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Free Ride Service Available to Orcutt Seniors



Community Partners in Caring, a nonprofit that offers services to Santa Barbara County residents 62 or older, partnered with a local private company to provide medical and food service rides.

"Specifically, this pilot is to help meet the need of seniors in the Orcutt area," said Jennifer Rueda, lead volunteer coordinator. "We're trying to fulfill the transportation needs for seniors that may not be able to drive anymore. There could be many different factors that lead to this, and we want to help the seniors in the community."

The pilot program, which began in January, is for seniors who can walk without driver assistance. There must only be one destination per ride and it must be within 9.5 miles. Rides for medical visits are given as needed. Grocery store or food pantry rides are available once a week, while rides to hot

meal locations are twice a week. Two days advance notice should be given to ensure a driver is available.

The pilot is limited to 100 applicants and space was still available as of press time. Once the pilot ends, rides will continue to be given through the nonprofit's volunteers. These rides can be to medical or service appointments and social dates. Volunteers also help clients shop by driving and escorting them. Besides transportation, Community Partners in Caring volunteers provide seniors help with yard work, light housekeeping, paperwork and minor home repairs. Social visits and telephone calls are also an option.

To enroll in the pilot or for more information on other services, call 925-8000 or visit communitypartnersincaring.org.

Jamie Guista reporting

Orcutt Traffic Study On Hold

In February, yellow plastic delineators were installed on Clark Avenue to prevent drivers from turning left onto Foxenwood Lane and left onto Clark from Foxenwood. Santa Barbara County Public Works was studying the addition's impact to make future median improvements, but the weather and the state of emergency Gov. Gavin Newsom declared on March 4 after the first Coronavirus death led to the study's suspension, according to Gary Smart, traffic engineer for the Public Works Department.

"The study will resume later when traffic patterns are normal," Smart said, though he didn't say how long the study will last once it resumes.

The median is part of the Orcutt Community Plan and restricting the left turns is "due to the proximity of the intersection to the signal and the projected increase in traffic of two projects on the northwest corner," explained Lael Wageneck, public information officer for the Public Works Department.

Many residents have voiced their opposition to the study, citing the inconvenience and suggesting solutions that wouldn't eliminate the left turns like a traffic light or stop sign.

Public comments may be sent to Smart's email at gsmart@cosbpw.net.

Jamie Guista reporting

Righetti & St. Joseph Hold Sportsmanship Summit

An atmosphere of mutual respect was the goal of a recent sportsmanship summit between Righetti and St. Joseph High Schools. The summit stemmed from unacceptable remarks made from the stands during a recent heated rivalry. The discussion focused on restoring the relationship between the two schools and setting up expectations for future games and activities, said FBSMV Executive Director Edwin Weaver. Both sides agreed to continue the healthy rivalry on the court and foster healthy relationships off the court, Weaver added. Staff from Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley facilitated the summit.

Students said that they found the experience engaging. "I feel like all of us really bonded and got clarity while acknowledging something was done wrong," said RHS Student Alyssa Joseph. "We are ready to move past this incident and continue with a healthy rivalry."

"The day was productive and healing,

and I am glad that we are moving forward as one community and not two schools," said SJHS student Marlee Hernandez. "I am happy that I got to be a part of today."

Principals agreed.

"I was impressed with the Righetti and St. Joe students' level of maturity and willingness to be part of a solution that benefits both schools and the community," said Righetti Principal Karen Rotondi. "Our students set an example that we all can learn from and I couldn't be prouder."

"We feel very blessed to have the opportunity to bring our wonderful students from both schools together to continue to work and learn as a unified community," said St. Joseph Principal Erinn Dougherty. "We are thankful to the students and administration of Righetti for joining us in a great, collaborative learning experience."

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Pioneer's Founding Member, Mabeth Southwick, Remembered



Mabeth Fern Nielsen Southwick was born on January 2, 1942, in Payson, Utah. Mabeth passed away on February 16, 2020, in Payson, Utah, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 78 years old. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lauritz and Fern Nielsen and brother, LaVar.

Mabeth grew up in Spring Lake, Utah. She attended the old Spring Lake School

and graduated from Payson High. Much of her childhood was spent exploring and enjoying the beauty, fishing and hunting in the surrounding mountains of Spring Lake. She attended Brigham Young University where she met her husband, Stephen Southwick. They settled in Orcutt, California where Mabeth focused her life on raising her children to be sassy, independent and strong adults. She emphasized reading from the very beginning and as her kids grew up, this translated into a career as the librarian at Nightingale Elementary School where she helped hundreds of kids develop a love for the written word.

When Steve and Stephanie decided to start a small newspaper just for those of us in Orcutt, she thought we were crazy, but supported us all the way...she paid the bills and did the invoicing for many years. She retired in 2006, and the first thing she did was to force Steve to keep his word to move back to her beloved mountains and Utah.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and enjoyed many callings, especially with children, and she loved researching

family history. Mabeth was an avid public school advocate and served faithfully in the Parent Teacher Associations at Arellanes and Dunlap Elementary Schools. She believed in community service and dragged her kids along as she donated blood at Red Cross blood drives and as she regularly volunteered in local elections. Wrapped in blankets, she weathered scores of baseball, football and soccer games in cold, windy Santa Maria winds. She was a talented artist who shared her intricately painted Ukrainian eggs with many of us. She quilted, knitted and used her creative skills in many ways to bring color into our lives.

Mabeth's family includes her spouse, Stephen Lynn and her six children, Stephanie, Suzanne, Michelle, Craig, Bradley, and Anna-Liisa. Mabeth adored each of her eighteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Her sister, Jeanine, lives in Provo, Utah.

Interment was in Payson, Utah Cemetery.

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Orcutt Schools Update

Tips for Home Learning During Closure

Dr. Debbie Blow, Superintendent, OUSD

As readers most likely know, the Orcutt Union School District and other local school districts will be closed until Friday, April 3, as a necessary precaution in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. This column is intended to be a recap of how parents/guardians can keep their children learning and productive during a time when schools are not open and families are asked to remain at home.

For starters, we invite our parents to capitalize on the resources available on an Independent Learning web page developed by our Educational Services Department. The page, which can be accessed from our district website at www.orcutt-schools.net, includes links to online curriculum, worksheets that can be printed out at home, packets created by numerous district teachers, and more.

"Our team of Teachers on Special Assignment worked hard to put this web page together," says Dr. Holly Edds, assistant superintendent of educational services. "Students and parents have

options across the curriculum and spanning all grade levels."

Children do well when they have a structured, predictable routine, and our best advice for parents is to establish a set schedule for home activities. A schedule template accessible from the Independent Learning web page includes time in the day for academic work, creative projects, quieter activities, socializing as a family, being outside, and doing chores. Children appreciate having variety in what they do each day.

Many students are entertained by playing video games on their television or online, and many of our older students enjoy interacting with peers on social media. That said, we strongly recommend that parents put limits on "screen time" with television, cellphones, tablets, personal computers, and other devices. The Independent Learning web page features an assortment of non-screen activities ranging from sketching a picture to taking photographs to reading

out loud to someone.

"Electric devices are wonderful tools, but their use needs to be balanced with other important activities like face-to-face socialization and outdoor recreation that result in social and emotional growth," says Kathy Long, a psychologist who is the district's executive director for Special Education. "It just isn't a good thing for students to be immersed in screen time all day long."

Finally, we want to remind all of our families that we continue to serve free student meals during the school closure. From 10:30-11:30 each weekday morning, our Child Nutrition Department has drive-through/walk-

up distribution stations set up at four locations in the district: Lakeview Junior High School, 3700 Orcutt Road; Orcutt Junior High School, 608 Pinal Ave.; Patterson Road School, 400 Patterson Road; and Olga Reed School/Orcutt Academy, 480 Centennial St. in Los Alamos. We welcome all district families to pick up meals, which consist of staples such as muffins, cereal, and fruit.

As of this writing, we are hopeful that we will be able to re-open schools as planned in early April. In the meantime, families can contact our district office at 805-938-8900 if they have any needs, questions, or concerns.

Superintendent Dr. Debbie Blow can be contacted by phone at 938-8900 or by e-mail at dblow@orcutt-schools.net. Follow her on Twitter at @debiblow.



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With the recent developments regarding ample tests available to more people, we expect the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide to rise rapidly.

The economy was very healthy, entering 2020, with low inflation, low unemployment, and slow and steady economic growth. The negative impacts of "social distancing" should begin to hit the economy hard, with very sharp declines likely in cruises, airlines, hotels, casinos, sporting events, movies, theatres, and restaurants among other industries.

Emotions can drive markets as much as fundamentals; and in the face of heightened volatility, it is essential to stay balanced. In the short run, it is undoubtedly the case that infections

spreading across the globe would have an impact on consumer behaviors and be disruptive to the supply chain.

Knowing what you own and how events like these could potentially impact your portfolio is a critical component in building any credible financial plan. Research shows that broadly diversified and durably constructed investment plans can ensure time in the market can be better a better ally than timing the market.

We see the drag on economic activity as temporary, with underlying economic fundamentals still supportive of the global economic expansion. We are on the lookout for any signs of a liquidity crunch or deterioration in financial conditions.

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Altrusa Announces Grant Application Deadline

Altrusa International Foundation Santa Maria, Inc. announce the Spring Grant applications are being accepted prior to 1 April 2020. Literacy, child care, programs for people with disabilities, seniors and others causes have benefitted in over \$680,000 from the Altrusa International Foundation Santa Maria, Inc. since its inception in 1992.

Fall 2019 grants of \$16,500 were awarded the Children's Resource and Referral Service, CASA Birthday Gift

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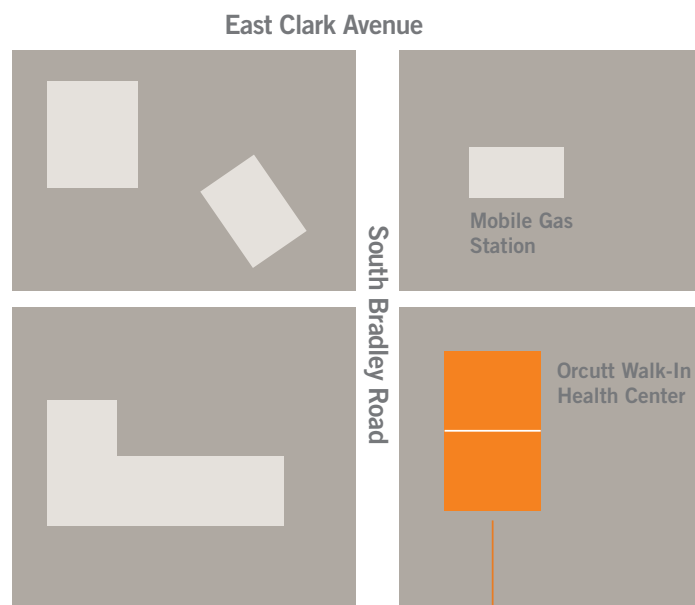
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Righetti Students Earn OSHA Certifications; Future Business Leader Awards



Fifty-five Righetti High School geology students recently earned Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) General Industry Certifications as part of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Environmental Resources Pathway.

The pathway teaches students about the environment, sustainability and agriculture along with the types of jobs they can acquire within each of these industries, according to science/geology teacher Laura Branch. The online test took 10 to 13 hours to complete.

"Once my employer found out I got my OSHA General Industry Certificate, they wanted to see my card so they could give me a dollar per hour raise since they know I am certified in safety," said student Noah Rodrigues.

Branch said the certifications were paid for through CTE funds from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

"Students can add the certification to their resume and that's a win-win situation," Branch added. "The students

get the certification and local industries get workers who are OSHA certificated, who will be safe on the job."

Seven members from Ernest Righetti High School's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter were able to develop the skills necessary to be lauded at the Gold Coast Section Conference in South Pasadena last Saturday.

FBLA is a national Career Student Technical Organization (CSTO) with the purpose of developing business abilities and knowledge in high school students. At the Righetti Chapter, students go to various business conferences, compete in competitive events, participate in community service, and even learn how to start their own business.

Three students, Lance Barredo, Steven Villanueva, and Neev Vincchi, have qualified for the State Leadership Conference taking place in April in Ontario, California by placing in the top 6 in their events. More students will be participating in events at the state conference.

Philharmonic Showcases Local Youth Talent

The Santa Maria Philharmonic's Youth Showcase last month was an exciting display of the talented young performers of classical music in the Santa Maria Valley.

The Youth Showcase is a recital performance by audition for classical musicians ages 8 to 18, and is in its 8th year of production. The program is headed by Dr. Lynne Garrett, who is a Board Advisor to the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society and a classically trained pianist and violinist.

The 2020 Youth Showcase was held Sunday, February 16th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Orcutt, CA. The event featured eight talented young musicians, each performing classical pieces for piano, french horn, cello and voice.

Performers this year included: Colin Foster, age 12 from Morro Bay, on piano and cello; Kate Kim, age 8 from Santa Maria, on piano; Francesca Osgood, age 12 from San Luis Obispo, on piano; Suri Kim, age 11 from Santa Maria, on piano; Joseph Galicinao, age 16 from Santa Maria, on french horn; Isabella Osgood, age 16 from San Luis Obispo, on piano; Andy Shen, age 13 from San Luis Obispo, on piano; and Bridget Lee, age 17, soprano from Santa Maria.

According to Dr. Garrett, "These recitals have become a very popular performance opportunity for youth in our community. The artistry and level of accomplishment of these young performers is astounding." Dr. Garrett, who offers piano instruction at her teaching studio in Orcutt, was among four local music teachers who had students participate in the event.

Students must go through an audition

process in order to participate in the Youth Showcase. Judges for the audition are professional musicians who grade students in areas of technical ability musical artistry and performance ability. Once accepted for the Showcase, students are provided professional coaching throughout the entire performance process.

The total experience, from audition to performance, is invaluable for the development of these young artists, and it is a truly wonderful experience for the audience as well. We look forward to following these talented musicians as they continue to pursue their musical interests.

If you know a bright young musician who might be interested in auditioning for next year's Youth Showcase, visit our site to learn more at: <https://smphilharmonic.org/youth-showcase/>

The Santa Maria Philharmonic Society provides live classical listening experiences for all audiences with the public concerts in its subscription season, and helps fill the void of arts education in our schools by providing unique musical opportunities for children in Northern Santa Barbara County.

The annual Youth Showcase is part of the Santa Maria Philharmonic's educational concerts and events programming, which also includes our recent Family and Youth Concerts, our Music Van Program and our upcoming After School Strings Program.

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PLEASE NOTE: Many of these events and meetings have been canceled or rescheduled due to County, State and Federal guidelines. We recommend contacting the organization to confirm schedules.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIENDS OF THE ORCUTT LIBRARY KAMBUCHA PRESENTATION, Wednesday, May 13 at 1PM, in front of the Library. Public encouraged to attend. For info, call the library or contact Donna E. Woodson at donnawoodson@yahoo.com

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AA (or Alcoholics Anonymous). If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30PM Orcutt Presbyterian Church. General information and other meeting times and places, 925-3782.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLIC AND DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY SYSTEMS meets 1) Sun at 4PM in the Oasis Center Rostein room at 420 Soares Ave, and 2) Thur at 6PM in the Casa Del Rio Mobile Estates at 1124 N. Suey Rd. Contact Kim at (805) 714-6908 with questions.

ALL AMERICA CITY QUILT GUILD meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4380 Orcutt Rd. on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm except March and July. Info: aacquilters@gmail.com or 805-937-4024.

ALTRUSA OF THE CENTRAL COAST meets at Noon on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Altrusa is an international non-profit organization of men and women that strives to make our local communities better through

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BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Joshua at St. Louis de Montfort. Monday Nights 7-8 PM. For more info contact Trent Benedetti 922-4881.

BSA Troop 87 in Orcutt. Enjoy outdoors camping, hiking, fishing, snow & water sports, etc. Scouting provides an opportunity to try new things, build self-confidence, provide service to others, and reinforce ethical standards that improve relationships, family lives, and values. ron@enginetechnet.com

Bilingual worship services at Christian Life every Sunday at 2PM, Unity Chapel of Life church located at 1165 Stubblefield Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93455. 719-660-9789.

CAMPING LOVE OF ADVENTURE is a nonprofit single adult camping club. We meet the second week of each month on Wednesday for up to six night or less. For more information contact Elaine 805-937-5357

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP. Learn coping strategies and gain support from a professional social worker. For those who care for people that are home bound or suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia or senility. Class is free and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the OASIS Senior Center.

CENTRAL COAST BEACH BOARDWALKERS WALKING CLUB meets at Giovanni's Pizza in Orcutt (next to Albertson's) on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-7:30PM. Anyone interested in joining the CCBB is invited to meet Thursday, August 23rd for the next club meeting. Details can be found at www.beachboardwalkers.org, or call Club President Ty Fredriks at 805-714-1552.

CENTRAL COAST CHORDSMEN invite those who would like to sing or would like to learn to participate with them. Call 937-7960 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CORVETTE CLUB open to Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts. meetings at 7PM on the first Thursday of the month @ Merrill Gardens, Wellness Center, 1350 N. Suey Road, Santa Maria. Info: call Mike @ 805-934-3948 or Tawnya @805-260-6090.

CENTRAL COAST COMPUTER CLUB Knollwood Village Clubhouse 4012 S. Bradley Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:45PM. with Q&A session, coffee and cookies, 7PM. computer presentation. Information: Don at 805-862-9124 or <https://sites.google.com/site/smcacccc>

Central Coast Gardeners meet at the Luis OASIS Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM. from September through May. Guests are welcome. Info: Dorothy 934-8325.

CENTRAL COAST SAMS RV GROUP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a 3 day "campout". We enjoy planned tours, good food and fellowship at local campgrounds within 100 miles of the Central Coast. We

welcome new members. Contact Faye Cardoza 805-481-1047.

COASTAL VALLEYS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1340 monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month held at Veteran's Memorial Bldg at 313 W Tunnell in Santa Maria at 7PM.

COASTAL VOICES is looking for singers to join us! Rehearsals are held Mondays, 7 PM, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria. A love of singing and the willingness to work hard and learn beautiful music is the only requirement. Check our website at <http://www.coastalvoices.info/>. Singers can contact us at coastalvoices@gmail.com or call 937-5827 for additional information.

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