

Family Looking for Support for Child's Medical Flight



Jay Miller, who has Jeune's syndrome, needs air transport to Philadelphia for a medical procedure.

Little Jay Miller just celebrated his second birthday with a big party at home in June. This little guy, with his cute glasses and winning smile, is an absolute delight to his parents and grandparents. At Jay's party everyone wore masks to help keep him healthy. Jay Miller's life is a bit different than that of most two-year-olds. Continuously connected to a respirator and receiving his nourishment through a feeding tube, Jay has Jeune's Syndrome, a congenital form of dwarfism that creates a deformity of the chest

where there is insufficient space for the lungs and other organs to function properly. Jay received special surgeries at UCLA early in life, and more recently at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The latest surgeries, performed by specialists in Jeune's Syndrome, inserted expandable titanium rods, which are attached to his ribs to create space in Jay's chest to mitigate some of his difficulties. These rods must be adjusted as Jay grows, approximately every 6 months. It is time for the rods to be adjusted this month.

"Because Jay is on a ventilator, finding a flight is very difficult," said Jay's father Charlie. "Most airlines who provide medical flights won't transport children on a respirator, and the ones that do, require a very expensive retainer due to the risk involved." Although Jay's insurance

has covered previous flights, they are refusing to cover this next flight. While trying to pursue an appeal with the insurance company, the Millers are looking at a bill of \$39,000 each way to get Jay to Philadelphia. "We are just looking for a way to get Jay to Philadelphia. If there is a charitable organization that can help, or someone who knows of a flight that can transport him, we would be so grateful," said Jennifer Miller, Jay's mother.

Charlie and Jennifer are so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of help from the community since Jay's birth. In the meantime, a friend has set up a GoFundMe to try to secure funds for the flight. See more details at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jays-veptr-journey>.

Juliann Hemphill reporting

Immigrant Family Honors Heritage By Flying American Flag Near Hwy 135



Vargas family flag flying over Highway 135 between Foster Road and Skyway Drive.

While driving or walking between Skyway Drive and Foster Road on Highway 135, you can't miss the huge American flag over the Orcutt Frontage Road from a home on the easterly side.

For years, the Vargas family, Sal and Veronica, has raised the flag to show appreciation to the country that welcomed them as descendants of immigrants from Mexico.

"I get so much feedback," says Veronica Vargas. "I know the flag cheers people up," she smilingly explains. She, a proud veteran, served in the Navy for four years

and worked at the Lompoc Federal Prison for 16 years before resigning to help her father who was battling cancer. Their son, Sal Vargas III, is a Santa Barbara County deputy sheriff and an Army veteran.

"My father and Sal's father both immigrated from Mexico; my dad began as a cook while Sal's father was a laborer." Veronica says that when growing up, they both lived on the northwest side of Santa Maria. Sal's family moved to Orcutt when he was in elementary school; Veronica moved into Orcutt when she was 12 years old. The pair started dating in 2001 after

she was honorably discharged from the service. In 2000, Sal started his trucking business as owner-operator of D&S Trucking which currently serves the Central Coast with a fleet of aggregate dump trucks.

When asked why the family consistently raises the gigantic American flag where so many travelers can see, Veronica emotionally said, "Our parents immigrated, and we just want to honor the country that gave us so much opportunity. We are examples of living the American dream."

Steve Southwick reporting

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Thar's (Black) Gold in Them Orcutt Hills

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A barren grain field in the 1800's stood where the future town of Orcutt would become. No one could have

foreseen that eventually this seemingly forgotten pasture would be a booming oil town.

After the turn of the century, a few unnoticed prospectors began roaming foothills surrounding the area in hopes of drilling for oil. But a young man named W.W. Orcutt seemed to be especially engaged, traipsing the foothills with a seemingly tireless curiosity. Hanging out with Basque sheep herders, he soaked up their knowledge of the foothills for use as a map for oil exploration. He convinced his company, Union Oil, to acquire thousands of acres for drilling. In doing

so he made his company extremely profitable with the legendary Old Maud on the Hartnell lease in 1904.

What started his large interest in the area? In the fall of 1901, the Pinal Oil company had been formed, and after two unsuccessful attempts at drilling, with the persistence of Orcutt, the third time was the charm. That charm did indeed prove there was oil in the area, much oil. It was the start of a great petroleum industry.

By this time, mere curiosity had turned into great excitement. Fortune seekers from all over the state flocked to the area and formed many start up oil companies. Families from as far away as West Virginia and Ohio also converged on the foothills. A school was built by the Union Oil Company, named the Newlove School.

Oil was flowing and so was the money. And the oil kept coming and coming. By 1908 Union Oil had produced over 5 million barrels. Union Oil by far, dominated the industry.

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Tide Pool Animals and a Touch Tank

Summer Fun at the Orcutt Branch Library



Tide pool touch tanks coming to the Orcutt Branch Library.

On Wednesday, August 2, the Orcutt library is showcasing tidepool touch tanks from Central Coast Aquarium in Avila Beach. Children and parents can learn about and touch tide pool sea animals.

Jaclyn Mann, program manager at the aquarium, says, "All sorts of animals will be in the tank, sea stars, urchins, sea snails, hermit crabs and hopefully a sea anemone." In addition to the tide pool animals, there will be a large display of shells

with hand magnifying lenses, a craft/ coloring table, and a display of books on sea life that may be checked out for further learning at home.

Betty Gunn, president of Friends of the Orcutt Library, event sponsor, says the touch tank, "is a terrific opportunity for children to learn about sea life. It's a fun, family opportunity."

The touch tanks will be limited to 15 minutes per 15 people until tickets are gone. Tickets will be given out beginning at 11 AM on Wednesday, August 2, at the Orcutt library, 175 South Broadway, behind Naughty Oak Brewing Company in Old Town Orcutt.

Steve Southwick reporting

Apologies...

The Orcutt Pioneer would like to apologize for misspelling Dolores Doran's name in June's story about Coastal Voices.

To the Editor

County Composting Project

On September 19, 2016, California Governor Jerry Brown approved Senate Bill No.1383, which established statewide goals for the reduction of organic waste disposal. Santa Maria's composting program, approved by its City Council members, went into effect January 1, 2022, but some residents of Santa Maria and Orcutt are still unaware of this legal requirement. Others simply refuse to comply.

I recently graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara with a degree in political science. Having grown up in the Santa Maria/Orcutt area, I knew I wanted my senior research project to explore an issue that directly impacted my community back home. My research examined the rate of compliance with composting legislation in Northern Santa Barbara County and the knowledge-, attitude-, and behavior-based motivations for doing so. I was curious to know why residents complied with a city mandate that was neither adequately implemented nor enforced.

I surveyed 41 residents of Santa Maria and Orcutt and found the rate of compliance with composting mandates to be nearly 50%. Compliance was primarily motivated by the desire to

reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the sense of accomplishment derived from combatting climate change. Non-compliance was largely motivated by the belief composting requires too much time and/or effort, but the root cause may be more nuanced than this. Using statistical analyses, I found that knowledge of both local composting regulations and the availability of complimentary kitchen pails from the Santa Maria Regional Landfill were strong predictors of probable compliance.

These findings have several implications: (1) there is a lack of education regarding composting policies and climate change, (2) composting policy should be reframed to emphasize its ease and convenience for residents, and (3) composting policy is inadequately implemented and enforced. From a policy perspective, this mandate needs to be revised so that it can effectively facilitate the reduction of organic waste disposal.

I am always interested in hearing others' thoughts and opinions on this topic. If you have questions or comments about my research, please email me at syamaichi@westmont.edu.

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Local Author and Artist Collaborate on Children's Book

Orcutt Library Sponsors Meet & Greet On August 19

On August 19th, local author B. Edward Clark, accompanied by illustrator Minnie Anderson, will read one of his recently published Googly Eyed Spider children's books to kids 3-6 and their parents at the Orcutt Library.

Clark who recently retired, always dreamed of publishing a book. As a child growing up in Orcutt, his mother read to him and then improvised stories about the natural world. The art of telling stories came easily to him and he continued the tradition with his own family. "I always loved telling stories to my kids," said Clark. "I loved camping, and it was around the campfire that I developed my passion for telling stories."

Always up for adventure himself, Clark saw a spider in the corner of a trampoline one evening and decided to create a story about it. From that humble beginning, he came up with the Googly Eyed Spider books in 2019. They were stories his children asked for again and again. His stories had spiders as main characters but the



B. Edward Clark shares his children's book with a young audience.

plots came from what his kids were doing, whether they were going to a birthday party or doing some other activity. His children encouraged him to write the stories down for future generations. And the rest, as they say, is history.

He contacted life-long friend Minnie Anderson, a local artist who he'd known since childhood. Using

sketches and water color techniques, she brought his stories to life. In 2020, Clark copyrighted his stories and self-published them using his own company GES publishing.

Clark and Anderson's first collaboration was *The Googly Eyed Spider: First Time Away From The Web*, a story whose theme centers on a mother spider helping her young spider as he tries to understand his new world. She's protective but helps him build confidence and awareness. Other books in the series are *The Googly Eyed Spider: The Birthday Party* and *The Unexpected Visitor*. "But no matter what book in the series you read, the young spider always closes his eyes after his adventurous day," said Clark. "It's a great bedtime book!"

Anderson's illustrations are child friendly, says Clark's mother, Carol. "What I love about her illustrations," Clark adds, "is that the colors are not always perfectly in the lines. I like how soft they are."

Clark grew up in Orcutt attending local schools. He is a retired Santa Barbara County employee and former

youth pastor. Minnie Anderson is also a long-time Orcutt resident who raised her family on the Central Coast. She and her husband Jim have known Clark since he was a child. Minnie has always loved art and has explored a variety of media. Her early sketches of her children became Christmas cards and then framed works of art. She is known on the Central Coast for her, "Art from the Heart" which includes ink sketches, oils, water colors, abstracts and realism. She has displayed her art in a number of galleries in Los Olivos, Santa Maria, Art in the Park and others.

"I want children to sense how exciting it is to be adventurous, to get outside and not be afraid. I want readers to see the incredible colors and variety of nature's creations and to appreciate the Creator as well," says Clark.

The Orcutt Library has scheduled a "Meet the Author and Illustrator" event on Saturday, August 19, from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. The author will read his book *The Adventures of The Googly Eyed Spider; First Time Away* *continued on page 7*

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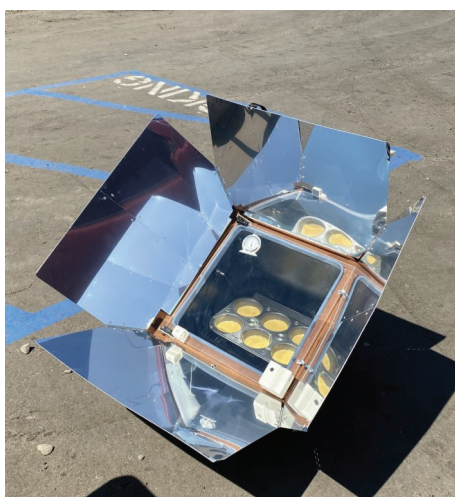
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Geocaching & Solar Cooking Free Classes at Los Flores Ranch Park



Solar oven to be demonstrated in cooking class.

The 1779-acre Los Flores Ranch Park (LFRP) offers 20 miles of hiking trails, environmental education, land preservation, guided docent tours, day and night nature walks, stargazing events and various classes.

On Saturday, August 5 from noon to 1:30 PM, a solar cooking class will be offered. The teacher, retired neurologist Saty Satya-Murti, referred to in the LFRP class description as "our

solar guru," says he enjoys the "hobby of cooking in the backyard with the sun." He has worked as a neurologist all over the country and is still writing in his field. He chose to retire here to be close to his grandchildren and "all the unfiltered sunshine." His hobby, "environmentally gentle solar cooking" is an ancient tradition. Saty believes that now is a good time to let the sun help us, so he drives a hybrid car and has solar panels on his house. He will bring his two favorite solar ovens to class, one is a box with aluminum wings that direct sunlight into the box thus creating temperatures up to 375°. Oatmeal cooks in 15 minutes and a full chicken dinner with vegetables in 90 minutes. The other oven is shaped like a thermos and keeps food warm with a tight seal for 4 to 6 hours. Grains, vegetables and sweets will be cooked and sampled during class.

Saty, a regular volunteer at the park, also teaches classes on bones and does nature walks identifying toxic

plants like stinging nettles, hemlock, and poison oak.

On Saturday August 12 from 9-11AM, Jim Batterson and Terry Murdock, retired Vandenberg engineers, will share their knowledge about geocaching. The class will include some mild hiking, 1.5 miles round-trip, and at least four group cache



Geocache treasure found in a pine cone.

finds. Participants can download the Geocaching app in the Google or iPhone App Store and follow clues to find hidden treasures to more than 40 geocaches in the park. Sometimes there will be a story written in the

app description by the designer of the cache.

Batterson became an avid geocache-designer after he and Murdock got hooked on the sport 7 years ago. He especially enjoys designing "puzzle caches" for all ages and challenge levels. His geocache name is Mugger52 and names of his caches at Los Flores Park range from "An Uplifting Experience Gadget Cache" to "The Wolf's Pantry" and "Los Floresaurus Oviparous Gigantis."

Batterson says there are over 1 million caches in the US, 128,631 in California and 929 within 20 miles of Orcutt. He has about 85 active local caches and several in design, and sees geocaching as "a chance to get families and kids of all ages out of doors and to some places you might not have gone, like the end of the pier in Pismo or rocks along the coast of Cayucos. There are geocaches everywhere!"

For a full list of classes and activities offered at Los Flores Ranch Park, see their website or call 805-925-0951. Los Flores Park is located at 6271 Dominion Road.

Katy Jacobson reporting



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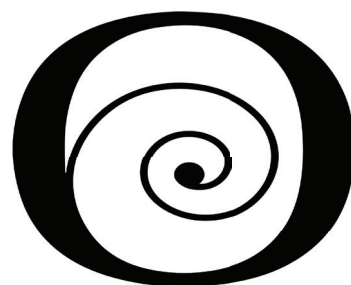
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HEARTHSTONE EDUCATORS Christian support group for home educators. Meeting for those considering homeschooling on the second Thursday of each month at 7PM. Call Cheryl Kliever for more information (937-7099)

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

INTERESTED in attending in-depth healing groups? Led by Pastor and Holy Spirit.

Celebrated in members' homes. Info: Pastor Victor at (805) 878-1033 or Carl Buck at (805) 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 CUB 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.

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

Want to learn more about Magic? Join the local Magicians Club, Central Coast Conjurers. Contact Tom Becker, send text message to (805) 720-1164. We meet one evening a month.

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

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 are always welcome. Info: 805-937-1861

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.

ORCUTT SCOUT TROOP 91 Invites interested families and children ages 10-17. Intrigued about the natural world? Like to learn about camping, hiking, backpacking? Build self-esteem, make new friends and learn leadership skills? Meetings are every Tuesday 7pm at The Hut, in Pioneer Park. Contact Scoutmaster Jim at Calahane@aol.com or 805-698-8665.

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 will 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 offers FREE services to help everyone find their ancestors. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** Tuesday - Thursday 10AM-2PM, and 6:30-8:30PM Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. 805 928-4722. Trained volunteers can help you access billions of records and premium websites such as Ancestry.com, Fold3, Newspapers.com, and others, all for FREE. Location is 908 Sierra Madre Avenue, Santa Maria, inside the southwest entrance of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The LDS Church owns the largest collection of genealogical records in the world and never charges for its service in helping others to connect with their ancestors.

SANTA MARIA FLYERS AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAY at Santa Maria Airport on the second weened 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

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From The Web to children ages 3-6. Children will be able to ask questions and then can do a craft activity. Parents and community members are enthusiastically invited to hear author and illustrator explain their process of writing and illustrating. Question and answer time will follow, followed by a book signing. Books will be available for sale at the event. Barnes and Noble also offers Clark's books online.

John Chamberlain reporting

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 LAWN BOWLING CLUB Low impact exercise in the fresh air. Join us Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 AM across the street from the city library. Free lessons available. Call Don Yee at (805) 980-8673

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, 6:30PM, at the Elwin Mussell Center. Visitors and guests are welcome. Info: Jay McCord 805-598-8133

SANTA MARIA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets every 3rd Thursday from 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm except Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec. Visitors welcome. Contact smvgs.org for program and location info.

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

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