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Construction to begin for Gym at Orcutt Academy High School

Upgrades at all district schools by funding from Measure G and developer fees



Orcutt Academy High School area for construction of multi-use gymnasium.

A full-size multi-use room at Orcutt Academy High School, which will not only house a gym for basketball and volleyball, but a stage for performances and an additional classroom for drama classes, is in the works by way of Measure G bond funds and developer fees. There will also be an outdoor stage with access from the inside for assemblies.

The district's Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Nick Taylor, says soil studies are now in progress with

construction of the 9-million-dollar project scheduled to begin by next summer.

The multi-use facility will be located on the east side of the current buildings in the grassy area between the fences on Pinal Street and the basketball courts.

In addition, Taylor says a new innovation Center on the Orcutt Jr. High campus is just about ready for occupancy. "We are waiting for the connection lines for data, phone and

fire alarms." The center will become the district's enrollment office and technology department. It also contains classrooms that will house Career and Technical Ed classes, E Sports, district meetings, and parent education nights.

Current construction elsewhere in the district includes new administration buildings and perimeter fencing at Orcutt Junior High School and at Joe Nightingale Elementary school. Science rooms at Lakeview and Orcutt Jr. High schools are being upgraded. Two wings

on the Los Alamos campus are being remodeled.

Superintendent Holly Edds says all schools in the district "are being transformed in one way or another by Measure G and developer fees."

Taylor says that the administration buildings at Orcutt Jr. High and Nightingale Elementary will be ready when school begins in the fall.

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Housing proposal for Rancho Maria Golf Course continued (again) by County Planning Commission

The County Planning Commission has unanimously approved a continuance until August 11 so a chief development officer can attempt to negotiate an agreement between applicants and owners of Rancho Maria Golf Course on development of 129 homes in between the fairways at the golf course off Highway 1 west of Orcutt.

At its April 30th meeting and in spite of the opposition of the owners of the Golf Course, the Planning Commission approved the continuance.

The Commission weeks ago had denied the project and requested "findings for denial" to be sent to the Board of Supervisors. The commission cited environmental issues associated with encroachment to wetlands, the disturbing of agricultural operations, impacts to the golf course, and traffic issues as reasons for the denial.

To add to the complications, Orcutt

LLC, the developer, recently filed for bankruptcy relief.

An attempt last month by Orcutt LLC, the owners of the golf course and the lender to deal with the financial and environmental issues did not resolve



issues. To try to pull the sides together, Third District Commissioner John Parke told the Commission said he had requested a third party, an independent chief executive officer, try to work out an agreement. The lender has since agreed to an 18-month extension to allow the

County, LLC Rancho, and Ranch Maria Golf Course to modify the project and come to an agreement.

The owners of the golf course adamantly oppose the continuance. Spokesperson Laurel Perez and Cheryl O'Keefe Severn, representing the owners, said there is no future with this project. Severn said the owners of the golf course will "never support the existing plan. We have had no progress with working the Orcutt LLC. We want to start all over. No more tweaks. We can support a project but certainly not this one."

But Commissioner Parke told the Commission, "I think there's a lot to be gained by hearing what the CDO's approach is. Now we run the risk of making precipitous decisions and making the process even more time-consuming"

The motion to continue until August 11 the project was approved unanimously.

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Update from 4th District Supervisor Bob Nelson

able to successfully pass a balanced budget this year, while at the same time, investing the most money in County history into our roads and infrastructure. In addition, I have been focused on the improvement of public safety in our community. The new North County jail will be opening this year, and we have initiated negotiations to acquire property on which to build a third, more centrally located, fire station in Orcutt.

As a Supervisor, I remain committed to fighting back against attempts from my colleagues in the South County to defund our law enforcement because I believe we must preserve the safety and security of our County, its business owners and families. We have invested \$50 million into upgrading the County's Public Safety Radio, which will increase communication

and efficiency among our first responders, and we are breaking ground on a new County-wide dispatch complex that will effectively improve coordination and response times throughout the region.

Moreover, a focus of our office has been increasing the opportunity for recreation in the Orcutt area, while enhancing existing amenities to better serve all residents in the community. I acknowledge that there has been a reduction in the Orcutt trail system as a result of the Valley View and Rice Ranch developments, and I am aware that new open space and trails are necessary to accommodate the growing North County population and our cherished recreational opportunities.

For this reason, I am actively working with the Parks Department, Santa Maria Valley Open Space, and

private property owners to identify and acquire additional locations to expand the Orcutt trail network and make it a world-class outdoor recreation experience – a jewel that will not only serve our residents, but also attract international events and participants that support our local businesses and economy. Additionally, I have ensured lights will be added to the Orcutt community fields in the near future, and I am in the process of creating a long-term master plan for the baseball fields at Waller Park.

I was raised in Orcutt, this is my home and I am committed to seeing Old Town Orcutt realize its full potential. One of my biggest priorities for our community center has been increasing parking in the area. Just this year, we have added thirty spots through restriping, and

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Welcome Home Military Heroes—Patriotic Celebration of Central Coast Vets



Opal Chamberlain honored at her home on her 99th birthday by Welcome Home Military Heroes.

A few weeks ago, as Opal Chamberlain was enjoying her 99th birthday, dozens of local veterans and law enforcement joined a service organization called

"Welcome Home Military Heroes" in a drive by of her Orcutt home to honor her life of service. Her son John says that tears came to his eyes as the

parade of veterans in uniform, riding motorcycles, waving flags and officers from the sheriff's department, all with sirens screaming and horns blaring, stopped in front of Opal's home to pay her tribute.

Opal Chamberlain began her service in 1942 after President Roosevelt signed the Women's Reserve Act creating what was commonly known as the WAVES--Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. She served as an aviation machinist during the war, stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas. Son John says she was a fierce believer in equal pay for equal work. "She has stood up for herself and women all her life." According to John, "She emphatically says, 'It was an honor to serve the United States of America.'"

After the war Opal married her sweetheart Daniel and moved to Santa Maria in 1970.

These colorful drive-bys for veterans

on the Central Coast are organized by the group "Welcome Home Military Heroes" and have been especially appreciated during the pandemic when many vets were shuttered in their homes. In the past year, over eighty drive-bys have honored vets living between Paso Robles and Santa Barbara.

These pandemic driven drive-bys were hardly the beginning of the tradition created by Welcome Home Military Heroes. The group was founded in 2010 by Orcutt residents Robert Jr. Tolan and his parents Cheryl and Robert Tolan Sr.

Cheryl Tolan says their journey began in September of 2010 when vets were honored at New Life Church in Arroyo Grande. Many of those men and women had never experienced such an outpouring of love and appreciation for their sacrifice. Nolan says Vietnam

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Welcome Home Military Heroes

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vets were particularly touched. Some had been vilified after their return to civilian life.

The Tolans then took the welcoming service to what Cheryl says was a "leap of faith." The Tolan family met at San Luis Regional Airport to welcome one soldier returning from Afghanistan on September 13th, 2010. They lined the airport with American flags. Including the soldier's family, the group totaled ten in number. "Our message was simple: welcome home and thank you for your service."

With that small beginning nine years ago, the non-profit organization now has organized hundreds of drive-bys, memorial services, birthday celebrations, and airport welcomes to celebrate the service of veterans who are coming home or who are living on the Central Coast.

Robert Nolan is grateful to the hundreds who have helped his family's passion to honor those who have served in the military. "We take great pride in expressing gratitude to veterans who have served, those currently serving and those who that have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. We know we have the capacity to do more and to be more as an organization, and we look forward to expanding our reach."

Welcome Home Military Heroes has the support of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, Vandenberg Space Force, National Guard, Central Coast Veterans, law enforcement and military parents. For further information, the website is WelcomeHomeMilitaryHeroes.org.

Steve Southwick reporting

Supervisor Bob Nelson

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we are actively working on acquiring additional locations for parking, while maintaining a pedestrian-friendly environment. I am also seeking out a permanent location for a public library and event center, two necessary amenities for any thriving community. When completed, this will increase educational opportunities for our youth and provide a central location for Orcutt residents to gather and socialize.

The Orcutt community will also see two more significant public works projects completed this year. The first is a sound barrier wall on Union Valley Parkway at the southbound onramp, and the second is the undergrounding of utilities along Bradley Road to create a safer and more visually pleasing roadway. Both projects were started under

Supervisor Peter Adam's leadership when I served as his chief of staff, and I am committed to seeing them through and continuing his work.

The progress that has been made in the Fourth District over the last six months has been significant, though it has not come without its obstacles. Orcutt is still facing challenges from lack of revenue and lack of ongoing commitment of County resources. This is something I will change. Over the next year, I will advocate for a consistent revenue source for Orcutt and work with my colleagues to improve and support our community for future generations.



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She is a mentor to the Warrior Goat Program, an after-school goat raising program for special education students. She says the program boosts their self confidence and increases their social skills.

Since its beginning in 2014, the program has expanded to Santa Maria, Pioneer, and Arroyo Grande High Schools.

The faculty advisor is Butch Van Patten, whose daughter Kiera, while a freshmen at Righetti, realizing special education youngsters had limited options for after school activities, organized the Warrior

Goat Program.

Due to Covid-19, The Santa Barbara County Fair was cancelled, leaving the students without a venue to show the goats they have raised. So a few weeks ago, the CMT ranch hosted the Anna Northrup Memorial which gave the students an opportunity to show their animals.

Some of the students are in FFA and 4H and are not necessarily high school students. Pope says one youngster currently in the program is nine years old.



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OASIS Ukulele Band (or Orchestra): Musicians who Love to Perform



Ukulele band performers left to right Tim Dolan, Ken Andrews, Mike Rittenhouse, Frank Caraway (age 99) and Dave Kenshaw.

To watch and to hear the OASIS Ukulele band play, there is no doubt that the thirty or so musicians love their ukuleles, and they love to perform. "In fact," says director Diane Brand, "Because we

are growing so fast, we have renamed ourselves. We are now an orchestra."

"We play anyplace til they throw us out," chuckles Mike Rittenhouse. "This band is the best thing since sliced bread."

Ukuleles are not the only source of the sounds emanating from these talented musicians. Banjos, guitars, mandolins, even washboards are in some of the mix. They play and sing at OASIS on Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm (420 Soares Ave in Old Town Orcutt), in rest homes, at birthday parties, almost anywhere there's a get-together.

Performer Cheryl Lawrence says, "The band is so much fun; such great people to work with. We help each other."

Most of the performers are from Orcutt, but director Brand says some members come from as far away as Morro Bay and Templeton. Brand not only directs but prepares the music. She currently lives in Arroyo Grande but raised her family in Orcutt. Her children attended Orcutt schools.

If you have a little music background and would like to participate, Bev Pritchett offers free ukulele classes. Just e-mail her at twobirds2@verizon.net. You can also call Pam Cosma for lessons. Her number is (805) 896 6045.

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potential recreation enhancements and opportunities across Santa Barbara County.

OASIS will be the site of the Orcutt area meeting August 11, 6pm. That meeting will review recreation possibilities in the Orcutt and surroundings areas. OASIS is located at 420 Soares in Old Town Orcutt.

The public meetings are not official County events, however all are invited including parks and trails users, landowners, farmers, ranchers, and representatives from agricultural businesses.

Parke says the purpose of the meetings is not to tell people what will happen, but to stimulate discussions concerning recreational possibilities "across all socio-economic backgrounds including such factors as age and physical limitations."

The first of several discussions will be in Los Olivos in July.

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Utility poles can be converted into 5G small wireless facilities by adding a few antennas and some equipment, and viola, an innocent light pole is transformed into a

dangerous device emitting RF radiation 24/7, which you will not be able to escape. Why not use fiber optics-the safer alternative-and in these pandemic times protect our most precious asset-our immune system. A PubMed article entitled Biological effects from electromagnetic fields associated RF radiation to a plethora of health conditions, ranging from cancer to immune system deregulation.

In 2016 the Orcutt community surrounding the Mud Lake area stopped an 80-foot cell tower from being constructed, mainly from the argument that it would severely impact the owls and other wildlife. "Each night we try to see the owls, because there is nothing as special as seeing animals thriving in the wild-we love them." – Elizabeth-Orcutt resident.

The choice is yours—you can either

have owls, or a 5G cell tower in front of your house. In December 2019 Santa Barbara County amended the telecom code to allow SWFs in residential areas, giving power to technocracy. It is up to us, the people, to take back our democracy and act now. WAKE UP-THE ALARM IS GOING OFF.

Debora B.

(Name on file with Orcutt Pioneer)

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Community 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.

All events are subject to change during COVID 19. Please contact the event or club sponsor to find out details about the organization/event and meeting times.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kids Come to the Table is a fun weeklong evening Vacation Bible Camp, starting August 2, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, for kids age 5-12. It includes daily Bible lessons, cooking, dinner, drama, theater, songs, crafts, & art. Friday late start with family movie night under stars. \$25 a spot through St Andrew Church, 805-937-2470.

Central Coast Cruise Nights, invites all car collectors to join us on the 4th Saturday of the month. We meet at the Golden Donut in Orcutt, depart at 6pm, and drive into Old Orcutt. Afterwards, grab a bite to eat and support our local businesses.

Experience the love of God and the warmth and welcoming fellowship of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Road in Orcutt. Sunday worship is 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Contact us at 805-937-2470 or saumcsm.org. We welcome the community to join us in person.

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS AND DISFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES (www.adultchildren.org) meets on Thur, Fri, Sat, and Sun. Contact Kim at (805) 714-6908 for more information!

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: aacquilts@gmail.com or 805-937-4024.

ALTRUSA OF THE CENTRAL COAST meets at 6PM 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 805 478-9243 or go to our website: www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST at The OASIS Center, 420 Soares Ave, Old Orcutt on the second Saturday of each month,

7:45-10am. Adult members: \$7.00, Non-members: \$8.00, Children under 10: \$5.00.

ANGELS FOSTER CARE is looking for families in Santa Maria and Orcutt who want to make a difference in the life of a local foster baby or toddler. There are approximately 350 children in foster care in Santa Barbara County. About 40% of those children are under the age of six and roughly 75% live in and around Santa Maria. We want to ensure there is a stable family ready for every infant and toddler who needs a home. To learn more about becoming an Angels Foster Care parent, please visit www.angelsfostercare.org or call 805-884-0012.

BEADING at The OASIS Center, 420 Soares Ave, Old Orcutt on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month, 9:00-12:00pm.

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 weekend of July. Ann McKindley 805-714-6111

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

CENTRAL COAST BEACHBOARD WALKERS 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, 7PM. computer presentation. Information: Don at 805-862-9124 or <https://sites.google.com/site/smcacccc>

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 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 Jack brey @ 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.

INVESTMENT GROUP at The OASIS Center, 420 Soares Ave, Old Orcutt on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month, 9:30-10:30pm. Educational group, no fees.

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

Community Events

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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.

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

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

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.

PATHWAY FAMILY SERVICES seeks families willing to open their homes to foster growth, love and stability within the life of a foster child. Pathway is a non-profit agency with a full team of social work staff, who provide support in home to our resource parents 24/7 and is looking to expand countywide. In-home training, assistance with the certification process are included in the process. To learn more, call 805-739-1111 or go to www.pfsffa.org.

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 Elwin Mussell Senior Center located at 510 East Park Ave. Santa Maria at 7 PM 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 FLYERS AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAY at Santa Maria Airport on the second weekend of each month, both Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 2. Hangar doors open to display aircraft and enjoy community with SMX pilots and their authorized guests.

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 Santa Maria Family History Center, 908 Sierra Madre, 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.

SANTA MARIA WOMEN'S NETWORK meets the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria County Club, 505 West Waller Lane, Santa Maria. Please email smwn.reservation@gmail.com or check out our webpage at smwn.net for more information.

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. rgreen1467@hotmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK meets the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at A Street Cafe, 2445 A Street Santa Maria. For more information, call 805-264-2434

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

TEMPLE BETHEL, a reformed congregation invites those of the Hebrew faith to attend our services every night at 7:30 pm. The Temple is at 1501 East Alvin Ave., Santa Maria. TempleBethEl@verizon.com

TRAINERS OF TREASURES (TOTs) Local moms group that meets twice monthly on Mondays at First Christian Church, 9:30-11:30AM. debbylanthier@gmail.com, 619-206-3422.

TRI CITY COUNTESS CHORUS/SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL invites women who like to sing to come join the chorus 6:45PM Thursdays at Lutheran Church of Our Savior 4725 S. Bradley Road, Orcutt. 805-736-7572.

TOASTMASTERS Improve your presentation skills and expand leadership skills in a friendly, helpful environment. Nina Toastmasters meet every Thursday from Noon-1:15PM at 1st American Title Co, 411 E Betteravia (corner of Miller). Guests welcome!

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS Cornerstone Church (Family Center) Mon/Wed/Fri 10-11AM. FREE. Bring mat. All Levels. 1026 E. Sierra Madre (next to Hancock College) Office: (805) 922-1919

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