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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Illinois winters lead to Porky's opening in Pleasanton

Thanks to the long and blustery winters in Chicago and northern Illinois (which I remember well), the Valenziano family moved west and will open their second Porky's Pizza Palace next week, this time in Pleasanton where they live.

The exact day has yet to be determined as work continues to complete the new restaurant, which is located in the former Straw Hat Pizza eatery at the corner of Hopyard and Valley, across from Gene's Fine Foods.

"We don't plan any special festivities other than a sign on the door that we're open," said Nick Valenziano, son of Gregg Valenziano. Gregg and his brother Gary are co-owners of Porky's.

Pleasanton's new Porky's is a carbon copy of Porky's Pizza Palace in San Leandro, founded by the Marrone family in 1963. It was purchased by Gregg's and Gary's parents, Shirley and Sal Valenziano, in 1983 following their move from Marengo, Ill. to better climes in Pleasanton.

Sal died in 2005, with the sons taking over day-to-day operations and management of the San Leandro restaurant. A third son, Glenn, died in 2016.

Porky's is not your typical pizza parlor. With spacious seating, its menu offerings range from authentic hand-tossed pizzas to Italian dinners with homemade meat sauce. Prices range from \$8.79 sandwiches to a 50-piece bucket of Porky's popular chicken for \$109.99.

Nick Valenziano, who handles marketing for the restaurant, said the Pleasanton operation will have no wait staff, and thus no tipping needed. Customers will place their orders at the front desk, receive an electronic buzzer to signal when their order is ready, and then seat themselves in the large dining room or at tables in outdoor patios.

Beverages, including wine and an assortment of craft beers, can be purchased at a bar and carried to the tables. Catering, carry-out and delivery services also are available.

Porky's customer phone — 925-417-1600 — will be live next week to place orders or patrons can go onto Porky's Pizza App and order.

For the busy lunchtime crowd from Hacienda and other nearby businesses, Porky's will offer pizza by the slice at the check-in counter.



JEB BING

Porky's Pizza Palace owners Gary and Gregg Valenziano stand under logo of their new restaurant that will open next week at 2911 Hopyard Road.

The Valenzianos plan to be active members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. They will also make space available to local sports teams for after-game celebrations. Lance Gott has been named dinner manager at the Pleasanton Porky's, with Rachel O'Hare its lunch manager. Shirley and Sal Valenziano were teenage sweethearts when they married in 1956. They opened their first restaurant, the Yum Yum Drive-in in Marengo in 1969, but the lure of California's better weather and Pleasanton, which they visited. Their grandchildren — Nick, Emily and Anthony — attended Hart Middle and Foothill High schools.

Sal was not only the owner of Porky's in San Leandro, but also the cook, greeter and custodian. He served in the Korean War. He was a regular at sporting events in Pleasanton, cheering his grandchildren on at school games. He's remembered as the fan who would pull chocolate caramels out of his pocket for the boys and girls at Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and Hart athletic events.

"When my grandparents came out to California on a trip and found they loved the weather here, they moved the family to Pleasanton," Nick said. "The family is glad they did."

And so are we, as Porky's fans await the opening of its Pleasanton "palace" next week. ■

*Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns typically run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.*

### About the Cover

Amador Valley High School students and local first responders took part in the Every 15 Minutes anti-DUI program, which included a realistic car crash re-enactment and emotional assembly. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XX, Number 7



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## Do you enjoy the beer crawls and wine/champagne strolls that take place in downtown Pleasanton several times a year?



**Kaylee McIntosh**  
*Physical therapist*

Of course. It's a fun social event and a great opportunity to connect with the community. I especially like the Halloween Beer Crawl because I like having a great reason to dress up in a costume.



**Lynn Grady**  
*Retired*

I do. I don't actually participate, but I do enjoy sitting at a restaurant on Main Street that has outdoor seating, sipping a glass of wine while watching all of the strollers and crawlers, chatting and laughing and having a wonderful time.



**Chuck Ellery**  
*Life coach*

Absolutely. It is great fun to head into town for these events with family and friends, and to bump into and catch up with other people in town that I know. Sometimes I even talk to strangers and make new friends of them.



**Dino Williams**  
*Park ranger*

I sure do. The strolls and crawls are so uniquely Pleasanton. I'm sure there must be other towns that sponsor these kinds of events, but I'm not aware of a single one. I actually invite out-of-town friends to come visit for the crawls and strolls, and to then crash at my house afterward so that they don't have to worry about driving home while under the influence.



**Samantha Findley**  
*Registered practical nurse*

I enjoy the events because they are fun and lively and I love seeing my friends out and about. I don't participate though, as I eschew alcohol. It dramatically increases the risk of so many illnesses and ailments that I want to avoid.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is soliciting applications from community members in **Trustee Area 5 (Dublin/Pleasanton/Sunol) who are interested in serving as an appointed member of the Board** until the next regularly scheduled general election for governing board members in November 2020.

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The Board seeks a candidate who has the ability and time to fulfill the responsibilities of a Trustee. Sample responsibilities are listed below:

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- Study issues and agenda items and participate in Trustee education programs;
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- Engage in balancing the needs of many diverse groups; be able to contribute to and build consensus;
- Participate as one Trustee and support the authority of the Board as a whole.

**The Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that some meetings may start as early as 4 p.m., and workshops and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.**

**Application materials are available on the District website at [www.clpccd.org](http://www.clpccd.org)**

**Application deadline is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

**For additional information, please contact:**  
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## DIGEST

### We the People

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell is set to be the keynote speaker at a joint fundraiser next Sunday (March 17) for Amador Valley and Foothill high schools' We The People competitive civics teams.

Both teams head next month to Washington, D.C., for the national finals, where they will face off yet again against each other and the best teams from across the country. The fundraiser provides key financial support to help offset travel costs.

The event will feature a buffet dinner, Swalwell's remarks, a live demonstration by both teams and a raffle.

Entry is free for We the People students; otherwise tickets cost \$20 for other students or younger siblings and \$50 for all other attendees. The event will run 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 17 in the Amador Valley multipurpose room.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2XH1d3K>. The teams are also accepting other donations, outside of the special fundraiser.

### Holocaust bravery

The Chabad of the Tri-Valley is hosting a special presentation on Monday (March 11) highlighting one woman's bravery during the Holocaust.

Themed "One Person Can Make a Difference," the event will feature Jeannie Opdyke Smith sharing the story of her mother, Irene Gut Opdyke, a Polish Catholic woman who risked her life to save Jews during the Holocaust. Her bravery won her honors from Poland and Israel.

Opdyke's story, filled with horror and hate, also carries a message that faith, love and hope can triumph over evil, Rabbi Raleigh Resnick said. Opdyke, who died in 2003, wrote her own account "In My Hands," which was later retold in the Broadway production "Irina's Vow."

Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door for the event at the Chabad Center on Hopyard Road. Visit [www.jewishtrivalley.com/4294979](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com/4294979).

### Transit Fair

The city is hosting its annual Transit Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Friday (March 15) at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. The event is open to the public and will include door prizes.

Representatives from various local agencies (such as Wheels, Pleasanton Paratransit, DMV, Senior Support, Pleasanton PD and ACE Train) will be on-hand to provide the latest transit information and transportation options.

Contact Gloria Lewis at 931-5376 or [glewis@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:glewis@cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

# New interim principal steps in at Amador Valley High School

Grewal takes temporary promotion; Solorzano's status remains unclear

BY JULIA BAUM AND JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton Unified School District leaders appointed vice principal Nimarta Grewal to serve as interim principal at Amador Valley High School effective at the start of this week.

PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that Grewal will "help provide stability at the school during this time" — after first-year principal Alberto Solorzano unexpectedly took a personal leave of absence for unspecified reasons starting Feb. 20.

In a statement to the Amador community announcing Grewal's appointment last Friday, district leaders thanked those "who have stepped in to support the AVHS community," including district human resources director Mike

Williams who provided temporary head administrative support at Amador during the initial days of Solorzano's absence.

Williams, who served as Amador's principal for a little more than two years before being promoted last year, will now return to his duties at the district office.

Solorzano's leave is still considered indefinite. District officials have not commented on the reasons behind the principal's absence, citing personnel confidentiality restrictions.

In the meantime, the principal reins have been handed on an interim basis to Grewal, who has served for the past five years as an Amador vice principal. She was one of four vice principals assigned to Amador this school year.

To help provide more administrative stability, PUSD has hired former California High School principal Mark Corti out of retirement to serve as acting vice principal to fill Grewal's position. Corti, who retired from San Ramon's Cal High in 2014, has held various temporary positions since, including serving as interim principal at Benicia High School in 2015.

Grewal becomes the fourth principal at Amador since the 2015-2016 school year.

Solorzano, who started his first year with the Dons in August, has not responded yet to any request for comment on his personal leave or potential return date. Before his arrival in Pleasanton, Solorzano worked for the Dublin Unified School District as director of

secondary education and prior to that was principal in Livermore.

His departure came the week before a campus visit from Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation officials. Amador and Village High are both undergoing a regular update of their accreditation, according to the district.

Solorzano also left several weeks after a district investigation found that unnamed administrators violated state law by purposely removing a completed course from a high school student's transcript. Another course was found accidentally removed, but the investigator concluded both incidents were isolated and not indicative of a systemic problem with PUSD's student

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Some parents are concerned about the safety conditions for Vintage Hills Elementary students trying to cross Grillo Court in the face of drivers failing to yield for the young pedestrians.

## Extra crossing guard?

Intersection next to Vintage Hills poses safety risk, parents say

BY JULIA BAUM

A group of parents and their children are petitioning Pleasanton city leaders for an additional crossing guard at Vintage Hills Elementary School, citing an intersection they say poses a threat to their children's safety.

Three Vintage Hills students were among those who argued their case for the extra crossing guard during public comment at the Feb. 19 City Council meeting. They also presented a petition signed by more than 100 people and requested adding more traffic safety features at the corner of Concord Street and Grillo Court, a narrow cul-de-sac and primary drop-off and pick-up point for

families avoiding waiting in front of the school.

Parents like Kate Duggan, mother of two children enrolled at Vintage Hills, told the Weekly that drivers frequently speed in and out from Grillo. "I've been crossing it for years so I'm used to it, but I don't feel comfortable," Duggan said. "I don't trust the parents is what it comes down to."

"It's only 10 or 15 minutes a day," Duggan said, but witnessing countless close calls over the years has made her nervous every day during that brief period.

Drivers waiting on Grillo for a break in traffic suddenly dart onto Concord without stopping for students stepping into the crosswalk,

she said, while others trying to make unprotected turns onto Grillo from Concord and avoid the designated drop-off and pick-up zone at the front of the school encounter similar circumstances.

A letter with the group's petition described three 8-year-old boys almost being hit in January while in the crosswalk and "the driver rolled down the window and told the kids to be more careful."

Another parent recently witnessed a driver "accelerate into a crowd in the crosswalk and then actually flip off the kids and parents crossing the street."

One parent also recently hit a

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## Community meetings next week

City, county, state elected officials holding input sessions here

BY JEREMY WALSH

It's shaping up to be a busy week ahead for civic-minded Pleasanton residents interested in interacting with locally elected officials at the city, county and state levels.

The Pleasanton City Council is hosting its biennial workshop to discuss city priorities on Tuesday — the same night that State Sen. Steve Glazer and Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan are holding a joint legislative town hall in Dublin. Then the next evening, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley will lead his quarterly Pleasanton community meeting at the city's library.

• **City Council:** Pleasanton officials are working to solidify the city's newest two-year work plan that will guide the council's and city administrators' decision-making during 2019 and 2020, especially for how to allocate city resources (financial and staffing-wise) toward achieving those key objectives.

The list typically includes local construction projects large and small, key policy goals with short- and long-term impacts, and regional priorities.

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# Commission endorses east side, housing policy, Merritt property for city's priority list

Also supports Stoneridge Mall area planning for council's work plan

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has recommended five land-use and planning topics for the city's two-year work plan, urging the City Council to feature those programs in the final list when confirmed in the weeks ahead.

Though their priorities include familiar hot topics like local housing policies and the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, the majority of public comment during the commission's nearly two-hour discussion Feb. 27 focused on whether to add the new development proposal for the Merritt property on Foothill Road to their priority list.

After hearing from more than a dozen residents on all sides of the Merritt debate (in favor, against and undecided), the commission ultimately selected the project as its fifth, but lowest-ranked, priority.

Introduced only in concept, with no formal application submitted yet, the latest proposal for

the Merritt property calls for constructing a new neighborhood age-restricted for seniors only on the undeveloped acreage on the east side of Foothill Road, south of Muirwood Drive.

Commissioners and city staff were careful to clarify that featuring the Merritt property (or any project) on the priority list wasn't an endorsement of the proposal, but rather an acknowledgment of the importance of allocating city resources to manage the application amid full public review.

The Merritt application would require extra staff time and public review because of aspects such as annexation, Foothill Road renovations and neighborhood design.

The council and city administrators use the priority work plan to guide their budgeting and staffing decisions for each two-year cycle.

Like all city commissions, the planning commissioners were given the chance to make priority

recommendations to the council — and they got the highest count, five maximum.

As the clock approached 11 p.m. Feb. 27, the Planning Commission came to consensus on its list of five, ranked in order starting with most important:

1. Comprehensive housing legislative review, and city policy and regulations update.
2. Monitor and coordinate city's response to the Committee to House the Bay Area's "CASA Compact."
3. Restart work on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan.
4. Stoneridge Shopping Center area planning framework.
5. Merritt property.

The draft work plan from city staff also includes three planning-related council priorities carried over from the 2017-2018 plan: Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, updating the Downtown Specific Plan and the Lester property development application. ■

## Tri-Valley forum to support nonprofit groups

Event to address overcoming the 'overhead barrier'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A special forum given by the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) will address a problem encountered by nonprofit groups: resistance from donors to having their contributions go toward overhead.

Although overhead, including salaries and technology, is important for nonprofit groups to fulfill their missions, the groups hit a roadblock when seeking funds because donors typically prefer to fund programming. Fearing that donors will reject appeals for infrastructure funding, nonprofit groups might scale back expansion and sacrifice sustainability.

"Both nonprofits and donors need to evolve their mindsets about infrastructure," TVNPA chairman Steve Glavan said. "We are hoping for strong turnouts from both nonprofit stakeholders and donors so that we can help bring these two groups closer together."

The forum, "Sustainability with a Capital S — The Case for Capacity Building," will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. next Thursday (March 14), at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. It will feature three experts in nonprofit sustainability: Jeanne Bell, Kate Seely and Kate Wilkinson.

"Sustainability with a Capital 'S' is

designed to make nonprofit leadership more comfortable about making the case for infrastructure, and to make donors more appreciative of the critical role that overhead plays," Glavan said.

The event will conclude with a Q&A. The \$50 admission charge is discounted 50% for TVNPA members. Register at [www.tvnpa.org](http://www.tvnpa.org).

TVNPA was founded in 2014 to offer nonprofit professionals and volunteers opportunities to network, learn, share best practices and collaborate. It has monthly seminars in which industry experts address topics of interest to the nonprofit sector. ■

## CROSSING

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car with their hand that was backing up into the crosswalk "filled with kids" as the driver was executing a three-point turn at the neck of Grillo.

Christy Duncan-Anderson, another concerned member of the group, said many parents turn around at that area to save time circling back around in the court and added that driver behavior is at its worst in the morning, when many people are hurrying to work.

Vintage Hills principal Ann Jayne added her support to the initiative, stating in a letter that "it is a dangerous area and has become

increasingly so." A crossing guard posted just down the street said there are "a lot more cars, drop-offs than there used to be," adding to the congestion.

Visibility is also more of a safety issue when motorists illegally park in the red zone close to the corner on Grillo, so the city's Transportation Division is adding another red curb in several weeks. Traffic engineer Mike Tassano said it should "de-congest the throat of the court so that there's fewer elements to negotiate as they try to gain access to Concord."

The city has moved crossing guards to different locations before, but Tassano said pleasing everyone

wasn't possible. "Moving guards ... isn't something we can do, so we try to limit the number of crossing guards we have to elementary schools and try not to go more than two guards per school," he added.

The city's Traffic Safety Committee will review the traffic volume and make a recommendation ask for another crossing guard this spring. If approved, the new guard would be installed by fall and funded by the Pleasanton Police Department.

For the moment, school officials and neighbors have added traffic cones by the red zones to discourage illegal parking and improve visibility at the crosswalk. ■



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# Dublin down to three school board members

Cunningham resigns; board to decide soon how to fill vacancy

By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin Unified School District Trustee Dan Cunningham abruptly resigned in the middle of his third term last week, leaving the Board of Trustees with two of its five seats vacant.

Cunningham, who had sat on the board since 2008 and was the target of a failed recall attempt soon after his re-election in November 2016, made the surprise announcement during the school board meeting Feb. 26, saying his resignation would take effect that Friday.

"I have enjoyed being active in the community and working to make where I live a better place for everyone. My family has been extremely understanding during this

time and have sacrificed so that I could serve. That said, I believe that the time has come for me to pursue other endeavors," Cunningham said during a statement during last week's meeting.

The school board is set to hold a public discussion soon about how the district will go about filling Cunningham's seat during its next regular meeting, on March 12.

With only three trustees currently on the dais, the board must vote unanimously in order for any item of business to pass, according to DUSD spokesman Chip Dehnert.

Cunningham's midterm resignation is the latest blow to the school board, which was already down one trustee after a citizens' petition

nullified the board's provisional appointment of Nini Natarajan to fill the Area 4 seat vacated when former trustee Joe Giannini stepped down last fall. A special election for the Trustee Area 4 seat is scheduled for June 4.

The board's options to fill Cunningham's seat include appointing a provisional trustee from resident applicants — as the district tried to do with Giannini's position, unsuccessfully — or calling a special election to allow voters to pick the candidate who will complete Cunningham's term through November 2020.

Cunningham, who actually lives in Area 1 like Board President Amy Miller, was elected as an at-large trustee for the third time in

November 2016, the final election before DUSD converted to district-based elections.

No current trustees live in Area 3, so one talking point for the board next week will be whether Cunningham's vacancy should be filled at-large or assigned to otherwise-open Area 3, which includes much of south-central Dublin. The board made a similar decision last fall in delegating Giannini's seat to Area 4 when he had been elected at-large — though Giannini lived in Area 4.

It is not clear whether DUSD would have enough time to consolidate a potential special election for Cunningham's seat with the already scheduled Area 4 special election on June 4.

If DUSD pursues a special election for Cunningham's seat, it could be the district's third special election this year.

In January, the school board scheduled a mail-only special election for May 7 for all DUSD residents to decide whether to renew the existing \$96 parcel tax that is set to expire at the end of June. The ballot measure needs approval from two-thirds of voters to pass.

Less than two weeks later in response to a petition, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe canceled Natarajan's appointment to the Area 4 seat and called a special election to fill Giannini's unexpired term.

Residents interested in running for the Area 4 special election have until today to file candidacy paperwork with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office. ■

## Foothill named California Distinguished School

Fourth time school has received designation

By JULIA BAUM

For the fourth time in a quarter century, Foothill High School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School by the state Department of Education.

Schools with outstanding academic performance for two consecutive years or that close the achievement gap between two school years are considered among the best K-12 public campuses in the state.

"We are extremely proud to receive this statewide honor and look forward to celebrating with our Foothill community," Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said in a statement. "This recognition belongs to our amazing students, families and staff for always striving for excellence."

Foothill was one of 13 schools in Alameda County to receive the honor this year; Foothill first received the award in 1994, and again in 2001 and 2005. In total, 158 California schools were recognized this

year by new State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

To qualify for distinguished status, schools are judged on factors outlined by the California School Dashboard including test scores and graduation and suspension rates for two consecutive years, or erasing achievement gaps over the same period.

Distinguished schools also have exceptional teaching and positive school environments that encourage teamwork. Elementary, middle and high schools are all recognized by the state program in alternate years; eligible schools may apply once every two years.

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund congratulated the school on its "well-deserved recognition," in a statement, adding, "Thank you to our amazing Foothill community for the effort and support that contributed to this distinction and continues to help our Falcons soar." ■

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Council members will review the draft work plan, which includes recommendations from staff and city commissions as well as carryover topics from previous years, during their workshop on Tuesday evening. They will also accept more public input from residents and other stakeholders about what additional initiatives should be put on the list.

To make the cut, a project or initiative needs support from at least three council members. The council is expected to vote on each item Tuesday night, and then city staff will finalize the work plan for formal adoption by the council in the weeks afterward.

The city priorities workshop is set to start at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 12) in the council chamber at the

Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

• **State legislators:** Bauer-Kahan, the Tri-Valley's first-term assemblywoman, is teaming up with fellow Orinda Democrat Glazer to host a joint legislative town hall on Tuesday evening in Dublin.

The two elected officials will provide an update on their legislative priorities and recent happenings in the State Capitol while also listening to feedback from constituents about the issues important to them.

The public town hall is set to run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 12) at the Dublin Civic Center at 100 Civic Plaza in Dublin. To RSVP, call Bauer-Kahan's district office at 328-1515 or visit [asmdc.org/cf-townhall](http://asmdc.org/cf-townhall).

• **County update:** Miley, who represents the Pleasanton area on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

is set to cover a range of topics during his quarterly Pleasanton community meeting on Wednesday.

The agenda includes discussions on the Newport Academy adolescent rehab and treatment facility on Happy Valley Road, the annual Castlewood safety report, traffic congestion issues at the Castlewood Drive and Pleasanton-Sunol Road and the Castlewood Drive and Foothill Road intersections, and an update on Urban Shield.

Bauer-Kahan is also scheduled to appear to greet residents. After the formal agenda, Miley will host a brief Q&A session with attendees and welcome input on potential topics for June's community meeting.

Miley's community meeting is set to run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 13) in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. ■

## AMADOR

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record management.

The Amador leadership debate even made its way into the Pleasanton City Council chambers briefly Tuesday night.

Solorzano's abrupt absence has left a void at the school and the instability is palpable among many students, Amador senior Marina Abreckov told city officials during non-agenda public comment at the regular council meeting.

Expressing disappointment at the unexplained leave of absence, Abreckov praised Solorzano for his guidance at Amador, especially around student mental health initiatives, and urged the city of

Pleasanton — a separate governmental agency from PUSD — to intercede and help solve Amador's principal turnover problem.

"We are so shocked by the fact that overnight we just found out he's gone and no longer part of our community," she told the council. "And that's why I'm here today asking the city to get involved because it's really concerning and frustrating, and the students are the ones who lose the most from this."

The council members were prohibited from discussing the Amador issue because it wasn't on their posted agenda for Tuesday, but Councilwoman Julie Testa said to Abreckov, "With your being here, a lot of people have heard you." ■

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# Board OKs contract for Lydiksen rebuild with reduced scope

Also: Fencing projects coming at Fairlands, Mohr, Harvest Park

By JULIA BAUM

A series of security and remodel upgrades for several schools were approved at last week's Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting, including a new construction contract that will save taxpayers millions of dollars but with a reduced project scope.

The board on Feb. 26 signed off on a new building contract to rebuild and modernize classrooms at Lydiksen Elementary School

months after the district went back to the drawing board after receiving only one bid for Lydiksen construction work for \$21.3 million — \$6 million over budget for that portion of the project.

Santa Rosa-based JL Construction, which presented the lone first bid in July, came back with a lower bid in December for \$14.1 million based on a reduced scope of the project. Some site changes include combining the transitional kindergarten building with the

kindergarten cluster and getting rid of other workspaces.

Plans for the Lydiksen project, estimated at \$30 million overall, include purchasing new furniture for Lydiksen students at an estimated cost of \$16,500 to \$21,000 per classroom. The costs will be paid for using revenue from Measure 11 school facilities bond.

One of the classroom buildings will be repurposed to maintain the current classroom count and the district also plans to stub

out utilities for a future new classroom building, as resources emerge.

Construction is expected to begin this summer, with the goal of overall project completion in the 2021-22 school year.

In other business campus projects approved by the board last week, new amenities will come soon to several elementary and middle schools, including installing new 8-foot-tall security fencing at Fairlands and Mohr

elementary schools and Harvest Park Middle School.

A combined total of \$922,600 in Measure 11 funds will cover most of the cost for all three campuses; last year the board approved \$1.5 million from the same source for the fencing. The fenceline at one of the schools may also move several feet, as district staff noted that some students have managed to climb on top of at least one building from that particular fence. ■



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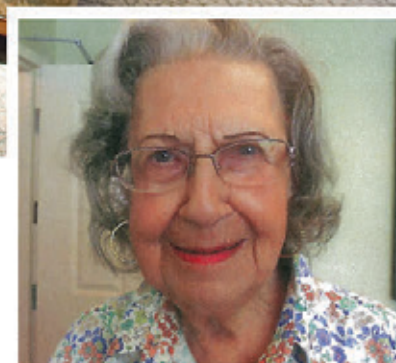
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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Tri-Valley natives joining Pleasanton PD

The Pleasanton Police Department has welcomed two Tri-Valley natives as the city's newest police officers.

Amador Valley High School alumna Kayla Furphy and Robert Kidd, who grew up in Livermore, took the oath of office during a swearing-in ceremony at department headquarters on Feb. 27.

Furphy and Kidd, who graduated from their law enforcement academy programs in early February, will start patrolling Pleasanton streets as solo officers after successfully completing a 16-week field training process, according to the department.

Raised in Pleasanton, Officer Furphy earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, East Bay, after graduating from Amador. At East Bay, she realized she wanted a career in public service, and after talking with friends and family in law enforcement and taking her first ride-along, she knew she wanted to be a police officer, PPD officials said.

Officer Kidd, who was born in Pleasanton and raised in Livermore,



Kayla Furphy



Robert Kidd

graduated from Granada High School and then earned an associate's degree in social behavioral science from Las Positas College.

Coming from a police family (his grandfather, George B. Kidd, was a Pleasanton police officer in the 1950s), Kidd developed his own interest in a law enforcement career while working in loss prevention, where he built a strong relationship with local police agencies and was inspired by officers' devotion to their communities, according to PPD.

### In other news

- The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 at the end of a five-hour meeting last week to accept most of a committee's recommendations to make sweeping changes to its Urban Shield first-responder training exercise, which was held partly in Pleasanton.

Those changes recommended by an ad hoc committee appointed by the board last year including eliminating military-type SWAT teams and competition from the annual exercises, eliminating its weapons expo and vendor show component, getting rid of the "Urban Shield" label and evaluating law enforcement participants' compliance with their departments' use-of-force policies.

Another change is ensuring that the majority of the people responsible for implementing emergency response services are fire emergency managers and community organizations serving vulnerable populations rather than being over-represented by law enforcement.

After the meeting Alameda County

Sheriff Gregory Ahern called the board's vote "a big disappointment" because he thinks it means that the Urban Shield exercise, which his department launched in 2007, will now come to an end.

The board voted 4-1 to end the training exercise in its current format at a meeting in March 2018 at which the vast majority of more than 100 speakers alleged that it is militaristic, racist and xenophobic and has a negative impact on communities of color and immigrants.

- Police said they are treating the death of a male who was found Monday on a dirt trail in Livermore as suspicious.

Around 7:43 a.m., a person flagged down an officer regarding a person who was lying on the ground and appeared injured on the trail along Arroyo Creek parallel to Peary Way, police said.

Officers found the victim lying in shrubbery off the trail and determined that he was deceased. The Alameda County coroner has not yet identified the victim.

Anyone who may have information about the death is asked to call Sgt. John Reynolds at 371-4733.

- Mark Allan Sypien, the former Dublin resident accused of killing John Moore at commercial property Moore owned in Danville on Feb. 23, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in his native Illinois as law enforcement closed in on his parents' home in St. Charles on Feb. 27.

Last week's Weekly reported the suicide attempt, but Sypien was pronounced dead after the paper went to press. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### March 3

#### Theft

- 6:49 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 7:01 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 7:51 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 8:05 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; theft from auto
- 6:15 p.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of bicycle

#### Fraud

- 3:52 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 1:49 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 9:51 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

#### Vandalism

- 8:37 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

### March 2

#### Theft

- 8:11 a.m. on the 5300 block of Pleasant Hill Road
- 11:48 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 3:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Drug violation

- 1:53 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive

### March 1

#### Shoplifting

- 3:29 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Feb. 28

#### Vandalism

- 6:43 a.m. on the 5600 block of Baldwin Way
- 9:04 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- 9:39 a.m. on the 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive

#### Theft from auto

- 8:04 a.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 8:40 a.m. on the 7900 block of Kentwood Way
- 9:42 a.m. on the 5300 block of Brookside Court
- 11:41 a.m. on the 5200 block of Riverdale Court
- 6:13 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

- 2:23 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Feb. 27

#### Theft

- 6:40 a.m., 600 block of Palomino Drive; theft from auto
- 10:15 a.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 1:37 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 1:44 p.m., 7700 block of Highland Oaks Drive; theft from structure
- 1:51 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:49 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Weapons violation

- 5:51 p.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

- 10:54 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### Feb. 26

#### Assault/battery

- 6:47 p.m. on the 4500 block of Shearwater Road

#### Fraud

- 1:44 p.m. on the 4100 block of Sharab Court

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## Marjorie Ellen Bowles

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On February 12th, 2019, heaven gained a beautiful angel by the name of Marjorie E. Bowles, age 91.

Born and raised in Alameda, California, Marge met her husband Robert Bowles playing badminton at a local gym. The two quickly fell in love and moved to Pleasant Hill, then to West Covina in Southern California where they raised three amazing daughters. After spending many years there, the two returned to the Bay Area and settled in Pleasanton, where the memories continued.

Marge was the social butterfly of the family, spending her time with multiple groups including her colleagues from Lydiksen Elementary, the garden club of Pleasanton, bible study, water aerobics, and her friends of Alameda from high school. She enjoyed baking for her family, gardening in her yard, and was a huge fan of the Golden State Warriors, particularly Steph Curry.

She is survived by her three daughters, Susan, Barbara (Mike), and Robin (Bob) as well as five grandchildren; Tyler, Teresa, Dana, Chris, and Stephanie and five great-grandchildren; Kaleb, Isabella, Owen, Fitz, and Ellie with another joining them in April. She also leaves behind her pride and joy, her cat, Pixie.

The family would like to thank the surgeons, doctors and nurses of Kaiser Walnut Creek and Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the weeks of love and compassion they showed.

In lieu of flowers please make any donations to a charity of choice in honor of Marge.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of life on Saturday, March 9th at 12:00 pm at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, CA 94566.



PAID OBITUARY

## Standing up to anxiety

New foundation in son's memory aims to erase mental health stigma

By JULIA BAUM

After their 14-year-old son died by suicide last year, Pleasanton's Nimmo family took on a personal new mission to sound the alarm about the impacts of anxiety.

As part of their family's campaign, Steve Nimmo and his daughter Samantha appeared last month at a screening of the documentary film "Angst" at the St. John Paul II Activity Center in Pleasanton, where they used time after the film to remind everyone that "it's OK to not be OK."

"My goal is to try and inspire all of you to go get help," said Samantha Nimmo during the well-attended panel discussion Feb. 20. "It's OK to not be OK, and I think that the biggest part for me is just how many people are struggling."

Anxiety played a large role when Samantha's younger brother Zachary took his own life last October, just days after his parents actually saw "Angst."

"(The movie) really described him well," Steve Nimmo previously told the Weekly.

The Nimmo family hopes to erase the stigma of anxiety by talking about it more and teaching others how to recognize the signs and symptoms.

Zachary was diagnosed last summer and received psychiatric treatment for anxiety, an "emotion characterized by feelings of tension,

worried thoughts and physical changes like increased blood pressure," according to the American Psychological Association.

Anxiety disorders, including the severe social anxiety that afflicted Zachary, are also the most common mental health struggle in the United States. Although Zachary seemed to improve, the Amador Valley High School student was still struggling even when he stood up for a friend being bullied on the day that he died.

"That's what we're doing here, we're standing up to anxiety and trying to help kids through this," his father Steve told the Weekly.

Anxiety is normal and even helpful as an emotion, but is amplified for people struggling with an anxiety disorder, according to mental health experts. The panelists said everyone experiences anxiety and that feelings can't be stopped because they "speak to the need to have a balance of different emotions" that "teach us how we're learning from the world."

What determines if a person is experiencing normal anxiety instead of an anxiety disorder is a "gray zone" of how afraid a person is of their anxiety, they said.

The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that nearly 32% of youth ages 13 to 18 suffer from some form of anxiety, but only 20% of those teens receive help. The Nimmo family recently formed the nonprofit



MIKE SEDLAK

Pleasanton resident Steve Nimmo has become an advocate for anxiety awareness after his son's suicide, including being a featured speaker at screenings of the documentary film "Angst" in the Tri-Valley.

Z Cares Foundation — named in honor of Zachary, or "Z" as his family called him — to create public awareness about mental health and connect communities to resources. It's one way the Nimmos are "trying to find our new normal" these days.

"It keeps us connected to Zachary and this is something he would want to do because anxiety is the thing that ended up taking him from us," Steve said. "These numbers are so staggering and that's what we're trying to cut into. We're not mental health professionals, but we're trying to help educate the community and build some partnership in the mental health area. We want to get into the schools, into the sports clubs and build a support structure where at a minimum the kids have a safe place to talk to each other."

Professionals at the "Angst" screening last month emphasized that, while very treatable, anxiety can set

people up for depression if ignored.

The difference between the two, they said, is that "anxiety makes things feel daunting" while depression "makes them feel like they're in the realm of you not being capable to do them" and also "changes beliefs you have about yourself." Depression also starts to change the brain, body and sleep cycle.

Parents like Toni Gatzke called the film "an eye opener for everyone"; her friend Andrea Kettenhofen said mental health education "should start in middle school and high school."

"We have PE in schools, but we don't have mental health class," Kettenhofen said.

The Pleasanton Unified School District has held showings of "Angst" for students at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, and Steve said Thomas Hart Middle School is looking at having one, as well as schools in Livermore, where it will also be

### Seek help

Anyone in need of support can contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or CrisisSupport.org, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889, chat or at SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.

specially screened at the Bankhead Theater later this month and again at the Las Positas College Main Stage Theatre Building next month.

Like at other "Angst" showings, a discussion panel with Steve and Samantha and mental health experts will take place afterward. They will also have a pediatrician on the panel for the first time at the Bankhead showing; Steve said pediatricians can be a great resource for detection because they're generally easier for parents to access than mental health specialists.

"What we're finding is early detection happening at the pediatrician," Steve said. "When Zachary was diagnosed, he was diagnosed by a pediatrician."

Screenings and panels are "only a start" to their mission, which Steve said he has plenty of work to do in honor of his son's memory. "It's a big task to take on but we knew this is what Zachary would've wanted us to do."

"Angst" will be shown on March 26 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, 2400 First St., and April 10 at the Las Positas Main Stage Theatre Building in Livermore, 3000 Campus Hill Drive. Both showings start at 6:30 p.m. and are free to the public. To RSVP for tickets, visit angstmovie.com. To learn more about the Z Cares Foundation, visit zcares.org. ■



MIKE SEDLAK

The Feb. 20 "Angst" screening and discussion panel featured (from left) film producer Scilla Andreen, Steve Nimmo, Samantha Nimmo, Dr. Tracy Foosse, counselor Sabina Kratzer-Carter and film producer Karin Gornick.

# Calling women entrepreneurs

Networking group launches Tuesday with dynamic speaker

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A committee of women entrepreneurs, headed by Upuia Ahkiong, is launching a networking group this week to energize and celebrate their sister business owners.

Ahkiong did not start out as an entrepreneur. She worked as a school counselor and teacher, planning to become a principal.

Then, inspired by the healing traditions of her paternal grandmother in Samoa, she switched career paths to delve into the art of massage. In 2002, Ahkiong became one of the first massage therapists at Google Inc., where she spent 10 years building a massage component for its wellness programming.

But Ahkiong eventually struck out on her own and opened Kua Body in Los Altos in 2016. To market her massage therapy treatments, she reached out to other women entrepreneurs.

"She went with the idea of having a one-off celebration of women-organized businesses," explained Pleasanton resident Rosanne Hoffman, a Realtor with Venture Sotheby's International Realty.

The event was a huge success, drawing 100 women business owners who reveled in the evening

of meeting their peers and sharing ideas and enthusiasm.

"After it was over, these women were at her door saying, when would be the next event," Hoffman said. "WELA (Women Entrepreneurs Los Altos) was born. It now has evolved into WE lunches, WE mixers, and they have a monthly event where they get a big turnout."

In November 2016, Ahkiong opened Kua Body in Pleasanton, where she lives, and now has formed the committee to launch WE Pleasanton-Sunol, with volunteers Hoffman, Patricia Maruko of Patricia Maruko Designs, Teresa Basalyga and Sarah Traube.

The inaugural event will be from 6-8:30 p.m. next Tuesday (March 12) at Sabio on Main, 501 Main St., and will also celebrate Women's History Month.

"We are thrilled to have secured as our keynote speaker Etsy's No. 1 highest earning seller in the world and entrepreneur Alicia Shaffer," Hoffman said. "She grew her business, Three Bird Nest, to \$6 million in annual sales. She has sold the majority interest and mostly now is a business coach."

Before her Etsy success, Shaffer opened Prim on Main Street, still a

successful clothing boutique. Her achievements have been covered by "Good Morning America" and People Magazine.

The WE Pleasanton-Sunol organizers sent out invitations to downtown women business owners and are hoping to reach as many entrepreneurs as possible to celebrate their journey and plan ways to give back to their community.

"There is so much interest in doing this in Pleasanton," Hoffman said. "It will really be a great source of networking for all of us."

When WELA took on a life of its own, it began to charge fees, she noted, which are now \$100 per year, much less than national networking groups. There is no charge for the launch, although there is a chance to donate when signing up and attendees must RSVP.

The response has been good, Ahkiong noted, and a waitlist has been created. Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or email [WEpleasanton@gmail.com](mailto:WEpleasanton@gmail.com). Donations can also be made at [www.WELosAltos.com](http://www.WELosAltos.com).

The event will include food, drinks and music by DJTuese.

"I hope it is a big success whether we have one event or 20 events," Hoffman said. ■



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## Dancin' concert at the Vets Hall

Firehouse Arts Center is hosting a concert/dance party at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., with a ragtime blues band, the California Feetwarmers, known for its "horn-heavy rags, banjo stomps and happy trad jazz," close to original 1920s New Orleans. Guests are encouraged to dress for the genre. The event begins at 8 p.m. next Saturday (March 16). Tickets are \$20, cash only at the door, or purchase in advance at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. or by calling 931-4848.

# Water planning for the future

Zone 7 member to speak on managing drought and abundance

First a drought, then a deluge. Managing water resources obviously takes some planning.

The public is invited to hear Zone 7 Water Agency Director Sarah Palmer speak on "California Water: Planning for the Future of Drought and Abundance," at 2 p.m. next Wednesday (March 13) at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., hosted by AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin.

After the presentation, Palmer



Sarah Palmer

will answer questions about the water situation in the Tri-Valley. Discussions may continue in the library's Daily Grind Espresso Bar & Cafe.

Palmer, who has a Ph.D. in biochemistry, is a retired science teacher and has been on the Zone 7 Board of

Directors since 2006. She also serves as vice president of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 board, is on the ACWA state board and on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority, which is responsible for the tunnels project.

Palmer is also an AAUW member, an avid hiker, painter and paddle boarder. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Relay for Life kicks off

Teams will spend 24 hours honoring cancer victims, raising funds

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Tri-Valley held its kickoff recently at the Livermore Elks Club with a potluck dinner. Cancer survivors and their families were honored as they are at all Relay for Life events, and everyone learned how they can join the fight.

Relay for Life was founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985 to unite and celebrate people around the world who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost and take action for lifesaving change.

The local Relay for Life will be held June 22 at Granada High School, the second year to combine the events for Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville. Last year's relay took place at Dublin High School and raised \$130,000.

Teams are forming now for the Relay for Life in June when they will camp overnight with members taking turns walking around the track for 24 hours, signifying that the fight against cancer never sleeps.

Companies, schools, service

clubs, churches and other groups are encouraged to form a team, and past participants are encouraged to join the effort again. Fundraising activities include Luminaria bags to honor cancer survivors and victims.

Co-chairs this year are Donna Foster, Larry Coy and Natalia Custodio. To join the Relay for Life, call Anh Nguyen at 408-646-9293, email [anh.nguyen@cancer.org](mailto:anh.nguyen@cancer.org), or visit [www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA). ■

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This year, Pleasanton's Every 15 Minutes anti-DUI program was held at Amador Valley High School and observed by the entirety of the school's junior and senior class.

**STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY RYAN J. DEGAN**

**P**anicking students, police sirens, confusion, pandemonium.

This was the scene set at Amador Valley High School last week, when student actors participated in the Every 15 Minutes anti-DUI program.

"I think what we are doing here is really important because a lot of

people know the statistics of drinking and driving but they don't know the actual repercussions and the emotions that they would feel. So hopefully we instill those feelings in them to make them think twice before getting behind the wheel under the influence," said Catherine Murphy, a junior at Amador and member of the school's student-led Every 15 Minutes Committee.

Every 15 Minutes is an anti-DUI program that consists of a realistically simulated car crash, where student actors and volunteer first responders re-enact the aftermath of a fatal collision resulting from a student driving while intoxicated, with the school's senior and junior class present to witness the event.

It is held at high school campuses throughout California and derives its name from the frequency someone in the United States was killed in an alcohol- or drug-related collision, at the time the program was founded.

Created in partnership with the California Highway Patrol, Pleasanton Police Department and the Pleasanton Unified School District, the program is meant to depict the catastrophic consequences that can arise when someone makes the choice to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, with a particular focus on curtailing DUI rates among young people.

"It's never OK to drink and drive. And even if you say like 'oh it's a quick drive,' it's never ever worth it," said Amador senior Maddie Hildebrand, one of the student actors in the program. "I just hope that everybody can take this day and realize the impact (driving under the influence) has on the whole community, even for the people not involved. It's tragic for their family. It's tragic for the victims. It hurts everybody."

During the crash re-enactment, held on Feb. 28, Amador juniors and seniors gathered on Del Valle Parkway adjacent to the high school, to witness the aftermath of the collision.

At the scene, an intoxicated teen, portrayed by Bella Huyler, had just crashed into her friend's car while driving away from a party — a collision that would have resulted in three

deaths, a prison sentence and countless lifelong traumas.

"I hope everyone that watches takes something away and realizes that it's not OK to drink and drive or be under the influence in general," said senior Jordan Uraquhart, who played a student who became paralyzed for life as a result of the crash. "I feel like if we can save at least one person then that person can also help somebody else. And that's the general idea of this program, to save people and to influence other people as well."

**'It's never OK to drink and drive. And even if you say like 'oh it's a quick drive,' it's never ever worth it.'**

**Maddie Hildebrand,  
Amador senior**

The mock crash was followed by an assembly the next day, where students viewed a video documenting what transpired before and after the collision. They also heard from guest speaker Wendy Reynolds, an attorney and public speaker whose family was killed by a drunk driver when she was a child.

"I am standing here today pleading with you: Do not be the next person who kills someone. I had a family, I had a little sister and a mom and a dad, and then all of a sudden just like that I didn't. I was an orphan because someone chose to drink and smoke weed and drive a car," she told the students in Amador's gymnasium March 1.

Every 15 Minutes does not just consist of the mock crash and assembly, as during the week approximately 30 students were pulled from class to represent the "living dead" — students who have been killed as a result of intoxicated or distracted driving.

When it came to casting the student actors and living dead, program organizers stressed the importance of creating a diverse cast, in order to reach as broad a group as possible, and not just in terms of ethnicity and gender.

"We worked for a really long time to get the perfect mix of people to hit every friend group, every single club sport, whatever, so that every single person in that audience will be touched by this program," Murphy said.

This is the crux of the program, according to Murphy. Every 15 Minutes aims to not only affect the students participating in the mock crash, but also their parents and friends, and their parents and friends and so on.

For the past 18 years, the program has been presented in alternating years at either Amador or Foothill high schools — with students from Village High School attending Foothill's program. It is funded by the Office of Traffic Safety with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol.

According to PPD Officer Nick Schwarz, first responders participating in the scene took their jobs seriously and treated the mock crash as they would the real thing.

"The primary theme behind Every 15 Minutes is about you. You making decisions that will affect yourselves in a positive way," Schwarz said to students during the assembly, adding that while the rate of DUI-related



Student actor Evan Thomas holds Maddie Hildebrand during the aftermath of the mock crash. Surabhi Kumar can be seen trapped in the wreckage.



The mock crash was followed by an assembly in the Amador gym the next day, set up with a casket to emulate a funeral setting.



Clockwise from top left: Bella Huyler (left) acts out being arrested by police for driving drunk. Student actors and first responder volunteers treated the crash as if it were the real thing. The student actors pose for a photo before getting into character for the mock crash Feb. 28.

deaths has improved both nationally and locally, there is still a lot of work to do.

“The frequency of these deaths has been reduced down to about every 54 minutes, however the reduction in fatalities seem to be contributed to the education programs like (Every 15 Minutes). Even though those fatalities have decreased even a single preventable death is unacceptable,” Schwarz said.

Over the past several years, the total amount of DUIs reported in Pleasanton have been steadily dropping. 2017 marked a 10-year low for DUIs, according to PPD’s annual reports that document statistics between 2007 and 2017.

According to PPD’s 2017 annual report, officers reported 109 DUI cases, only one of which was for a juvenile. The 10-year high point was in 2010, where the city saw 329 DUI cases.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that in 2017, 83,007 people called Pleasanton home, which makes a ratio of 1.31 DUI cases per 1,000 residents for that year. That is significantly lower than the state average, which saw 5.46 DUI arrests for every 1,000 residents in 2015 (the most recent year with data available), according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

First responders participating in Every 15 Minutes were quick to stress that DUI does not strictly refer to drinking and driving. In addition to alcohol, driving while under the influence of drugs — or even distractions, like texting — can lead to catastrophic results.

“Driving under the influence can mean anything, whether it’s alcohol, prescription medication, marijuana, other drugs ... Whether you drink

alcohol or you put other stuff in your body, it’s going to have an effect on your brain and that’s going to have an effect on your perception and reaction times,” CHP Officer Tyler Hahn said.

The figures may be improving, but the feeling of losing a loved one due to intoxicated driving is one Every 15 Minutes organizers throughout the state are working to extinguish. Anti-DUI advocates like Reynolds want people to know that driving drunk just isn’t worth it, and waiting for a sober ride is better than risking ruining lives.

“I have two guarantees for you today. First guarantee: Your parents would rather get a call from you, than a call from the police or the hospital,” Reynolds told the Amador students. “Second guarantee: Your parents would rather come and get you at anytime of the day or night than get that knock on the door ... that they will have to go to the hospital or morgue.” ■

*Editor’s note: The production was videorecorded by the Dublin High School video production program and can be viewed on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/2SHnZmP>.*

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### City Council – Special Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** Adopt, or Introduce, an Ordinance amending Chapter 18.110 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) to add a new Section 18.110.010B (Special Provisions for Small Wireless Facilities); adopt a resolution approving a new council policy (Small Wireless Facilities) for the purpose of regulating the permitting, design, and location of such facilities citywide; and approve the use of a pole license agreement
- Consider taking a position on H.R. 530 – Accelerating Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019

#### City Council - Workshop

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Proposed 2019/20 City Council Work Plan

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

#### • Presentation by Knut Ojermark regarding Downtown Pleasanton

**PUD-131, Henry Batteate for Erin Sorge!**  
Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to construct an approximately 5,059-square-foot single-family residence with an approximately 939-square-foot attached garage and to convert the existing 1,016-square-foot residence to an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 481 Sycamore Road. Zoning for the project site is PUD – A (Planned Unit Development – Agricultural) District

#### • P18-0269, Linh Phan

Application for Design Review approval to construct an approximately 6,401-square-foot, two-story, single-family residence with an approximately 1,057-square-foot attached garage and approximately 572-square-foot detached garage at 1131 Sleepy Head Lane. Zoning for the property is PUD-SRDR (Planned Unit Development – Semi-Rural Density Residential) District

#### • Downtown Specific Plan - Draft Environmental Impact Report

Public hearing to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Specific Plan Update (SCH #2001032014), which was published on February 1, 2019

#### • PUD-130, P18-0078/0079/0080/0081, Ponderosa Homes

Work session to review and receive comments on applications for various entitlements for four parcels (10807, 11021, 11033 Dublin Canyon Road and the parcel west of 11021 Dublin Canyon Road) totaling approximately 128.5 acres, including annexation, general plan amendments, and Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning and development plan to demolish two homes and construct 33 single-family detached homes with related on- and off-site improvements, and public land dedication and improvements

#### • P18-0314, Joshua Brysk, Appellant; Rocio Arango, Applicant

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator’s approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a large family day care home with a maximum of 14 children at the existing residence located at 3149 Chardonnay Drive. Zoning for the property is R-1-6,500 (One-Family Residential) District

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Downtown Transportation Corridor Improvements
- Valley Trails Playground
- Review the Conceptual Plan for the Centennial Park Bocce Ball Court Renovation and Provide Design Recommendation

#### Youth Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider Recommendation to Allocate Community Grant Funds in the Youth Category for Fiscal Year 2019/20

### BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC PROCESS VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMISSION

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**Housing Commission** — One vacancy

**Human Services Commission** — Two vacancies, One youth vacancy

**Planning Commission** — One vacancy

**Youth Commission** — Two middle-school vacancies

For more information or to apply, please visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov/boards](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/boards)

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Applications are due March 22, 2019.

Interviews with the Mayor will be held March 27 and March 29, 2019

For additional information contact the Office of the City Clerk at 925-931-5027

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Amador Valley girls lacrosse off to strong start

Also: Foothill baseball, softball post wins; Amador tennis, volleyball continue to roll

The Amador Valley varsity girls lacrosse team took a pair of games last week, first beating Acalanes 17-8 and then downing Granada 16-4.

In the win over Granada last Friday, the Dons got early goals from Catherine Murphy and Mady Sweeney, and then it was Isa Clark, Bella Mayo, Marley Diligent, Lily Manos and Kalena Johnson to make it 7-0.

Grace French, Katelyn Sweeney, Maddie Riddle, Alexis Bayani and Erica Haley played well on defense for Amador.

Sam Nimmo and Sophia Shibliq scored to make it 9-1, followed by goals from French and Bayani to make it 11-2 at half.

In the second half freshman Haley scored her first varsity goal and Katelyn Sweeney followed with a goal moments later. Mayo, Nimmo and Mady Sweeney added second goals as the Dons closed out the win.

Amador goalies Claire Lemelin and Blake Guidice each had strong games in the net.

Earlier in the week, Nimmo, Murphy, Mayo, Manos, Johnson,

Diligent, Shibliq and French all had goals in the win over Acalanes.

#### Foothill softball

The Foothill girls softball team knocked off Liberty 7-0 in the Falcons' lone game of the week because of the weather last Friday.

Nicole May went the distance in the circle, allowing only two hits and striking out 15. Foothill broke open a tight game with five runs in the fifth inning.

Hope Alley and Ellen Ebbers had three hits each for the Falcons, with May, Ebbers, Alley and Ally McElroy all driving in runs.

#### Foothill baseball

The Falcons have jumped out to a 5-0 mark to start the season, including winning a pair of games last week to extend their streak.

First it was a 13-1 win over James Logan where the Falcons banged out 17 hits. Justin Durlinger, Max Masajlo, Corey Steinhauer, Luke Novitske and Ryan Stemplinger had multiple hit games.

Josh Robinson went the first three innings on the mound, allowing only the lone run and striking out five along the way. Josh Anderson and Drew York closed out the game for the Falcons.

Next up was a 4-0 win over Tracy to end the week.

Steinhauer had a three-run home run for the big blow of the game. Seungmin Shim was the winning pitcher, allowing only three hits and striking out eight in four innings of work.

The previous week saw wins over College Park (8-1), Castro Valley (1-0) and Freedom (9-1).

Durlinger, Tommy Scavone and Joseph Scalzo were the leading hitters for the Falcons, with Robinson, Anderson and Shim getting it done on the hill.

#### Amador tennis

The Dons kept rolling with a pair of wins last week, beating San Ramon Valley 7-2 and Dougherty Valley 8-1.

Against San Ramon Valley, Vedhant Kaliyur and Sankalp Sharma pulled out three-set singles wins to join Aadarsh Tripathi and Esvarsai



KEVIN GRAY

Amador Valley's Erica Haley drives toward the net in the offensive end.

Ramineni as singles winners.

In doubles, the teams of Robert Heeter/Brett Miller, Vishesh Pithadiya/Manas Aavula and Ethan Allavarpu/Nithilan Muruganandham all won their matches.

Against Dougherty, Tripathi, Ben Deriquito, Kaliyur, Ramineni and Sharma all won their singles matches.

Heeter/Miller, Pithadiya/Aavula, and Ethan Allavarpu/Muruganandham all got it done in doubles again.

#### Amador volleyball

The Dons have rolled to four wins in as many East Bay Athletic League games to start the season.

It started on Feb. 19 with a 25-13, 25-6, 25-11 win over California. Outstanding play from Colton Brooks with kills from both front and back rows. Also, excellent contributions from Logan Miller and Brent Werder were key.

Next was an impressive 25-13, 25-23, 25-21 win against De La Salle. Brooks was again key with kills and services aces. The Dons also got solid performances from Sawyer Brookhart, Black Bouchard and Devon Kost.

The team followed with a 25-9, 25-18, 25-9 thumping of Livermore. Jacob Kim was great at setter, with other solid performances from Luke McFall and Will Sadler.

Finally, the Dons beat San Ramon Valley 25-16, 25-16, 25-17. Brooks, McFall, Brookhart and Sadler all played well. ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.*

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## Teens

**TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT** The Teen Open Mic Night, from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 8 at Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St. is open to all Pleasanton high school student performers and all ages are invited to attend. To sign up to perform, please fill out the form at [bit.ly/march8openmic](http://bit.ly/march8openmic). For more information contact Joelle Glushenko, at 931-3432.

## Home & Garden

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING** Learn "Secrets of Growing Dahlias" at 7 p.m. on March 14, in the Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. This meeting will focus on how to grow, divide, and maintain beautiful dahlias. Visitors are welcome.

## Volunteers

**BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF SHERIFF PLUMMER** The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is holding a blood drive in memory of Sheriff Charles Plummer on that ends today (March 8), across three counties. Starting at 1 p.m. today at the Red Cross Pleasanton Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave. To make an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), and use sponsor code PLUMMER.

## Concerts

**VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE - JOYFUL TREASURES** From 3 to 5 p.m. on March 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, the Valley Concert Chorale program will include Benjamin Britten's "Tedium in C", Arthur Sullivan's "Dance a Cachuca" and more. Tickets are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

## Talks & Lectures

**PLEASANTON 2020 FORUM** From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Chamber Conference Room, at 777 Peters Ave., the 2020 Forum meets. Topics vary. If you wish to receive topic notifications, email President/CEO Steve Van Dorn at [steve@pleasanton.org](mailto:steve@pleasanton.org).

**LIVERMORE INDIVISIBLE MEETING** At 1:30 p.m. on March 10 in the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, at the Livermore Indivisible meeting, Dr. Karin Tamerius, a psychiatrist with a

background in political psychology and founder of SMART Politics will present a program entitled, "Radical Civility." For more information visit [LivermoreIndivisible.org](http://LivermoreIndivisible.org).

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED** Tri-Valley Republican Women invite all to their monthly dinner meeting at 6:45 p.m. on March 14 at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore to hear speaker, Betty Ann Boeving Hagen, Founder of the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition. Members cost is \$30/Guests \$35. Call Jo Molz at 846-6155/Cell/Text 367-6155 and include all names and a phone number or email her at [rjm911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjm911@sbcglobal.net).

## Theatre

**LAS POSITAS COLLEGE PRESENTS THE DROWZY CHAPERONE** Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday March 8 and 9, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10 at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. High school students with valid ID can view the

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Marisa Bakery & Cafe  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 554847  
The following persons doing business as: Marisa Bakery & Cafe, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Mari Takiyeh; Sarkis Banipalsin, 5215 Palazzo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Mari Takiyeh; Sarkis Banipalsin, a Married Couple. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Feb. 4, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Mari Takiyeh, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Feb. 4, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2019).

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**TIME:**  
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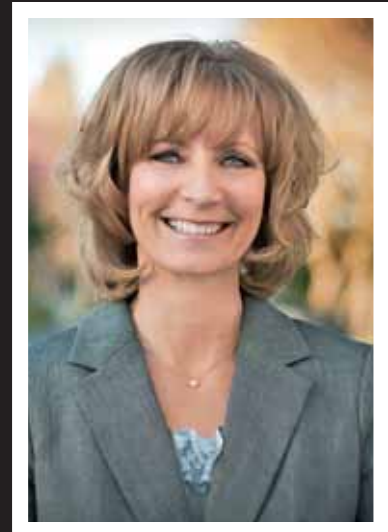
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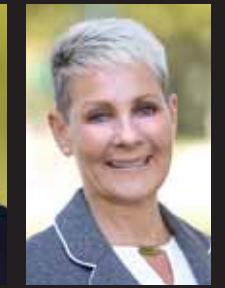
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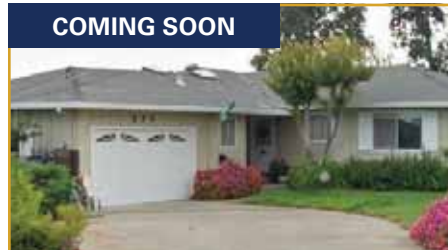
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