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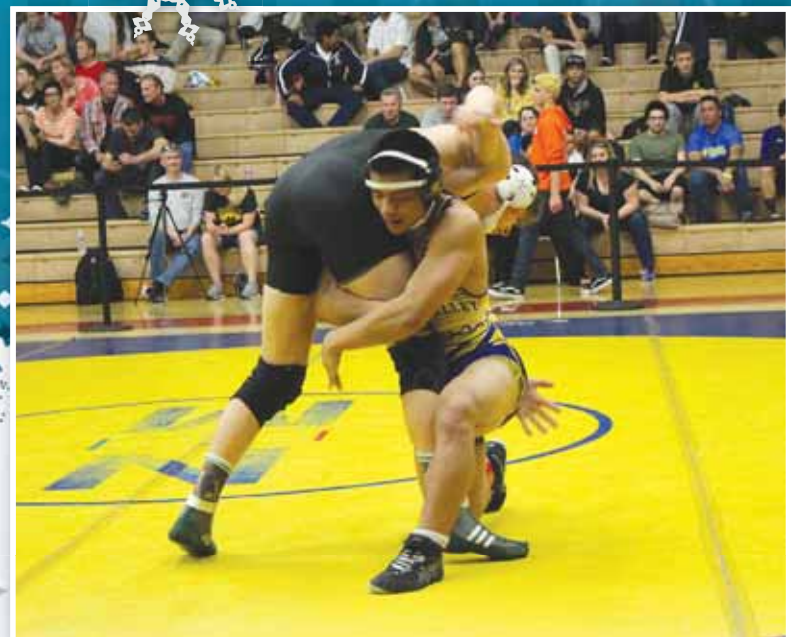
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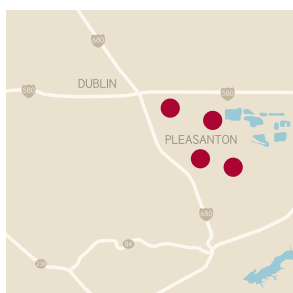


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By JEB BING

Holiday Fund beneficiaries talk to local Realtors

Representatives of the 10 beneficiaries of this year's Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund thanked local real estate professionals this week for their generous contributions to the annual fund campaign.

Each year, the Valley Real Estate Network (VREN), which represents Realtors, holds a holiday party with proceeds, after expenses, given to the Holiday Fund. Last year, VREN's gift was \$2,500, the largest single contribution to the 2015 campaign.

Jen Oxe of Agape Villages Foster Family Agency told the VREN audience about how her organization finds homes for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.

Sue Compton and Valerie Jonas described the work of Axis Community Health, which is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured. It serves more than 14,000 members of our community.

Natalie Brown, director of annual giving at Hope Hospice, said that for more than 35 years, the organization has provided end-of-life care to families in the Tri-Valley regardless of insurance or income status.

The holiday season is typically filled with merriment, celebrations and longstanding traditions, she said, but many individuals and families who have lost a loved one feel lost. To help those who have experienced a loss, Hope Hospice holds workshops that provide practical ideas, strategies and helpful tips that can make a difference during the holiday season. The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund helps Hope Hospice support these and other programs, Brown said.

Brian Gentry of Fremont Bank, a board member of REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing), said the organization serves special-needs adults of the Tri-Valley. It uses contributions from the Holiday Fund to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

Sandra J. Wing talked about her Healing Therapies Foundation, which offers therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by

radiation and chemotherapy.

"Our charity helps our neighbors, families and friends in the Tri-Valley, and the Weekly's Holiday Fund is a true example of the work going on to help and empower our community," she told the real estate group.

The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, an independent, non-profit agency that receives contributions made to the Holiday Fund, serves seniors over 60, explained its director, Marlene Petersen.

Also speaking at the VREN meeting were Sunflower Hill board members Janeen Rubino Brumm and Debi Zentner. They talked about how the organization is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living.

Representing the Tri-Valley YMCA, which recently moved from Dublin to Pleasanton, Kelly Dulka and Kenny Altenburg thanked the real estate group for its support of the Holiday Fund, which they said will help the Y promote healthy living through its programs that are open to all families in the area.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, part of Stanford Health at ValleyCare, uses its share of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to support its breast cancer Patient Navigator program, executive director Shaké Sulikyan said.

Melanie Sadek of the Valley Humane Society, a well-known organization that, with the help of contributions to the Holiday Fund, rescues and rehabilitates dogs and cats and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

The Pleasanton Weekly partners with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which handles all finances related to the Holiday Fund. This allows donors to take advantage of a tax deduction this year for the dollars they contribute through the foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law if contributions are made before the end of December.

The Pleasanton Weekly, in turn, handles all costs of the campaign so that every dollar contributed goes directly to these 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

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About the Cover

Clockwise from top right: Foothill's Tamilyn Kwong (with ball) is among the elite forwards in the league this season. (Photo by Jim Mirr). Jacob Lum will be one of Amador Valley's best wrestlers. (Photo by Tim Perlman). Falcons' point guard Madison Baxter (shooting) returns for her third year on varsity. (Photo by Martha Brown). Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

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Sienna McKee

Administrative assistant

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Brad Hershey

Banker

I drink a lighter type of beer than I usually drink, and I try to participate in only one Thanksgiving instead of traveling from family to family and friend to friend, consuming their leftovers left and right.



Jane Cameron

Retired

During the holidays I go swimming more often than usual, and I walk my dog Buddy an extra mile every day, if there is time and I don't get too lazy. I also buy lots of extra veggies at the farmers market so that I will have plenty of good alternatives to all of the very tasty but very fattening holiday foods.



Tom Knight

Corporate finance

I go to the gym twice as often as usual and try to find extra pick-up basketball games to play in. So long as I do that, I am able to eat whatever holiday foods I want without getting fat.



Jeff Barraclough

Construction sales

I try to play more basketball than usual and go mountain biking more often than I ordinarily do. I also try to eat a lot of salads because they are healthy and filling and make me less likely to go for all of the holiday nonsense that is delicious but not nutritious.



—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Santa photos

Is your family visiting Santa Claus this year? If so, the deadline is noon Monday to submit your Santa photo to be included in our holiday issue. Send it with the subject line "Santa photo" to dciardelli@pleasantonweekly.com.

Photos should be JPG format and at least 500KB to be large enough to use in the newspaper. Include names of children in the photo, names of parents, where you ran into Santa, where you live, where the children attend school and anything else you think might be interesting in the caption.

We are also interested in photos of pets with Santa.

Holiday open house

Pleasanton's newly re-elected State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) is hosting a holiday open house for constituents throughout her 16th Assembly District on Tuesday at her district office in San Ramon.

The open house gives residents a chance to meet Baker before the start of the new legislative session and share their thoughts about state and local issues. Baker's office will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit Toys for Tots programs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The free event is set to run from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Baker's office at Bishop Ranch 6, 2440 Camino Ramon, Suite 345. To learn more, call the office at 328-1515.

PTSCA Posada

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is holding its traditional Mexican Christmas Posada celebration next weekend at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The Posada includes music and carols featuring students from Valley View Elementary School and Pleasanton Middle School as well as a re-enactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem. Traditional snacks and refreshments will be served after the program.

The event is set to start at 7 p.m. Dec. 18. For details, call Jorge at 989-6882 or visit www.ptscsca.org.

Big Easy show

Jeff Bordes & Friends returns to the Firehouse Arts Center for the big annual Holiday Concert at 8 p.m. tomorrow, in a sold-out show, "A New Orleans Christmas."

Jazz trumpeter Jeff Bordes is a Pleasanton native who has performed with music greats, as well as teaches and composes scores. ■

Pleasanton council suspends annual rate increase on water bills

Urges those angry about higher bills to take complaints to Zone 7 board

By JEB BING

Under fire from Pleasanton homeowners alarmed by rising water bills, the City Council on Tuesday voted to suspend for one year the city's portion of the automatic consumer price index (CPI) increase on water and sewer rates for 2017.

The move came after speakers told the council that their bills had increased by 30% or more although they had cut water usage by at least that much since the 2014 drought began.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the council's action, while providing

some relief to Pleasanton's utility customers, will result in an estimated loss in revenue to the city's Water and Sewer Fund of approximately \$600,000. The shortfall will be managed by postponing some planned maintenance projects.

"Pleasanton, like many other water customers throughout the state, have seen their water rates increase as a result of the drought," he said. "But in our community, we want to provide a bit of relief to our customers in recognition of their conservation efforts, which exceeded the state mandate of 25% water reduction during the drought."

In October 2015, the council approved a new master fee schedule for water and sewer rates and authorized automatic CPI based adjustments to the Pleasanton portion of customers' utility bills as a way to ensure the city's water and sewer enterprise fund remains solvent.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday to suspend this automatic increase for all of 2017.

The water and sewer rates collected by the city are used for maintenance and operation of the distribution system, which enables the delivery of water to households and sewage to the Dublin San Ramon Services

District (DSRSD) treatment plant.

With regard to Pleasanton's portion of the water and sewer utility managed by the city, Fialho explained:

"Using less water and paying more for it has been hard on all of us, and it's an understatement to say that water pricing is complicated. There are fixed costs to water and its delivery that will never go away, but we wanted to do something to give consumers a break.

"I'm just glad that the city is in the position to provide this relief, even if it is temporary."

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TRACY DUNNE

Newly installed Mayor Jerry Thorne (second from left) and City Council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin are flanked by Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Pulido (left) and former Judge Ron Hyde, who administered oaths of office Tuesday night.

Thorne, Brown, Pentin start new terms

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin were sworn in to their new terms in office Tuesday night after winning re-election on Nov. 8.

In a council chamber filled to capacity with family, friends and supporters, Thorne was given the oath of office by Alameda County

Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Pulido, a resident of Pleasanton and a former Pleasanton school board member. Thorne is starting his third two-year term in office. Pleasanton mayors can hold the office for up to eight years.

Brown was sworn in to her second four-year term by city clerk Karen Diaz while Pentin took

the oath of office administered by former Superior Court Judge Ron Hyde. Council members also are limited to eight years on the council.

The ceremony led off a regular two-hour-long City Council meeting in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

—Jeb Bing

2 new tennis courts approved

Council OKs \$600,000 plan, rejects commission's \$1M proposal

The City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday to build two new courts at the Pleasanton Tennis Park at an estimated cost of \$600,000, rejecting a recommendation by its Parks and

Recreation Commission for a \$1 million project.

Only Councilwoman Kathy Narum voted against the council majority, arguing that the more

expensive plan would save parking spaces that will be needed in the coming years.

The council's action followed a council order Aug. 9 to stop construction of two new courts after nearby residents complained they would be too close to their homes and would take away grass areas

DSRSD hires new operations manager

Jeff Carson brought over from city of Hayward

By JULIA REIS

The Dublin San Ramon Services District has hired Jeff Carson, formerly with the city of Hayward, as its new operations manager.

Carson, who started Monday, will oversee a \$14.3 million annual budget and 62 employees as the senior executive responsible for wastewater, drinking water



Jeff Carson

and recycled water operations for the agency that provides sewer service to Pleasanton by contract as well as water and wastewater services to Dublin and parts of San Ramon.

His starting base salary is \$15,743 per month, according to an agreement approved by DSRSD's board of directors last month.

"Jeff is a strong leader who continually improves operations through systematic training and sustaining a culture of teamwork," DSRSD general manager Dan McIntyre said in a statement. "His experience in Hayward deploying state-of-the-art technologies to recover energy and water from wastewater fit well with the district's strategic goals."

For the last four years, Carson worked as operations and

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2016 Holiday Fund



Each year, the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund raises money to support programs and services that care for local families and children in our community. The Holiday Fund partners with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which handles all finances, so every dollar of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to the 10 local nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

This year's Holiday Fund recipients that will share equally in fund contributions are:

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency finds stable homes and a loving environment for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.

Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured. It serves more than 14,000 members of our community.

Hope Hospice provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and children and end-of-life education to Tri-Valley families, regardless of insurance or income status.

REACH, (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley) offers education programs, activities, resources and housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides local cancer patients with complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley serves seniors over 60 in the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol to promote independence, safety and well-being, preserve dignity and improve quality of life.

Sunflower Hill is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living facilities.

Tri-Valley YMCA aims to strengthen the local communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, part of Stanford Health at ValleyCare, uses contributions to support its breast cancer Patient Navigator program, helping guide patients through the treatment and follow-up process to improve their experience and quest for well-being.

Valley Humane Society rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

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Robin Fahr named marketing chief at Visit Tri-Valley

Leaves TV30 post after 25 years

By JEB BING

Robin Fahr, who for the last 25 years has been a news anchor and host/producer of "Conversations With Robin Fahr" at Tri-Valley Television (TV30), has been named director of marketing and communications at Visit Tri-Valley.

The organization is a destination marketing organization that promotes tourism in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville.

Fahr will be responsible for creating and implementing an overall marketing strategy and budget through a mix of online, social media and digital platforms, along with traditional media and public relations.

Visit Tri-Valley's focus is to raise awareness of the Tri-Valley as a tourism destination locally, nationally and internationally.

"We're excited to have Robin joining the Visit Tri-Valley team," said Barbara Steinfeld, the organization's president. "She has been a visible presence in the community for years and her knowledge of the Tri-Valley and all it offers the tourism industry makes her an obvious choice for the position."

Fahr comes to Visit Tri-Valley

with a wealth of experience in television, public relations and marketing. As host of "Conversations" at TV30, she interviewed many of the region's influential people.

In addition, she has been a columnist for ALIVE Magazine and principal of Robin Fahr Communications, developing local, regional and national PR and marketing campaigns for clients in a variety of fields.

"I really love the Tri-Valley and have been an ambassador of this gorgeous region for decades," Fahr said. "I feel extremely fortunate to be joining Visit Tri-Valley to continue showcasing and promoting our beautiful valley cities and well beyond those borders."

Visit Tri-Valley is a city/hotel-supported organization that works to increase awareness of the region and targets overnight visitors for maximum economic impact. It serves the four Tri-Valley cities and some unincorporated areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ■



Robin Fahr

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Heck of a ride: Kathy and Gary Koos showed off their Pleasanton Weekly at the finish of the annual Death Ride cycling event, held in Markleeville in the Sierra foothills.

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Swalwell named to party leadership post

Youngest co-chair of Democratic Steering and Policy Committee

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) was appointed last week to a key leadership post within his party, as Democrat colleagues in the House of Representatives selected him to serve as co-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.



Eric Swalwell

Swalwell, who was elected to his third term in Congress last month, said he was "humbled" to be chosen to co-chair the committee that advises party leaders on policy and assigns fellow Democrats to other House committees.

At 36 years old, he is the youngest

person to hold the post.

"I'm eager to take on this responsibility, in fulfillment of my promise to bring new ideas and energy to Washington," Swalwell said in a statement Friday. "The real winners of today's contest are the people I represent in the East Bay — my home, my neighbors, my friends who have entrusted me with their representation — who will benefit with their representative in senior leadership."

The local congressman was nominated for the post by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), who first named him to the committee two years ago and elevated him to vice chair last February.

The other committee co-chair is Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. ■

WATER BILLS

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Tri-Valley water retailers, including the city of Pleasanton, receive their water from the Zone 7 Water Agency, the area's water wholesale provider. The Zone 7 board is a separately elected governing body that sets rates on behalf of the region it serves.

The Zone 7 Board of Directors approved new water rates that will take effect in January 2017 and will increase the water portion of consumers' utility bills by 18.7%, from \$3.15 to \$3.74 for every Ccf of water consumed.

Like many other water wholesalers that provide water throughout the state, the Zone 7 board approved the rate increase in order to recover revenues that were lost

during the drought, as well as to maintain the infrastructure needed for water delivery and to manage the groundwater basin.

The city's action Tuesday night is unrelated to the Zone 7 action to increase rates.

Councilwoman Kathy Narum, who with Councilwoman Karla Brown serve as liaison delegates from the council to Zone 7, told those who have complained about increased water bills to take their concerns to the Zone 7 board directly.

The Zone 7 board meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with the next public meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 21 at 100 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore.

For more information on Zone 7, visit its website at www.zone7water.com. ■

DSRSD

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maintenance manager for the city of Hayward's water pollution control facility, which is similar in scale to DSRSD's regional wastewater treatment facility, according to the district.

While there, he helped launch renewable energy and water recycling projects that brought state and national recognition to Hayward. In June, the California Water Environment Association named Carson one of the state's "emerging leaders in the water environment."

Carson has nearly 20 years of wastewater industry experience in the Bay Area, having also worked for the Oro Loma Sanitary District and Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin. He holds bachelor's degrees in biology and environmental

studies from California State University, East Bay and professional certifications in wastewater treatment, water distribution, laboratory analysis and environmental compliance, according to DSRSD.

As stipulated in his contract, Carson's salary will be subject to annual cost-of-living and merit adjustments so long as his performance is satisfactory. He would be eligible for a 3% pay raise at the beginning of 2018 and 4% increases in 2019 and 2020.

DSRSD will also offer Carson health and retirement benefits, provide a computer for business use and reimburse a biannual license renewal fee, according to the agreement.

DSRSD's former operations manager, Dan Gallagher, retired in May, prompting a nationwide recruitment that netted 25 applicants. ■

Rotary senior luncheon today

35th annual holiday event includes meal, entertainment

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its annual holiday luncheon for seniors today at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

An estimated 250 seniors have signed up for the 35th annual traditional holiday lunch, which

includes roast turkey, gravy, dressing and all of the trimmings topped off with pumpkin pie.

Holiday music, raffle prizes and a visit from Santa Claus are part of the annual festivities.

The event for seniors, 62 years

of age and older who reside in Pleasanton, is a longstanding community event and partnership between the Rotary Club of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Senior Center. ■

—Jeb Bing

Tassajara Road set to reopen next week

Rain delayed paving on project that has caused 7-month closure

The opening of a portion of Tassajara Road in Dublin and Camino Tassajara in unincorporated San Ramon Valley that has been closed since May for road improvements has been delayed due to weather.

Dublin officials said the large amount of rainfall received in November limited the contractor's ability to place new asphalt in this

section of roadway.

With drier conditions over recent days, the multi-day process of paving the road to a finished standard was expected to resume.

The road is now set to re-open on Dec. 16.

The closure was necessitated by the replacement of a failing drainage culvert that is located just north

of the intersection of Tassajara Road and Fallon Road, near the northern Dublin city limits.

Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians have been unable to use Tassajara Road/Camino Tassajara to travel between Dublin and the San Ramon/Danville area during the work. ■

—Jeb Bing



Santa's waiting!

Santa Claus is taking a short rest in his chair at Stoneridge Shopping Center where he visits with children and sometimes their parents in Center Court. He'll be there through Christmas Eve, ready to hear holiday wishes and also to hold or stand with children for a photo op. To save time and avoid the lines, reservations for magical moments with Santa can be made online at simon.noersanta.com.

STONERIDGE SHOPPING CENTER

TENNIS

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the public used.

Construction fences that had already been erected with bulldozers ready for demolition work were quickly removed as the council directed city staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to look for a better plan.

Tuesday, the commission recommended three alternatives, but favored Alternative 3 that would call for two separated courts requiring extensive site preparation work at an estimated cost of \$990,000. That plan also would require the removal of 17 trees at the Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue corner, including at least three "heritage" trees.

The council majority said no and chose the commission's less expensive Alternative 1 plan.

Although it will require demolishing 15 parking spaces, fewer trees will be chopped down and the two new courts will be close to the tennis park's main building. It's also

estimated that bids for that proposal could come in closer to the \$494,353 bid submitted for the earlier plan that drew neighborhood complaints.

Councilman Jerry Pentin led the opposition to a motion by Councilwoman Karla Brown to approve the more expensive third alternative, which was backed by Narum.

"We're talking about tearing down 17 trees, including three heritage trees, to save 15 parking spaces," Pentin said. "I just can't connect with that proposal. I don't understand that thinking and can't support it at all."

Councilman Arne Olson agreed, saying he could support the more expensive plan if city staff put an \$800,000 ceiling on any construction bids.

"I'm worried they (the contractors) will see us coming if we approve this expensive plan," Olson said.

Mayor Jerry Thorne said while there's no question that more courts are needed at the tennis complex, the proposal by the Parks and Recreation Commission is too costly.

Tom Murphy, an avid tennis

player who has long advocated building more courts in Pleasanton, said the cost for Alternative 3 was just too high.

"I've researched this on the Internet and found that the average cost to build a tennis court ranges from \$50,000 to the highest at \$100,000," he said.

Murphy also pointed out that Santa Clara University recently completed a tennis complex for \$2.5 million that includes nine championship courts, lights, seating for 750, meeting facilities, a hospitality reception area and a main building with lockers and all.

"I urge all of you to take a deep breath before approving this costly plan," Murphy told the council. "Tennis players have waited a long time for more courts to be built. Maybe we can wait a little longer."

With the council's approval of the basic two-court building plan, city staff will now refine the proposal before advertising for construction bids. ■

—Jeb Bing

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton contractor could have license revoked over Berkeley balcony collapse

A state regulatory agency is seeking to revoke or suspend the license of a Pleasanton contractor that oversaw construction of the Berkeley apartment balcony that collapsed last year, killing six students and injuring seven more.

In an 11-page accusation filed last week, officials with the Contractors State License Board alleged that Pleasanton-based Segue Construction Inc. willfully disregarded or departed from its construction plans without the consent of the building's owner, disregarding accepted trade standards for good construction in the process.

Problems in the construction of the balcony in 2005 and 2006 later caused the June 16, 2015, collapse of the balcony at the Library Gardens apartment complex at 2020 Kittredge St., according to the licensing board.

The deck of Unit 405 was sheared from the side of the building while the 13 students were standing on it during a birthday party early that morning. Five of the people killed were visiting Irish students.

Forensic analysis later determined that moisture intrusion had caused severe dry rot in the deck's joists. The incident prompted the city of Berkeley to pass stricter building codes for decks and balconies, followed by statewide legislation that increased oversight for contractors.

While the Alameda County District Attorney's Office found that the incident didn't warrant criminal charges, the licensing board last week announced its findings that if the balcony had been built as designed, the deaths of the six students could have been averted.

Segue was hired to construct the 176-unit complex early in 2005 and completed the project in 2007. A subcontractor was hired to do rough carpentry and framing work, which included installing floor joists for the balconies.

But while the building's framing plan called for pressure-treated joists for the private deck at the top

floor, such as Unit 405, the joists in that balcony were not pressure treated, according to the accusation. The collapsed deck's joists were installed in October 2005.

The building's plans also called for a sacrificial membrane to be constructed before final waterproofing, but that wasn't installed either. Before final waterproofing was finally done in August 2006, the joists had been exposed to 38 inches of rain.

"The imposed load of 13 students was well within the design limits of the balcony structure," licensing board officials wrote in the accusation.

They said the deviation from the design led to the extensive dry rot in the balcony's joists.

Lawsuits filed by the victims and their families allege that there were signs of issues with the balcony for years, including mushrooms growing on it, indicating the moisture intrusion, and the balcony leaning when people were standing on it.

Segue has been a licensed contractor since 1992 and its current license is set to expire in 2018, according to the licensing board.

The company has 15 days to file a notice of defense and after

that the case could be settled or go before an administrative law judge, according to the licensing board.

In other news

• Pleasanton police are warning residents not to fall victim to one of the latest scams that has cost several people thousands of dollars.

In a variation of the "Grandma, I need help" scam, elderly victims receive a phone call from someone claiming to be their grandchild, saying they have been arrested by a local law enforcement agency and need money to bail out of jail.

This is the first time Pleasanton police have heard this scam invoking local law enforcement, as in the past the culprit says they are out of the country, Pleasanton police said in an advisory posted to the department's Facebook page.

Several residents have already lost thousands of dollars in this scam, police said. Further details were not available as of Tuesday.

To keep more residents from falling for the scam, Pleasanton police are asking people to educate loved ones about the ruse and contact police if they receive such a suspicious phone call.

• The Pleasanton Police Department is now accepting applications for its 25th Citizens' Academy, set to run from Jan. 19 through April 27.

The academy aims to foster closer partnerships within the community through education and exposure to law enforcement procedures, as well as highlight the importance of community engagement in policing. Weekly classes run from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, taught primarily by department personnel on a wide range of topics.

The program is open only to adults who live or work in the city of Pleasanton. Applicants must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of applying, and successfully complete a background investigation.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department, located at 4833 Bernal Ave., or online at www.pleasantonpd.org. Any questions can be directed to crime prevention officer Limon, 931-5295 or via email, mlimon@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 3

Drug violation

- 8:14 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:47 p.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 11:28 a.m. on the 200 block of Rachael Place
- 2:22 p.m. on the 5600 block of Baldwin Way

Shoplifting

- 3:50 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:07 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Dec. 2

Theft

- 8:20 a.m. on the 2400 block of Sanderling Drive
- 2:36 p.m. on the 5100 block of Monaco Drive
- 3:32 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Shoplifting

- 3:46 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:20 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:59 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fire

- 5:10 p.m., Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

Graffiti

- 10:07 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Dec. 1

Domestic battery

- 9:23 p.m. on North Hawaii Court

Vandalism

- 5:35 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 6:47 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 10:06 a.m. on the 1200 block of Orloff Drive

- 5:32 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:59 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Graffiti

- 10:47 a.m. on the 4500 block of First Street

Drug violation

- 12:10 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 1:35 a.m. on the 4200 block of Dundalk Court

Nov. 30

Fraud

- 12:37 p.m. on the 1100 block of Harvest Road

Theft

- 11:21 a.m., 7300 block of Stonedale Drive; auto theft
- 2:24 p.m., 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; bicycle theft
- 7:05 p.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 7:44 p.m., 5100 block of Franklin Drive; theft from auto

Residential burglary

- 11:23 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Drug violation

- 10:49 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violation

- 9:48 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

- 9:22 p.m. on the 6800 block of Koll Center Parkway

Vandalism

- 2:41 p.m. on the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Sex offense

- 12:56 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

Nov. 29

Theft

- 7:28 a.m., 8100 block of Mountain View Drive; auto theft
- 1:13 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 3:17 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Fraud

- 2:10 p.m. on the 3700 block of Selvante Street
- 3:24 p.m. on the 4400 block of Bacon Court

Nov. 28

Alcohol violation

- 12:28 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Robbery

- 9:52 p.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

Theft from auto

- 8:41 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

Sandra Jane Barsanti

January 30, 1940 - November 22, 2016

Sandra (Sandy) Barsanti passed away quietly in her home with her partner of 21 plus years, Jack White, at her side. In the days preceding, Sandy's family was constantly by her side as she fought a brief battle with Leukemia. Born in Cleveland, OH Sandy moved around a lot as the daughter of a career Army father. In her late teens the family settled in the Bay Area. She graduated from Oakland High School, then moved to San Francisco where she attended City College. Sandy became a wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She always desired to help others. This prompted her return to school to become a nurse. She specialized in psychiatric nursing and made a career. In her free time Sandy enjoyed cooking and hosting family and others in her community for dinners and Bunco. She also enjoyed baking, especially during the holidays with the grandchildren. Sandy took pride in her home and lovely yard. She also loved her Yorkies Casey and Max who preceded her. Sandy experienced a rich life of travel. She visited South America, Africa, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Russia, the Czech Republic, Australia and New Zealand just to name a few. She also spent a great amount of time traveling in the United States. Sandy took her love of travel and her desire to help others and embraced teaching English as a second language in China during most of the 90s. She is survived by children Jacqueline Barsanti Roush, Kenneth Barsanti, Markus Barsanti; Son-in-law Bill Roush, daughter-in-law Karen Barsanti; Partner of Markus, Antonio Cabral. And her very much loved grandchildren Bailey, Taylor, Katie, Ryan and Nate. She is also survived by her brother Steve Early, niece Stephanie as well as Roy Barsanti, her ex-husband and long time friend.

A celebration of life will be held at a yet to be determined date in early 2017.



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Opinion

LETTERS



Nice article about Pearl Harbor

Dear Editor,
I never knew much about Camp Parks other than my dad said he was discharged at the end of the war through Camp Parks. He had been part of the Philippines campaign. After Manila, he thought the next trip was Tokyo, Japan. But the rest is history.

I'm always asked if I served in the military and I respond, "Well no, but I was in the Navy." Doesn't make sense, right? Well, the accompanying picture clarifies it. That picture was taken just before my dad was to

be shipped off to the South Pacific. That's me in my Navy uniform in the middle. So, now it makes sense. Your articles keep our history alive. Thanks.

—Dave Lozier

Great parade, but long waits

Dear Editor,
The holiday parade as usual was great and it appeared to be one of the largest crowds I have seen. My only issue with the parade is the long wait between entries. If it wasn't for the fact that Santa is the last in the parade, we were never sure just what was the end. Need to keep the entries moving along.

—Bill T.

Testa's Guest Opinion

Dear Editor,
I was so happy to see that you ran Julie Testa's "call to Pleasanton residents."

In my opinion, that is what American newspapers should do; inform busy readers of actions and motives of which we may not be aware. Ms. Testa gave compelling reasons for Pleasanton residents who are pro slow-growth to keep an eye on the elected members of our City Council. Way to go.

—Cindy Artinyan

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



CHUCK DECKERT

Pleasanton Weekly Editor Jeb Bing and Publisher Gina Channell ride in the Hometown Holiday parade.

What a parade!

Kudos to Brian Dutchover and Michelle Dunaway for their year-long effort to make sure last Saturday's Holiday Parade was a success.

Dutchover is the parade chairman and Dunaway the city's event administrator. They hold monthly meetings with members of the parade steering committees, all volunteers, moving those sessions to 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday as the event nears. Those six committees are Parade, Special Activities, Volunteers/Staff Assignments, Operations, Tree Lighting & Entertainment and Publicity/Contract. Scores more of volunteers are recruited each year to serve on those committees.

This year's Hometown Holiday Celebration, which included the parade and holiday tree-lighting was the biggest ever and a resounding success. You could see that early on with many of the night's spectators lining Main Street with their beach-type chairs well before 8 a.m. and with many more set up than for previous parades.

When city staff and the event's committee volunteers met at the Veterans Memorial Building at 9 a.m., there was clearly a buzz that this parade would set records. Three stages where parade announcers called out the groups passing by were set up at noon with early arrivals already there with questions. The Main Street closure started at 3:30 p.m. as noted on "No Parking" signs in place the day before. Even so, tow trucks kept busy moving cars from the parade pathway.

Parade entries arrived at the Amador Valley High School parking lot starting at 3:30, according to parade staff plans, where volunteers in bright yellow jackets assigned each arrival with a unit number. Although 79 units signed up in advance, 74 actually showed up, with parade staff alerting the announcers to adjust their scripts.

By 5 p.m., Dutchover and Dunaway and their teams were ready, and the Foothill High School marching band, led by the flashing lights of Pleasanton police motorcycle escorts, stepped off onto Main Street where a record crowd of well over 20,000 spectators lined the sidewalks and outdoor dining tables. The 2,800 participants in the parade, included more floats and auto entries than walkers. Another 120 combined city staff and volunteers worked the event.

New entries this year included the Callahan Family World War II Duck, Kona Ice, Pleasanton Unified Gay Straight Alliances and Pleasanton Field Hockey. It also was great to see collaborative entries, including Destination Imagination with East Bay SPCA; Abbie 4H with Alameda County Fair; Pleasanton Unified Gay Straight Alliances with PUSD staff.

Not to be overlooked were the tried and true entries that we enjoy seeing year after year, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, East Bay Star Wars Fan Club, both the Foothill and Amador Valley High School bands, the Balloon Platoon, the Pleasanton Police D.A.R.E. program, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the Pleasanton Military Families. Also a first was Mrs. Claus, who traveled here for the parade with Santa.

Summing up her views on the event, Dunaway said:
"I have been involved with the Hometown Holiday Celebration for the last 15 years, and have served as the event administrator for the last nine years. What I love most about this event is that year after year, people arrive with their families and friends to kick-start the holiday season. It's just what they do the week after Thanksgiving. It becomes an annual tradition for many.

"What warms my heart more than anything is seeing everyone walk away with a stronger sense of community, purpose and belonging. We all come from different backgrounds and cultures, but this one event seems to serve as a catalyst for the shared values of the small-town community feel that Pleasanton is known for." ■

THE CITY OF

PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• P16-1418, Zoning Code Update

Amendment to the Pleasanton Municipal Code to: update and simplify the list of permitted and conditionally permitted land uses; establish a Minor Conditional Use Permit process for routine uses; reflect current practices, modify review procedures, replace out-of-date references, and undertake other changes to make the Code more user-friendly.

• P16-1847, City of Pleasanton

Consider a determination that the City's acquisition of two vacant parcels totaling 3.18 acres in Downtown adjacent to the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) at 401 and 403 Old Bernal Avenue is in conformance with the City's General Plan.

Youth Commission

• Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information for this meeting.

Economic Vitality Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:30 am
Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road

- Selection of new Alternate EVC Representative for the Downtown Specific Plan Task Force
- Presentation and Discussion regarding Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Update

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Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

AVHS wins all 4 matches in wrestling duels

Amador Valley opened the wrestling season in style, winning all four matches in the Don Duels last Saturday.

The final standings from the one-day event were: Amador Valley 4-0, Washington 3-1, Monte Vista 2-2, Dublin 1-3, Armijo (Fairfield) 0-4.

Amador had 11 wrestlers that won all their matches, leading Amador to the win: Donovan Lucente (106), Tyler Self (120), Brody Kiehn (132), Lucas Sira (138), Fabian Hernandez (145), Tyler Kline (152), Shawn Wu (160), Jacob Lum (170), RJ Pennisi and Thomas Pak (195), and Alex Crepeau (Hvw).

Girls soccer

Foothill kicked off the 2016-17 season under new coach Walter Pratte with a solid 2-0 win at Berkeley.

The Falcons controlled possession throughout the match and showed pace of play and good tactical and technical play against a physical Berkeley squad. Foothill outshot Berkeley 19-3, with 11 shots on frame against just one for Berkeley.

The scoring started early in the fifth minute when Sarah Mirr tapped a ball from Tami Kwong past the keeper. The lead went to 2-0 in only the 13th minute when Ari Ninoš shot from close range hit the back of the net.

It was a good start overall for the Falcons given the limited practice time over the past two weeks due to travel for several girls during the holiday, including several who went to South America for a community service and soccer camp project.

Water polo

Two Foothill girls water polo players were honored last month by opposing coaches with All-League selections in the very competitive East Bay Athletic League.

Madison Weiglein, a junior, was selected to the All-League second team and senior Maddie David was selected as honorable mention.

In addition to these honors, Weiglein was named Most Valuable Player for Foothill, goalie Negar Tehranian was named Defensive Player of the Year and senior Natali Dallos was the Falcon Award winner.

NCS football

For those curious about what happened with the North Coast Section and CIF state football playoffs, things went as feared for EBAL champion Monte Vista.

The Mustangs went out and took care of business in the Division I final, beating Antioch 42-18 on Saturday. In the Open Division, De La Salle hammered Freedom 42-7 for the championship.

So, who is the NCS D-I representative in the state playoffs? Why Freedom of course because of NCS policy that lets the runner-up in the Open Division displace a section champion. Let's say that again — a section champion.

The Mustangs go undefeated in EBAL play, lose only to De La Salle and then go out and win three NCS games by a 150-46 final margin to take a section title, and they are not even considered for a spot in the state playoffs.

Amazing. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PJFL Saints take the title

The Saints of the Pleasanton Junior Football League senior contact division (eighth grade) celebrate after winning the championship by defeating the Jets in a hard-fought 12-6 victory last month. The team included players Josh Gerlach, Andrew Harper, Noah Buckle, Andre Ayala-Sweet, Ryan Kenney, John Serrano, Matt Luperine, Dillon Lambert, Leo Farfan-Lowe, Will Sweet, Derek Nassar, Jake Grgurina, Brayden Praest, Spencer Scranton and Spencer Oxe, with coaches Casey Lewis, Brett Lewis and Daryn Oxe.

Calendar

Theatre

GETTING TO KNOW 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' Families will enjoy this uniquely adapted version of "The Sound of Music" for young performers, showing at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 9-18 at the Amador Theater. Tickets are \$7-\$18. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

VALLEY DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE NUTCRACKER' Valley Dance Theatre will presents its 35th annual production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," at 7 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 10-18 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra will accompany these performances. Pre-performance musical festivities will be led by the Cantabella Children's Chorus at select performances. Tickets are \$39, \$21 for students 18 and younger. Call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Concerts

CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS PRESENTS 'LET THE MERRY BELLS RING' The international award-winning Cantabella Children's Chorus will present their winter concert "Let the Merry Bells Ring" at 1 p.m. with the training choirs and selections by performing choirs, and at 4 p.m. with all performing choirs, on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$22. Children under 18 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Go to cantabella.org/tickets.

JEFF BORDES & FRIENDS: A NEW ORLEANS CHRISTMAS This heartwarming holiday show mixes the spirit of Christmas with the soul of New Orleans. The whole family will love the lively arrangements of seasonal favorites led by jazz trumpeter and Pleasanton native Jeff Bordes, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

TRI-VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS 5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT Join the musicians of Trinity Lutheran Church as they present their 5th Annual Christmas Concert, "Arise and Shine" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. A reception will follow immediately in the fellowship room. Free and open to all. Free will donations appreciated.

Talks & Lectures

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Join the

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society for a presentation on "Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust: What's Buried in Cemetery Records" by Janice M. Sellers at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. This class will focus on identifying the cemeteries in which our family members are buried and then on how to obtain and use their records to further your research. Janice M. Sellers is a professional genealogist who is passionate about her work. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Ransom Stephens, Ph.D., physicist, science writer, and novelist will present "Get Inside Your Reader's Brain: The Neuroscience of How to Make Readers Laugh and Cry" at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Four Points By Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Cost for members is \$12, \$17 for non-members. Check-in at 1:30 p.m. Go to www.trivalleywriters.org.

Seniors

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Religion & Spirituality

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY Celebrate the wonder of Jesus' birth with treasured displays of Christmas Nativity scenes from around the world from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Sponsored by Italian Catholic Federation. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

'GOD WITH US' NATIVITY PLAY GraceWay Church will celebrate the Advent season with a special telling of the Christmas story at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. The "God with Us" Nativity play features the GraceWay kids and youth acting out the story of

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Ebony

Ebony is a sweet, loving young adult Dachshund/Chihuahua mix. She adores activity but is also a love bug that likes to cuddle. Ebony's spay fee, adoption fees, bed/blanket and goodie bags/stockings are covered by Tri-Valley Animal Rescue as part of the "Home for the Holidays" event at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin this month. Call 803-7040.

the birth of Jesus with the adult choir music interspersed. The Christmas Eve service designed for the entire family starts at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Alisal School. Call 846-4436 or go to www.gracewaylife.org.

Community Groups

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP 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.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, please visit pleasantonlionsclub.org.

Volunteers

WREATHS ACROSS PLEASANTON Local volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day. The ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Pioneer Cemetery. Help is needed from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Amador Recreation Building, 4443 Black Ave. to assemble about 600 wreaths. Volunteers can come for however long they can spare; all help big and small is appreciated.

It's time for winter sports

Previewing basketball, soccer, wrestling
for Foothill and Amador Valley

BY DENNIS MILLER

There will be a different look to the East Bay Athletic League this season as Dublin and Dougherty Valley join the league.

As the result of having 10 teams, the basketball and soccer leagues have been divided in two, five-school divisions.

Amador Valley, Foothill, Livermore, Granada and Dublin make up the Valley division. California, Dougherty Valley, Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, De La Salle (boys) and Carondelet (girls) comprise the Diablo division.

In basketball, each school will play the schools in their own division twice and the schools in the other division once. At the end of the regular season, the top two teams from each division will meet in the EBAL playoffs to determine the automatic qualifier for the North Coast Section playoffs.

In soccer, the regular season will be the same, but there will be no league playoffs. The automatic berth to NCS will be awarded to the team with the best record during league play.

Following are breakdowns of the winter sports teams from Amador and Foothill.

Boys basketball

Amador Valley comes in with a young, but experienced team. For starters, the Dons feature four juniors that got playing time as sophomores last year, as well as a sophomore that was called up to the varsity late in the season.

Throw in a junior transfer from Bishop O'Dowd and things are looking solid for the Dons.

"Right now, it's just a matter of us getting stronger," Amador coach Adam Sax said. "Our defense is a work in progress and sharing the ball is another thing we need to work on."

The four returning starters — Tommy Kramer, Demetrius Williams, Mitch Lawrence and Mitch Benson — all saw plenty of time in big games for the Dons last year.

Tyler Nanney is the 6-foot-7 sophomore called up to the varsity last year. Finally, K.C. Tompkins comes to the team after spending two years at Bishop O'Dowd.

Foothill starts the year different than expected.

Senior Sam Novitske — a three-year varsity starter — opted to focus on baseball this year, and Michael Smith (junior), who started as a sophomore, suffered a badly broken ankle during football season and may not be back until January.

Will Lewis is penciled in at point guard, with J.T. McDermott (junior) and Rod Allen (senior) also scheduled to get a lot of playing time.

Underneath, Gary Pride (junior) and Trey Porter (senior) will share time at the center. Gauthem Divakar, Jose Ureno and Ramon Cristwell also will be counted on this year.

"We're not deep with what's happened, but we do have some depth at the four and five spots," Foothill coach Jason Wallis said. "It's about the team buying into playing as a team and they all have."

Girls basketball

To say Foothill was hurt by graduation would be an understatement.

"We lost 80% of our scoring and rebounding," Foothill coach Bruce Funk said. "But our returning players are ready to step up and lead the team."

Madison Baxter is a junior in her third season as the varsity point guard. Vanessa Esomonu is another junior in her third year at the wing for the varsity.

Senior Audrey Goodman is another returner, also playing the wing. Together the core group of players returning will assume the leadership role. A strong non-league campaign awaits the young team.

"We are a work in progress," Funk said. "We have a tough non-league schedule, but it will pay dividends down the road."

Amador has a solid one-two, inside-outside combination in sophomore Emily Tincher and senior Kirsty Brown.

Tincher is in her second year on the



From top: Tyler Kline is a returning North Coast Section placer for Amador Valley wrestling. (Photo by Tim Perlman). Demetrius Williams (No. 34) will be attacking the rim this year for the Dons. (Photo by Steve Kramer).



varsity as the outside threat, scoring 16 points a game in the early going. Brown, the 6-foot-3 senior headed to Cal Poly, is nails in the paint.

Nicole Riordan is a captain along with Brown and Tincher, while Julia Balestreri looks to be a solid player as well.

Girls soccer

Amador coach Tim Gray will look to four seniors to set the pace — both in their play and their leadership.

Things start in the back with senior goalkeeper Juliet Allen, a player in her fourth year on the varsity. Playing right in front of Allen is senior defender Jenyce Dutcher, a steady player who is also one of the captains.

In the midfield, senior Lorna Roberts is also in her fourth year and does a wonderful job of controlling the pace of the game. Up front is the creative Samantha Frost to lead the way.

“We have looked good throughout training,” Gray said. “Our cohesiveness is coming together.”

The Foothill girls may only have four impact seniors on the roster, but first-year coach Walter Pratte has plenty of good vibes.

“We have some quality players, but we have a lot of work to do,” Pratte said. “I wish we were deeper, but I am happy with what I have seen so far.”

Amanda Harding is a senior goalie that, according to Pratte, has embraced a leadership role. Ariana Nino is a forward, Sarah Broacha is a midfielder/forward and Tamilyn Kwong is another forward.

The junior class is also strong. Quinn Lombardi is a defending midfielder that Pratte said is playing the best soccer of her career. Sarah Mirr and Taylor Noval are both big-time juniors as well.

Sophomores looking strong so far include Makena Densmore and Kira Broacha.

Boys soccer

Foothill enters the season with an interesting blend of youth and experience. The Falcons are keyed by five seniors and

supported by several sophomores.

“We’re young and old,” Foothill coach Jason Wescott said. “We have a great senior group and have high expectations for the sophomores. The seniors will need to bring the sophomores along.”

Imran Martin is the playmaker in the midfield for the Falcons, starting for the third straight season. Mike Desisto and Sam Christensen handle the middle of the defense. Blake Tucker and Rohan Mirchandani should lead the offense.

Amador starts with a trio of senior captains from back to front.

In the goal is Blake Staniford, with Jimmy Thompson on defense and Garrett Howell controlling the midfield. All of them have spent multiple years on the varsity.

“That’s a real good trio to run up the middle of the field,” Dons coach Scott Berglin said. “They set it up for the rest of the team.”

There are several juniors playing major roles as well. Nick Mann was the leading scorer a year ago, and Ben Blackwell spent last year playing with the San Jose Earthquakes Academy team before coming back to play at Amador.

Andrew McGinty and Gavin Wallace have proven to be dynamite together up front.

Wrestling

Amador comes into the season as the two-time defending EBAL Meet champions.

The Dons are led by three returning wrestlers who placed at NCS last year.

Jacob Lum (fifth place), Tyler Kline (sixth) and Cameron Ghoddoucy (eighth) are back for Amador and will all take aim at qualifying for the CIF State meet.



In addition, seniors Alex Crepeau, Brody Kiehn, Jake Perlman, Brandon Jordan, and Thomas Pak return to lead the team. Juniors Tyler Self, Tyler Bonitz, Devon Dyliacco, Lucas Sira and Gabe Alviar are expected to have good seasons.

Foothill welcomes first-year coach Ed Johnson to the program, and although new to the Falcons, Johnson is familiar with the kids and the league.

Johnson wrestled at California High in San Ramon and has spent a couple years working with wrestling clubs in the Tri-Valley.

Johnson has a solid core of four wrestlers in Justin Phillips (senior), Carter Pierce (senior), Seyong Chang (sophomore) and Alex Nielsen (sophomore). ■

Clockwise from top left: Sarah Broacha (No. 16) will help stabilize the midfield for the Foothill girls soccer team. (Photo by Jim Mirr). Justin Phillips is a top returning wrestler for the Falcons. (Photo by Brenda McFarlane). Ariana Nino (No. 25) will be counted on as one of the leaders for Foothill. (Photo by Jim Mirr). Junior point guard Madison Baxter is a third-year varsity player for the Falcons. (Photo by Martha Brown).



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Wish lists help us to help others

Spreading holiday spirit is tradition in many families



The Pleasanton Weekly is sharing wish lists from nonprofit groups who can use your help this holiday season and throughout the year. Many families make it a tradition to decide together which group to help and what item to donate.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides assistance to cancer patients so they can experience the immediate benefit of therapies that help alleviate side effects caused by chemotherapy and radiation.

- iPads (need 10 current year model iPads for the capability to talk to existing tools/software) — for usage at the many events held throughout the year
- New laptops (need three new models to use current version software programs) — for office use and presentations
- Storage unit facility — to house items

outside of the small one-person office

- Minivan (or small/mid-size truck) — for transport of items throughout the year
- Mini-overhead projector — for presentations and training capability with modern Macs and PCs
- Gift cards (Costco, gas, Office Max and Safeway) — for needed supplies
- Volunteers
- Financial sponsorships

Contact the cancer charity to arrange for drop off of items and for more information: 249-6771; www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org; info@healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

See the Dec. 2 edition of the Weekly for wish lists from Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Humane Society, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Tips for making this holiday gathering the best one yet

Prepare in advance for a festive celebration spread

As most holiday hosts know, it's not unheard-of to spend the majority of your party in the kitchen, while guests laugh together down the hall.

But preparing in advance can help you reduce stress, have more time to make the moments special and still serve a delicious meal. Here are a few hosting hints to make this holiday the best yet.

Snappy sides

Make sides in a cinch by doing any chopping, slicing or mixing in advance of the day of your party. Certain sides can even be prepped ahead and popped in the oven just before the guests arrive.

Or, consider making your party a potluck festivity. This way, everyone pitches in on the food, which leaves you time to mine Pinterest for simple DIY holiday decor ideas that are sure to draw more than a few wows.

Main course

The centerpiece of your celebration, the ham or turkey, shouldn't involve a ton of work or preparation. When your guests have traveled from all over, why not treat them (and yourself) to a little taste of home that provides the perfect presentation and effortless preparation?

One easy way to serve these home favorites without spending all day near the oven is by picking up a ready-to-serve, premium option locally. Classic options like those from HoneyBaked Ham come spiral sliced so they are effortless to serve. You might also consider ready-made side dishes, like green bean casserole and herb stuffing, as well as cakes, pies and other desserts.



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Ham is a classic option for a holiday dinner and can be effortless to serve, as well as delicious and evocative of holidays past.

DIY drinks

All too often, hosts get bogged down fixing drinks for guests as they arrive. Avoid this conundrum by setting up a DIY drink station. You may consider making a signature drink in advance and serving it in a beverage dispenser or punch bowl, or giving guests a few cocktail suggestions on a placard.

Don't forget the little ones. Set up a hot chocolate bar that includes marshmallows, peppermints and whipped cream topping options. Ask adults to help their children serve themselves.

You don't have to get sidelined in the kitchen at your holiday gathering in order to serve a home-style feast. With a few smart strategies, you can be both the host of the party and the life of it. ■

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Top 10 ingredients to have on hand for easy, casual holiday entertaining

Use basic fixings for quick delicious spreads

Grandma in town? Unexpected guests? No problem. With a little planning and the right ingredients, holiday entertaining is a snap.

Stock up on these fridge, freezer and pantry staples a couple of weeks before the holiday rush, and you'll be ready — no matter who's on your doorstep.

- Whole nuts: walnuts, pecans, almonds, cashews or pistachios.
- Olives: whole and sliced, black ripe, green, purple Kalamata and stuffed varieties in cans and jars.
- Cheese: feta, mozzarella, cheddar, and aged provolone (tightly wrapped or vacuum-pack cheeses can last in the fridge for several weeks).
- Tortilla chips.
- Salsa in a jar: mild or medium to please most palates.
- Whole pita or pita crisps: pita bread can be frozen.

- Hummus: choose a sealed refrigerated package.
- Carrots, celery and bell peppers: Whole veggies keep longer than pre-cut, and these three are easy to find in the produce aisle.
- Frozen cheese pizza: Choose your favorite brand.
- Olive oil: a kitchen essential.

These 10 basic ingredients are the building blocks for five delicious, party-worthy spreads that can be prepped in 15 minutes or less. Here's how:

Fast cheese and olive tray

Cube cheddar cheese, aged provolone and mozzarella. On a platter, make rows of alternating colors with cubed white cheese next to a row of green garlic stuffed queen olives, then a row of darker cheese and a row of deep purple Kalamata olives. Present with toothpicks and napkins

for easy self-service.

Pizza-tizers

A simple cheese pizza is a canvas for appetizer art. Add fresh, thinly sliced bell pepper, shredded mozzarella cheese, and a generous topping of sliced black ripe olives. Bake, then cut into mini-slices or small squares and serve on wooden cutting boards. Drizzle with olive oil.

Mediterranean medley

Place store-bought hummus into a colorful dipping bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and top with sliced Kalamata olives. On a large platter, surround the bowl with equal amounts of pita triangles, carrot and celery sticks, plus bell pepper strips. Serve with a bowl of Kalamata olives and cubed feta cheese.

Cheese-and-olive kebabs

Alternate cubes of mozzarella or provolone cheese and any variety of



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Keep a variety of olives on hand for impromptu holiday entertaining.

olives on small bamboo skewers and serve on a tray, alongside pita triangles and hummus. Expert tip: Cut pita bread in triangles, brush with olive oil, warm in oven 350 degrees for five to six minutes.

Olive nachos

Fill a cast iron pan with tortilla chips, generously grate cheddar cheese over the top, and slide under the broiler until the cheese bubbles. Spoon salsa on top, sprinkle with sliced California black ripe olives,

and serve on a heat-resistant board.

Extra credit: Easy pleasers

Sometimes the simplest flavors are best. Fill several small, colorful bowls with olives, crunchy nuts and cubed cheeses. A sprig of parsley, thyme or rosemary adds a decorative touch.

The key to holiday entertaining is being prepared with a few simple ingredients so you can spend more time with guests and less time in the kitchen. ■

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A cozy holiday breakfast

Start the day with something delicious, nutritious

As the days get shorter and a chill fills the air, families around the country will gather for meals, celebrating time-honored traditions while making new memories around the table.

Now more than ever, many families place a priority on sharing simple, natural foods together — foods they can feel good about enjoying every day, and especially during the holidays.

There's an easy way to incorporate more wholesome ingredients at family mealtimes, and it's a staple many Americans already have in their refrigerators: milk. As one of the original farm-to-table foods, milk is a simple way to add quality nutrition to a sweet or savory dish during the holiday season and all year-round.

Gather your family around the breakfast table to enjoy classic favorites, like this French toast casserole with its boost of protein, calcium, vitamin D and more. It can be prepared the night before, for a no-fuss morning as it bakes in the oven.

For more seasonal recipes and ideas to



FAMILY FEATURES

Whether it's breakfast for your family or out-of-town guests, this French toast casserole is a tasty, nutritious way to start your day, and it may be assembled the night before.

add to your list of holiday traditions, visit milklife.com. ■

—Family Features

French toast casserole

Servings: 8
Nonstick cooking spray
1-1/2 cups low-fat or fat-free milk
5 eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Salt, to taste
1 loaf day-old bread, sliced into 1/2-inch-thick pieces
Maple syrup or sauteed apples (below)

Sauteed apples:
2 tablespoons butter
3 medium tart-sweet apples (such as Braeburn), diced
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup fresh blackberries (optional)

Coat 8-by-8-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. In large bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt, to taste. Add bread slices and let stand 10 minutes to soak up some custard. Arrange slices in baking dish in two rows, standing up on end. Slowly pour any remaining custard over bread. Cover dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Uncover dish and bake 45 minutes, or until bread puffs slightly and browns. Meanwhile, in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add apples and sugar, and cook 3 minutes, or until sugar melts and apples are soft but not mushy. Stir in lemon juice, vanilla and berries, if desired. Serve warm over French toast casserole.

Nutritional information per serving: 350 calories; 9 g fat; 4 g saturated fat; 190 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 55 g carbohydrates; 4 g fiber; 350 mg sodium; 150 mg calcium (15% of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat-free milk.



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Create an amazing holiday cheese board

Variety of cheese with festive pairings sure to be a hit



Whether it's a small gathering of close friends or a large family affair, hosting a holiday party makes the season extra magical. Looking for ideas that are guaranteed to impress? This year, a new food trend is elevating events and tantalizing taste buds: cheese boards.

"A simple cheese board featuring quality ingredients will have guests thinking you are a culinary mastermind," said chef Michael Symon, author of four best-selling cookbooks and restaurateur. "The best part? Creating one is quick and easy. It's a gourmet option without the fuss."

To make a decadent holiday cheese board that will satisfy every palate, follow these tips:

Select the perfect cheese varieties

For smaller gatherings, three cheeses on your board will provide a nice variety and offer a visually

appealing presentation. For parties with more than 10 people, consider five or seven offerings.

Strive to select flavors that will appeal to different palates, yet complement one another. For example, a mild and buttery creamy Havarti pairs beautifully with the salty, tangy traditional Danish blue. Complete your trio with the slightly crunchy aged Havarti, and you have the perfect combination of cheese varieties.

Determine the right quantity of cheese

Getting the right amount of cheese is simple if you follow these guidelines:

- As an hors d'oeuvre: 1 to 1.5 ounces of each cheese type per person
- As a light meal: 2 to 3 ounces of each cheese type per person

Cheese serving guidelines: Set out cheese 30 minutes before

serving so the flavors can fully develop before guests arrive.

Find festive pairings

Cheese should be the hero of the board, but including foods that enhance their flavors brings your board to another level. A good rule of thumb is to include four types of pairings: bread, charcuterie (prepared meats), something sweet and something savory or salty.



Because it's the holidays, feel free to incorporate the essence of the season into your platter. Here are some ideas:

- Crusty baguettes, rich rye toast or cinnamon raisin bread crisps
- Sweet figs, vanilla bean infused honey and cranberry or lingonberry preserves
- Serrano ham, hot chorizo sausage or smoked wild-caught salmon
- Candied almonds, glazed pistachios or roasted chestnuts
- Salty Kalamata olives or spicy hot pickles



Pair cheeses with prepared meats, a variety of crackers, and sweets and savories.

Add holiday touches

Virtually any platter can be used for your cheese board. Metallic plates add holiday glam. For rustic charm, try a wide wooden cutting board. And a white marble stone is a stunning reflection of the snowy season.

After you select a platter, arrange cheese across or in a clockwise pattern on the board from mildest to strongest. Add the pairings in small

groups throughout the board and label so guests recognize each item.

For a festive appearance, add decor like pine cones or mistletoe and holiday-inspired cheese knives for serving. Not only will your cheese board satisfy hunger pangs, but it's sure to be a popular gathering spot at the party where guests can mingle and discuss your selections. Bon appetit! ■

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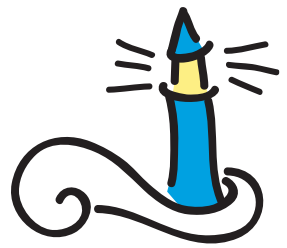
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Firm names Kimball new president of Pleasanton-based division

Contra Costa resident to oversee all Taylor Morrison communities in Bay Area

Taylor Morrison, a national home-building and development firm, recently hired Kevin Kimball as the new division president of the company's Bay Area Division based in Pleasanton.

Kimball, who lives in Contra Costa County, will oversee the operations of all Taylor Morrison communities in the Bay Area, company officials said. He will also be charged with ensuring the division continues delivering strong

customer service and a high-quality product for home buyers in the area, they added.

Kimball enters his new position with more than 20 years of home-building experience, including the past five years as division president for Meritage in Southern California.

Before relocating to Southern California, he had spent the bulk of his career in the Bay Area working in a variety of roles, including

senior vice president and vice president of operations as well as division and regional vice president roles for Meritage, KB Home, Richmond and DR Horton.

A lifetime Californian who graduated from UC Santa Barbara, Kimball will be based in the Taylor Morrison Bay Area Division office at 4309 Hacienda Drive, Suite 450, in Pleasanton. ■

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Kevin Kimball is the new Bay Area Division president for Taylor Morrison.

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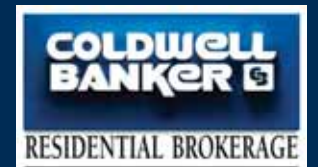
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