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Two New Housing Tracts Changing Orcutt Open Space



The addition of two new neighborhoods, The Groves at Rice Ranch and The Meadows at Rice Ranch, is causing significant changes to the Orcutt trail system.

The trails in the Rice Ranch area are being rerouted, and new trails are being constructed, according to developer Coastal Community Builders. The new trails will connect the Orcutt Community Park, the two neighborhoods and the other trails north and east of The Groves neighborhood.

The Groves will be a gated community with 77 residences of Spanish and Craftsman influence. There are five different floor plans ranging from 1,967 to 3,363 square feet. The sales office and model complex is scheduled

to open in summer 2019. Completion of the first homes is set for fall 2019.

The Meadows will have 103 residences “designed for casual, elegant southern California living.” With five floor plans to choose from, the homes all range between 1,857 and 3,621 square feet. The sales office and model complex are planned to open in spring 2019. Completion of first homes is scheduled for summer 2019.

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Open Space, a nonprofit that establishes and maintains trails, and the Orcutt Trails Commission declined to comment.

Jamie Guista reporting

99s Memorial Garden Hidden Gem in Orcutt’s Backyard



The largest feature of the garden is the mural affixed to the wall of the hangar that the garden sits beside. The impressive piece of art was created by 99s member Sunni Gibbons and “depicts the history of women pilots from the earliest days of aviation to the

age of astronauts.” It was an autumn day in 1929. One hundred and seventeen female pilots were gathered at Curtiss Field on Long Island, New York for the Women’s Air Derby. That day, ninety-nine of the women in attendance came together after the race and the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, was born. Amelia Earhart was elected their first president.

Today the Ninety-Nines “promote world fellowship through flight, provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women, aviation education in the community, and preserve the unique history of women’s aviation” and members include flight instructors, commercial pilots, military pilots, and “for the fun of it” pilots.

In 2012 the Santa Maria Valley Chapter of the organization (chartered in 1988) created The Memorial Garden of the Ninety-Nines adjacent to the Santa Maria Museum of Flight and took this mission statement to the next level.

A true hidden gem, the garden sits quietly under the shade of broad trees, inside a ring of green hedges and purple flowers. Stone benches set at intervals around the perimeter feature dedications, as do the brick edging and the stone tables placed throughout. In addition to the various memorials honoring members, four plaques feature historical information in eight categories with titles like “The Explorers,” “The Risk Takers,” and “The Record Setters.”

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The idea for the garden was first conceived by Wilma Pogue and, after her passing, was taken up by Gibbons. “For a while we were sort of leaderless and not sure how to proceed,” she explains. “But as a chapter [we] didn’t want to see the project fade.”

“I became somewhat obsessed with the whole project and wanted to create a legacy for celebrating women’s role in aviation at the Museum of Flight,” Gibbons says.

Soliciting help from the Boy Scouts, the garden plot was cleared in a single day and then landscaped by Nishimori Landscape and Design who donated the plants and did the heavy lifting. A true community effort, donations of time, money, and goods came in from various individuals, organizations, and businesses and soon the memorial garden was a reality.

“It was a real labor of love, as the saying goes,” Gibbons says. “Our dedication ceremony at our 99s Southwest Section Meeting in September of 2012 made it feel like a real celebration.”

The Memorial Garden of the Ninety-Nines, located at 3015 Airpark Drive, is free and open to the public. A complete list of sponsors, as well as a legend with the individual stories of the women represented in the mural, can be found inside the Santa Maria Museum of Flight.

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Two Righetti 2014 Grads Headed into the Peace Corps

There must have been something in the air when the Righetti High class of 2014 walked across the graduation stage. Not one, but two of those grads (and dance team members) have joined the Peace Corps this year.

Becky Aldrich just received her bachelor's degree in Global Studies from UC Berkeley, while Mia Levy attended the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign where she double majored in Sociocultural Anthropology

and Global Studies. Before college, neither woman had the Peace Corps on her radar. Levy originally wanted to be a broadcast journalist and Aldrich, though she learned about it in high school, hadn't planned to join. Yet, over time, each found themselves going down a path that led to international service.

"I started to think about applying for the Peace Corps towards the end of my last year at Berkeley," says Aldrich. "I knew that I wanted to spend some time working and volunteering before going to graduate school and [it] seemed like a great experience. I wanted to work in an environment that not only allows me to gain new professional skills but that

also allows me to give my time to global issues that I care deeply about."

After spending a summer with her cousin in Guatemala at age seventeen, Levy knew she wanted to work internationally and took advantage of study abroad programs in college by spending semesters in India, Ecuador, and Argentina. "With that time immersed in other cultures and the teaching of many amazing professors I found my way to deciding to take a break before grad

school to travel," she shares. Aldrich will be serving as a volunteer in Senegal in West Africa, while Levy will be teaching English in Costa Rica.

"I think it will be difficult," Levy admits. "I've never taught English before. I've never been out of the country for such an extended period of time. But with that I think it will also be eye opening. How could one not do the Peace Corps and not come back a changed person? I'm excited to see where this adventure takes me."



Becky Aldrich



Mia Levy

"Now that I've graduated I'm looking forward to getting some real world experience and making new connections," says Aldrich. "I'm really looking forward to working in a completely new and different environment and meeting new people. This experience will be a big change for me and I'm excited to embrace the challenges that come with it."

For others considering volunteering internationally, Levy suggests learning more about the types of projects the United States implements in other countries. "The Peace Corps was the perfect decision for me," she

says. "I believe that it was one form of development projects that has the potential to create change due to its rigorous training for volunteers combined with [a] concrete infrastructure that they've been developing for decades."

Aldrich adds, "I think that the dedication the Peace Corps has to young people around the world is invaluable. I so deeply admire the ways in which the Peace Corps supports the next

generation through its service and I strived to be a part of that."

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In Santa Barbara County, Court Appointed Special Advocates, known as CASAs, help children who have experienced abuse and neglect get the care and attention they need. There is an increased need for volunteers, most urgently those based in Santa Maria. “We have 26 children on our waiting list right now,” said Kim Colby Davis, Executive

Director for CASA.

“Our goal is to represent all children who are brought into the child welfare system because they were not safe in their homes. For someone who wants to make an impact in their community, this is an opportunity to serve in a direct and meaningful way,” Director Davis continued. “CASA volunteers are court-appointed and serve as the eyes and ears of the court, giving impartial recommendations to the judge. In their efforts, volunteers are supported by the professional staff at CASA. We have an incredible team of volunteers, however we still need to find more people who will advocate for a vulnerable child.”

Volunteers, who go through a background check and 30 hours of training, make sure the child’s basic needs are met and that they are in a safe environment. Training is provided, and volunteers report that once trained, they feel well equipped for their volunteer role. CASA serves children of all ages, from newborn thru age 20.

Visit sbcasa.org or call 805-868-8890 to learn what it takes to become a volunteer and advocate for children who are most at risk in our community.

Vino et Amicis Wine Bar Finds New Home in Old Orcutt



Wine always tastes better when shared with friends, a truth that Orcutt’s new wine bar, Vino et Amicis, has fully embraced.

“Opening a wine bar has been a dream of ours for years,” says owner Kurt Hixenbaugh. He and his wife Dawn have lived in Orcutt for sixteen years and both hail from wine-centric regions. “Dawn is from Napa and I am from the Santa Ynez Valley,” Kurt shares. “We haven’t been in the wine industry before, but an injury at work forced me into early retirement from law enforcement and this has been an exciting new chapter in our lives.”

The Hixenbaughs had been waiting for the perfect spot to open up when they found out Doc Burnstein’s Ice Cream Lab was moving

out of Orcutt Union Plaza to a new location in the Enos Ranch Shopping Center and jumped at the chance to be part of the Old Town Orcutt business community.

Dawn and daughter Natalie designed the interior of Vino et Amicis, giving it a modern makeover that is both chic and warm, with touches of industrial design and a lot of natural materials and shelves lined with over 80 different wines from 18 local vineyards.

“Dawn and I have personally selected each wine that we offer,” says Kurt. “For a wine to be considered to be on the menu, it must be local, from a small or boutique producer, and we don’t work through distributors. Only direct relationships with the winery [or] winemaker are considered. What this means is that almost every wine here won’t be found on a grocery store shelf.”

They believe that this selection process allows them to showcase the best examples of Central Coast wine and is the essence of what it means to be “small, local, and amazing.”

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Orcutt's Heyday at the Turn of the Century

This column is taken from, From Boom Town to Bedroom Community: A History of Orcutt, California, 1904-1982, by Sally L. Simon. Copies can be purchased at The Loading Dock, Company's Coming, OTOA and the Santa Maria Historical Society.

Orcutt experienced its heyday between 1904 and 1920, becoming a larger trading center than Santa Maria. By 1906, the town had two general stores, a furnishing store, a millinery shop, a vegetable and fruit market, a meat market, an

ice cream parlor, two restaurants, a hotel, three saloons, two barber shops, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop, a post office, a shoe store, three oil well supply companies, a railway depot and siding, the Union Oil Company headquarters and the offices of the local Standard Oil Company operations. James F. Forbes built the first store in Orcutt, part of which consisted of the old Graciosa school, which he had moved from the southwest corner of Clark Avenue and Marcum Street to his property

on the southwest corner of Clark Avenue and Broadway. The entire structure, however, was destroyed by fire in 1910. In fact, most of the commercial structures constructed during Orcutt's initial period of development were in later years destroyed by fire or torn down. According to Adelina Phillips, descendant of the pioneer Marcum family and longtime Orcutt area resident, the only commercial building remaining is the Commercial Hotel. It was built in 1905 and operated by members of the Marcum family. During the early development period, the town's residential area also grew. Twitchell's Addition was laid out north of the original town; that is, on the north side of Clark Avenue. Gray's Division was just east of First Street. Longtime Orcutt residents maintain that some of the original homes built in these sections of town are still in use. By 1921, the town had grown to include a hospital, a bank, a reading room and branch library, a church, a school, three garages and filling stations, and two dance halls. The locally prominent Orcutt Mercantile was built in 1911 on the southwest corner of Clark Avenue and Broadway, after James F. Forbes' first store was destroyed. A landmark in Orcutt for many years, it too burned down in 1959. The first official Orcutt School, a two-room, wooden structure, was located on the north side of the 300 block of Clark Avenue. It was torn down in the early 1920s. However, the hospital, church, and bank

buildings are still standing. While many people lived and worked in the town, a large population center also developed in the hills to the south. Oil workers' camps were established among the derricks on the hillsides. Workers and their families lived there for years, first in "tent cities" and later in cottages. Many of the houses were built by the Union Oil Company employees. The population in the hills was large enough to require the formation of three additional school districts between 1904 and 1908. The Bicknell and Careaga districts, established in 1904, were south of the Graciosa Ridge. The Newlove School District, established in 1908, was located on Union Oil Company property on Newlove Hill (now called Orcutt Hill) just southeast of Old Town Orcutt. The school constructed by the district is the only early school building remaining in the Orcutt area. A large, two-room structure, it is used today for community gatherings.

Public services in the Orcutt area were fairly primitive in the boom years. There was no public sewer, electricity, or fire protection in the town until the 1920s. Roads were unpaved for many years. The main oiled County road, laid out in 1861, came up from Santa Barbara, passed through Los Alamos, ran westward, down the San Antonio Valley and turned northward through the Graciosa Pass. The road veered right to turn into Orcutt (where it was

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These wooden buildings on the north side of Clark Avenue did not last past Orcutt's horse-and-buggy days. Fire consumed most early structures.

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called Clark Avenue), proceeded through the heart of town, and then turned left to continue running northward toward Santa Maria. It was taken into the state highway system in 1909 and renumbered Route 2, but no improvements were made until 1915. The road was also a segment of the main San Francisco-to-San Diego coastal highway. Travelers stopped to eat and rest in Orcutt; their patronage was important to the local economy for many years.

Water was supplied from several private sources. Union Oil had its own water company which served the people on the hill and in the town, south of Clark Avenue. The Twitchell family, which originally owned much of the land north of Clark Avenue, supplied water to residents living in that section of town for many years. Those living outside of the area served by those two sources provided water for themselves from their own wells. Fires were a severe problem in the early days because of the widespread use of wood in construction and reliance upon kerosene lanterns and gas stoves. Buildings that caught fire were totally destroyed. Residents simply concentrated their efforts on removing belongings from the burning structure and on preventing the spread of the fire.

Union Oil Company first sold natural gas to Orcutt's residents and later the Santa Maria Oil and Gas Company provided gas to the town. In 1928, the latter company was acquired by

Pacific Lighting Corporation, but it continued to operate independently until 1941. It was then merged with another Pacific Lighting subsidiary, Southern Counties Gas Company. In 1970, Southern Counties was merged with yet another Pacific Lighting subsidiary, Southern California Gas Company, which now serves the Orcutt area.

Policing, for the most part, was left to the Town Constable. The County Sheriff's Department came into Orcutt only if a particular situation was especially difficult to handle. Then, according to Willard Forbes, son of Orcutt's first merchant, the Sheriff would "come up and arrest people for gambling and they'd arrest the prostitutes too, if they could catch them." As a boom town, early Orcutt saw its share of drinking, gambling, and carousing.

Petroleum development gave Orcutt its reason for being and business was brisk. Oil production rose from 95,000 barrels per year in 1902 to 3,742,249 barrels annually by the middle of 1920. While small oil companies continued operating in the area, Union Oil Company was by far the largest operation. It was the major employer and consumer of materials and supplies, providing income for local farmers, ranchers, and contractors as well as oil field workers. Then, in the years 1914-1918, the First World War gave a strong new push to the already thriving local economy. More oil workers arrived to increase production in response to wartime demands. Farmers also prospered during the war, for the price of beans and grains rose. However, this was a boom that could only be temporary.

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Quail Meadows East Annual Park-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 4, 8AM-2PM, 3400 Quail Meadows Dr. Lots of gently used items. Come and check it out. You may find something you just can't live without. No early birds, please.

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SBC Animal Care Foundation's upcoming "2nd Annual Raise the Woof" comedy show and dinner on Saturday, September 22nd at 5PM at the Masonic Lodge located on Lakeview Road to raise funds for animals that come into the three shelters in Santa Barbara County. This event will feature live music by local band, Clark Street Flyers, a three course sit down dinner, 50/50 drawing, raffle, and silent auction. The comedy show consists of two comedians from the Los Angeles area that have been featured on HBO, Comedy Central, and a variety of venues across the country including late night programs such as Jimmy Kimmel. Tickets: call Libby Walling 805-298-2968

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY EVENTS

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.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLIC AND DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY SYSTEMS meets Sundays at 4PM in the conference room of the Marian Extended Care Facility at 1530 Cypress Way off of Palisades and Main. If you have questions, contact Kim at (805) 714-6908.

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.

ALL AMERICA CITY QUILT GUILD meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4380 Orcutt Rd., on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM. except March and July. Info: www.santamariaquilters.com or 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 8-11AM 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.

ARK TENNIS LESSONS for third through eighth graders. Info: Coach Patrick Ortiz 934-9911.

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@enginetech-ca.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 non-profit single & adult camping club. We meet for camping outings once a month on second Wednesday for up to a week or less. 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 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 Lorri @ 805-481-7545.

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.

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."

CUB SCOUT PACK 91 is always looking for new boys between 1st and 5th grade. Scouting teaches young boys 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.

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.

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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.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH NETWORK meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM to bring people of diverse backgrounds to work collaboratively to promote education, justice, and harmony through open dialogue. Unity Chapel of Light at 1165 Stubblefield Rd in Orcutt. Come join us!

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 information contact 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

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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 orcuttmomclub@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.

ORCUTT/SANTA MARIA STOCK INVESTMENT CLUB meets every Monday at 9AM in the Santa Maria Elks Lodge building. Learn about and discuss stock market investing. All investors and potential investors are welcome. Call Jim Speer at 805-934-1164 for information

ORCUTT AREA ADVISORY GROUP. Mid-State Bank and Trust, 1110 East Clark Avenue on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Info: 937-1861

ORCUTT CHRISTIAN CHURCH offers a FREE class on the Fundamentals of the Christian faith on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 2-3PM, 204 Patterson Rd.

ORCUTT DONUT DERELICTS is an informal car club that meets every Sunday, rain or shine, in the parking lot outside the Golden Donut from 8-10AM. Everyone is welcome.

ORCUTT LIONS CLUB meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Orcutt Lions Club, 126 South Broadway at Clark Ave., in old Orcutt. Doors open at 6:30PM for socializing, the meeting starts at 7PM. Meetings are open to the public.

PACIFIC PRIDE FOUNDATION needs caring volunteers. Can you spare a few hours to support locals affected by HIV/AIDS? Contact Jocelyn at 349-9947, Ext. 103.

PATHWAY FAMILY SERVICES is a faith based foster family agency that places children in certified homes and offers support to those who want to become foster parents. We offer free training and monetary compensation for qualified families. For more information call (805)-739-1111.

PARENTS SHARING SORROW & HOPE A grief support group for parents who have lost a child of any age. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Church of Christ, 795 E. Foster Rd, Santa Maria, from 6:30-7:30PM For information contact: Susan Moran, RN, 805-466-0294

PATH POINT, a non-profit organization that has provided services for individuals with disabilities and disadvantages since 1964, is currently seeking donations of vinyl or leather chairs and/or couches for the day program. Contact Gail @ 934-3537 ex. 110 for questions or donations.

PILATES - Foxenwood Tennis & Swim Club 1087 Clubhouse Drive. Mon. & Wed. at 5:30PM & Tue. at 11AM. Cost per session: \$8 members \$10 non-members. Space is limited. Linda 805.540.9068

PUGS IN THE PARK, meet every second Sunday of the month, 2-4PM, Orcutt Community Small Dog Park, 5800 S. Bradley Rd., Orcutt, CA.

ROTARY CLUB of SANTA MARIA-SOUTH, Santa Maria Inn 801 S. Broadway (Kent Room), Meetings held on the 1st three Mondays of each month from 6-7:30PM. New members welcome! Join us for dinner and discover what our Rotary Club is all about. "Service above Self" Contact Joe Gruba : joegruba56@yahoo.com

RPEA (Retired Public Employees' Association) invites anyone who is a public employee to come to a meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon, Santa Maria Terrace, 1405 E Main St. Come see what you can do to help save your retirement and other benefits RPEA has to offer.

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB holds its monthly meeting at the Edwards Community Center located at 809 Panther Drive, Santa Maria at 7PM every third Wednesday of the month. Coin Collectors of all ages and casino chip collectors are all invited. We have a very active numismatic group which makes this a family meeting. Bring coins for free appraisals. 937-3158.

SANTA MARIA FAMILY HISTORY CENTER services are FREE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and all members of the community are invited to visit and use the facility. Hours are, Monday - Wednesday 10AM-2PM, and 7-9PM on Tuesday and Wednesday. 805-928-4722. Trained volunteers are ready and waiting to help you get started. The Santa Maria Family History Center is operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The LDS Church operates the largest Family History Library in the world - entirely with the purpose of helping anyone connect with their ancestors by locating certificates, census records and photos that can prove family relationships.

SANTA MARIA INCLUSIVE LEARNERS (SMILE) is a fee-free inclusive homeschooling group that meets every Monday from 10-11:30AM in Santa Maria for academic enrichment, social interaction and fun. All home and

alternative learners welcome. Call 934-9857 for location. Past activities have included: "Fun with Math" Club; Sign Language; Game Days; French. We are currently planting seeds for a book club, science club, backyard farm. Join us, and see what we grow.

SANTA MARIA MENS CLUB: A great way to spend a couple of hours with a great bunch of guys. For more details, call 937-1499 or 937-0355

SANTA MARIA MODEL A CLUB meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month, 7PM, at the Edwards Community Center. Visitors and guests are welcome. Info: Jay McCord 805-598-8133

SANTA MARIA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets every 3rd Thursday (except Jul, Aug & Dec) at the Cornerstone Community Room, 705 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria from 2-4PM. Free family history research assistance and monthly educational presentations. Visit SMVGS.org.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY REPUBLICANS has a HOT Topic - bring your own brown bag - Luncheon at the Republican HQ Office, 104 E. Boone St. Suite E, 2nd Monday of each month at noon. Bring some good grub and a willingness to talk political issues. Phone 345-5943.

SCRABBLE PLAYERS meet every Friday from 1-4:30PM at Oak Knolls Haven, 4845 S. Bradley Rd. Info: Bob at 934-1519.

SENIOR SOFTBALL: boys and girls over 50 who like to play softball, Monday & Thursday mornings at Hagerman Softball Complex. A player pays \$1 each day to help purchase new balls and sponsor a picnic once a month. rgrgreen1467@hotmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK meets the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at Cafe Noir in the Palmer Room, at 1555S. Broadway, Santa Maria. For more information, call Diana Gard 937-8756

STAR OF BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes all to attend Bible study every Thursday @10AM. 4465 S. Blosser Rd., 805 937-0339 Sunday School, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Sundays at 10AM, Worship with us. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro (805)937-6536

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