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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Time to go camping?

If we have wonderful memories of something, should we try to do it again? Or can some experiences not be replicated, some places not be revisited?

Take camping. I have great remembrances of Girl Scout camp as a child, and camping with a friend's family in Yosemite as a young teen.

Flash forward 20 years to camping with my own family, including with friends on Mount Diablo — campfires crackling in the night with my husband playing the guitar and the children lustily singing after finishing their s'mores. Even the joy of rising and exiting the tent into the dewy morn.

So should I try to organize a camping trip with friends? Actually I have mentioned it and the prevailing response was: Been there, done that.

How about my daughter's family? They have made a tentative start, buying sleeping bags and a tent, but so far the equipment has only been used for dad-kid campouts in their backyard. They might consider a camping trip with Grandma — perhaps I should offer to plan, pack and cook all the dinners.

When we were first married, we kept it simple. We headed off to camp at Pinnacles National Park frequently, loving its hikes through the caves. It was basically a sleeping-bags-on-the-ground affair.

A few years later, when my husband was stationed at Beale Air Force Base outside Marysville, we bought a motorcycle and our camping trips became even more basic — supplies had to fit behind me.

On one trip to Yosemite, we awakened at dawn to falling snow. I remember stopping along the road as did another couple on a motorcycle, and the guy said, "I was hoping it would snow!" Biker humor. We headed for a motel and went through our week's cash in two nights.

We went camping a couple of times with my in-laws, Harry and Juanita Ciardelli, who lived in Pleasanton. Once was in the Sierra so the younger generation could go white-water rafting, leaving the toddlers happily playing in the dirt under their grandparents' watchful eyes.

Another time we all went to Lake Del Valle. My in-laws always brought folding chairs, which my husband and I eschewed at the

time as unnecessary, just one more thing to pack, but now that sounds smart. Campgrounds might have sturdy tables and benches but they are lacking in comfy seating.

Digging a bit deeper into my memory banks, I recall the discomfort of a sleeping bag, and surely at my age it would not be any easier to haul myself up from the ground. And the preparation, packing everything needed for eating, sleeping, etc. — and for a modicum of comfort.

I also now recall that for family camping we had to own enough equipment for a hassle-free trip, including lanterns and a camp stove. And I remember returning home to a lot of unpacking, a ton of dirty laundry and the car to be washed. Camping is not actually a vacation — it is a getaway.

Camping close to home would not entail snow. The biggest drawback might be discovering what is open and how to navigate new safety rules.

Mount Diablo State Park is allowing some camping but warns it is experiencing a water shortage as the springs on the mountain have been reduced to a trickle. The water faucets in the picnic and camping areas are turned off, according to the website, although portable toilets and a hand-washing station are available at Rock City.

At Lake Del Valle there is NO water to use in the park as a new water system is being constructed. Day users and campers must bring in their own water. And no swimming is currently allowed due to unsafe blue-green algae levels.

The water problem certainly takes the fun out of it. And adds to the fire danger. Smoky Bear always kept me vigilant; these days I wonder if I would dare light a match.

Still, such wonderful memories. The birds who would come to investigate and look for crumbs, the quiet of the woods at night except for mysterious woodland sounds. I am fortunate to have this in my memory banks.

But for my next getaway, how about a nice hotel near the ocean? ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

About the Cover

The Pleasanton City Council gave the final 2021-23 city work plan its seal of approval this month, solidifying a list of top priorities across 13 categories to be tackled in coming years. Weekly file photos. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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COMPASS

Is there somewhere that you go in Pleasanton where you feel like you've left town and are somewhere else entirely?



Cynthia Carroll
Elementary school teacher

Hiking Pleasanton Ridge really helps me to recharge and reconnect. In just a short amount of time at The Ridge, I always find myself lost in the beauty of the amazing landscape and enjoying the peace that surrounds me. During my time there I feel like I'm a million miles away from everything.



Liza Singer
Sales

When I go to the Stoneridge Mall I feel like I'm in a very depressed area of the country, as opposed to in Pleasanton which is so vibrant and thriving — COVID notwithstanding. So many stores have closed, the lights seem to be on a dimmer setting, there are very few shoppers, and many low-end, one-off stores have started occupying the empty spaces. It's so unfortunate.



Gosia Kennison
Program manager

Oh yes. I am European, and when I go to Locanda Amalfi on Main Street, the food, the people and the environment make me feel right at home, like I'm truly in Italy. Especially when the staff greets me with a "ciao bella!"



Joel Kennison
Program manager

When I go to Nonni's on Main Street I feel like I'm in Finland. The experience is so authentic. Its chef/owner, Jon, is always there and always accommodating. The food is superb, so it is always our go-to place when we want to feel as though we're on vacation.



Rosemary Hosterman
School registrar

When I go out walking on the trail that goes through Kottinger Park, I feel as though I'm totally off the grid, in a foreign, exotic locale and no longer in Pleasanton.

— Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Memorial Day

In honor of Memorial Day 2021, Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will be conducting a brief ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton at 11 a.m. Monday.

The flags will be lowered to half-staff, followed by a prayer and a three-volley rifle salute, and then the flags will be raised. There will be no formal remarks or other presentation.

Over in Dublin, the city just launched this year's Military Banner Program, which honors 12 local veterans and active duty service members with banners on display around town now through Veterans Day.

Graduations tonight

Pleasanton's two comprehensive high schools are set to hold in-person graduation ceremonies this evening with health-and-safety protocols in place. Livestream and hosted virtual ceremonies will also be available in light of the pandemic.

"Ceremonies will be simplified/streamlined, without performances," Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly. "In-person ceremony with students walking across stage — no hand shaking or handing out diplomas). Staff and board members will be giving elbows/chicken wings and students will pick up diploma from table on stage."

Foothill High School's ceremony will be first, at 5:30 p.m., and Amador Valley High School's will follow at 7 p.m. Each event will be at that school's stadium field and will last approximately one hour, Gannon said.

Village High School held its graduation ceremony on Wednesday morning at the district's upper Bernal fields just above the Village campus.

Dublin bike survey

Dublin city officials have put out an online survey to gather community input as part of their process to update the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

"Upon completion, the plan will include goals and recommendations to ensure that walking and biking in Dublin is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable for all ages and abilities," city officials said. "Your input will help develop a plan that addresses the needs of people walking and biking in Dublin."

The survey, estimated to take seven minutes to complete, is available at dublinbikeped.org/survey. Responses will be confidential and used solely for this planning process, officials said. ■

City Council OKs affordable housing development in downtown Livermore

Much public debate surrounds Eden Housing plan to build 130 units at Railroad and L

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the 130-unit affordable housing community proposed for downtown by Eden Housing following a public meeting that spanned two days.

All five council members expressed enthusiastic support for the proposal that would provide homes ranging from one to three bedrooms for residents with incomes between 20% and 60% of the Alameda County area median income, which includes individuals earning less than \$55,000 a year and less than \$78,000 a year

for a family of four.

"It's a quality project that meets the expectations set when the council approved the concept plan in January of 2018. In addition, the city has invested years of effort and millions of housing dollars in this site and we need to proceed now," said Mayor Bob Woerner, adding that voting against the project would be an "irresponsible risk of taxpayer funds" because of the likelihood of lawsuits that would result from doing so.

The council found that the project complies with the state density bonus law, the California Environmental Quality Act, the Housing

Accountability Act and aligns with the city's overall vision for the downtown development plan.

In addition to meeting the necessary standards, the council acknowledged the existing need for more affordable housing in the city.

"Livermore cannot solve the ongoing housing crisis alone but we can do our part to make our community more possible for all income levels to live here," Vice Mayor Trish Munro said. "Communities which enable people to live near where they work are stronger. Communities that are diverse are stronger."

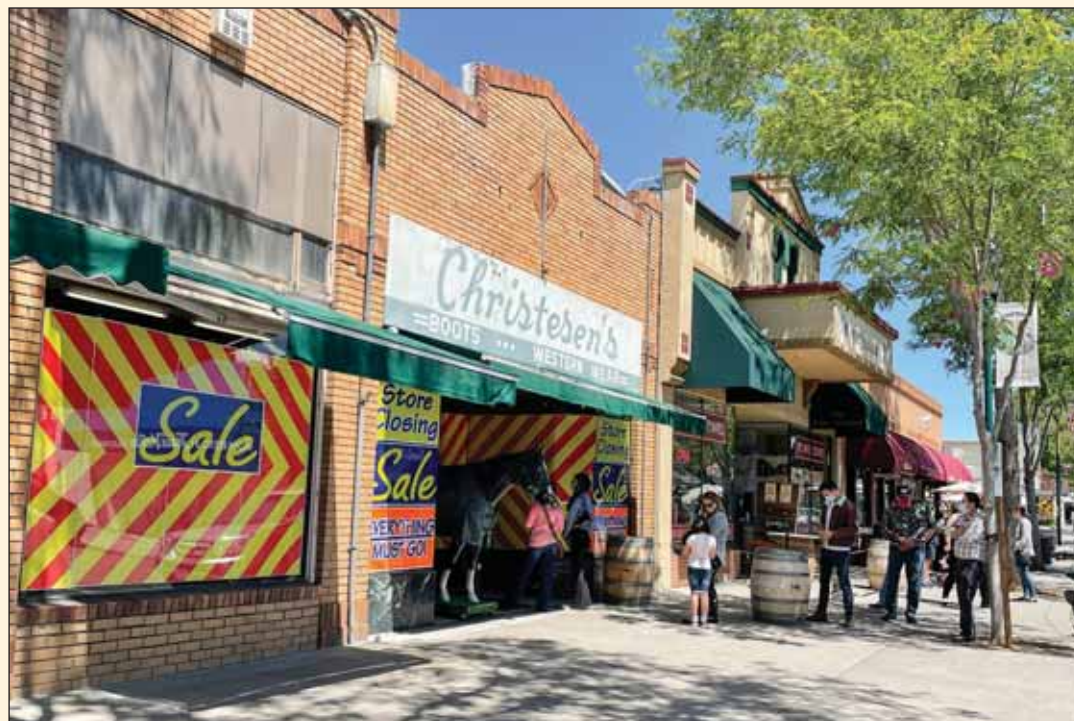
Councilmember Brittini Kiick

said that her own childhood experience influenced her perspective on the value of affordable housing.

"I think it was pretty clear when I was running (for office) that I'm a huge advocate for affordable housing and will continue to fight for affordable housing so that people like my mom don't have to deal with what she had to deal with when she was raising us alone," she said.

Councilmember Bob Carling addressed the environmental considerations Eden Housing included in its plans such as providing all

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JEREMY WALSH

Adorned with closing-sale signage, Christesen's Western Wear was popular stop in downtown Pleasanton around lunchtime May 20.

Christesen's closing after 92 years

Store shuttering amid loss of customer base, changing business makeup downtown

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Christesen's Western Wear in downtown Pleasanton has announced it will permanently close its doors after nearly a century of serving the East Bay's agricultural and equestrian community amid changing local demographics.

While the Christesen's sister store Baughman's Western Outfitters in downtown Livermore will continue to operate, owner Rory Janes says the Pleasanton store

— which has been located in downtown Pleasanton for 92 years — will be closing due to Main Street becoming more restaurant-centric as opposed to retail, as well as the region's transition from rural area to a more urban center.

"Pleasanton downtown is more of a dining center, not so much retail anymore," Janes told the Weekly. "Pleasanton has evolved away from the need for a store like this slowly over the years,

with a lot of infill for housing and less of an equestrian base. And, of course, horse racing is also a factor."

"For years there were hundreds of horses boarded out by the track, and that's not so much anymore. All of the horse-made products were huge for our base," he added.

Janes added that in addition to the region's somewhat drastic

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'Robust' RHNA outreach process

Workforce housing, water supply are items of concern for residents

By JULIA BAUM

While the city of Pleasanton continues to move forward with updating its Housing Element, an extensive outreach campaign is in the works to ensure public participation and understanding of the process, and to receive important feedback from residents.

An overview of staff's recent efforts and developments on updating the city's upcoming regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) cycle was given at last week's council meeting, and outlined a "public participation plan." Community outreach is required by law as part of the state-mandated RHNA process, though state officials do not dictate exactly how to do so.

City staff recommended holding three community-wide meetings early in the project "to allow for feedback and insight into the highest priority considerations," and at least two stakeholder meetings with representatives for housing-related interests such as nonprofits, community service providers and market-rate and affordable housing builders.

The city may hang signs and consider hosting a booth at the Farmers'

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Sunwalker pulls the plug on Livermore solar project

Opponents 'very happy' at company's withdrawal

By CIERRA BAILEY

Sunwalker Energy last week withdrew its application with Alameda County for a conditional use permit to develop a solar energy project in northern Livermore.

The project was under appeal and set to return to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors next week, following the supervisors' request for more information on the developer's agricultural management plan. In light of the company's withdrawal, there will be no further review of the project.

Looming legal and policy issues, the difficulty of maintaining investor interest in the project along with the time and

additional resources that would be needed to fulfill the supervisors' request without a clear outcome for the project, were among the reasons for Sunwalker's decision, according to county planning staff.

Sunwalker was the smaller of two solar energy projects planned for North Livermore. The 410-acre Aramis project, proposed by Intersect Power, was approved by the Board of Supervisors following appeal hearings earlier this year but has been challenged in court by some of the same citizen groups who opposed the Sunwalker project.

County planning staff said one of the key differentiating factors between the two projects is

that the Sunwalker site is under Williamson Act contract, which has additional restrictions on development, including for solar electric power generation.

Supervisor David Haubert, who represents District 1 which includes the area of both project sites, said he was unsatisfied with the agricultural management plan proposed by Sunwalker, arguing it failed to include legitimate agricultural uses in its plan such as grazing and food production, like the Aramis project does. "They also did not have a viable ongoing maintenance plan with a local conservancy such as Tri-Valley Conservancy," he said.

The Board of Supervisors heard four appeals challenging

Sunwalker's 59-acre, six-megawatt solar energy facility at its April 22 meeting before deciding to delay its deliberations. Appellants Save North Livermore Valley, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards, Friends of Livermore and residents John and Jackie Bowles raised concerns that the project would destroy the natural environment and violate the county's Measure D, which aims to preserve agricultural land and open space in eastern Alameda County.

Save North Livermore Valley, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards and Friends of Livermore expressed the same concerns about the Aramis facility and all three groups, along with the

Ohlone Audubon Society, filed suit against the county last month in an effort to halt the project.

Chris O'Brien, chair of the Save North Livermore Valley steering committee, told the Weekly in an email that his group is "very happy" about Sunwalker withdrawing its application and believes that their efforts in opposing the project played a role in the decision.

"Now, we are hopeful the Aramis developer might think hard about continuing with their plans. We are hopeful our lawsuit will prove the county approved the project illegally in terms of state zoning laws and the will of the voters with the passage of Measure D," he said. ■

Transit riders can now use Clipper on Android phones

Bay Area transit riders can now use Clipper via Google Pay and on their Android smartphones to pay fares, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission announced last week.

The MTC, the transportation planning agency for the nine-county Bay Area, last month introduced the Clipper payment card service on Apple

Pay and with an iPhone or Apple Watch and has now given Google and Android users a similar way to ride the 24 regional transit systems that use Clipper.

After downloading the Clipper app on an Android phone running Android 5 or later, people can transfer an existing plastic Clipper card

to it, although once transferred the plastic card can no longer be used to pay for fares.

Customers can also add a Clipper card directly through Google Pay and load cash value anytime or set up automatic reloading of money when a balance falls low, according to the MTC.

When boarding transit, people can wake up their phone and hold it near a Clipper reader rather than needing to go to a ticket machine or retailer.

"We've heard loud and clear that Android users want a way to pay their fares with their phones, and Clipper is delivering on that," MTC chair Alfredo Pedroza said in a news

release. "We are providing another contactless way for people to pay their fares, offering greater safety for riders and transit employees alike."

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Man, dog dead after house fire in Livermore

Cause under investigation by LPFD, LPD

By JEREMY WALSH

A man died in a house fire that also claimed the life of a dog on Westminster Way in Livermore early last Friday morning, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The cause of the blaze, which heavily damaged the house, remains under joint investigation by LPFD and the Livermore Police Department, according to deputy fire chief Jason Solak.

The identity of the victim had not yet been released publicly as of press time Wednesday, with next-of-kin notification still pending.

The emergency calls came in just after 5 a.m. Friday reporting a house fire in the area of Lambeth Road and Westminster Way, according to Solak.

Firefighters arrived to find a large volume of fire in the garage that had extended into the residence of a single-family house on the 2400 block of Westminster Way, Solak said. The home is located in a neighborhood east of North Livermore Avenue between Portola Avenue and Las Positas Road, near Vista Meadows Park and the Valley Montessori School.

Fire crews initiated an offensive attack to knock down the flames, a response that included an immediate search of the house. Solak said they found a man inside and pulled him outdoors.

“Medical attention was immediately initiated by fire and ambulance personnel. Unfortunately, efforts to save the victim were unsuccessful and he was pronounced

dead at the scene,” Solak said.

No other human occupants were found inside, but firefighters did locate a dog who had died during the fire, according to Solak.

Livermore police helped evacuate nearby homes while firefighters battled the blaze, according to Sgt. Steve Goard.

LPFD crews gained control of the fire within 30 minutes, and they remained on scene into Friday afternoon for mop-up work and the ongoing investigation, Solak said. No injuries were reported for fire personnel.

The house sustained heavy damage and early loss estimates are around \$400,000, according to Solak.

The cause of the fire, as well as an exact point of origin, remain



Fire crews continue mop-up work and their investigation into the cause of a fatal fire on Westminster Way in Livermore on May 21.

undetermined, Solak said. LPFD investigators are working with Livermore police on the case.

“As with any death that is not natural or the result of known medical ailments, LPD detectives

will investigate this matter to determine what occurred,” Goard said. “At this point in the investigation, there is no additional information to provide as we attempt to determine what occurred.” ■

State confirms June 15 reopening with no capacity, distancing mandates

With vaccinations up and hospitalizations down, rules will be ‘no longer needed’

California will reopen on June 15 without any capacity limits or physical distancing requirements for businesses or events, the state’s Health and Human Services secretary said last Friday.

Gov. Gavin Newsom last month announced the expected June 15 reopening date, which state officials on Friday confirmed as COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalizations continue to drop and the number of people

vaccinated continues to increase.

Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly on a call with reporters Friday said COVID-related hospitalizations are down to levels not seen since the start of the pandemic, while vaccines are available with no wait throughout the state for everyone ages 12 and up.

As a result, California will end its tiered system of restrictions for counties as it lifts the capacity

and distancing limits on June 15.

“Those requirements of the past are no longer needed for the foreseeable future,” Ghaly said.

He said the state will be laying out recommendations and guidelines for vaccine verifications for businesses but will not be creating any sort of vaccine passport system.

Dee Dee Myers, a senior adviser to Newsom, said confirming the June 15 reopening date is “a really important milestone as we move forward” and “will allow

people to really plan in detail” for their businesses or events in the coming weeks and months.

“We’re still in the middle of that transition, and not sure what the next normal is going to look like,” Myers said.

Ghaly said a priority will be working with local school districts to make sure K-12 schools are fully reopening for the new school year, and said while vaccines were recently made available for people as young as 12, vaccine eligibility for children

ages 2-11 might not happen until the late summer or early fall.

As California reopens fully, public health officials anticipate that COVID-19 cases will rise, but Ghaly said he doesn’t think it will have a significant impact on the state’s hospital systems given current levels of vaccination, and there won’t be any new metrics counties will need to reach to stay out of further capacity or social distancing restrictions. ■

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PUSD puts Horizon layoffs on hold

Board of Trustees reconsidering proposed cuts

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District is pausing plans for layoffs at Horizon Early Education Center and will most likely revisit the matter next month, officials told the Weekly on Monday.

Last week, PUSD officials told the Weekly that the program — which has been running for more than 30 years, and offers reduced or subsidized services for qualifying families — “has been operating in the red for a number of years and is unfortunately not sustainable.”

The Board of Trustees was originally poised to cut six classified staff positions effective July 19 at the longtime daycare program during its May 20 meeting, but opted to put the layoffs on hold and will now hear an updated presentation in late June instead.

Staff’s original recommendation

called for eliminating five full-time early education positions at Horizon, including a lead early educator plus an early education aide. Adopting the recommendation would save the district approximately \$470,000 based on staffing allocations, but parents who contacted the Weekly said they were opposed, particularly with the difficulty of finding daycare and more places reopening now.

In a joint letter to the district circulating online, PUSD families called it “disheartening to hear the program might be discontinued, as we are passionate about Horizon and its mission to provide early education services for the community and teen parents attending school in the district.”

The letter asks the district to “allow the community time to understand the merits of the proposal,

offer constructive feedback, and propose alternative solutions,” and said that closing Horizon “would put many working families in the difficult position of unexpectedly finding alternative childcare in a very short time frame, especially given the scarcity of and high demand for high quality, licensed infant and toddler programs in the area.”

Next month’s presentation was requested by the board, according to PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon.

“There’ll be lots of financial data as far as program cost and fees,” Gannon said. “We’ll also be gathering stakeholder input as part of the process.”

Though the layoffs status is still undetermined, officials said any employees who were let go would be eligible for re-employment with PUSD. ■

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DUSD board appoints William Kuo to succeed late wife as Area 3 trustee

'Her impact on me was profound. I share her same passion to serve'

By JULIA BAUM

William Kuo, the widower of former Dublin Unified School District trustee Catherine Kuo, was unanimously selected to fill his late wife's seat as the representative for Trustee Area 3, after a lengthy interview process at a special board meeting last week.

At the end of 2-1/2 hours of opening and closing statements, public comment, a couple of question-and-answer periods and deliberation on May 18, William Kuo was appointed from among three applicants to the Area 3 seat, which has been vacant since his wife was fatally struck by a car at Fallon Middle School in March.

In his closing statement to the board, Kuo said he shared his late wife's "passion to serve" their family's community, and called her impact on him "profound."

"One may wonder why I applied to become a trustee after losing Catherine just eight weeks ago," Kuo said. "It's a decision made with a lot of thought and deliberation. I witnessed her passion and dedication to our students with her being the Area 3 trustee. Her impact on



Newly appointed DUSD Trustee William Kuo takes the oath of office May 18.

me was profound. I share her same passion to serve."

Many community members voiced their support for Kuo's appointment during the public hearing, as well as one of the candidates during their closing statement, and had also emailed the board urging them to appoint Kuo.

"Through this process, it's clear that William comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, expertise and genuine support from our community," Board President Dan

Cherrier said. "As we continue to move through critical projects in our district, William will play a vital role in ensuring our future success. We look forward to working with him to continue this work for our students, staff, and families."

District officials described Kuo in a statement as "a dedicated Dublin parent who has volunteered as a class parent, chaperone, and auditor for the Dougherty Elementary School's Parent Faculty Club

reviewing their year-end finances."

A resident of Dublin for more than 20 years, Kuo works as a development operations and systems engineer. He has a son and daughter that are currently enrolled in DUSD. In addition to a bachelor's in molecular cell biology from UC Berkeley, Kuo holds a master's in business administration from California State University East Bay and earned a doctorate in dental surgery at UCLA.

Kuo was sworn in immediately following the board vote on May 18. His provisional appointment comes a week after the board unanimously approved the appointment of new DUSD superintendent Chris Funk, and is effective through the next regularly scheduled school board election in November 2022.

The board had previously decided to fill the midterm Area 3 vacancy via an application and appointment process, rather than call a special election. Real estate broker John Wu and Oakland school district employee Taji Brown were the other two candidates that applied for the seat. ■

CHRISTESEN'S

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changes that have occurred in the region's demographics over the past century, financial impacts from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic also played a role in pushing the store's closure.

"COVID kind of pushed us over the edge there," he said.

An official closing date has not been announced yet, but Janes anticipates that the final day may be held sometime in August. That timeline depends on how the store's closing sale shakes out over the next couple of months.

Advertised as the largest sale in the store's history, Christesen's is seeking to liquidate its entire inventory, with store fixtures and equipment also for sale in addition to the equestrian gear and western wear.

Janes added that the closing feels bittersweet, but the sale has brought out significant support from the community who have come to share stories of times in Christesen's and to say goodbye.

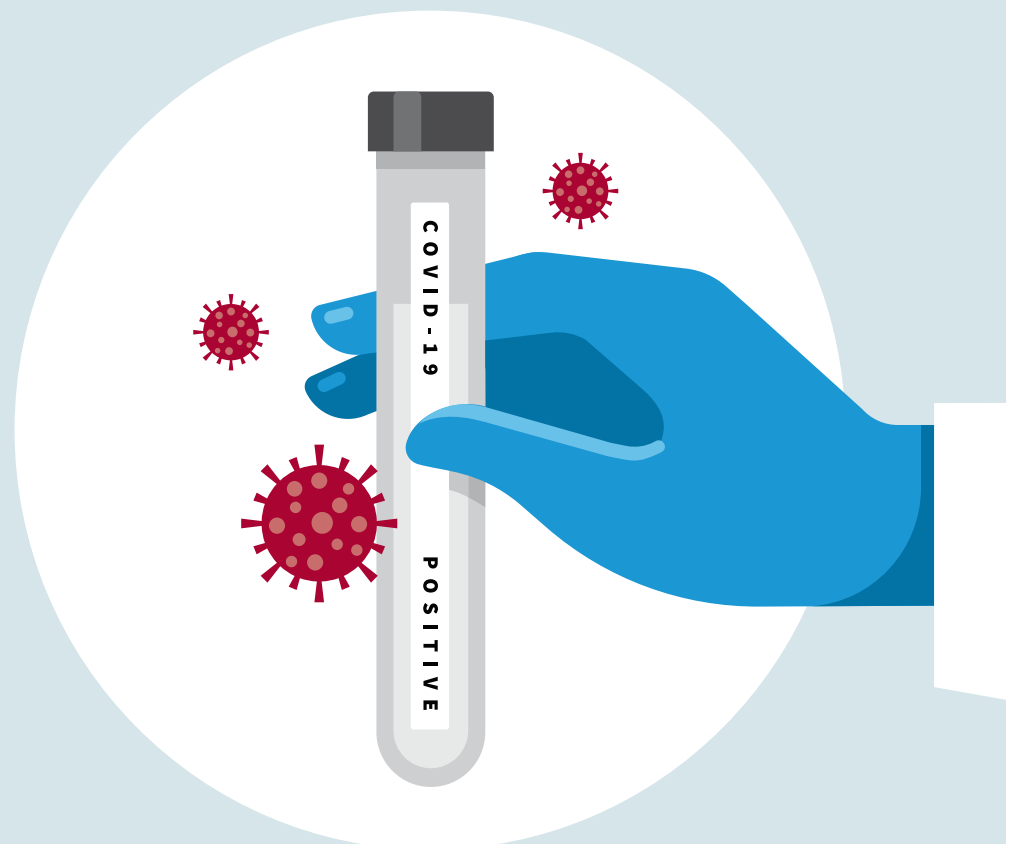
"We're hearing a lot of stories from people who are 50 or 60 years old saying they got their first boots here when they were 6 years old or 'we got our daughter's first boots here,'" Janes said. "(Closing) has been coming for some time. It's a sad thing but you know change is inevitable." ■

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Pleasanton's first cricket pitch opens at Alisa

Field created to serve rapidly growing interest in sport

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Cricket competition has officially come to Pleasanton, now that the community's first designated pitch has opened at Alisa Elementary School.

Created in partnership between the Pleasanton Unified School District and local youth cricket group Cricket for Cubs, the new field will provide a much-needed space for the increasingly popular sport and serve as a way to help local residents feel like their interests are reflected in their community, according to local officials.

"We are so excited to share with you this new addition to our school and to the Pleasanton community. At Alisa we embrace diversity, we love people of different abilities, different genders, different cultures and so on," Alisa's principal Karen Johnson said during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the pitch last Friday. "The addition of this cricket pitch to our school fits perfectly as it will allow us to learn."

"This is not just about the sport itself, but about the city and Tri-Valley demonstrating inclusion and community buildup," added San Ramon

City Councilman Sridhar Verose, founder and former president of San Ramon Cricket Association. "It's very important to make your community members and your residents feel like they are a part of it and welcome."

PUSD agreed to invest \$60,000 in refurbishing the Alisa field in November 2020 as a part of its ongoing efforts to improve local school fields, school staff said. Cricket for Cubs agreed to fund the construction of the Alisa cricket pitch.

The field will be used to serve a significant growing number of Tri-Valley residents who have an interest in cricket, according to district officials, who added that since Cricket for Cubs was founded by Ramesh Immadi in 2015, membership has grown from 36 players to more than 300 kids. Cricket for Cubs has also introduced the sport to more than 4,000 students through P.E. and after-school programs.

"It's a great honor for Cricket for Cubs to partner with Pleasanton Unified in building this field. This is our second cricket infrastructure project,



RYAN J. DEGAN

PUSD board member Steve Maher tries out the new cricket pitch, throwing a ball to batter Saanvi Immadi.

the first one being the cricket cages built in Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. PUSD has supported us in establishing cricket in after school programs," Amador Valley High junior Ajay Immadi said at Friday's ribbon cutting.

Ajay Immadi, son of the Cricket for

Cubs founder, was recently shortlisted for the 26-member USA Men's Under-19 National Training Group after the completion of the Under-19 National Cricket Championship tournament hosted during spring break in Houston, Texas.

"We have assured the community members that we are going to be good neighbors and not disturb the community with balls flying into yards," Ajay Immadi added with a laugh. "We are looking forward to seeing more cricket in the community." ■

Valley View principal promoted to district office

Villaseñor is new equity/access coordinator

By JULIA BAUM

Valley View Elementary's principal is leaving the school after the academic year but will be remaining with the district to serve in another capacity.

After four years as principal, Soraya Villaseñor recently confirmed in a message to the Valley

View community that she would be returning for the 2021-22 school year in a new role with Pleasanton Unified School District.

"Although, as you know I will not be the principal here at the View next school year, please know that in my next role my job will be to continue to support our Valley

View Mustangs," Villaseñor said, adding for parents to "please reach out if ever there is anything I can do to help."

PUSD spokesman Patrick



Soraya Villaseñor

Gannon told the Weekly that Villaseñor was "recently appointed as our coordinator of equity and access a few meetings ago," and the district is currently in the hiring process for a new principal.

Villaseñor, who has three children enrolled in PUSD, was first appointed the principal of Valley View

in 2017, replacing former principal Rafael Cruz upon his retirement. It was her first job as principal and second administrator job after previously serving as vice principal for a year at Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore.

Villaseñor could not be reached for comment as of Wednesday. ■

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electric appliances and a composting facility on-site. "Additionally, the development is within a half a mile of a major transit stop to provide tenants easy access to public transportation," he said.

The discussion initially began Monday night with a presentation of the project by city staff and Eden Housing. In anticipation of an extensive public comment period, the city had planned ahead to divide the meeting into two sessions. After hearing from more than 100 speakers Monday, the council reconvened on Tuesday afternoon to ask questions, deliberate and vote.

Approximately two-thirds of the public speakers expressed support for moving forward with the development planned for the southeast corner of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection, while opponents implored the council to consider moving the project to an alternative location due to concerns about traffic congestion, parking

and the overall size and scope of the project, among other issues.

"Despite all the community opposition to this project, our voices have been ignored," Jean King said on behalf of community group Save Livermore Downtown, which opposes the development. "If the city continues to ignore us, we may have no choice but to ask a judge to resolve the dispute. Rather than do that, we urge the city and Eden to press pause and come to the table with us to discuss an alternative through mediation, community meetings or some other approach."

The current project site was initially purchased by the city in 2007 with a plan in sight to build affordable housing there. Eden Housing has also secured \$14.4 million from Alameda County's Measure A1 bond fund for the project, which relies upon the city's commitment to build affordable housing at the proposed location.

While offering her remarks about the project, Munro rejected the notion that there is a viable

alternative. "The only bait-and-switch has been perpetuated by the people pretending that housing can or should be moved from a location that has always been reserved for affordable housing," she said.

Some of the project's challengers also criticized Woerner on Monday, arguing that he did not follow through on his previous commitment to finding a "win-win" solution to the debate. In his closing comments on Tuesday, Woerner addressed those claims and the role of Joan Seppala, publisher of The Independent newspaper, in the project opposition effort.

"I'd like to point out that at the end of last year, I proposed a compromise solution to Joan Seppala's committee and expressed that I was willing to work with them to explore an alternative option. I made it clear at the time that was the last opportunity, in my opinion, to seek a compromise. My proposal was summarily rejected by Joan Seppala because she was not willing to compromise," he said. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Order N-25-20 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>

City Council

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Adoption of the City of Pleasanton 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan, Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update
- Review two year operating budget for fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and four year capital improvement program for fiscal years 2021/22 through 2024/25
- Review background and provide policy direction on the Active Ground Floor Use Overlay in the Downtown Specific Plan

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RHNA

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Market, as well as adding signs and electronic displays at places like City Hall, the Public Library, and the Senior Center. Additionally, staff may give reports or presentations to additional commissions and committees outside of the Housing and Planning commissions, and groups like the Realtors' association.

A recently launched website will serve as the primary access point for residents to learn more about the Housing Element update and future meetings, and subscribe to updates on the project. The user-friendly site also includes project documents and a page of frequently asked questions.

The outreach plan was praised by Councilmember Kathy Narum as "robust," and several residents shared some suggestions of their own during the public hearing on May 18.

"Many of our residents speak English as a second language and have a variety of different cultures," Jocelyn Combs said. "Ask them the best way to reach out, which could include multiple languages, different social media, meeting types and locations."

Debunking myths about affordable housing is crucial, Combs said, and that the city is "not reaching out to those who work here, who would like to live here — a key

demographic for new housing." Combs urged them to "create a means to capture that information by survey, social media, working with employers."

Before voting that evening, Councilmember Valerie Arkin said, "Certain areas are more highly impacted with our schools than others and I would like that to be a consideration as we move forward."

During the last Housing Element, Arkin said the Planning Commission met at every single elementary school in Pleasanton Unified School District, and sent a card to every resident in that boundary area inviting them to come meet and learn more about the process.

"I think that would be a really good thing to do this time as well," Arkin said.

Monith Ilavarasan, a candidate in last year's mayoral election, said during public comment that the city should "advance the goals of affordable housing" by identifying "all publicly owned land that is available in Pleasanton, and make that information available to the community in an accessible manner."

"This publicly available land can be used in conjunction with non-profit housing developers and community land trusts to build higher-density long-term affordable housing that actually fosters community here," Ilavarasan said.

Both Combs and former council

member Becky Dennis said not adding more affordable housing in Pleasanton could eventually backfire on the city and also contribute to the consequences of climate change.

"We should take into account the limited financial resources of these lowest-paid essential workers who often commute the farthest distance from housing they can afford to their jobs here," Dennis said. "The rising cost of gas and then the need to purchase electric vehicles could make commuting too expensive for them, and that in turn could reduce workforce availability for Pleasanton businesses."

Dennis added, "Preserving and enhancing the competitiveness of our city as a business location will require an investment in affordable workforce housing close to Pleasanton jobs."

Increasing workforce housing and "taking away commuter trips reduces greenhouse gases and helps meet our climate goals," too, Combs said.

"Water is the reason" that former councilmember Arne Olson said he commented on May 18, and shared his concerns that the city's current draft RHNA allocation of 5,965 housing units — which city officials plan to appeal based on concerns about the methodology used — is at odds with local resources.

"When you prepare your appeal regarding the allocation, I think we need to mention water as an environmental constraint," he said. "(The) process requires that we outline governmental constraints and environmental constraints, and I think water has to be an environmental constraint."

Olson added, "This Housing Element will require an EIR. That

exercise needs to look at water, and not just the supply water for Pleasanton, the secondary issue of PFAs in our water supply. There seems to be a disconnect at the state level between housing goals and a recognition that they're impacted by water supply."

This month, the Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Commission are expected to start issuing draft RHNA allocations, then outline the procedure and timeframe for the mandatory local review and appeal process, before finalizing the RHNA later this year. Though the city plans an appeal of the draft RHNA allocation, the most recently published estimate will be used as a working number in the meantime.

To learn more about the Housing Element update, visit www.pleasantonhousingelement.com. ■

Home, cars burn in Dublin fire

A house and three cars were gutted by fire early Sunday in Dublin, fire officials said.

The fire was reported shortly before 1 a.m. at a house in the 2100 block of Cabondale Circle, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

Nobody was home at the time of the fire and no injuries were

reported in the blaze, said Jo Leal, spokesperson for the fire department.

The house and a large shed that burned are deemed uninhabitable, fire officials said. The one-alarm blaze also burned an acre of brush.

The home is located in a development off Croak Road near the

Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve.

Alameda County and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire District firefighters responded to the blaze and monitored it for several hours to check on hot spots.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Leal said. ■

—Bay City News Service

On Memorial Day Weekend Support our Veterans by Wearing a Poppy

During Memorial Day Weekend you will find American Legion members in front of local businesses handing out small red flowers called Poppies. The idea came from a World War I poem titled "In Flander's Fields".

"In Flander's Fields where poppies blow, between the crosses row on row..."

This poem provided the inspiration for handing out these flowers to keep the memory of our fallen veterans alive. You can help support our mission of helping local veterans and their families by donating when you are handed a poppy by one of our American Legion veterans.

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Pleasanton's to-do list

Council adopts final work plan with city's top priorities for next two years

By JULIA BAUM

A new community farm, cricket pitches and bike trails are just a few of the public projects that Pleasanton residents can expect to see take off during the next couple of years, after the Pleasanton City Council signed off on the city's final work plan last week.

During the course of two recent meetings, the council spent more than seven hours combined discussing the merits and challenges of each project in the draft work plan covering fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 before unanimously approving the final version on May 18.

Nearly 80 items made the list, which the council updates biennially and will treat as their top priorities for the ensuing two years. They range from ambitious endeavors including revitalizing the local economy after reopening with campaigns and marquee events like Weekend on Main, restarting the East Pleasanton Specific Plan process and updating the Housing Element, to smaller projects such as outreach with youths and teens and piloting the use of pesticide alternatives in city parks.

Quality of life projects that had sizable support from the community include designing a long-planned community farm at Bernal Park, where there will be a demonstration garden with an assortment of crops, orchards and vineyards, as well as an education center.

The project drew full council support for an "A" priority and high

praise from first-year Mayor Karla Brown, who told the Weekly "it is difficult to select from the approximately 90 projects" which she's most excited about, but said "there are many exciting topics that will be coming forward in the next two years" that she's looking forward to.

"I supported programs that keep our community healthy and active, and there were many projects this year that aimed to have fun while improving our lives," Brown said. "I also endorsed programs to assist in the recovery of our residents and businesses, as we emerge from the effects of COVID-19, protecting and improving our drinking water quality, completing our Housing Element update for RHNA 2023, and improving access for disabled residents within new developments."

Higher-profile projects and initiatives like getting the newly formed Police Chief's Community Advisory Board and the city's alternative mental health response pilot program both off the ground are all in the work plan, but many items tackle more administrative or day-to-day business like updating utility rates, affording housing fees, and water and sewer master plans (including connection fees), adopting a 10-year infrastructure and facilities replacement plan, conducting a community survey, and redesigning the city website.

Housing and development is featured prominently in the work plan; some goals through 2023 are to develop a Stoneridge Shopping Center

framework, find sites that can be rezoned to residential in order to meet the city's state-mandated regional housing needs allocation (RHNA), and move forward with plans to add senior housing on the Merritt property and a subdivision on the Lester property.

Other important or notable items for the city are creating a plan to tackle homelessness, trying to remove hazardous synthetic chemicals from the local water supply, implement Climate Action Plan 2.0, labor negotiations and expand and improve parking in downtown Pleasanton.

Street repairs throughout Pleasanton are planned to make local traffic more manageable as well as safer for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Staff said the reconstruction of West Las Positas Boulevard is "first followed by, or to include, the bicycle and pedestrian improvements as ranked as the top corridor in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan."

After an overhaul of West Las Positas including all new pavement, curb and gutters, a two-lane configuration along some sections from Foothill Road to Kirkcaldy Street will be added in the interim, and new bike lanes will be added. Santa Rita Road will also see bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The city will also look to address wider regional transportation issues by completing the planning process to eventually connect BART to Valley Link.

Over the next two years, the city will consider developing or adopting

ordinances to phase out single-use plastic utensils in local restaurants and retail establishments, prohibit smoking inside townhomes and condominiums, and ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

There are nearly as many priorities in the 2021-2023 work plan as the previous one, which had 81. With the priority list now finalized, staff will get to work on drafting operating and capital improvement program budgets that align with the goals expected to take off later this year. Once budgets are approved, officials then work to come up with appropriate timelines for the priorities.

The priorities are divided into 13 strategic objectives, and projects are not listed in any prioritized order. Priorities are assigned one of three categories: to be completed within the first year, complete a significant milestone by the end of the second year, and to be worked on as time allows but with less priority than the other two categories.

Here is the list of the council's 78 priorities; the full work plan, including detailed project descriptions and cost estimates where available, can be found with the online version of this story at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. ■



RYAN J. DEGAN

Over the next two years, city leaders will work to develop a new vision for the Century House on Santa Rita Road, a local landmark used in the past for various events. That may include revisiting plans to partly pave over the open space behind the house.



JEREMY WALSH

Among the public safety priorities listed in the 2021-23 city work plan is designing needed improvements at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Station No. 2, which was built in 1984.



10X GENOMICS

One of the city's goals during the next couple of years is to support and expand Pleasanton's life sciences industry by creating a program for that purpose and putting it into action. Shown: Design plans for proposed expansion of the 10x Genomics corporate campus near Stoneridge Mall.

City of Pleasanton's 2021-2023 work plan priorities

COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

- ▶ Reopen city community services **
- ▶ Maintain fiscal stability **
- ▶ Continue to support nonprofits and businesses **
- ▶ Monitor and assess COVID-19 related community needs **

QUALITY OF LIFE

- ▶ Implement Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks renovation
- ▶ Continue to identify and implement efforts that expand parking in the downtown
- ▶ Conduct an Amador Theater facility assessment
- ▶ Prepare a Century House facility assessment and master plan
- ▶ Master plan an inclusionary/all access playground
- ▶ Design the renovation and expansion of the skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park
- ▶ Cricket pitches/fields **
- ▶ Add dedicated pickleball courts **
- ▶ Replace library roof and lighting system **
- ▶ Develop framework, recommendations and implementation plan to reduce homelessness in Pleasanton
- ▶ Design old Vineyard Avenue trail — Phase I and III
- ▶ Amend the city's code and development standards to enhance minimum ADA accessibility requirements
- ▶ Amend the city's code to trigger mandated trash enclosure improvements/expansions in the city's commercial, office and industrial areas
- ▶ Expand pesticide posting pilot project
- ▶ Consider smoking restrictions for multi-family ownership residences (townhomes and condominiums) to address health effects of second-hand smoke
- ▶ Livermore airport monitoring **
- ▶ Gas powered leaf blower ban **
- ▶ Design Division Street improvements between Main Street and

Railroad Avenue

- ▶ Add lights to existing sand volleyball courts
- ▶ Evaluate city's support for Leadership Pleasanton program **
- ▶ Develop a sound wall repair and replacement program
- ▶ Develop program to help fund improvements to locally designated historic homes in city's historic resources inventory
- ▶ Consider signage program for development projects **

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

- ▶ Continue to support Highway 84 widening
- ▶ Complete planning process to connect BART to the new Valley Link light-rail authority
- ▶ Design reconstruction of West Las Positas Boulevard including bicycle and pedestrian improvements **
- ▶ Construct widening of west-bound Bernal Avenue at first street to allow second left-turn lane
- ▶ Develop short-term ACE station parking solution
- ▶ Design Sunol Boulevard interchange improvements
- ▶ Expand and improve parking in downtown
- ▶ Design Santa Rita Road bicycle and pedestrian improvements

CITY SERVICES

- ▶ Jointly plan facilities for increased student population
- ▶ Conduct community survey **
- ▶ Redesign city website **
- ▶ Update to City Council operating procedures **
- ▶ Evaluate safe gun storage state law and model city ordinances **
- ▶ Evaluate structure of youth commissioners on city commissions **
- ▶ Update and implement the Eastern Alameda County 2011 Human Services Needs Assessment **
- ▶ Restructure of the Economic Vitality Committee to focus on industry sector representatives **

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- ▶ Water conservation
- ▶ Prepare and implement Climate Action Plan 2.0
- ▶ Continue to participate with regional agencies on studies of water supply alternatives and addressing water quality issues, e.g. PFAS **
- ▶ Implement SB 1383 to achieve reduction targets applicable to Pleasanton **
- ▶ Evaluate model ordinance and/or enact city ordinance to reduce single-use disposables
- ▶ Pilot use of alternative pesticide management treatment at designated park

GENERAL PLAN

- ▶ Downtown Specific Plan — active ground-floor use **
- ▶ Lester property
- ▶ Merritt property
- ▶ East Pleasanton Specific Plan
- ▶ Develop a Stoneridge Mall framework
- ▶ Community benefit formula **

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Implement Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone
- ▶ Expand Pleasanton life sciences industry sector
- ▶ Develop coordinated business support program
- ▶ Shop Small-Support Local campaign **
- ▶ Recruiting and retaining retail in downtown **
- ▶ Weekend on Main **

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ▶ Police Chief's Community Advisory Board **
- ▶ Implement alternative mental health response pilot program **
- ▶ DARE/school resource officers (SROs) **
- ▶ Design Emergency Operations Center at fire training facility
- ▶ Design Fire Station No. 2 improvements

HOUSING

- ▶ Housing Element update **
- ▶ Monitor and review new housing legislation
- ▶ Update affordable housing fees **

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ▶ Adopt 10-year infrastructure and facilities replacement plan (10-year capital plan)
- ▶ Update utility rates
- ▶ Update the city's water and sewer master plans, including city connection fees

ORGANIZATIONAL SUCCESS

- ▶ Labor negotiations **
- ▶ Develop a city ADA transition plan
- ▶ Diversity, equity and inclusion strategic plan **

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- ▶ Create awareness of health and safety issues and policies
- ▶ Expand connections to youth and teen services

BERNAL PROPERTY

- ▶ Design Phase I of Bernal Community Farm

Priority list legend

- ▶ = Completion within first year
- ▶ = Completion or major milestone by second year
- ▶ = Work on as time allows
- ** = New priority



RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing's new Community Advisory Board will feature a cross-section of city residents from different backgrounds to weigh in on local policing practices, including use of force and mental health response.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Cricket pitches were one of the most strongly lobbied projects during the city work plan process, receiving a top priority ranking and full support from the City Council.



JEREMY WALSH

Renovations and expansion designs for a skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park also earned an "A" priority in the two-year work plan and unanimous backing from city leaders.

Mother Goose

welcomes bookstore patrons

Pleasanton artist's new mural contributes to public art downtown

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Next time you visit Towne Center Books on Main Street, enter the back way for a special treat. A recently painted mural, designed and created by artist Lucy Bell, shows books releasing beloved “Old Mother Goose” characters.

Bookstore owner Judy Wheeler liked Bell's suggestion to paint a mural at the back entrance to the store and gave her free rein.

“I wanted there to be books and I wanted it to be colorful, but I wanted it to be meaningful to the store,” Bell recalled.

“I asked Judy what made her open a bookstore and what inspires her and what was her favorite book as a child. She said ‘Old Mother Goose’ and reading it with her dad, which seemed like a sweet memory and a good mural subject,” she continued.

“I started going through the rhymes. Many are so dark so I tried to pick the ones that are lighter but people know and recognize.”

The three sections of the mural show Mother Goose; the cow jumping over the moon from “Hey, Diddle Diddle”; and “Three Blind Mice.”

“I did not want the three blind mice to carry a carving knife,” Bell said with a laugh. “I combined the ‘Three Blind Mice’ with ‘Hickory Dickory Dock.’”

Bell graduated with a degree in fine arts from UC San Diego in 2020 — “the class of COVID” — and moved home to Pleasanton, where she'd graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2016. Last summer, she ran an art camp out of her garage for second-graders to help them be creative during the pandemic.

“I've always loved art, I took all of the art classes Amador offered,” Bell said. “I majored in studio art — I like the traditional painting, drawing and sculpture. I do a lot of oil painting.”

In 2018, the Pleasanton Art League awarded Bell a scholarship. She considered majoring in environmental studies, she said, but decided to stick with art.

“I like nature works, and I tend to paint women and people around me

— the California environment, lots of birds lately,” she added. “My style of painting is more abstract figures, influenced by cubist.”

Bell has been creating works with envelopes lately because of letters and messages going back and forth between friends during the last year, she said. Her work is currently on exhibit in two Santa Cruz galleries, and she was in the Livermore Art Association's “New Dawn” online art show.

Bell started to work part-time at Towne Center Books as a book seller at the Livermore store late last summer, and she was discussing art with a customer who told her about a mural program in Livermore, which she considered.

“I was telling Judy about this, and she said, ‘I want a mural!’” Bell remembered. “It was a pretty ugly wall behind the store, and lots of people go through that side.”

First the old cream-colored surface had to be power washed, then Bell applied a blue priming coat



JEREMY WALSH

Artist Lucy Bell first applied a coat of blue primer then went to work creating beloved “Old Mother Goose” characters on the back wall of Towne Center Books.

and went to work on the whimsical characters. The last step, before sealing the mural, was adding a QR code that links to information about it.

“I thought that would be a good way to make it more interactive, so people can understand the inspiration and know what the rhymes are,” Bell said.

She is applying to various graduate schools for the fall, including some in the University of California system and others farther afield, including Canada and the U.K. In June she will be a resident artist

with the Grunewald Guild in the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

“I ultimately would like to be an arts professor because I had great experiences with my arts professors,” Bell said. “A job that allows me to be creative is my goal.”

“Old Mother Goose” is Bell's first mural.

“I think mural work is really important as public art,” she said. “It was very physical — I didn't realize how physical it was going to be. I'd painted on canvases that are large but this is my first mural.”

“I just wanted the experience of doing a mural but then Judy offered to pay,” Bell added. “And every day I was like, ‘I'm so lucky to be painting all day.’”

People stopped to talk and watch as she painted. Some insisted she was just touching up a work that had been there a long time, but others remembered the old wall and were happy to see the fresh mural.

“Downtown Pleasanton has a lot of public art and I am happy to be a part of it,” Bell said. ■



Above: “Messages,” an oil painting by Lucy Bell done earlier this year, is one of her envelope-themed works inspired by messages going back and forth between friends during the pandemic. (Contributed photo). At left: Lucy Bell works on one of the mice in her Mother Goose mural on the back wall of Towne Center Books. (Photo by Jeremy Walsh).

Bankhead Theater presenting summer season live

Film series combines art and travel — and an art exhibit

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

The Bankhead Theater will present popular innovative ukulele player Jake Shimabukuro on July 28, in one of the first live performances to be held at the venue since it closed more than a year ago due to the pandemic.



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Ukulele player and Bankhead favorite Jake Shimabukuro returns to Livermore on July 28.

“We’re excited to get back to sharing live entertainment with the community this summer,” said Chris Carter, executive director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. “Last month our first Courtyard Concert sold out.”

This performance by Shimabukuro will be his sixth visit to Livermore since he took part in the Bankhead’s inaugural season in 2007 as a relatively unknown artist. All his subsequent performances have sold out.

Earlier in July, singer songwriter AJ Croce will appear July 9 performing a blend of his own music with that of his father, Jim Croce; and “Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles” follows on July 10, both shows originally scheduled in 2020.

The season continues with three rescheduled comedy shows in August, as well as rock favorites.

“We so appreciate our community for supporting us through this really difficult year,” Carter said, noting that fundraising events as well as memberships and other donations helped put the arts center in a position to bring back staff and be ready to reopen this summer.

The second Courtyard Concert will feature Jeff Bordes & Panthelion with a comedy opener at 5:30 p.m. June 11.

Summer 2021 live at the Bankhead

- Croce Plays Croce; 8 p.m., Friday, July 9
- Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles; 8 p.m., Saturday, July 10
- Jake Shimabukuro; 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 28
- Comedian Alonzo Bodden; 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6



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Comedian Ryan Niemiller shares his perspective on dating, employment and finding acceptance in a world not really designed for him at the Bankhead on Aug. 20.

- Rock favorite Plain White T’s; 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14
- Comedian Ryan Niemiller; 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20
- Local band LunaFish; 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21
- Cruzando Fronteras featuring Jarabe Mexicano & Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles; 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22
- Comedian Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28

‘Travel Without Leaving Town’ film series

Five “Great Art on Screen” films are scheduled, accompanied by a new art exhibit “Take Me There: Travel the World through Art and Photography,” which will feature local water colorist and world traveler Charlotte Severin with an opening reception July 11. Submit photos for the exhibit by June 15; find details at LivermoreArts.org/visual-art.

- May 30: “Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice”
 - June 13: “Hermitage: The Power of Art”
 - June 27: “Botticelli: Florence and the Medici”
 - July 11: “The Prado: A Collection of Wonders”
 - July 25: “Frida: Viva la Vida”
- Films are shown at 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 regular; \$10 students.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. For more information, visit LivermoreArts.org, call 373-6800 or email boxoffice@lvpac.org. ■



DUSD

Students huddle in cars to enjoy the spring night and the student films.

Student film fest takes place ‘drive-in’ style

Dublin High community enjoys movies from comfort of cars

This year the video production crew at Dublin High School had to think outside the theater.

For the last six years, its student film festival has filled the 500 seats in the Performing Arts Center theater for two showings. But this seventh year, due to pandemic restrictions, video production teacher Michael D’Ambrosio had the idea to air the films in the school’s new parking lot.

The “gates” opened at 7:15 p.m. on May 14 and 15 for the drive-in fun, with pre-sold tickets, which sold out immediately, even crashing the website.

An inflatable screen was used,

and cars tuned into an FM station for the audio, as students and family fans lounged in their cars to view the student films. While waiting until dark for the show to begin, a student DJ broadcast dance music.

This year’s topics included the pandemic, mental health, documentaries, a thriller, drama, light comedy and loss of loved ones. Each year, the offerings include a disclaimer that some serious themes may not be suitable for young audiences.

Twelve films were chosen for the festival from 133 submitted. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



NOTICE OF LCAP, LCAP ANNUAL UPDATE, BUDGET INSPECTION, AND PUBLIC HEARING

The governing board of the Pleasanton Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), LCAP Annual Update & Proposed Budget for 2021/22, in accordance with the provisions of Education Code Section 42103, 42127, 52060, 52061 and 52062 at their regular board meeting on June 12, 2021. The public hearing is called to convene at the Pleasanton Unified School District, Board Room, via Virtual Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Any interested party may inspect the LCAP, LCAP Annual Update and Proposed Budget on June 4, 2021, any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Unified School District Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA and may appear before the governing board at the public hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. and speak to the proposed LCAP, LCAP Annual Update or Budget. Inspection is also available at www.pleasantonusd.net.

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FATHER’S DAY CAR SHOW SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

Car Show | 8 am – Noon

Car entry/registration is \$30 the day of the event. Online pre-registration is \$20 at blackhawkmuseum.org/fathersday

Live Music | 9 am - Noon

Juke Joint is a six-piece horn band paying tribute to the Classic Soul and R&B music of the 1960’s & 1970’s.

Museum Open from 10 am – 5 pm

Museum Admission

\$15 - Adults, \$10 - Seniors/Students and Children (6 and Under) & Fathers are Free!
(Museum admission is separate from the car show)

All funds go to benefit the Blackhawk Museum.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

San Ramon: Three charged in odometer rollback scheme

Three San Jose residents face federal conspiracy charges after prosecutors allege they led a nearly five-year scheme of purchasing used cars, rolling back the odometers and falsifying documents, and reselling the vehicles at significant profit, including incidents in San Ramon.

The criminal complaint, unsealed on May 5, alleges Seymour Khalilov, 32; Ramil Heydarov, 31; and Orkhan Aliyev, 31, fraudulently sold at least a dozen cars for approximately \$300,000 overall between 2016 and this year.

Each has been charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California. Multiple cases occurred in San Ramon.

"Based on our investigation, the suspects would purchase well-kept high-mileage vehicles online through Craigslist and Facebook. They would then roll-back the mileage on the vehicles and fraudulently resell them for \$5,000 to \$10,000 more," San Ramon police Capt. Denton Carlson told the Weekly.

San Ramon police initially began investigating two cases involving Khalilov and Heydarov, according to Carlson. For one case in San Ramon, local investigators allegedly tracked a falsified sale and conducted a surveillance operation that resulted in Heydarov "being caught directly in the process of selling a fraudulently rolled-back vehicle."

Subsequent investigation after

Heydarov's arrest revealed cellphone records and online ads associated with fraudulent sales over a period of years, according to Carlson.

"Federal investigators had also been investigating the suspects and ultimately charged them with wire fraud based on the evidence obtained from our investigation and the federal investigation," Carlson said.

In addition to tampering with the odometers, federal authorities allege the three defendants illegally altered vehicle title and registration documents to reflect lower mileage totals and other false information to cover their tracks. They also allegedly lied about being the original owner of the vehicles.

Aliyev was arraigned earlier this month and released on unsecured bond in the amount of \$100,000, while Khalilov and Heydarov were scheduled for arraignment later this week, according to prosecutors. Defense counsels could not immediately be reached for comment.

In other news

- Dublin Police Services plans to conduct a DUI checkpoint this holiday weekend in the area of Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza.

In announcing the checkpoint in advance, Capt. Nate Schmidt said the operation's primary purpose is not to make arrests but to promote public safety by deterring motorists from driving while impaired.

"The safety of our community is, and always will be, our mission," he said. "We are looking for impaired drivers, because driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk."

The checkpoint will operate from

7 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday. The location was chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests.

Officers will be on the lookout for drivers showing signs of being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. Schmidt reminded residents that some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs can impair a driver.

"If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home," Schmidt said. "Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license."

The program is being funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- Police arrested a 20-year-old San Ramon man attempting to hide along the Iron Horse Regional Trail after he allegedly robbed a store at gunpoint in a nearby shopping center last Friday evening.

The San Ramon Police Department was dispatched to a business in the Country Club Village on Alcosta Boulevard around 7:25 p.m. Friday on a report that an armed robbery had just occurred, according to Carlson. Bay City News Service reported the business was the Alcosta Smoke Shop.

The reporting party said a person came into the store, pointed a black handgun at an employee and stole approximately \$1,000 in cash along with merchandise, Carlson said. Shop employees gave police a description of the robber and said he was last seen running south on the Iron Horse Trail.

Officers soon began searching the area with the help of an SRPD K-9 unit. "As a result of the K-9 track, the suspect was found hiding in some bushes adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail near the Dublin border," Carlson said.

Carlson said officers found the stolen merchandise, cash and a loaded 9 mm handgun in a backpack near where the suspect was hiding. The 20-year-old San Ramon man was arrested and booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of robbery.

The arrestee's name is being withheld in accordance with Embarcadero Media's policy on identifying suspects before prosecutors file formal charges for certain crimes.

- Dublin police are recruiting teenagers interested in taking part in the department's annual Youth Academy, taking place from June 14-18.

Designed for students interested in criminal justice, the free program is open to students aged 14-18.

"Taught by law enforcement personnel, the Youth Academy offers participants the opportunity to learn about specific elements of law enforcement including bomb squad unit, crime prevention and community policing, crime scene investigations, gang identification and prevention, regional training center, and the K-9 unit," DPS said.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. June 8. Students must also pass a background check and receive parental or guardian consent. To learn more, visit dublin.ca.gov or contact Deputy Paula Greenbaum at 925-833-6622 or the crime prevention unit at 925-833-6677. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 22

Vandalism

■ 9:09 a.m. on the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way

Theft

■ 4:39 p.m., 000 block of East Creek Court; theft from auto

■ 8:42 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

Burglary

■ 5:01 p.m. on the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road

Drug violation

■ 8:26 p.m. at Gibraltar Drive and Hopyard Road

May 21

DUI

■ 3:03 a.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road

■ 11:57 p.m. at First Street and Vineyard Avenue

Drug violation

■ 7:11 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Coronado Lane

Theft from auto

■ 9:37 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

May 20

Drug violation

■ 12:08 a.m. on the 5000 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 6:19 a.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

■ 7:04 a.m. at Dublin Canyon Road and Canyon Meadow Drive; theft from auto

■ 10:11 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure

Fraud

■ 8:34 a.m. on the 1100 block of Kottinger Drive

May 19

Drug violation

■ 7:50 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Domestic battery

■ 10:51 a.m. on Hopyard Road

Theft

■ 11:28 a.m. on the 4600 block of First Street

Vandalism

■ 1:22 p.m. on the 5300 block of Springdale Avenue

Fire

■ 6:59 p.m. on the 3900 block of Stanley Boulevard

Assault/Battery

■ 9:03 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

May 18

Drug violation

■ 2:09 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive

Fraud

■ 8:08 a.m. on the 4700 block of McHenry Gate Way

■ 12:53 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Theft

■ 2:03 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:26 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Burglary

■ 2:47 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Weapons violation

■ 6:34 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

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Patricia Harper

December 6, 1949 – May 8, 2021

Patricia Marie Harper, 71, a long time resident of Pleasanton, passed away on May 8, 2021 surrounded by friends and under the care of hospice in Medford, Oregon after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She enjoyed her volunteer work at the Pleasanton Senior Center and Cancer Society Thrift Store as well as sharing meals and laughter at Jim's restaurant, and easily made friends wherever she landed. Pat made her home in Medford, OR for the past three years. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Grants Pass, Oregon.

PAID OBITUARY



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill's Vivian Lee completes compelling freshman baseball season

Also: Senior Night highlights from soccer, lacrosse

As this week comes to a close, so does the unique spring sports season for the local high school teams.

It also brings an end to Vivian Lee's freshman baseball season at Foothill.

That's right — baseball.

Lee grew up in San Francisco and started playing Little League when she was in kindergarten and became smitten with the sport.

"I started playing whiffle ball in preschool," said Lee, who in 2017 got the chance to throw the first pitch at a San Francisco Giants game. "Since then, to be honest, I always liked baseball."

The family moved to Pleasanton before Lee's freshman year and when sports finally started back up again, Lee faced a decision.

"I thought about playing softball because I might have a better chance to make the team," Lee said.

In the end, she went with her love of baseball.

"I was kind of nervous to see how much taller and better than me everyone else would be," said

Lee, who professes to be 5-foot-1 on a good day and 4-11 on a bad day.

Freshman coach Gary Wineger knew she could play from the start.

"She has fit right in from day one," Wineger said. "Once the boys saw that she could play, they have fully embraced and supported her. She works hard, always willing to work after practice."

Lee's mother Vicki pointed out that the boys "treat her like a baseball player, not a female baseball player."

Lee, who plays second base because "that's where the shortest person plays," has gotten notice from throughout the Foothill program and Wineger feels she will play throughout her four years.

"The upperclassmen are always asking me, 'how did Vivian do in the game yesterday?'" said Wineger. "I fully expect her to advance through JV and varsity. She has the talent, work ethic and determination to do what she needs to continue playing ball as a Falcon."

Amador girls soccer

The Amador varsity girls team celebrated Senior Night on May 19 with a 4-1 victory over Livermore.

Maille Smith opened the scoring for the Dons with Kennedy Mayo providing the assist. Mayo then scored herself, and Smith closed the first half scoring with her second goal to make it 3-0.

In the second half, Smith completed her second hat trick of the season, finding the back of the net with a decisive strike. Olivia Soble, Penny Murphy and Emily Gossett provided impressive assists. The stingy Dons defense was dominant once again.

Seniors Smith (Cal Poly), Mayo (Arizona State), Murphy (Nevada-Reno), Gossett (Boise State), Maggie Nostrand (Santa Clara), Kaamna Shankar (Delta), Kate Derham (University of San Diego), Noelle Marceno (UC Santa Barbara) and Kyrrah Woodward were honored before the game for their accomplishments on and off the field.



SCOTT SCHUBERT

Foothill freshman Vivian Lee digs in at the plate during one of the Falcons' games during this abbreviated baseball season.

Foothill boys lacrosse

The Falcons ended their home schedule by celebrating Senior Night with a 15-8 win over Granada on May 20. The seniors were Tyler Hayes (captain), Luke Barbera (captain), Shane Burke, and Ian Kapsalis.

Foothill jumped out to a 5-2 lead at the end of the first quarter, with Hayes and Burke each getting a pair of goals. JT Brugaletta got the other goal for the Falcons.

The lead grew to 9-3 at the half as Darragh Kennedy scored twice, with Hayes and Wyatt Lam adding one each.

Burke added two more and Hayes one as they pushed the lead to 12-5

at the end of three. Kennedy, Lam, and Burke scored in the final period to provide the final margin.

Kapsalis had three saves in the goal and Graham Zander led the team in loose balls controlled.

Earlier in the week Foothill dropped a 10-7 game to Dublin. Lam, Burke (2), Kennedy, Brugaletta and Hayes (2) scored for the Falcons. Good defense was played by Luke Barbera, Bennett Zander and Anthony Cardoza. ■

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Granada wrestling facility named for Conover

Vice principal, former Matadors coach also in state Hall of Fame

By CIERRA BAILEY

The new wrestling room at Granada High School in Livermore has been formally named in honor of current vice principal and former wrestling coach Clark Conover.

Conover said that he first learned they were planning to dedicate the facility to him ahead of a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in March. "It was an unexpected honor," he told the Weekly.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education officially adopted "Clark Conover Wrestling Facility" as the name of the wrestling team's new workout space at its regular meeting on May 18.

The space was constructed as part of a \$16.6 million renovation paid for by Measure J and also includes a new pool, two sand volleyball courts and a new classroom building with a weight room, physical education classroom and dance studio.

"Coach Conover motivates students to do their best," Superintendent Kelly Bowers said in a



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Granada High vice principal Clark Conover poses with his high school wrestling photo inside the newly dedicated "Clark Conover Wrestling Facility."

statement. "Seeing his name on this facility will inspire us all to join in his legacy."

Conover was the head wrestling coach at Granada for 12 years. He previously taught math, health and physical education, and he

was Granada's athletic director for 11 years.

He told the Weekly that one of the most rewarding parts about the new facility's dedication to him has been receiving congratulatory messages from his former wrestlers.

"It's nice to know that our administration, district office, school board, students and current and past wrestlers and coaches supported the effort of naming it after me. That means a lot to me," Conover said.

In addition to being a coach and educator, Conover is an accomplished wrestler in his own right. A Livermore native, he first became involved in the sport while attending East Avenue Middle School. He continued wrestling at Livermore High School where he earned four varsity letters in wrestling and two in football.

As wrestling team captain in high school, he was a three-time East Bay Athletic League champion and received honors at the California Interscholastic Federation North Coast Section Tournament three times, culminating with a section championship his senior year. He earned medals at the CIF State Championships, Cadet and Junior National Championships, and was a two-time All-American.

Conover also won the California Community College State Championship in his sophomore year at Chabot Community College. Upon receiving an associate degree from Chabot and transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Conover placed third at the Pac-10 wrestling championships, competed at the NCAA Division I Championships and earned All-American honors at the Espoir Nationals. He also began his coaching career at Cal Poly as an assistant wrestling coach.

Although he no longer coaches or wrestles himself, he has served on the NCS Wrestling Advisory Committee for more than 20 years and has been a board member of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame for the past eight years.

Among his many accolades, he's been inducted into the Chabot College Hall of Fame, the Livermore-Granada Boosters Hall of Fame and the California Wrestling Hall of Fame for his contributions and dedication to the sport. ■

Reading

LIVERMORE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM "Reading Colors Your World" is the Livermore Library's 2021 summer reading program. Pre-readers, independent readers, teens and adults register to play online or via an app. Prizes awarded in all programs and begins on June 1. Register at LivermoreLibrary.net.

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY The Livermore Public Library celebrates the seventh annual Harry Potter Book Night, a virtual event themed around Diagon Alley. A free event kit is required to attend and available for pickup at any open branch of the Livermore Public Library beginning June 14, while supplies last. Event kits include all of the supplies necessary to participate including the link to the Zoom meeting on June 24 at 6:30 p.m. Visit livermorelibrary.net or call 373-5505.

Talks & Lectures

LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL The next event in Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Life SPARC: The Victory of Spirit series is *Becoming Othello: A*

Black Girl's Journey with Debra Ann Byrd. 5 p.m., May 29. Visit livermoreshakes.org.

COVID UPDATE WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR Alameda County Health Officer, Dr. Nicholas Moss, returns with an update on COVID-19 and the latest Alameda County Health Order. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Dublin and Pleasanton Chambers of Commerce to bring you this informative presentation. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., June 2. Visit livermorechamber.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS ZOOM MEETING Author Susanne Lakin will show writers how to map a character's transformation at the next Tri-Valley Writers Zoom meeting. In her talk, "Crafting Your Hero's Character Arc in Six Stages," Lakin will teach writers how to create gradual, believable change. Reserve a spot by June 17. Visit president@trivalleywriters.org. Meeting, 2 p.m., June 19.

Film

TRAVEL WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN The Bankhead Presents *Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice*. This film fully immerses audiences in the life of the last great artist of the Italian

Renaissance. Visit places that evoke and preserve the memory of the painter. 3 p.m., May 30. Visit livermorearts.org.

Concerts

LIVE CONCERTS RETURNING TO BANKHEAD THEATER Tickets on sale now for upcoming performances including Jake Shimabukuro, Plain White Ts, Luna Fish, AJ Croce and *Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles*. For more details visit livermorearts.org.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT EMERALD PARK A free summer concert series at Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater at Dublin's Farmers' Market. 6 p.m., Thursdays, June 17-Aug. 5. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1917/Summer-Concert-Series.

Exhibits

EXOTIC BIRD MART & EXPO-ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Experience a market like no other and socialize with hundreds of bird enthusiasts. Shop for accessories and meet influential individuals in the industry. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 6. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

MUSEUM ON MAIN UNVEILS SHOW OF MYSTERY OBJECTS The Museum on Main exhibit "What in the World?" is currently on display. This interactive exhibit challenges visitors to determine the functions of over twenty obscure and/or obsolete items that the Museum has collected over the past five decades. Now through June 19. Visit museumonmain.org.

Fundraisers

5K FOR A CAUSE Prodigy Fitness and Fleet Feet Pleasanton is sponsoring this event and all proceeds benefit Girls Soccer Worldwide, a non-profit organization whose mission is empowering girls to rise out of poverty through sports and education. Receive 6 weeks of personal training and other training assistance. To register visit we-are-prodigy.com/5k-for-a-cause/#signupform. Registration deadline is May 31.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. SCHOLZ

Meet Anastasia

With her petite frame and deep rumbling purr, this 1-year-old short-hair cat will bring an exotic touch to your home. Anastasia packs a lot of personality in just 6-1/2 pounds. Bring home a special friend who's not foreign to a friendly scratch behind the ear. Valley Humane Society coordinates adoptions by appointment only. If you are interested in adopting Anastasia, email info@valleyhumane.org for more information.

cause/#signupform. Registration deadline is May 31.

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING SUNFLOWER HILL The Sunflower Showcase, a visual and performing arts fundraising event at the Bankhead Theater, will provide vital funds to support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill. The event will be emceed by local comedian Regina Stoops and feature a performance by America's Got Talent Season 14 Winner, Kodi Lee. Tickets on sale now for the July 23 event. Visit sunflowerhill.org.

Comedy

LIVE COMEDY RETURNS TO THE BANKHEAD Tickets on sale now for three rescheduled comedy shows at the Bankhead Theater in August. Alonzo Bodden, Paula Poundstone and Ryan Niemiller. For more information visit livermorearts.org.

Blood Drive

CITY OF DUBLIN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Join the City of Dublin in supporting the American Red Cross at a Community Blood Drive on Friday, June 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Successful blood donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information visit dublin.ca.gov.

AMADOR VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK BLOOD DRIVE Pleasanton Parks is hosting a community blood drive at Amador Valley Park with Stanford Blood Center. As walk-in availability may be limited, donors are encouraged to make an appointment by visiting bit.ly/avp0603 or by calling 888-723-7831. Donors will be required to wear a mask. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 3.

Business

TO TRI-VALLEY WITH LOVE Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Town of Danville have partnered with Visit Tri-Valley to launch an unprecedented regional campaign to drive spending in local businesses. Dubbed "To Tri-Valley with Love," the campaign asks residents and visitors alike to spend at least \$25 per week at local businesses instead of online and in big-box stores. A "Promise Pass" incentivizes spending at nearly 100 local businesses throughout the region. Visit totrivalleywithlove.com.

LIVERMORE STATE OF THE CITY Join as the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce welcomes Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner for his first State of the City address. Register by June 21 at livermorechamber.org. 12-1:30 p.m., June 24.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 1. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The next regular Livermore Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 1, held virtually using zoom. For questions contact The City of Livermore Planning Division 960-4450.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL The Dublin City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 1. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

Employment

Technical Writer

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The following person doing business as: Fresh Flower Bucket Bouquets, 3608 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Lori Wreden, 3608 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Lori Wreden, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 2021. Signature of Registrant: Lori Wreden, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2021.)

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Housing market across the Altamont in high demand

San Joaquin County median home price spikes 24% in a year

As the demand for housing grows greater and as more families move out of the Bay Area and into the more affordable San Joaquin Valley, median home prices in neighboring San Joaquin County — the next stop just east of the Altamont Pass — are skyrocketing, according to local Realtors.

Between April 2020 and April 2021, the county's median home price jumped 24%, from \$390,000 to \$490,000.

There are several reasons for the large spike in the county's median home price, according to Michael Pinheiro, a Realtor in Alameda County, where many of his clients are desiring to leave for more affordable San Joaquin County.

Pinheiro said developers cannot build the

homes fast enough, so there is a lack of inventory while at the same time, the construction permitting process is not getting completed quickly enough.

Homebuilders are having trouble keeping up with the demand for new homes.

Pinheiro explained that residents are moving out of the Bay Area and moving to places like San Joaquin County due to its proximity to Interstate 5, California's main north-south route.

By contrast, an 11,000-home master planned community, River Islands, is being built in Lathrop, which is close to not only Interstate 5 but to Interstates 205 and 580, the direct east-west route between San Joaquin County and the Bay Area. ■

—Bay City News Service

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (March 1-5)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$399,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,050,000
Average sales reported: \$1,275,000

Livermore (March 1-5)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$312,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,000,000
Average sales reported: \$925,000

Dublin (March 1-5)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$520,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,500,000
Average sales reported: \$960,000

Sunol (March 1-5)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,000,000
Average sales reported: \$1,000,000

Source: California REsource

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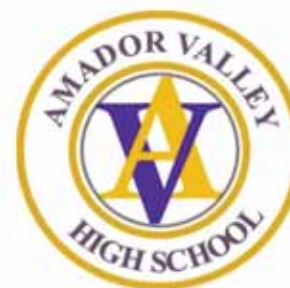
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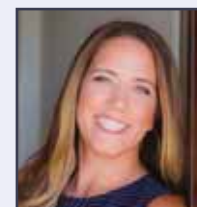


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