

Orcutt Residents Asked to Provide Cannabis Retail Licensing Feedback

The County of Santa Barbara is holding a virtual community meeting for Orcutt residents regarding the amended “Licensing of Cannabis Operations” County Ordinance (Chapter 50), on Thursday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will allow residents to ask questions and give feedback on cannabis retail, or marijuana dispensary, storefront licensing. The county is seeking community feedback on where storefront retail is allowed, neighborhood compatibility, and business application criteria.

According to an ordinance amendment adopted by Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on January 14, the process of obtaining a cannabis retail license became a merit based criteria scoring system, which includes community engagement meetings. Prior to the amendment, the licensing process was a random drawing system.

According to County 4th District Supervisor-Elect Bob Nelson, “Instead of a random draw, it’s a ranking system. A bunch of people will apply, there is criteria, and whoever ranks the highest will get the dispensary for that community.”

It has taken about a year for the Board of Supervisors to decide on the criteria. Part of that decision includes public feedback. Nelson said as of right now there are no current applications on the table for an Orcutt dispensary. The application process is arduous, as all cannabis activity is highly regulated by the state and county.

While there has been increased interest from Orcutt residents to completely ban marijuana dispensaries, according to public leaders that is not likely to happen. The Chapter 50 ordinance for licensing retail cannabis was adopted in 2018 and passed with a 4-1 vote.

Supervisor Peter Adam of the Fourth District, which includes Orcutt, was the only board member to vote against the ordinance.

“Part of the meeting on July 9th is for the community to give feedback and say, ‘If we were to have a dispensary, here’s the places that would be good, here’s the places that would be bad. Here’s what we want for the dispensary, here’s the things we don’t want.’ so the county staff can take that and build the criteria for our community,” Nelson said.

The community meetings will be held at the six Community Planned Areas in Santa Barbara County: Isla Vista, Santa Ynez, Toro Canyon/Summerland, Eastern Goleta Valley, Los Alamos, and Orcutt. In each of these Community Planned Areas, only one cannabis retail location is permitted.

In each of the meetings, county staff

will present an overview of the cannabis business licensing and permitting process, followed by an overview of the Community Plan Area. They will gather input from each community that will be incorporated into the Neighborhood Compatibility Plan portion of the cannabis retail storefront application.

The county originally planned for the community meetings to take place in April 2020, but they were postponed due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The meetings will now be held via Zoom. Zoom is a video conferencing tool, downloadable as a smart phone app or accessible at the website zoom.us.

For the Orcutt meeting schedule and information on how to participate and submit feedback, go to: <http://cannabis.countyofsb.org/>.

Lindsay Grabau reporting

Announcing Steller Home Featuring Décor, Gifts, Vintage



When one door closes, another opens. That’s what Wendy Steller — co-owner of Déjà Vu Antique Mall at the Loading Dock and Old Town Market — said when announcing her new store, Steller Home.

“I’m super, super excited and can’t wait to open the doors,” she added.

While Déjà Vu will remain open, she

estimates Old Town Market will close on Oct. 1. Wendy and her husband, Mark Steller, were suddenly evicted when the building was sold in late April to Helios Dayspring, who is seeking to open a cannabis storefront.

Steller Home will feature home decor, gifts and vintage items, and is set to

open on Sept. 1 in the building Vintage Veranda Antiques & Mall occupied on Union Avenue. Merry Feliz, the owner of Vintage Veranda, retired, but will be a dealer for Steller Home.

“I thought it’d be really neat to have a second store,” Wendy Steller said. “Another store in the area that has antiques and home decor is important.”

Many dealers have been suffering due to cancelled antique and gift shows because of COVID-19, she explained, and the store will sell some of their unique products. Dealers from out of the area will also be featured.

“It’s going to be very similar to Déjà Vu, but with different items and dealers,” she said.

The Stellers thank community

members who’ve supported Old Town Market throughout the years, especially during this unexpected time.

Cups & Crumbs owners Julie Darrah, Pam Rowan and Claudia Stine, in particular, offered Old Town Market employees work at their upcoming full-service deli, The Homestead, on Clark Avenue next to Deasee’s Designs.

“I just think it’s so amazing that the community really wants to help anyone that’s displaced because of Old Town Market closing,” she said.

Due to the timing of Steller Home’s opening and Old Town Market’s closing, a couple of the grocery store’s employees have also been offered positions at Steller Home.

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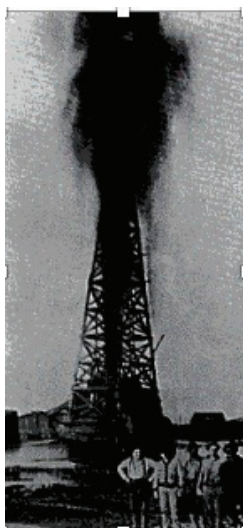
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Orcutt History

Eureka! Old Maud's Gusher Puts Orcutt on the Map

Not long after Orcutt was established, an event occurred that marked an era of rapid advancement for the oil industry in general and the Union Oil Company and the town of Orcutt in particular. On December 2, 1904, Hartnell No.1, the first producing well on Hartnell property, came in with such force that it became one of the great wonders of California. The tremendous excitement that Old Maud, as the well was named, created is captured in a description of the event by Jack Reed, a member of the crew that brought the gusher in:

"Then with a roar, a column of oil and gas shoots up through the rid floor to a height of 150 feet. Oil begins pouring down the gullies and creek beds. We have the biggest producer the world. We can't control it, what with 12,000 barrels of oil everyday. We don't even have tanks or pipelines big enough to handle the flow, so we scrape up a series of earth dams. Pools of crude collect for miles below as



the flow continues day after day for three months."

Frank Hill, who was superintendent on the job and later Director of Production for Union Oil, added that:

"By mistake, one of the workmen closed a valve ... This completely shuts in the well which is under great gas pressure. This starts the oil flowing through the formations, and for hundreds of yards around every gopher hole begins to spout oil. The surrounding of fields are full of miniature geysers of oil."

Fortunately, the valve was reopened and the oil started gushing through the casing. The well produced one million its first 100 days. It flowed for over two years and yielded nearly three million barrels before being put on the pump. Thereafter, Old Maud produced 250 barrels a day until 1918, when the casing collapsed and the well was shut-in. The well was reopened in 1943 to help meet the great wartime demand for oil and, at that time, it produced 175 barrels a

day. Old Maud is now abandoned, a relic located in the quiet canyon amidst other remains of turn-of-the-century oil operations. The canyon itself shows no apparent signs of the flood of crude that once inundated it, and much of the land that was covered with oil is now cattle grazed.

Old Maud's spectacular behavior not only opened up the Santa Maria Oil Field to intensive development, it precipitated a boom in oil stocks. It gave financial backers confidence in oil drilling as a profitable and legitimate industry, and gave Union Oil status as a major oil company. Old Maud further accelerated Orcutt's development. For the next few years the town grew rapidly. Even when the Cat Canyon oil fields were discovered in 1909 and some oil workers and operations were drawn to the eastern part of the Santa Maria Valley, the town of Orcutt did not cease to grow. Its pace of development slowed, but improvements were still made.

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Genevieve Williams of Orcutt—Celebrating 101 Years in October

When asked about her “secret of longevity,” 100 year old Genevieve Williams of Orcutt says her faith in her Heavenly Father and Christian religion and the relationships she has had with friends, “have been priceless and what have kept me happy.”

In an interview with the Orcutt Pioneer, she offered her insights on living a long and interesting life.

Genevieve says her parents, Samuel and Janette Hale, brought her and her older siblings Mildred and Maxine from Oklahoma City to California when she was four years of age.

“My sisters were both seven and nine years older than me and all of us lived to be 100. What is interesting is my parents both died the same year at the age of 72. So I don’t know where our longevity genes came from.”

The 1920’s and 30’s were tough, she says. While living in Glendale, CA, her mom made shirts for movie stars while her dad tried to make ends meet as a salesman and repairing sewing machines.

During her younger years, the family moved several times. Genevieve went to Junior High and High School in Belmont, CA, in the Los Angeles area.



While growing up in Los Angeles during the depression she remembers walking the streets in Los Angeles and riding street cars with girlfriends. “We were poor; when we needed something new, my mom made it.”

In 1941, Genevieve met Warren Williams, her future husband, at a church in Los Angeles and they were married shortly thereafter. World War Two was beginning and when their daughter was three Warren enlisted

in the Air Force. He was not drafted because he had a wife and young child. While Warren was away, the couple learned their daughter Susan had developed Celiac disease and was hospitalized. Genevieve says the only time she ever saw her husband cry was when he was on leave and saw his stricken daughter through a glass window at the hospital.

After the war, Warren took a job as an engineer at Lockheed Aeronautics in Sunnyvale, California. Initially the couple lived in Los Angeles with her parents but eventually built a home in Van Nuys.

Genevieve became busy raising three children, substitute teaching and then working in the personnel department in the Santa Clara School district. She also was very active in local service clubs and was a PTA president. She retired from the district in 1988 while Warren retired from Lockheed in 1991.

Then they began traveling. Between several visits to London, they travelled to Australia, Germany, Spain, Portugal and New Zealand. She remains in contact with friends in Australia and Germany.

Genevieve and Warren moved to

Orcutt in 1988 to be near her daughter Susan and their son-law and soon began looking for a church. Through friends, they discovered the Orcutt Christian Church on Patterson Road. Genevieve loves her minister, Dr. Archie Miller. “Everybody just loves him. He is so helpful and kind.” She is also active in the OASIS Senior Center.

In 2010, Warren took a fall and never fully recovered. He passed away in 2016.

Genevieve says they had a wonderful marriage. “Yep, in seventy five years we had our ups and downs: many hardships. But our basic values were the same. Our faith carried us through the troubled times. I have been so blessed with a wonderful marriage, a loving family and dear friends.”

On October 23, Genevieve Williams will celebrate her one-hundred and first birthday!

Steve Southwick reporting



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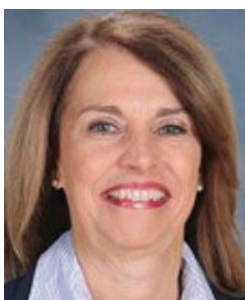
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Orcutt Schools Update

Farewell and Thank You

Dr. Debbie Blow, Superintendent, OUSD

This is my final column for the Orcutt Pioneer. As I believe many of you know, after 40 years in education, I am retiring at the end of June. I have been fortunate to have had a great career. Working in California for the past 32 years, I have had the good fortune to serve in three different areas: San Diego County, the Bay Area, and for the past six years the Central Coast. I must say I saved the best for last!

I have told many people that upon my arrival to the Orcutt School District and community that it felt like I was coming home. I grew up on a cattle ranch, in an agricultural community, and attended a one-room school house. Because of this, I appreciated the rural nature of our smaller school sites in Los Alamos and Casmalia. Of course I also enjoyed the warm welcome I felt at all the campuses in the Orcutt community. This definitely has the feel of a small town, like where I grew up.

Over the past six years we have faced some challenges together, not least being the present pandemic and the impact that it is having on our community, state, and nation. However, challenges can be opportunities, and often bring a neighborhood together. I have definitely seen this to be true in the Orcutt community these past three months. Because of this, I am confident that the Orcutt Union School District will continue to excel, and overcome any obstacles created by COVID-19.

As I reflect on my time in the Orcutt community, I don't want it to be defined by the current crisis, but rather by the many accomplishments that have been achieved. I have been blessed to have had a strong team of administrators, teachers, and classified and support staff. Working together, we have done a lot that has benefited our current students and will continue to advance future students.

Some of the highlights include the infusion and increased use of technology to support student learning throughout all of our schools. Our technology professional development academies have allowed our teachers to acquire the skills to use technology as a tool for learning. Due to this, we were able to move more easily to distance learning. In some cases, the students have become the teachers, allowing for more creativity and innovation, something for which our district is now known. We have also increased the integration of the visual and performing Arts in our schools, with instruction at the elementary level and increased enrollment in our choral and band programs at the secondary level.

Another major accomplishment could not have been realized without the support of Orcutt voters: the passage of Measure G in 2016. Because of this, our schools are getting a facelift, and

becoming more secure. We also are beginning the process of replacing aging portables with permanent classrooms and implementing other badly needed upgrades.

Driving all of this change has been an important roadmap, our Strategic Plan, that was developed with input from our community. We just completed our first five-year plan, and have written a new one which will carry the district forward into 2025.

I am leaving the superintendency in very capable hands with the school board's selection of Dr. Holly Edds. She will continue to lead the district along its current path of excellence. Finally, I want to end this, my last column in The Pioneer, with a huge thank you to the Orcutt community for all your support. It has been a pleasure to work and live here, and do great things for students. My very, very best to you all.

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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It wasn't supposed to happen that way. "I grew up in Nipomo and went to St. Joseph High School. I left for college in Los Angeles at the age of 18 and was quite certain I would never return to the area, which was not so exciting for a young man in the 1970's." Frias said.

After graduating from Loyola Marymount University in 1979, Frias gravitated to the L.A. beach area, moving to Redondo Beach, and started a career in the insurance industry. He worked for major insurance companies as a large lines commercial property underwriter and then as a manager at a regional insurance brokerage firm. "The 80's were a fun time on Wilshire Blvd in L.A." Frias said. "Businessmen still wore suits, we worked in tall buildings and much business was done in the many of the city's great restaurants."

Things started to change after marriage and kids. "I met my wife Lori on a blind date. We married in 1988 and started a family." Frias said. "She is a country girl from Oregon and after a while made it clear she had no intention of raising a family in the big city. I couldn't disagree". Frias had contacted State Farm about agency opportunities but was told they had few openings for new agents in Southern California... unless he was willing to move to a place called Santa Maria. "So we quit our jobs, sold everything we owned, packed up the kids and moved back home to start a new business. No pressure there!" Frias joked. "The first five years just about killed me".

But the hard work paid off and the business has been a fixture in Orcutt

ever since. Frias stated "Looking back, we made the right move. Orcutt is a unique town and a great place to raise a family, with our semi-rural life style and small town feel. Not having to commute allowed me to attend all the school events and coach youth sports for many years. My kids attended Orcutt schools and all three graduated from Cal Poly."

Frias believes in giving back to the community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors at OASIS and is a long time member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Santa Maria. Wife Lori is involved with CASA. Frias also commented on the current health crisis. "Orcutt has a very generous business community and now these businesses need everyone's support so they can get through this and back to business as usual. Look for the white ribbons on local businesses as a reminder of this. Many of them are hurting."

As to how long he will go, Frias replied "I'm not going anywhere soon, I love the business. I just arranged insurance for my newlywed son's first home. He was 6 months old when I started. How awesome is that?"

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Finding Ways to Serve: Chahal Family

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and gloves, to the hospital.

The Chahal family has also prepared meals for the Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande Police Departments, Five Curies Fire Authority and Santa Barbara County Sherri's Office in Santa Maria, as well as for those at the homeless shelter at Santa Maria High School. "Wherever you are, just try to help out," he said. "Anybody can do these things ... as small or as big as you like. You can start

with doing five meals. ... It helps keep you busy, makes you feel good and you are helping others who really need it."

A resident of Santa Maria, Chahal owns 7-Eleven stores in Orcutt, Arroyo Grande and Santa Barbara through which he and his family have supported the communities where his stores are located.

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Events

To submit your community event, email 50 words or less to info@orcuttpioneer.com by the second Wednesday of the month. Be sure to include, in this order, the name of the event, location, time, a short description and contact information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS is seeking sponsorship from local businesses. This will help support the dedicated students in the Righetti Bands with their continued efforts in field shows and performances. We are looking for donations and would be more than happy to perform in exchange. <https://www.rhswarriorbands.org/>

BENT AXLE CAR CLUB is welcoming new members! Do you have a pre-1973 American-made car and would like to socialize with us (cruising, eating and having fun)? We also put on a car show the 3rd week end of July. We invite you to our monthly meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria at 6:30 PM Ann McKindley 805-714-6111

CAR SHOW CANCELED Annual St Patricks Day Car Show at St Louis de Montfort Church, has been canceled due to Archdiocesan restrictions. We are planning early for March 12, 2021! Cars, Trucks, Vendors and more. Vendors Wanted! Contact james@jamesjepsen.com or call 805-878-1739. www.koffcarshow.com

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY EVENTS

Note that many events are modified or canceled due to restrictions.

50+ CLUB LUNCHEON, at St Louis De Montfort Church Hall at 11:30AM on the second Thursday of the month. Event is catered with nominal charge. For reservations call Irene at 934-2511.

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 leadership, partnership and service. For more information and meeting location call our president at 805.835.7627 or go to our website: www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 534 Breakfast 9-NOON on the first Sunday of each month. Public invited. 145 W. Clark Ave.

AMERICAN LEGION POST Veterans BBQ in Orcutt, 145 W. Clark Ave. 11AM-3PM or until sold out on the third Saturday of each month.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST at OASIS Senior Center, 420 East Soares, Old Orcutt on the second Saturday of each month 8-10AM: Adult members \$5, Non members \$7, Children under 10: \$3.

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. ronterry4543@gmail.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/smcaccc>

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.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Non-Denominational) 1265 W. McCoy Lane, Ste A, Santa Maria, CA 93455, 925-7500. An All Volunteer Church concentrating on teaching the word of God and using our resources to help the poor in love thru service. Come find out what it is like to "Do Church Differently."

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CUB SCOUT PACK 91 welcomes boys and girls, grades K-5 to join us. Scouting teaches children about their community, citizenship, service to others, and outdoor adventure. To learn more about us visit www.pack91orcutt.org or call us at 253-CUBS. **DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SM VALLEY** meets every 3rd Thursday at IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave, Santa Maria. Social at 6:00 PM, guest speakers at 7:00. Business meeting for members follows. Call 805-349-2708 or visit www.santamariademocrats.info for more information.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Sundays at 6:30PM, Worship with us. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro (805)937-6536.

EXCITING BIBLE STUDY at Revival Tabernacle, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt) Wednesdays at 7PM Join us as we explore God's word. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro

FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6-8PM. Last Friday of the month @ Unity Church, 1165 Stubblefield, Orcutt. Bring games and food to share. (805) 937-3025.

FOUR-PARK BARBERSHOP HARMONY FOR WOMEN who love to sing. For additional information, call 805-736-7572. We love to sing for special occasions. Rehearsals on Thursday nights, 6:45PM, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 4725 S. Bradley Rd.

GROWING GROUNDS FARM STAND open Thursdays from 12-6PM. Come and enjoy fresh vegetables, flowers and plants. Located on the corner of Foster Rd and California. For more information call 934-2182.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND PUPPER RAISERS. Raise a puppy and change someone's life. Meets one Monday a month. For location and more information contact Jack Brey at 805-937-7773 or Jackbrey@verizon.net

HEARTHSTONE EDUCATORS Christian support group for home educators. Meeting for those considering homeschooling on the second Thursday of each month at 7PM. Call Cheryl Kliever for more information (937-7099)

HEALING GRIEF CLASS an 8 week support class for the newly bereaved held 5 times a year (Tues 10AM-Noon at Marian Residence) and a Grief Recovery Support Group every Tues. 3-4:30PM at Marian West, 505 E. Plaza Drive in Santa Maria. Info on either group: Marian Hospice at 739-3830

INSPIRATIONAL BUT CHALLENGING CHRISTIAN 12 STEP CLASS at the Crucified Life Church, 109 W. Fesler, second Monday of each month at 7PM. Welcome anyone in recovery from Alcohol, Drugs or just life itself. For any questions call Pastor Victor 878-1033 or Carl 478-6198.

JOIN THE CLUB SCOUTS. Pack 93 of Orcutt Camping, hiking, lots of outdoor activities. Family oriented pack. Siblings are invited! Join the fun of the most exciting Cub Scout pack around. Contact Cubmaster Paul Rodarte at 478-3538 or for more information check out Pack 93's website: www.lospadrespack93.com

JOIN US FOR THE EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY in Room 2-Parish Community Center, Monday evening, 7:30-9PM. For more info: Trent Benedetti, 922-4881, trentb@benedetticpa.com or Steve Stanley, 937 1353, ssvs@verizon.net.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS is an organization for young women ages 10 - 20 that teaches leadership, self-confidence, fundraising and philanthropic activities, friendship and respect for people and cultures and has over 20,000 members in the USA; Canada; Australia; the Philippines and Brazil. For a girl to qualify, she must have a Masonic relationship. Assistance is offered to identify the Masonic relationship. Info: Pat Cuthbertson, Bethel Guardian, at 937-0838.

KINCARES, Inc. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Resources, Training, Education & Support. Group meeting held at the Oasis Senior Center, second Wednesday each month 10AM-12PM. RSVP at 452-2896.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ORCUTT is adding two 12PM meetings each month on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays in the back room of Rooney's Irish Pub, beginning September 20th. This is in addition to their regular meeting schedule of 7AM on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays at Jack's in Old Orcutt. Everyone is welcome to attend. Kiwanis has exciting plans for Orcutt and they invite you to take part. For more information contact Doug Dougherty: doug@oasisorcutt.org or 937-9750 ex. 6.

Life in Focus, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Every Wednesday from 6-7PM. An evidence-based free program helping to rebuild our communities one person at a time. Changing lives. One family at a time. Julie Fernandez (805)704-2646

LOS PADRES ARTIST GUILD Meeting, OASIS Senior Center, 420 E. Soares, Old Orcutt on the second Friday of each month at 6PM. Info: 937-9750. Everyone welcome.

MOMS CLUB OF ORCUTT is a chapter of the MOMS Club International and is dedicated to supporting moms who are looking for exciting and fun things to do with their small children. Find us on Facebook at MOMS Club of Orcutt or email orcuttmomsclub@gmail.com

Moxie Cafe offers live music every Thursday and Friday night from 5:30-7:30PM. We have everything from local acoustic artists to full bands. Check out our events calendar on our website, moxiecafe.com, for the current line up of music.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM of Santa Maria presents LIVE! At the Museum on the first Saturday of every month. Live family oriented program which feature animals and plants of interest to our community. NatureBabies story time is held on the last Friday of each month, a Museum docent presents a preschool story time which includes a free book to each attending child. Museum located at 412 South McClelland, Santa Maria. 614-0806 Hours: Wed and Friday Noon-3PM Saturday 11AM-4PM Free Admission. Donations gratefully accepted. The Museum offers free school tours.

NEWCOMERS CLUB - Santa Maria Valley women's group meets monthly for lunch, coffee, special events and to have fun. Join us! Call Barbara Chappell 614-6800.

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