

Opening the Door for Women Veterans



A Woodmere Road home for women veterans is the first of its kind on the Central Coast, according to the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The stability home was made possible by Operation WEBS (Women Empowered Build Strong) to assist with the transition from military service to civilian life. There are currently two residents, though the four-bedroom house can hold up to four.

"This is for our sisters who are going through what I went through when I separated from the Air Force," said Sandy Blair, founder of the nonprofit.

After serving 12 years in the U.S. Air Force, Blair's career ended prematurely when she was discharged. She struggled with unemployment, financial uncertainty, near-homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and an overwhelming range of emotions including depression, worthlessness and anger. Eventually, she moved to Central Coast and received her real estate license, but wanted to help other women like herself reintegrate into society.

In 2018, she founded Operation WEBS. The Woodmere home is part of the nonprofit's first phase—to provide immediate housing—of a three-step plan. The ultimate goal is to develop a farming community of tiny homes for displaced or homeless veterans and instill a sense of independence, empowerment and camaraderie within them. Blair has purchased 17 acres in Santa Barbara County to fulfill this.

She is looking forward to working towards her vision with locals' support.

"I just can't say enough about this community," Blair said. "I've lived around the world, and this community has been one of the best experiences in my entire life."

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held on June 13.

There are several upcoming fundraisers for Operations WEBS, including the second annual Tiny House Gala on Sept. 7 at the Santa Maria County Club from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, visit operationwebs.org.

Jamie Guista reporting

Tall Development in Old Orcutt to be Business Offices

If you've driven down Clark Avenue in Old Orcutt recently, you've probably noticed a building going up on the corner of Clark Avenue and First Street. In fact, at three-stories tall, it's pretty hard to miss. The lot is being developed as business offices by Teixeira Property Advisors with construction financing provided by Pacific Premier Bank.

Teixeira Capital Companies, which encompasses Teixeira Capital Ventures LLC, Teixeira Wealth Management LLC, Teixeira Insurance Services, and Teixeira Property Advisors is locally owned and was founded in 2007 by Kevin Teixeira. According to

their website, Kevin has developed and renovated over 150 units of real estate.

The development at 155 E. Clark will be 7,516 square feet and include eight parking spaces and eight offices ranging in size from 480 square feet to 1,110 square feet. The façade has been designed to complement the existing buildings in Old Town Orcutt.

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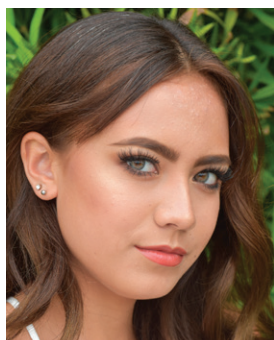
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Arts Council Scholarship Empowered Local Student Artist Kaylee Kamiya



Kaylee Kamiya

Kaylee Kamiya always knew she wanted to be an artist, but was uncertain if she had the tools necessary to succeed.

"Being in a small town, it wasn't something I thought could happen," she said.

But it did. At 19-years-old, the Orcutt native is already an accomplished creative on the Central Coast.

In May, she was awarded the Valley Art Gallery Scholarship by the Santa Maria Arts Council. She was granted \$1,000 and a two-month long exhibit at the Santa Maria Public Airport beginning July 8. Her art will also be showcased at Orcutt's Valley Art Gallery for the next year.

"It's a super great opportunity," Kamiya said. "It's helping me cultivate my art more and further myself as an artist."

She used a portion of the funds to purchase pencils, pastels and ink, which has allowed

her to experiment with more colors. Vibrant colors, according to Kamiya, are an integral part of her work.

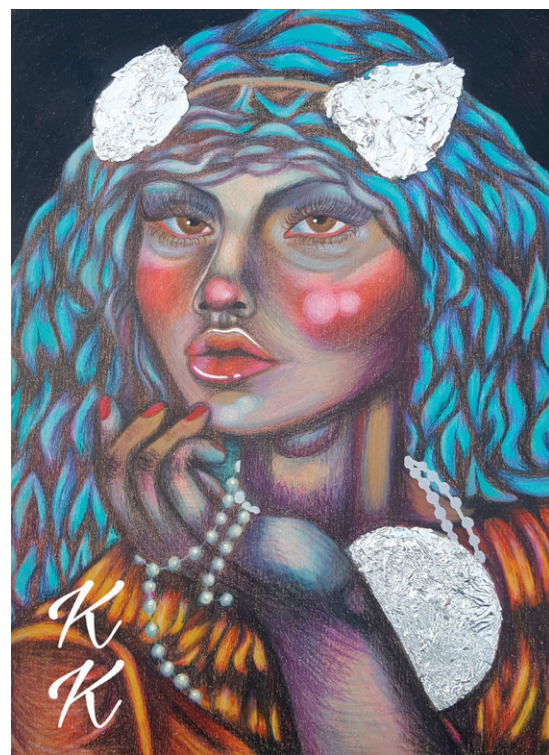
"Every piece I make is like an internal self-portrait," she explained. "I channel a lot of feelings through the colors I use. It's like a synesthesia type of thing."

Besides prints, Kamiya makes keychains, bookmarks and more. She is inspired by the local environment and women empowerment. An especially important aspect of her style, she explained, is focusing on projects as a whole rather than just minor details.

Kamiya is also an actress and is beginning to direct. She graduated from Orcutt Academy High School during her junior year in 2017 to star as Laura in "COAST," a film that explores the lives of different women growing up in Santa Maria.

Currently, she is a student at Allan Hancock College and is hoping to transfer to UC Irvine next fall. Her ultimate goal is to teach art education as a college professor while also continuing to act, direct and create art.

Kamiya sells her pieces on Etsy and at



Festive Nesting Handmade Gifts on South Bradley Road. She will be at the Halcyon Store in Arroyo Grande on July 6 and 7.

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Orcutt Author Uses Analogy to Bring Empathy to Those with Autism

"I think most people would agree that cats and dogs are both valuable, that neither is better than the other," writes Nancy Jensen in her new book *Cats at School*.

"They both bring great gifts to our lives [and] we recognize and manage the needs and characteristic of both."

Jensen wrote *Cats at School*, a slim, 30-page volume that uses cats and dogs as a fun analogy in an effort to help people understand and recognize some of the ways students with autism (cats) perceive and respond to the world around them that may be different from students who are not on the autism spectrum (dogs).

"I started as a regular education teacher," Jensen says of the beginning of her career. "But I encountered more and more students with special learning needs and became active in the field of learning disabilities. When the opportunity arose to go back to UCSB for my master's degree, I chose special education as my focus, fully intending to go back to a regular ed classroom better

prepared to meet the needs of those students."

However, Jensen soon found herself applying for special education positions and was hired by the Orcutt Union School District to teach a primary grade Special Day Class at Alice Shaw.

"I loved it from the first day to the last," she says. "It was both challenging and rewarding beyond all my expectations."

"I don't remember how or when the idea first came to me," she says of the cat/dog analogy in *Cats at School*. "It was after I had already retired. I pictured cats at a dog park and realized that perhaps this is what recess

is like for students with autism. I thought of cats' preference for watching from a high perch, removed rather than interacting, and the way students with autism are often more comfortable on their own than with a group. I thought about how inner-directed cats are compared to dogs with their desire to please their master and follow commands. Once I made the comparison, I could see it on so many levels. The more I thought about it, the

more correlation I could see. It just seemed to make sense."

Once everything clicked, she mentioned the idea to her friend and former special education director at OUSD, the late Lana Thomas.

"She immediately saw it as valuable and encouraged me to develop the idea into a format that could be shared," says Jensen. "I let the idea percolate for quite a while, but each time I shared it with someone, I got the same enthusiastic response."

Once she found the right publishing channel, she was excited to share her perspective. "I think it could be very helpful for parents, siblings, various school staff members, youth leaders, and even the general public."

As she writes in her introduction, "The thoughts and ideas here reflect the understanding I developed from experiences with many individual students over the years. As they say, if you've met one student with autism, you've met one student with autism. Each child is wonderfully unique."

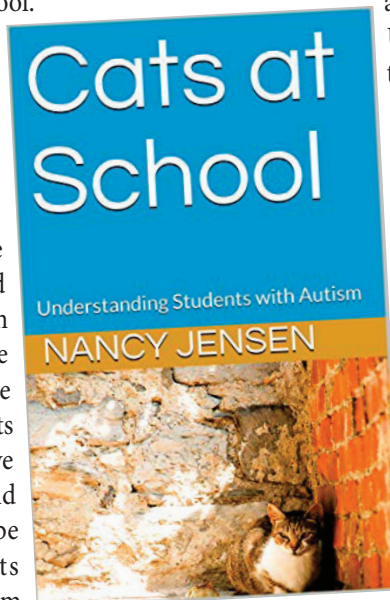
Cats at School provides detailed insights, an optimistic viewpoint, and practical suggestions. Chapter titles include Cats and Dogs and Kids, Fun at the Dog Park, Shake It Off, and We Can Do Hard Things, the last one based on one of Jensen's favorite

classroom mottos. Readers will learn that while dogs may not mind a busy classroom, cats prefer the predictability of a calm, structured environment and that while dogs can be trained to obey authority, cats often struggle with the concept. Sensory overload motivation, the social aspects of school – it's all covered in a way that sheds a tremendous amount of light on the subject of autism simply because it is so simple. By the time you reach the poem at the end, you really feel as though you have been given a peek into the world that students with autism live in.

Jensen says, "It is my hope that by sharing my perspective, I can advance a little understanding and make life just a little easier for at least one person."

Though she retired eight years ago, after thirty-five years of teaching, she says she still considers herself as both a student and a teacher and will always carry her students in her heart. That she would have the desire to write a book that could help students she may never meet speaks volumes about her character and is the perfect example of how those who go into the field of teaching often go above and beyond for their kids; how their dedication and tireless efforts often extend beyond the doors of their classrooms and the desks at which their students sit.

Rebecca Ross reporting



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Orcutt Schools Update

School Year Successes in the Words of OUSD Stakeholders

Dr. Debbie Blow, Superintendent, OUSD

The 2018-2019 school year has been a successful time for the Orcutt Union School District. But, as the saying goes, don't take my word for it. In lieu of my describing the accomplishments of the past 10 months, here is a cross-section of district stakeholders describing the year's successes from their own perspectives:

Michelle Boyd, assistant principal, Orcutt Junior High School: "We kicked off our Mustang PRIDE this year. PRIDE is short for Prepared, Respectful, Inclusive, Determined, and Engaged. We are giving coupons to students when they exemplify these traits. We like it because we are focusing on the positive, setting expectations, and recognizing kids when they are doing the right thing."

Jennifer Kantorowski, parent and PTSA president, Ralph Dunlap School: "Our PTSA continued to enjoy strong parent support for our school events and fundraisers. We tried out a direct

donation drive in the fall, and it exceeded our goals. The proceeds we will use to purchase a water filtration station for our Multi-Use Room."

Phyllis Jackson, office manager, Lakeview Junior High School: "It's been a good year. We had a new principal, Jonathan Dollahite, and a new assistant principal, Janinne Salinas, and they did a great job. Our graduation and eighth-grade awards night also went smoothly."

Julie Kozel, principal, Patterson Road School: "We achieved high academic gains while increasing music and arts instruction for all of our kids, K through sixth. Arts Attack has been very successful here. Jen Larrabee of our PTSA organized two family arts nights that were very well attended."

Shannon Lopez, Special Education inclusion teacher (grades TK, K, and 1), Joe Nightingale School: "The students in our Inclusion Program

made huge progress. They were reading in kindergarten, and most all of them met all of their goals. The families have been very supportive. They appreciate our advice just as we appreciate theirs. We have such a good partnership with our families."

Josh Mason, geometry teacher, Orcutt Academy High School: "A lot of times my successes are being able to run into former students around town who are in college and succeeding. It's great to find out their stories. It brings home why we do what we do."

Erik Pedersen, custodian, Alice Shaw School: "The Measure G project to install more fencing and a single entry to our school has changed our campus in a very positive way. During the school day, when all the gates are locked, it feels a lot more safe and secure."

Kathleen Stevenson, office manager, Olga Reed School: "Students from our

ASBs have been working to bring the two schools on our campus (Olga Reed and Orcutt Academy K-8) closer together. They worked together on dances and some spirit days. It was good to see students taking the lead."

Elizabeth Tymn, grades K/1 teacher, Pine Grove School: "I love our new principal. Leslie Wagon seller is phenomenal. I also feel like the iPad Academy was very worthwhile. I didn't think that I needed it, but it turned out to be very helpful."

Thanks to everyone associated with our school district – students, parents, staff, and community – for a wonderful 2018-2019 school year. Here's wishing all of you a happy and restful summer.

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So what does that mean exactly? To find out, let's take a closer look at the five divisions of Planning and Development.

The Administration Division handles the Department's budgets, personnel, billing, accounting, and fees as well as hardware and software support and mapping services. Planner Dana Eady says, "One of their important job duties is [hearing support], which includes mailing notices out to surrounding property owners to let them know about upcoming decision-maker hearings for projects." If you want to know what's going on in your neck of the woods, the Administration Division will make sure that happens.

The Building and Safety Division "administers and enforces State and County building, grading, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical codes by issuing building permits, inspecting ongoing construction projects, and investigating building complaints." If you've seen Key Site 4 (the lot at the corner of Clark

and Stillwell) being graded, then you've seen one of the earliest stages at which the Building and Safety Division inspects a construction project.

The Development Review Division performs environmental reviews and "reviews private development projects for consistency with State and local planning laws, ordinances, and the comprehensive plan policies." Projects currently listed under Development Review include OASIS, Key Site 3, Key Site 1 (Orcutt Marketplace), and Key Site 21 (The Neighborhoods of Willow Creek & Hidden Canyon).

The Long Range Planning Division is "responsible for drafting new land use ordinances and presenting them to the Board of Supervisors for adoption" and preparing updates to community plans like our Orcutt Community Plan that encompasses all Key Sites in Orcutt.

The Energy, Minerals, and Compliance Division oversees oil and gas activities offshore, as well as the onshore facilities that support them, onshore oil and gas development, surface mining, and renewable energy projects. For example, they permit oil fields like Orcutt Hill and are working on the ERG revitalization project.

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Rebecca Ross reporting

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Saturday of each month 8-10AM: Adult members \$5, Non members \$7, Children under 10: \$3.

BIBLE STUDY on I & II Corinthians at St. Louis de Montfort. Monday nights 7-8:30PM. For more info contact Steve Stanley 937-1353; Trent Benedetti 937-9625.

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@enginetechnica.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.

CA 0295 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Foster Road Church of Christ every Monday evening. Weigh-ins @ 5:30 meeting @ 6PM. (805)2681480

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 CCBW 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, followed by a 7PM. brief business meeting. Information: Bill 934 0775 or www.CentralCoastComputerClub.com


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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PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT ITEMS

- **Auto Money Out Monthly- \$3,500** from John & Jane Doe Revocable Trust Dtd.12/12/2012
- **2019 RMD – \$58,221** from John Doe Rollover IRA, Task set to journal to trust account 11/1/2019, withhold (15/5) taxes
- **9/24/18 (Tim Miller, CPA)** I met with John & Jane they would like a tax projection prepared. I initially told them they would get about 7K back when we filed there taxes in April. This is an adjustment due to not having as much rental income this year, I will reevaluate and adjust.

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Estate Planning

Need to set appointment with Stephen Wood to review trust

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Life and Goal Planning

Discuss beneficiary changes next meeting

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Business Services

Not needed, but has provided our information to their son

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