in the 4800 block of Mohr Avenue

Robbery

- 4:16 p.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

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Randall Jay Collins

June 1, 1956 - July 26, 2015

Randy Collins, 59, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Pleasanton, California after an eight-month battle with lung cancer.

Born in Seattle, Washington to Ronald George Collins and Lola Edith Irene St. Cyr Collins, Randy grew up in San Bruno. He moved to San Jose to start his engineering career, and later moved to Pleasanton to raise his family.

Randy began his career in high tech while attending San Jose State University. He was an engineer at GE Nuclear and GE Semiconductor, IT Manager at Siemens, IT

Director at Synopsys, and Vice President of Customer Satisfaction at Network Appliance, from which he retired in 1999.

A man of many interests, Randy was known for his intelligence and light-hearted sense of humor. He enjoyed cooking, shooting, playing guitar, driving motorcycles, and making others laugh. In 2007, he turned his passion for firearms into a business when he opened J&R Sports Supply in Livermore. Through his positive attitude, friendly customer service, and desire to teach others about firearms safety, Randy made many friends in the community and built a loyal following of customers at his business. In addition to being a certified NRA instructor, Randy was an Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Alameda County.

Randy was blessed to meet the love of his life Janet in 1985, when they both worked for General Electric. They married in 1986, had two wonderful children, and shared 29 happy years together as life partners. Randy was devoted to his family, and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and hobbies with them. He passed on his love of firearms to his son Ryan, who now runs J&R Sports Supply with his girlfriend Ashley Estorga. He passed on his love of Camp St. Andrews to his daughter Erin, who embraced the joy of serving others at this Christian camp for children, held annually in Pincrest, California.

Family members who survive Randy include his wife Janet Collins, son Ryan Collins, daughter Erin Collins, brother Gary Collins, nephews Matthew Collins, Brendan Collins, and Hunter Collins, brother-in-law Gray Mercer, and sister-in-law Lynette Figini.

A funeral service for Randy was held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Saratoga, California, on Thursday, July 30. A celebration of Randy's life that will be held in Livermore, California, is being planned for a future date.

Contributions in Randy's memory may be made to: Camp Saint Andrew's, P. O. Box 2789, Saratoga, CA 95070

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Tri-Valley now a Bay Area retail center



JEB BING

Entrance to San Francisco Premium Outlets, where new section opening Thursday will add 35 more stores to its 130 outlet retailers.

With the opening next Thursday of another 185,000 square feet of retail space at the San Francisco Premium Outlets at I-580 and El Charro Road, the Tri-Valley will continue its steady expansion as a major shopping destination for the Bay Area.

Together, with Dublin's Hacienda Crossings and new Persimmon Place and Pleasanton's Stoneridge Shopping Center and its unique and historic downtown business district, our explosive growth has made our three cities "the hottest neighborhoods in America," according to Business Insider.

Just 45 minutes east of the Golden Gate Bridge is our "Sunny Side of the Bay," as Visit Tri-Valley lists us in its destination marketing promotions. Soon there will be more when the 112,000-square-foot Pacific Pearl shopping center opens in 2017 at Stoneridge Drive and El Charro Road in Pleasanton's Staples Ranch.

Simon Property Group, a global leader in retail real estate ownership, owns and operates both Stoneridge Mall and San Francisco Premium Outlets. Originally called the Livermore Outlets when it opened in 2012 and with its marketing area growing to now include the entire Bay region, including the Peninsula, Silicon Valley, North Bay and all of the East Bay, Simon renamed it to reflect the San Francisco designation it now serves.

The outlet mall currently employs 2,000 full- and part-time employees and has added another 750 retail positions with the opening of its expansion.

The 35 new stores opening next week boast additional luxury and designer names, including Byer California's first Bay Area brick-and-mortar store. Other retailers will include A/X Armani Exchange, CH Carolina Herrera, Ermenegildo Zegna, Jimmy Choo, Rag & Bone New York, Scotch & Soda, Ted Baker London, Tory Burch, UGG Australia, Versace and Vince. As a result of the Premium Outlets' growth, existing retailers Armani Outlet and Michael Kors are relocating to larger retail spaces in the expanded center.

"We're thrilled to welcome this wonderful group of iconic brands and luxury names," said Dave Ackerman, director of marketing and business development, who has also been named to the board of Visit Tri-Valley, which promotes tourism in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville.

Stoneridge Shopping Center, with its 165 stores and restaurants conveniently located at the intersection of I-580 and I-680, started it all when it opened in the late 1970s. It brought the metropolitan shopping experience to the Tri-Valley with Macy's, Nordstrom, JC Penney and Sears as key anchor stores, complementing the charm and hometown ambiance of downtown Pleasanton.

Hacienda Crossing followed in 1999 as a major 430,000-square-foot outdoor shopping mall with a multiplex IMAX Theater and large retail and restaurant chains, including T.J. Maxx, Barnes & Noble and Best Buy, steadily surrounded by upscale high-density housing whose construction continues today.

Just recently, Regency Centers Corp. opened Persimmon Place, a 152,500-square-foot shopping center across from Hacienda Crossings in Dublin, anchored by Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack and Home Goods.

Besides the abundance and diversity of retail and dining now centered in the Tri-Valley, these employers are adding jobs, thousands of them. With the holidays approaching, they'll be holding job fairs as they did a year ago, looking to fill full-time, part-time and seasonal positions, ranging from managers, sales associates, stockroom custodial staff — all adding to the growing attraction of the Tri-Valley. ■



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GUEST OPINION

BY MAYOR JERRY THORNE

Purple pipes are coming to Pleasanton

We've all tried to predict the weather. But the fact is, even with all our technology and weather-predicting gadgets, we don't really know whether this drought in California, now in its fourth year, is the new normal or just another dry spell. But we do know that it continues to be a challenge, and we can face this challenge by taking local control of our own water future.

Fortunately, we do have the technology to use recycled water for irrigation and landscaping purposes; in fact, we've already been using recycled water in a limited way. Here in Pleasanton, we tested out the use of recycled water in a few select places, including Val Vista and Stoneridge Creek community parks and for landscape irrigation at the Stoneridge Creek retirement facility.

By doing that, we've saved over 32 million gallons of drinking water. Because these water savings were so significant, coupled with the fact that we want to have more control over our own water future, we decided to expand upon our previous success.

Purple pipes and recycled water are not new. Coastal areas began using treated wastewater to replenish groundwater basins in the 1960s. In the 1970s, California used 175,000 acre-feet (AF) of recycled water annually for agricultural use. In 2009, it used 669,000AF/year. To put it in perspective, IAF is about 326,000 gallons — the quantity of water for two average households over the course of a year.

The story of the purple pipe goes that an engineer out of Irvine, who designed the original distribution system for recycled water, was so severely color blind and most of the other primary colors were taken for all the other pipes we use that he came up with the purple pipe, figuring that if

he could see it, so could everybody else.

It took us four years of planning and preparation, but we will soon break ground on installing more than 10 miles of purple pipes to distribute recycled water that will service more than 130 irrigation meters, from Hacienda Business Park to the Ken Mercer Sports Park and the Tennis and Community Park.

Last year, the state approved \$800 million in low-interest loans to spur investing in purple pipes. Pleasanton received a \$17 million loan, which will be repaid over the next 30 years by businesses purchasing the recycled water. Phase 1A of the project will take roughly a year, but when complete, we'll be saving 450 million gallons of drinking water, which will give us the flexibility to better respond in the fifth year of the drought and years later.

Using recycled water for landscaping provides a reliable and sustainable water supply that is not subject to drought restrictions. By diversifying our water portfolio, we will be in a much stronger position to decide for ourselves what our future water landscape looks like.

Will there be inconvenience? Some. Expect some traffic delays while the crews are laying down the new pipes, but the short-term inconvenience will be well worth our long-term gain. Going brown in order to be green hasn't been easy, but it's what's needed. With the state mandating a 20% per capita water reduction by 2020, the time is right for us take control of our water. ■

Editor's note: Jerry Thorne, now serving his second two-year term as mayor of Pleasanton, is a retired corporate executive with more than 40 years in the private sector. He also served for 10 years on the city's Parks & Recreation Commission.



Mayor Jerry Thorne

LETTERS

Pentin favors water discount for seniors

Dear Editor,

I would like to correct a statement made in a letter to the editor in last week's Pleasanton Weekly (July 31, 2015) concerning the water/sewer rate increases.

Contrary to the letter writer's comments, I did not advocate for lowering the discount for seniors from 20% to 15%. Actually if one were to check the record, and it is a public record so they can, the record will show I actually questioned the reduction and did not support it.

If the writer was a bit more attentive to the facts of the actual proceedings, he would have understood the

council has a review period for the rate increases as per Proposition 218 and the proposed reduction was left in place for the commenting period. This will be addressed at the City Council meeting on Oct. 6.

I have every intention of advocating, again, not to reduce the senior discount. However, I do feel the threshold of 40 ccf is far too high, especially in this exceptional drought and not really representative of someone in need of a discount. So lowering that number is something that I think needs to be addressed but I will not support a discount reduction for seniors. ■

—Jerry Pentin
Pleasanton City Council member



AUTUMN WHITNEY
An unpainted traffic utility box at Stanley and 1st streets is expected to be the location for Irma Grant's second design, "Hummingbirds."



COURTESY OF BIANCA NANDZIK
Artist Bianca Nandzik paints her box, "Wildflowers and Native Butterfly," on the corner of Del Valle Parkway and Main Street.



"Happy Faces"
by Austin Willis is painted on a box outside Amador Valley High on Santa Rita Road.

AUTUMN WHITNEY

Splash of color

Local artists bring beauty to downtown Pleasanton utility boxes

By AUTUMN WHITNEY

What once were dull, unnoticeable metal boxes located around Pleasanton have transformed into colorful stations dedicated to showcasing the culture and history of the city, thanks to local artists and city officials.

The effort, called "Project Paint Box," has an ambitious goal: paint all traffic utility boxes in Pleasanton, beautifying the city while also helping deter graffiti and praising the work of area artists.

"Our goal is to eventually paint all 200-plus utility boxes in the city," said Michele Crose, Pleasanton's community services manager. "It may take us several years, considering we're getting three to eight (boxes) each time, but hopefully as we get known for painting utility boxes, we'll get more and more responses every year."

Five boxes have been painted since the program began in 2014, and five more designs have been approved, to be painted later this year. "We're all bringing something positive and good when we are

creating," said Pleasanton artist Tatiana Salvator, whose box is located on Ray and 1st streets. "It's like we're spreading a little seed of love through our art."

Salvator's design, "I Love Pleasanton," incorporates diversity and key character attributes in a street fair-type setting modeled after the Pooch Parade, which takes place in Pleasanton each year.

Tri-Valley artist Chinar Desai, an architectural designer and art teacher, chose a design based on Pleasanton's layout, complete with hills and the Pleasanton arch.

"I tried to incorporate layers of Pleasanton," Desai said of the box at Main and St. John streets out front of Oasis Grille. "From rolling hills to layers of housing and parks and business communities to downtown — connecting that all together I came up with this concept."

Project Paint Box was developed when members of the Civic Arts Commission suggested a public art program in early 2014. Receiving praise from city staff, the project's Phase 1 began in May 2014 with a call to artists.

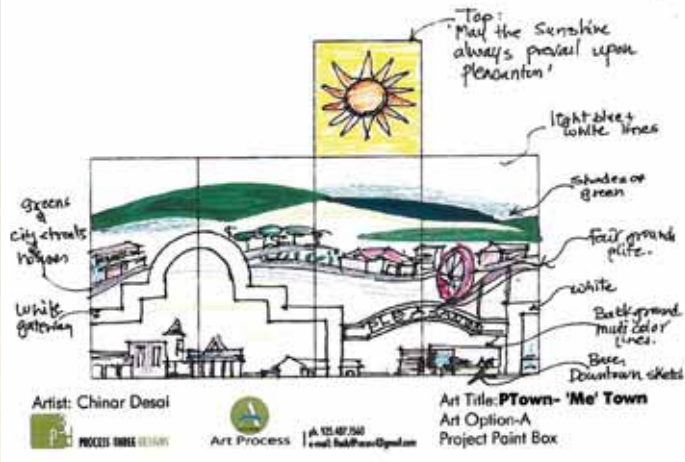
The Public Art Selection Subcommittee (PASS) reviewed all applications, making sure each fit criteria listed in the "Call to Artists" packet. Designs then progressed to the Civic Arts Commission and the City Council, both of which reviewed the design and offered insight to the artwork itself.

Once approved, the commission provided feedback and established a contract with each artist to set up a four-week period for the work to be completed.

PASS received 10 proposals for Phase 1 and moved four forward. Upon review, the Civic Arts Commission selected three of the designs. The City Council approved all three, which are now painted on utility boxes.

Artists involved in Phase 1 were paid \$500 from the city's public art acquisition fund, which allocates money each year to the purchase of public art. The project's budget was increased for Phase 2, which began in April, with artists being paid \$750.

The three Phase 1 pieces chosen were "I Love Pleasanton" by Salva-



COURTESY OF CITY OF PLEASANTON

Chinar Desai's template for her design "Ptown -- 'Me' Town!" Artists must submit a paper representation of their artwork as part of the "Project Paint Box" application.



COURTESY OF TATIANA SALVATOR

Tatiana Salvator paints her design, "I Love Pleasanton," on the utility box at Ray and 1st streets.

tor, "PTown — 'Me' Town!" by Desai, and "Children at Play" by artist Irma Grant, located at Neal and 1st streets.

Salvator said when she heard about "Project Paint Box," she was excited to apply.

A self-taught artist originally from Brazil, she has been painting most of her life and views it as a form of healing. Prior to painting her utility box on Ray and 1st streets, she painted a smaller box at Harvest Park Middle School and has showcased some of her art in exhibits at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Throughout "I Love Pleasanton" are members of her family — her brother, sons and nephews are found on multiple sides of the box. Salvator also incorporated people who stopped to talk to her on the street as she was painting.

"I got to know a little bit of their lives," Salvator said. "I took the time to talk to them and heard what they had to say. I love meeting people."

Like Salvator, Grant incorporated people she knew into her design, "Children at Play." Featured on the box are her daughters and neighborhood children, which add to the work's family-feel.

Located near the Meadowlark Dairy and Lions Wayside Park, her box exemplifies the spirit of the area as children joyfully eat ice cream and play together, she said. Formed off her personal experiences in Pleasanton and pictures she has taken, Grant's design did not take long for her to create.

"Once I have the idea in my head, it's just fitting it together," said Grant, a Pleasanton resident originally from the Netherlands.

In addition to her box, she recently finished painting the walls of the new restaurant Casbah in downtown Pleasanton. She also plans to paint a second utility box in Pleasanton later this year.

Grant said she hopes her two painted boxes will bring "color and happiness" to the Pleasanton community and that people who see the colorful boxes can't help but smile.

Two Phase 2 artists have also completed their boxes. Bianca

Nandzik's box, "Wildflowers and Native Butterfly," is located on the corner of Del Valle Parkway and Main Street. Amador Valley High student Austin Willis created a box called "Happy Faces" located outside the school.

Nandzik, a native of Germany now living in San Francisco, based her concept off nature found in the Bay Area. Her design has strong connections to the drought, featuring the California poppy and Anise Swallowtail butterfly, the latter of which is a flexible species capable of surviving the drought due to its ability to adapt to different ecotypes.

While painting, Nandzik said she met a man who told her about the Callippe butterfly, an endangered species found in regions within the Bay Area and namesake of Pleasanton's Callippe Preserve Golf Course; she decided to add that butterfly to the box as well.

Nandzik said she hopes her box reminds people of California's history and helps bring beauty to Pleasanton.

Willis' design is not directly linked to Pleasanton but represents a spirit of fun. In graffiti-style art, brightly colored purple and yellow faces surround the box.



IRMA GRANT

A section of Irma Grant's design, "Children at Play," sketched on the utility box located at Neal and 1st streets.

"(The committee) liked that it was student-incorporated, a nod to graffiti and had this whimsical fun," Crose said. "It really is a different view of happy faces. (It is) the only one that doesn't really speak to any strong Pleasanton connection, but they were willing to go outside of that because they liked his artwork."

Apart from Nandzik and Willis, five other designs have been approved by the City Council as part of Phase 2, with some locations not yet solidified:

- "A Sunflower Day" by artist Robby Houghton incorporates sunflowers, which he considers gifts of "radiant warmth" and happiness. They symbolize faithfulness, durability, vibrancy and a great day in Pleasanton, which, according to Robby, is "where all the wonderful symbolism does come true."

- "The Nature of Pleasanton" by Mehdia Zaida has a different design on each side of the box, all displaying a unique representation of nature, which is "important to life in Pleasanton." The work is underway in front of Alisal Elementary School.

- "Twilight" by Diana Diaz represents the Pleasanton Ridge. Raised in Pleasanton, she found inspiration in the city's trees and Kottinger Community Park.

- "The Most Pleasant Hills" by Robert Heubel is an abstract landscape painting based on his previous work. The color scheme for the hills is shades of orange/reds or green/blues, to be decided by the committee upon the painting of the box.

- "Hummingbirds" by Grant depicts two hummingbirds eating nectar from red Crocosmia flowers, hardy flowers common in Pleasanton and the San Francisco Bay Area. Her design is based off a photograph her father-in-law took on a visit to Pleasanton.

An eighth design is currently going through the approval process.

Applications for Phase 2 are no longer accepted, but Phase 3 is expected to start in early 2016.

As Phase 2 artists continue to paint utility boxes, the city is accepting donations to sponsor artists' boxes. A \$500 donation will go toward the artist stipend and to help with costs of supplies. Sponsors can also have their names written on the box. For more information, email mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

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ELF INVASION

Electric bike is good for you, good for environment — and pretty darn cute

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Jon Scudder, a retired Pleasanton resident who lives near downtown, was smitten when he saw a bright orange egg-shaped machine whiz by on Main Street. "I said, 'Boy, that was cool,'" Scudder recalled. A week later he spotted the vehicle again, and this time he took off running in pursuit.

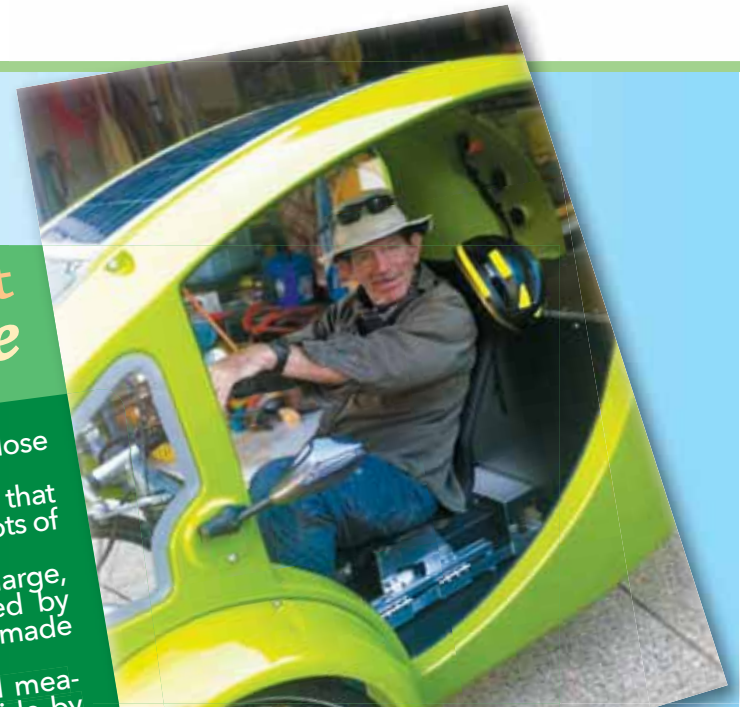
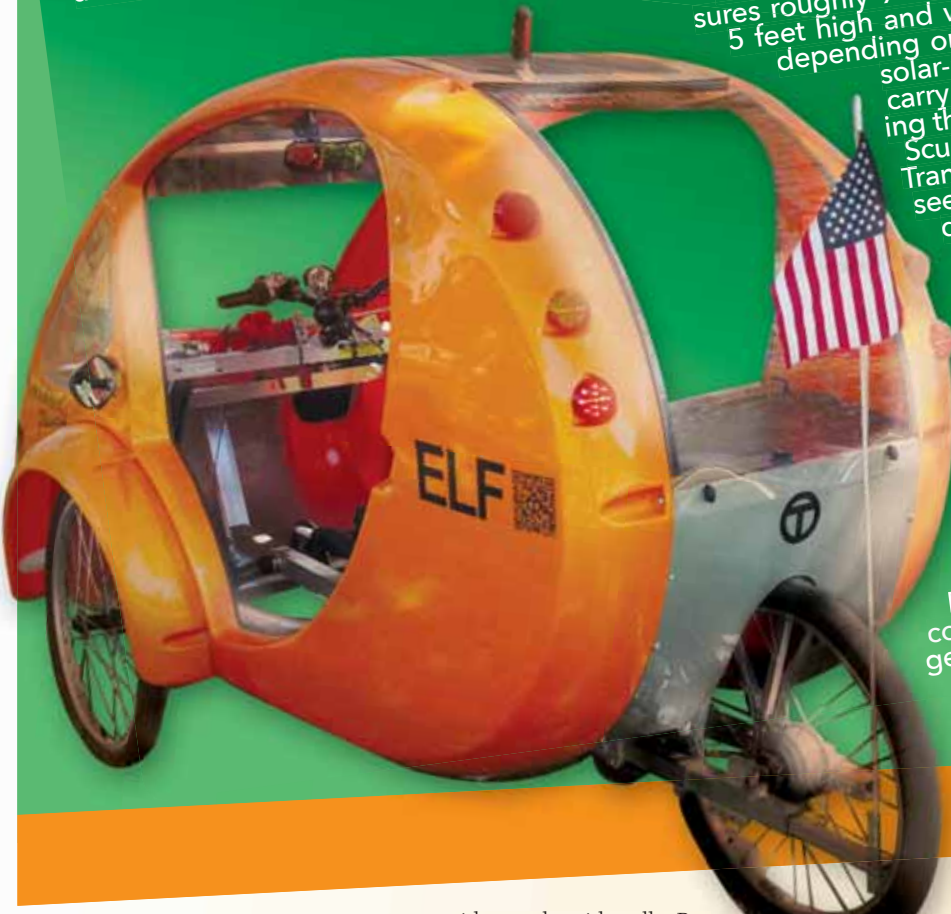
Although he didn't catch it, he got close enough to see writing on the side: ELF. "I went on to the Internet with 'ELF' and that took me to Durham, N.C., and they had lots of pictures to see," Scudder said. The ELF — electric, light and fun — is a large, backward tricycle that can be powered by pedals or a rechargeable battery. It is made by Organic Transit.

The bike-car hybrid standard model measures roughly 9 feet long by 4 feet wide by 5 feet high and weighs 160-180 pounds, depending on the extras. It has a tiny solar-powered motor and can carry up to 350 pounds, including the driver.

Scudder telephoned Organic Transit to ask where he could see an ELF in person and was directed to a bicycle shop in Mountain View.

"I went over there and they had one on the floor and I got to sit in it," Scudder said. "I thought, 'Oh, gee, this is me.'"

He had a three-month wait while a two-toned yellow-and-white ELF was built for him and shipped from North Carolina to California. Although the standard ELF runs about \$5,500, it cost more than \$1,000 to get it delivered, he noted.



Left: Kaaren Northup's orange ELF. (Photo courtesy of Northup). Top right: Bill Behrendt, retired from Livermore Lab, describes his wasabi green ELF as economical and "kind of fun." (Photo courtesy of Behrendt). Middle right: Northup touts the environmental benefits of her ELF. (Photo courtesy of Northup). Below: Jon Scudder is happy to talk to anyone about his ELF as he is riding out and about. (Photo by Michelle Suski).

"A guy from Mountain View brought it in a trailer right to my house," Scudder said. "It was ready to roll."

The battery pack recharges in two to three hours with the included charger, which plugs into any standard wall outlet. The solar panel on the roof also acts as a charger, and in full sunlight it will completely recharge in about eight hours.

"I've had it four weeks and I've charged the battery twice, but neither time did I need to," Scudder reported last week. "The sun keeps recharging the thing."

He said he enjoys pedaling along in the shade of the roof and can easily switch to electric power with a thumb switch. And he delights that it takes so little room to park.

The ELF is classified as an electric bicycle in California.

"I have a feeling when rules for bicycles were written, they did not anticipate anything like the ELF," Scudder said. "A bicycle is allowed to ride on the sidewalk so that means these ELFs are allowed to

ride on the sidewalk. But hopefully common sense will prevail as rules evolve in the future."

Scudder has since become acquainted with Kaaren Northup, the owner of an orange ELF. Her husband discovered it while researching transportation after her waning vision made it unsafe to drive a car.

"He got online and found this in North Carolina," Northup said. "It fascinated both of us. We flew back to make sure I'd be comfortable on it."

"I hadn't ridden a bike for years but a tricycle would be difficult to fall off of," she added with a laugh. "Mine is bright orange to make sure I am very visible. And my husband installed a flashing light in back."

Northup had to get on a waiting list for her ELF, but it tickled her to learn she was right behind Jerry Seinfeld.

She said the ELF is easy to drive, and she stays cool since it is covered and a breeze passes through as she travels. She uses the battery as her legs tire.

"The hardest part of the whole thing is

getting in and getting out," she said. "I am 71, and you must be a little limber. I definitely need to wear pants."

She can take her single-person ELF shopping since it has storage enough in back for eight bags of groceries, with a "trunk" flap that adheres to the roof with Velcro.

Northup has ridden to Dublin and Livermore and travels across town often. She has discovered that Performance Bikes in Dublin can make any repair needed.

"I ride it three times a week for sure — church on Sunday, Bible study on Wednesday, and when I go to the Senior Center to work on blankets for children," she said.

She attends Lynnewood United Methodist Church on Black Avenue, where fellow churchgoer Bill Behrendt noticed it.



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ELF

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"I liked the fact that it was economical and kind of fun," said Behrendt, who used to ride a bicycle to work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory before he retired.

He also looked into a Schwinn electric bike that has a motor in the hub of the wheel.

"This one is more stable," Behrendt said.

After a two-month wait, his wasabi green ELF arrived in May. Behrendt takes it on errands and often out to Rancho Los Mochos Boy Scout Camp in the hills south of Livermore where he helps out as handyman.

The three Pleasanton ELF owners

say they spend much time talking to people who stop them with questions. "As soon as I arrive at my destination, people come over and ask me about it," Northup said. "I got some cards made up with a picture of the ELF on the front and all the data on the back."

"Actually, it's fun; I've met a lot of people," Scudder said. "They ask, do you need a license, how fast does it go or how far does it go. The concept is kind of new."

The ELF is designed for use under 30 mph. It can travel up to 30 miles on the battery, but of course can go forever on pedal power. Drivers can use a smartphone app to see their speed, distance, elapsed time, CO2 saved and calories burned.

The environmental aspect is im-

portant to Organic Transit, which uses recycled and upcycled materials.

Company founder Rob Cotter is an inventor and former race car technician. He said in a TedX talk at Duke University last spring that 40% of car trips are two miles or less. His team asked why people don't ride bicycles more often and found:



MICHELLE SUSKI

Jon Scudder opted for a yellow and white standard ELF.

- They don't want to fall over.
- They don't want to be caught in bad weather.

- They don't want to kill themselves going up a big hill.
- They want to be able to carry some cargo.

He also said bike riders were looking for a way to arrive at work fresh but be able to work up a sweat on the way home.

"What we're looking to do is take the bicycle experience and integrate it with car-like functions," Cotter said.

In its June newsletter, Organic Transit stated it had manufactured and sold more than 500 ELFs. And three are here in Pleasanton.

"I love my ELF," Northup said. "I would love to see many more on our streets, especially for use by older or handicapped people — no gas, no oil, no driver's license." ■

Firehouse Arts Center announces 2015-16 season

Sixth year brings concerts, plays, musicals, films

Grammy winners, rock 'n' roll legends, award-winning Bay Area theater productions, comedy hi-jinx, world music icons, a brand-new indie film series, cutting-edge music groups and No. 1 Billboard recording artists: The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton has just announced its 2015-16 season lineup.

"Our underlying theme is 'something different,' or 'covering new ground.' I like the idea of 'divergent' for our approach to this sixth season," said Firehouse Theater supervisor Rob Vogt.

New this season, the Firehouse is presenting a film series, themed "Thrill Rides," with four classic indie thrillers, at 7:30 p.m. various Wednesdays. Popcorn, beverages and snacks will be available at the lobby concessions bay.

The intimate, two-floor, 220-seat theater is unique in the Tri-Valley, noted guest services coordinator Jane Onojafe, who added that performers often mention after a show what an energizing experience it was to feel such a great connection with the audience.

"Plus 99% of the time the performers will come out to the lobby after the show to chat with patrons, which is possible because of the size of our venue," Onojafe said.

The new season opens Sept. 5 with a rock-string quartet, Darlingside from Massachusetts, known for their playful vocals and retro instrumentations.

Julian Lage, who was the subject of the Oscar-nominated film "Jules at Eight," will perform Oct. 4.

"Jazz guitarist Lage is someone I've always wanted to present here," theater supervisor Vogt said, "and he's giving us a rare solo concert."

"October turned into the concert month at the Firehouse," Vogt added.

That month will also see Edmar Castaneda, a fiery Columbian harpist; Unauthorized Rolling Stones; international award-winning illusionist Alex Ramon in his new "close-up magic" show; Pleasanton-born Tony Furtado with his Americana amalgam of bluegrass, folk, blues, country and R&B roots music; and Tito Y Su Son De Cuba with big band Cuban sounds.

The only returning act in October is the kick-off show Oct. 3, which will feature blues harmonica master Mark Hummel, who will appear with his Golden State Lonestar Revue.

By design, November and December will have shows that are returning by popular demand, including bluegrass powerhouse Special Consensus; Jeff Bordes & Friends, "A Jazzy Christmas;" "Joel," featuring Kyle Martin in his tribute to piano man Billy Joel; and "A Cash Country Christmas." December People will return with its family-friendly rock 'n' roll holiday blow-out concert, and Will Durst & friends will once again bring comedy to the stage for their "Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off."

Concerts in 2016 include the band Ambrosia; Heart by Heart rock concert featuring original band members, all-male a capella phenomenon M-PACT, edgy sisters "roots rock" duo Larkin Poe, Jayme Stone's Lomax Project and "An Afternoon with Groucho."

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, the Firehouse's musical theater company, kicks off its season in November with "South Pacific," and next year will present a Disney classic in January to February and the world premiere of "Enchanted April" in April to May.

Civic Arts Stage Company, Pleasanton's children's theater program, in collaboration with Bay Area Children's Theatre will present "Tales of Olympus Jr., Elf Jr." and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The city's teen improv troupe, Creatures of Impulse, will also perform long and short-form shows.

The Harrington Gallery, which is open during shows to ticket holders an hour before curtain, will continue with fine arts installations throughout the year.

For more information, visit www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Museum opens two new exhibits

Displays feature Catholic Sisters in California, Amador High 1924-69

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main opened two new exhibits Wednesday — "Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in California" and "School Days: Amador High from 1924-1969" — which will run until Oct. 11.

"Women & Spirit" features photos, videos, creative artwork and historical artifacts from just after the Gold Rush to the present, exploring the impact Catholic Sisters made on the formation of church and society in California.

The traveling exhibit tells the story of the sisters' attempt to provide social stability during California's chaotic founding years by creating a safety net — childcare centers, hospitals, schools, orphanages, homes for the elderly and working girls, and countless other institutions of charity.

On top of this, explains the exhibit, the sisters worked to correct the source of these ills by participating in the struggle for social justice, and they continue to do so today with widespread partnerships and collaborations.

The Museum on Main is augmenting the exhibit with items from its

own collection as well as objects from local religious orders. In addition, it has borrowed prints from the Corita Art Center, in Los Angeles, which is dedicated to preserving and promoting the work of artist, activist and educator Corita Kent, also known as Sister Mary Corita, who gained international fame for her vibrant serigraphs during the 1960s and 1970s.

In the exhibit "School Days," guest curator Beverly Ales shows visitors the faces of a changing Pleasanton through the students that walked the halls of Amador Valley High School, from its completion in 1924 to its demolition to make room for a larger, more modern building in 1969.

Meet the teens who lived here



MOM

This historic photo of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange traveling on a boat to Eureka in 1912 is part of a new exhibit at Museum on Main.

through the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, the Second World War and the postwar boom that helped turn a small farm town into a prosperous Bay Area suburb.

Museum on Main, 603 Main St., is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, go to www.museumonmain.org or call 462-2776. ■

Youth orchestra to present free concert

Program to feature Gounoud, Bach, Grainger and local composition



LASYO

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra prepares for its annual concert, which is set for tomorrow night.

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform its annual concert at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, located on the corner of Fourth and South L streets.

The orchestra will play under the direction of Goran Berg, director of Sycamore Strings Academy in Livermore, and Kathy Boster, music teacher at Livermore's East Avenue Middle School.

The performance will include "Funeral March of a Marionette" by Charles Gounoud, more familiar to audiences as the theme from "Alfred Hitchcock Presents;" the third movement of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major; "Irish Tune from County Derry" by Percy Grainger, recognized as the tune of Irish folk song Danny Boy; and the world premiere of "Changing of the Seasons," composed and conducted

by Peter Chatterjee, an alumnus of Granada High School and the Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Chatterjee, a student of composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, composed the piece during the harsh winter last year, hoping it would encourage spring to arrive soon.

Admission to the concert is free. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Book Clubs

NESTED TREASURES BOOK CLUB

The Nested Treasures Book Club meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Nested Treasures, 113 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore. Open to everyone. To join, email Laura at nestedtreasures-promotions@gmail.com. Go to www.nestedtreasures.net.

TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB

The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenterbooks.com for the current selection.

Civic Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

SCHOOL BOARD

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

YOUTH COMMISSION

The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Classes

FREE QIGONG/MEDITATION CLASSES

Margaret Zhao, Pleasanton's own Master Healer, award-winning author, and inspirational speaker, now offers free weekly Qigong and Buddhist Meditation Classes from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays, now-Sept. 7 at 3550 Bernal Ave., Suite 100. Increase your energy, activate acupressure points for immediate pain relief and heal yourself and others naturally. Bring a mat and pillow. Go to www.reallyenough.com.

Clubs

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month Sept.-May. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For more information contact the chapter's regent Diane Groome at dggroome@comcast.net.

FOUNDING MOM'S MEETUP

This group of Mompreneurs tackles business strategies while engaging in a fun and enlightened way. Join from noon-1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Cover is \$10. Call (480) 703-4632 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay>.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL

SOCIETY PRESENTS GENE BLOCK The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Gene Block, discussing "Four Main Reasons Why We Hit Brick Walls In Our Research

When the Records Are Available"

at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER

CITY All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptsca.org.

Concerts

CONCERT IN THE PARK: MAX CRUISE

Enjoy the Pleasanton Downtown Associations Concert in the Park series with Max Cruise, rock, pop and R&B, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 at Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. Sponsored by Pleasanton Tutoring. Call 484-2199 or go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

JAZZ ALL STAR QUINTET

Come to an afternoon of phenomenal jazz with legendary pianist Dick Hyman, who has recorded over 100 albums across a variety of genres and worked on film scores, award winning tenor saxophonist Harry Allen, and arguably the greatest living jazz clarinetist, Ken Peplowski, from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$39, \$16 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to livermoreperformingarts.org.

PAMELA ROSE PRESENTS 'WILD

WOMEN OF SONG' Pamela Rose presents "Wild Women of Song," a captivating showpiece celebrating the lives, times and music of the Women songwriters of the Tin Pan Alley era, from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$18-\$35. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Events

AN EVENING WITH ANDREW

CARNEGIE A rags-to-riches story, Scottish-born Andrew Carnegie emigrated with his poor family to the US in 1848. By 1901 Carnegie sold his steel company for \$480 million, and at the time of his death had donated almost all of his fortune. Doug Mislis, actor and professor, portrays

the steel mogul at 7 p.m. on Tuesday,

Aug. 11 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for members. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/ed-kinney-series-an-evening-with.html>.

MUSEUM ON MAIN READING TIME

Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for books and crafts at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12. The theme is "Mother Goose." Admission is free. No reservations required. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/moms-reading-time.html>.

PLEASANTON GEM FAIRE

Get fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, gold and silver, minerals and much more at manufacturer's prices. Over 50 exhibitors from around the world will be on site at the Gem Faire, from noon-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7-9 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$7 for a weekend pass. Contact Yooy Nelson at (503) 252-8300 or info@gemfaire.com. Go to www.gemfaire.com.

WILD WEST EVENING

Enjoy a Wild West Evening, an annual fundraiser for guests to step back in time to a wilder, less gentele Pleasanton that was full of gamblers, bandits and wild women, from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. With BBQ dinner, music, auction and libations with gambling tables. Sponsored by the Pleasanton Lions Club. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/>.

Film

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK: 'INTO

THE WOODS' The City of Pleasanton presents free movies in the park for summer. See "Into the Woods" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, a musical that combines the plots of several fairytales by the Brothers Grimm, showing at dusk on Thursday, Aug. 13 at Amador Valley Community Park. Rated PG. Call 931-4826.

Health

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE

BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Kids & Teens

'FUN WITH SCIENCE' SUMMER

SERIES Come explore the Discovery Center and take part in the "Fun With Science" program designed for 5th graders, a fun way to see and participate in science experiments that explain states of matter, air pressure, density, electricity, light and chemistry. Held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Lawrence

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. PALANGE

Apollo

The sun will always rise with Apollo by your side. This 4-year-old flame point Siamese mix will soak up your attention and make you beam with pride. Bask in the warmth of his love and adopt Apollo at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. For more info, visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.

Livermore National Laboratory's Discovery Center. Registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email completed registration form, found at <https://www.llnl.gov/sites/default/files/summerfunwithscienceform2015.pdf>, to superscience@llnl.gov.

Lectures/ Workshops

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

WORKSHOP At this free educational workshop, Katin Fagan, MBA in Entrepreneurship and PhD in Mass Communications will discuss different small business ownership options, differences among starting a business from scratch, buying an existing business and buying a franchise, and small business funding options. The workshop will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Free. Go to www.aclibrary.org.

Seniors

CONTAINER GARDENING

Container gardens are becoming more popular. Join our presenter as she shares which plants are best for containers, proper drainage, planting mediums, themes, the best locations for potted plants, which pots and containers to use and demonstrates proper planting, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Spiritual

CONGREGATION BETH EMEK OPEN

HOUSE Congregation Beth Emek is an inclusive Reform synagogue with an open and participatory atmosphere. We welcome all people on their Jewish journey. Drop by our Open House to learn about worship opportunities, our community, and educational programs for all ages, from 10 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Aug. 9 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Go to www.bethemek.org.

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Support Groups

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com.

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Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join this group and let us accompany you on your healing journey, at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. No registration required. All are welcome. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE

Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

Local golfers qualify for U.S. Women's Amateur

Maxoutopoulos, Wang head to Portland Golf Club next week

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton will be represented by two young female golfers at the U.S. Women's Amateur tournament, which starts Monday at Portland Golf Club in Oregon.

Kortnie Maxoutopoulos, a 22-year-old Foothill alumna who recently graduated from Texas Christian University, qualified for her first U.S. Women's Amateur with a dramatic 50-foot putt in a sudden-death playoff at regional qualifying in El Dorado County earlier this month.

Five days earlier, 16-year-old Xinying "Miranda" Wang, who lives in Pleasanton and trains at Ruby Hill Golf Club, earned her tournament bid in regional qualifying in southern Maryland.

The pair are set to tee it up against many of the best female amateur golfers from around the world in the annual national championship organized by the U.S. Golf Association.

"It should be a great competition, and I'm looking forward to the experience to compete at this top amateur level," Maxoutopoulos said in an email interview this week.



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Foothill grad Kortnie Maxoutopoulos, shown here competing for the TCU golf team, is one of two Pleasanton residents to earn spots in the U.S. Women's Amateur championship.

Wang was unable to be reached before the event. She was out of town, traveling for competition this past week, according to a Ruby Hill representative.

Maxoutopoulos, who wrapped

up her final season at TCU this spring, was one of the final golfers to secure a spot at regional qualifying July 13 at Cameron Park Country Club, northeast of Sacramento.

She and five other golfers were

tied in fifth place at the end of regulation after shooting a 2-over-par 74, sending the six competitors into a sudden-death playoff to decide who would claim the final four remaining U.S. Women's Amateur bids up for grabs at Cameron Park.

The 2011 Foothill grad won her spot by sinking a 50-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole.

Maxoutopoulos credited increased confidence gained during a strong final year at TCU, saying she had "grown tremendously" during that time.

As a senior, she earned three top-10 finishes, including taking third at the Big 12 conference tournament, and posted a team-best scoring average of 74.19 — more than 2 strokes better than the season before. Her 29.22 putts-per-round mark ranked as one of the best in the nation.

"With what began by growing in my faith poured into every aspect of my life, especially my competition on the course," she said. "I had a lot of confidence and peace throughout the qualifying round. It was a great blessing to have qualified, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity

to be a light on the course and glorify the Lord with my talents."

Maxoutopoulos is set to begin a graduate program at Georgia Southern University this fall to earn a master's degree in public administration and serve as an assistant golf coach for the school's women's team.

Like her fellow Pleasanton competitor, Wang earned her U.S. Women's Amateur berth in a playoff.

After shooting a 73 in regulation at Kenwood Golf and Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on July 8, Wang found herself in a four-way tie with only three qualifying spots available. She advanced out of the sudden-death playoff.

The U.S. Women's Amateur is scheduled to start on Monday and run through Aug. 16 at Portland Golf Club. The tournament opens with two stroke-play rounds, from which the top 64 golfers will advance to a match-play bracket.

The Round of 64, and through to the championship match, will be broadcast nationally on FOX Sports 1. For more information, visit www.usga.org. ■

Ruby Hill assistant pro takes NorCal PGA title

Callippe Preserve instructor finishes 4th in event

David Solomon, assistant golf pro at Pleasanton's Ruby Hill Golf Club, took home the Northern California PGA Professional Championship earlier this summer, shooting a tournament-best 4-under-par to earn a spot in next year's PGA Professional Championship in New York.

Solomon, who lives in Alamo, was the only player to finish under par in the event contested July 20-21 at Winchester Country Club in Meadow Vista (Placer County).

He opened with a 3-under-par 69 in the first round and beat that score by one stroke in the second round, shooting a 68. Solomon closed with 75 in the final round to finish 4-under-par overall and four strokes ahead of the field.

Brian Glosser, director of instruction at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, posted a fourth-place finish in the tournament, shooting 5-over-par.

Mitch Lowe, a Los Gatos resident who works at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Gilroy, came in second place at even-par for the tournament on the strength of a final-round 65. CordeValle's Ray Otis finished third at 3-over-par, and Dave Carr from Teal Bend Golf Club was fifth at 6-over-par.

As the top five finishers in the NorCal section tournament, all five men qualified for the 49th PGA Professional Championship set for June 26-29, 2016, at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, N.Y.

The event next June will bring together a field of 312 golfers repre-



COURTESY OF NORCAL PGA

David Solomon, assistant pro at Ruby Hill Golf Club, celebrates his PGA Professional Championship sectional crown.

sending the PGA of America's 41 nationwide sections, organizers said.

The four-round PGA Professional Championship will be broadcast on Golf Channel. The top 20 golfers in that tournament will earn spots in the PGA Championship, golf's final major of 2016, set at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J.

In addition to the Walter Hagen Cup, the PGA Professional Championship winner also receives an exemption into the next 10 PGA Professional Championships and exemptions into six PGA Tour events over a 12-month period. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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Rage U10 White win back-to-back tourneys

The Pleasanton Rage U10 White Squad earned first place in the Rage Showcase two weekends ago and the Mustang Stampede tournament last weekend. Team members are (top row, left to right) Savanna Warner, Ellie White, Siena Queirola, Brooklyn Still, coach Nick Mangiardi, Savannah Battaion, Julia Lindstrom, Lauren Grgurina, coach Dave Shaw and Siena Hunter, and (bottom, left to right) Mackenzie Wright, Layla Armas and Sienna Flores.

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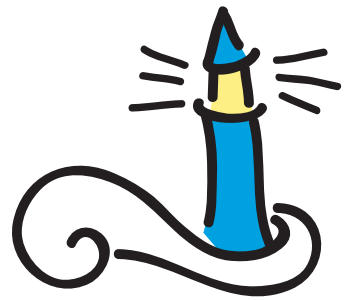


Cheering success: The Amador Valley High cheer program celebrates strong showings at UC Berkeley camp last month with trophies and a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly. The camp, presented through the United Cheer Association, saw the AVHS varsity, junior varsity and freshman spirit squads each win awards and the Dons as a whole earn the "top banana award." Kailyn Olson and Lauren Shohfi also earned "All-American" honors.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

PLEASANTON ACADEMY OF MUSIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 505990
The following person(s) doing business as: PLEASANTON ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 1024 SERPENTINE LANE SUITE 118, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tatiana Kubatina, 5200 Iron Horse Parkway Apt. 443, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Tatiana Kubatina. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/17/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 2015)

LNK ARCHITECTURE INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 507369
The following person(s) doing business as: LNK ARCHITECTURE INC., 6710 CORTE SANTA MARIA, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LNK Architecture Inc, 6710 Corte Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 06/24/2015. Signature of Registrant: Yuan Lin, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/20/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14; 2015)

LUXE BEAUTY BAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 507199
The following person(s) doing business as: LUXE BEAUTY BAR, 4713 FIRST ST. SUITE 240, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lisa Luna, 635 Des Moines Place, San Jose, CA 95133. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Lisa Luna. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/16/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14; 2015)

WINEOPS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 507664
The following person(s) doing business as: WINEOPS, 6726 PASEO CATALINA, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marlene O. Baca, 6726 Paseo Catalina, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Marlene O. Baca. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/28/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; 2015

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632 Dover Way **\$835,000**
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Pleasanton

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JUST SOLD



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PENDING - \$5,399,000

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RECENTLY SOLD PROPERTIES



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Represented seller (multiple offers)



1831 Sannita Place, Ruby Hill \$2,825,000
Represented buyer (one of the last new construction homes in Ruby Hill)



6937 Corte Monterey, Pleasanton \$1,015,000
Represented seller (multiple offers)



1256 Royal Creek Court, Pleasanton \$1,605,000
Represented buyer (multiple offers)



3066 Paseo Granada, Pleasanton \$1,275,000
Represented both buyer and seller (multiple offers)



34 Golf Road, Pleasanton \$2,575,000
Represented both buyer and seller



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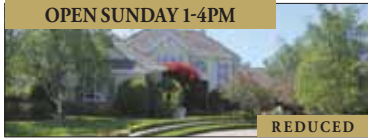
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1871 ZENATO PLACE, PLEASANTON

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\$2,395,000



260 EAGLE COURT, ALAMO

Gorgeous Stone Valley Oaks Home with Quiet Hilltop Court Location and Panoramic Views! This private 57 Acre Lot is Adjacent to Oak Studded Hills. Includes: Main House—5214 Square Feet with Five Bed-

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PENDING

3379 MONAGHAN STREET, DUBLIN

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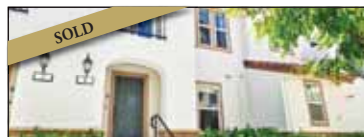
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4376 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON

The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the buyers in the purchase of this beautiful downtown home. This historic residence offers three bedrooms, three bathrooms, 2,623 square feet (of which 540 sq. ft.

is a partially finished attic and 120 sq. ft. is an unfinished basement). This home has been restored from an old train depot. It has also been expanded and remodeled throughout with new plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. The custom kitchen offers granite counters, stainless steel stove and hardwood floors. In addition there is a detached oversized three-car garage and a 120 square foot utility building. Enjoy the wrap around porch on the private 1/4 acre lot, which is just a short walk to Main Street! This home and property is truly one of a kind and special!

SOLD AT \$1,465,000



SOLD

118 SELBY LN. #6, LIVERMORE

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one located on the main level. Built in 2013, the home includes upgraded wood floors, crown molding, recessed lighting, and custom paint throughout. The kitchen offers custom backsplash, expansive island, stainless steel appliance and recessed lights. This model also includes an attached two car garage and private patio. Great location with community amenities including a pool, gym and clubhouse. What a great opportunity!

SOLD AT \$635,000



SOLD

2753 WHEATMAN COURT, PLEASANTON

Upgraded 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bathroom Single Family Detached Home with 1536 Square Feet in Stoneridge Place. Property is in Excellent Condition and is in a Preferred Quiet Location. Remodeled

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SOLD AT \$829,500



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\$1,050,000



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\$719,000



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OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-4



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PENDING IN 3 DAYS



4164 GRANT COURT, PLEASANTON
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OFFERED AT \$1,949,000

PENDING IN 6 DAYS



1868 HARVEST ROAD, PLEASANTON
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PENDING IN 7 DAYS



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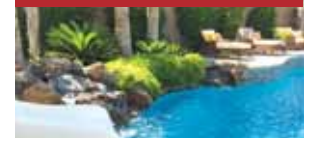
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SALE PENDING!



4135 VENETO CT., PLEASANTON

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