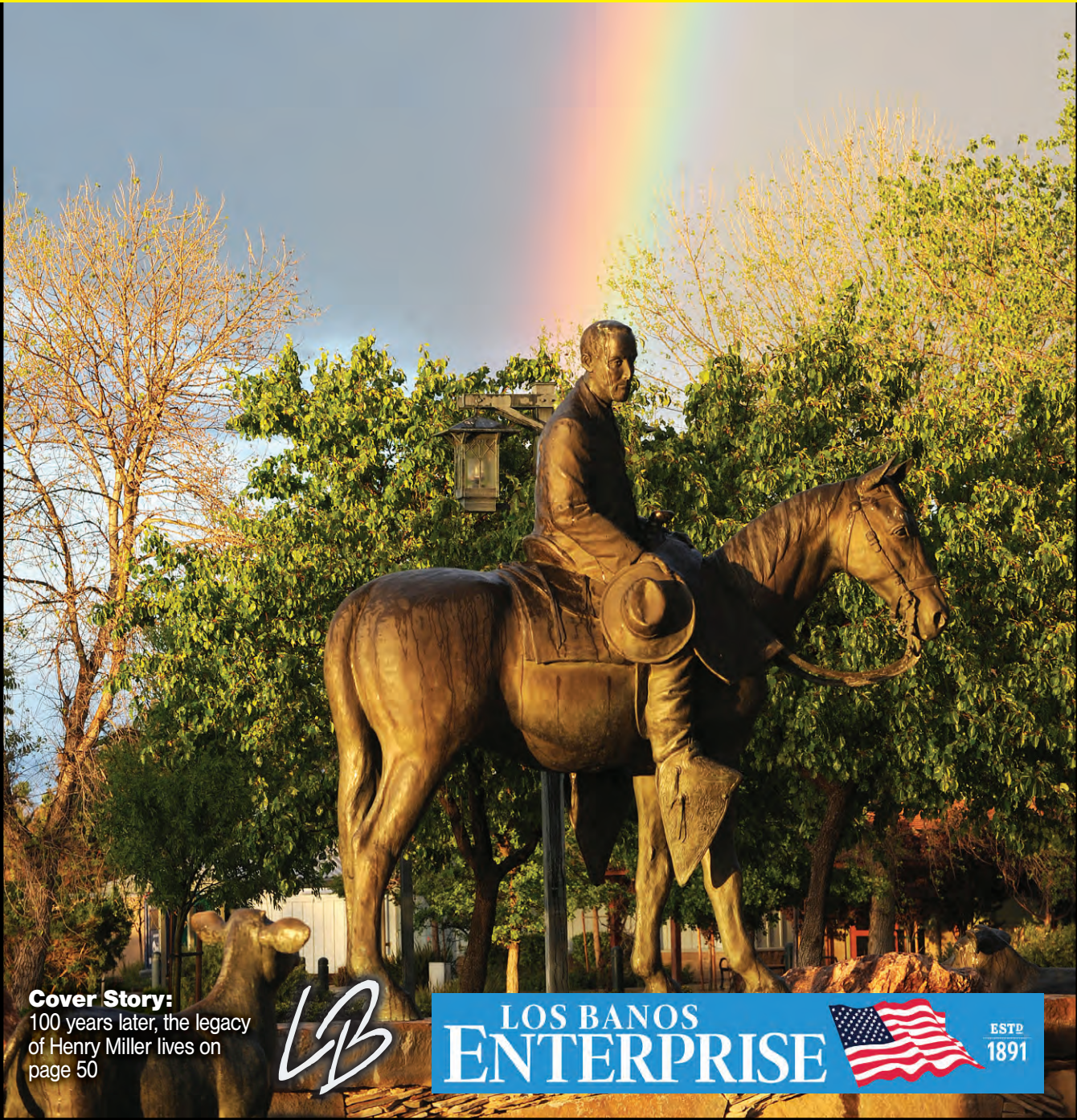


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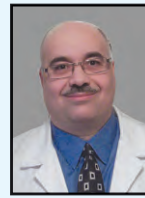
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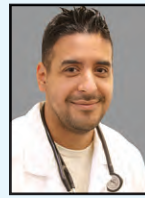
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Los Banos: A growing mixing bowl of cultures

A strong sense of community and diverse cultures have carved Los Banos as a unique destination for natives, commuters and admirers of historical significance.

A medium-sized city located on the west side of Merced County, called “Westside” by locals, Los Banos stands as a beacon that was forged 110 years ago out of a trading post and the rivalry between settlers Uriah Wood and Henry Miller.

Los Banos is located off Highway 152, 10 miles east of Pacheco Pass. It had a population of 39,359 as of Jan. 1, 2016, according to state Department of Finance data, a 1.8 percent increase from 2015. The city has grown about 9.4 percent since 2010.

The city employs a mayor-council form of government, with a mayor elected city-wide and four council members representing the voters of city districts.

The five elected officials oversee the needs of the city through several departments, including police, fire, public works, community and economic development, finance and building. A city manager is hired to oversee the depart-



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Stephanie Landeros performs a traditional dance at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church on Sunday during the latter part of the mass. Landeros was part of the Los Matachines De La Virgen De Guadalupe group that performed during mass as part of the Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Festivities also included a procession down Fourth Street to the O’Banion Building at the Los Banos Fairgrounds.

ments and advise the council.

The Los Banos Unified School District, with an elected board of seven trustees and a superintendent-manager, runs eight public elementary schools, two junior high schools and two high schools. Private schools also are available to teach the city’s youth. The Merced Col-

lege District runs a community college campus in Los Banos.

The city extends farther than its boundaries, as people enjoy activities at the Los Banos reservoir, the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, and several local parks.

An Arts Council, as well as numerous churches, clubs and

organizations cover a gamut of citizen interests, such as children’s activities to political and religious gatherings.

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California and this may well be true as it sits east of Interstate 5, which bisects the state as a major north-south freeway artery.

Highway 152, which connects Fresno to San Jose, crosses Highway 165, which connects Interstate 99 to Turlock, making Los Banos a common stop for many travelers as they make their way around the state. Both highways connect to Interstate 5 as well.

Since the 1920s Los Banos has operated its own municipal airport, which sits on more than 100 acres of land and consists of a 3,800 foot long runway that stretches to 75 feet wide.

Plans are in the works to upgrade the airport.

The airport sells fuel for planes, while shops and restaurants are within walking distance.

Culturally Diverse

Not only does Los Banos sit at the crossroads of California, in many ways it sits at the crossroads of several cultures.

Organizations and businesses in the city show the cultural diversity which includes traditions of the Basque, Italian, Mexican, Portuguese and more.

Several cultural events are held in the city, including the Basque Picnic, Portuguese festas, Mexican quinceaneras, and yearly Oktoberfests, as well as Swedish, Italian and NAACP dinners.

Some families in town go back to several generations, while others came as commuters from the San Francisco Bay area during the housing boom of the 2000s.

Other city-wide festivals include the Merced County Spring Fair, Tomato Festival, Cinco de Mayo and Christmas celebrations.

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Dressed in traditional Scandinavian garb, 10-year-old Dana Souza greets diners with a warm cup of glogg during St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church's annual Smorgasbord Dinner.

palettes of residents and visitors with flavors of different cultures.

A staple of Los Banos, the downtown area includes an all-American diner and an old-fashioned soda fountain that still serves real ice-cream

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Los Banos celebrates its cultural diversity

Los Banos has a storied history that has benefited from natives and immigrants looking to eke out a living on the windy farmlands of Merced County's Westside.

The land originally was home to the Yokut people.

As newer arrivals poured into California in the 1800s, Italian and Portuguese were among the earliest European immigrants to arrive in the Los Banos area starting in the late 19th century.

Their cultural influence remains alive today and can be experienced every Sunday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, which also draws the city's Latin American immigrants with its Spanish-language Mass.

Many families who've been in Los Banos for multiple generations can trace their ancestors to the Azores, islands off the coast of Portugal.

Young women in flowing gowns and sparkling crowns are the focus of the Holy Ghost Festa, a more than 100-year-old tradition in town that highlights Portuguese traditions in June.

As food is such a large part of any culture, festivalgoers can



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Members of the San Francisco Basque Club Dancers perform May 15, 2016, during the 52nd annual Basque Picnic at the Los Banos Fairgrounds in Los Banos.

enjoy "sopas," a soup of beef and cabbage served with bread, and Portuguese beans.

Not far away, in Gustine, men test their mettle as they face off against huge bulls.

These bloodless bullfights are usually held in the summer.

Basque immigrants also came to call Merced County's Westside their home.

Los Banos was known for its massive sheep herds, shepherded often by those Basque and Portuguese immigrants.

The Basque-themed Wool-

growers restaurant has been a staple of Los Banos for more than 100 years, where diners get wave after wave of beans, soups and entrees of meat, and can wash it all down with wine

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from the bottles that are ready to greet them as they slide up to the long picnic-styled tables.

The Basque Picnic, which is typically held in May, has brought visitors to Los Banos for more than 50 years to celebrate the people who come from a region that spreads over France and Spain.

Along with a lamb-heavy menu, the Basque gathering features feats of strength, a traditional card game and other spectacles such as light-footed folk dancers who take turns leaping onto the edge of a drinking glass.

Many of these groups moved to the area for its rich farmland or for fieldwork.

That common thread continues to hold true.

Since the 1960s, the number of Mexican immigrants moving to Los Banos has grown steadily.



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Queens and princesses from many corners of the Valley wore colorful dresses at the 100th Annual Holy Ghost Festa in Los Banos.

Once newcomers, people of Latin American descent now make up nearly 65 percent of the city's population, according to the latest U.S. Census numbers.

The cultural celebrations

arriving from Mexico include religious and community events to honor the Virgen de Guadalupe every December, including a parade in which the Catholic faithful carry an image of the holy mother

through the city's streets.

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Los Banos History & Museum

Whether it was the Yokuts that first called Los Banos their home or the newest farmworker stepping foot onto the West-side, they've all been part of writing the city's history.

California is rich with tales of colorful individuals and diverse cultures. The following thumb-nail sketch barely scratches the surface of the area's history and its people.

Before the onslaught of European settlers, a group of American Indians known as the Yokut people made their homes in the area in and around Los Banos. Tribes of Yokuts were widely dispersed throughout the San Joaquin Valley; their territory ranged roughly from the delta south of where Bakersfield now stands and from the foothills of the Sierra Nevada to the foothills of the Coast Range.

It is generally accepted that the first Europeans to visit the area were Spanish soldiers led by Lt. Gabriel Moraga. Moraga had come through the area we now know as Pacheco Pass to explore the valley at the direction of the Spanish Governor of California in 1805. The soldiers found the Yokuts in a natural paradise along with great numbers of ducks, geese, cranes, herons, pelicans, curlew, antelope, deer, elk and even grizzly bears making their homes here.

Later, between 1808 and 1833, a Franciscan monk from the mission at San Juan Bautista named Padre Felipe Arroyo de la Cuesta made missionary trips to the area to convert local Native Americans. During one of his many trips, he learned of the pools of water in the rocks at the summit of the mountains near a creek that



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Merced College Los Banos Campus's first dean, Ted McVey, puts the final nail in the sign at the original 821 W. L St. location on Aug. 18, 1971, while Merced Community College District Board Vice Chairman Buddy Iwata stands by.

meandered its way to the valley. The creek became known as, "El Arroyo de Los Banos del Padre Arroyo." The lengthy name was later shortened to "Los Banos Crick."

The first Europeans to populate Los Banos in large numbers were the Italians who came in the late 19th and early

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20th centuries. A bit later, the Portuguese arrived along with the Basques who had migrated from the Pyrenees mountain region between France and Spain.

The Basques and Portuguese raised a tremendous number of sheep and made Los Banos one of the biggest shepherding towns in the Central Valley.

The historic Buffalo Soldiers trail included a stop in Los Banos. The encampment in Los Banos was in the area of Mercy Springs and Overland roads, which is the northeast corner of town.

The Buffalo Soldiers, an all-black regiment, routinely rode more than 320 miles in 15 days from the Presidio to Sequoia and Yosemite national parks, which until 1914 were under Army management. The soldiers patrolled the back-country, built roads and trails, fought fires and undertook other work later assigned to park rangers. The hats that park rangers wear are a vestige of the Army connection.

Infantryman James Hall settled in town and is buried in the Los Banos Cemetery.

All the groups have retained some of their ethnic heritage. Today, the people of the West-side still participate in festas, picnics, campouts and special celebrations that celebrate these forebears.

The most well-known European to make a mark on this area arrived in the United States in 1850 with less than



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Dan Nelson is the curator of the Milliken Museum in Los Banos stands with Henry Miller's buggy in the museum.

\$10 in his pocket. The German immigrant's name was Henry Miller.

When Miller first arrived, he worked for a time as a butcher and perceived that a better grade of cattle would be beneficial to Californians.

To make a long story short, Miller acquired a vast amount of land and built himself an enormous cattle empire. Miller was also responsible for being the first to introduce the crops of cotton, rice and alfalfa to the

valley. He also was largely responsible for motivating the railroad to bring a line into the area.

In 1873, The Post Office Department decided to establish a post office at the pioneer trading post. The name of the creek, Los Banos was the name given to the post office and shortly thereafter, the name was adopted by the stage station as well.

Henry Miller formally founded the town of Los Banos in

1890. Miller's empire had spread and so Miller was able to spend money and effort to make the town a better place to live. He graveled the streets, set out hundreds of shade trees along the sidewalks and laid out a park.

When Miller died in 1916, he owned nearly a million acres of land in the San Joaquin Valley.

Los Banos, rich in farmland, attracted the immigration of people of Mexican descent as migration to the United States

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President John F. Kennedy addresses the crowd during the ground breaking ceremony at that San Luis Dam site on Aug. 18, 1962. In the background is the dynamite plunger used to detonate the explosion marking the ground breaking of the dam.

spiked in the early 1900s, trailed off after 1930 and rose consistently since the 1960s.

According to the 2010 census, people of Hispanic or Latino origin are 64.9 percent of the population of Los Banos.

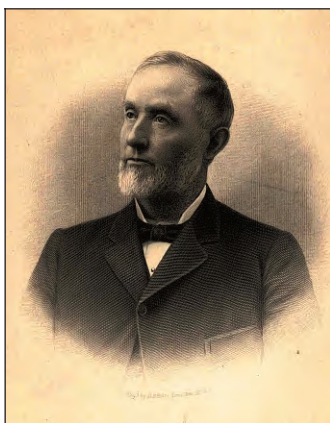
Progress and growth continued in and around Los Banos during the 20th century. A branch of the California aqueduct was built close by, as well as Interstate 5.

On August 18, 1962, President John F. Kennedy and California Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, Sr., detonated explosive charges to ceremonially break ground for construction of a reservoir with a capacity of more than 2 million acre-feet. The San Luis Reservoir remains the largest off-stream reservoir in the United States and is a critical part of California's water delivery infrastructure.

The 1980s and 1990s brought another kind of "immigrant" to Los Banos — commuters.

With housing prices in the San Francisco Bay Area soaring, (particularly in the southern area known as Silicon Valley), many families who wanted homes could not afford to buy anything close to San Jose so many looked eastward — toward Los Banos.

Thousands of families purchased homes in Los Banos for a quarter of the price of homes



Milliken Museum

A portrait of Henry Miller, who is considered Los Banos' founder.

near where they worked. Now, many thousands of super-commuters travel highway 152 on a daily basis. The commuter population makes their way through the same Pacheco Pass that Lt. Gabriel Moraga did more than 200 years ago as they make a 200-mile round trip to their jobs in the South Bay. Some even travel as far as San Francisco.

The Milliken Museum is packed with historical artifacts, original documents, ephemera and exhibits. It is a good start for anyone interested in local history. There is no charge to visit, but donations are accepted and local history books can be purchased from the curators. For more, call the museum at (209) 826-5505.

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Ag industry central to culture, economy

Tomatoes, almonds and cotton make up just some of the agriculture and economic engine for the area surrounding Merced County's second-largest city.

Longtime residents of Los Banos remember when the city's economy centered almost solely around agriculture and market hunting.

The rise of the Silicon Valley-commuter population and other changes have diminished the ag-only focus of the region, yet agriculture still remains an important and celebrated focal point of Los Banos' culture and economy.

In fact, two major annual events, the Tomato Festival and the Merced County Spring Fair, honor the continuing importance of the agricultural in-



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Tomatoes, one of the major crops grown around Los Banos, are harvested and headed to one of three tomato processing facilities.

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dusty to the city.

On the west side of Merced County, Los Banos generated a commodity crop value of nearly \$4.53 billion in 2014, making agriculture, by far, the county's largest revenue producer.

Farms, orchards and dairies still are common sights on the roads leading to Los Banos.

Almonds, apricots, cantaloupes, corn, melons, tomatoes and cotton are but a few of the crops that regularly are grown on the fertile lands of the west side of the county.

Within 10 miles of the city are three tomato processing plants, a peach processing facility and two of a dwindling number of cotton gins left in the state that still provide services to growers.

Both high schools continue the area's legacy of FFA programs. The youngsters show their livestock, crops and hand-made goods every year at the Spring Fair.

Just behind Henry Miller Plaza near downtown Los



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City officials used an educational effort to let residents know about the state's historic drought.

Banos, V.H. Azhderian & Co. still runs a melon packing business.

In addition, at least five

dairies dot the landscape surrounding Los Banos. Many of them provide milk for processing.

Within the city limits, California Dairies runs a modern

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milk processing plant as well as a small store on H Street, which is open to the public.

The store caters specifically to the needs of dairymen and sells everything from food and sundries to vaccines and hardware while the processing plant condenses and produces cheddar cheese for manufacturing.

Not all of the cattle raised in the area are dairy cows. One of the older federally inspected abattoirs remaining in California still processes meat locally.

The abattoir is across Pacheco Boulevard from a shopping center that includes Target and Walmart.

It takes a tremendous amount of water to support agriculture in California, and Los Banos is at the heart of much of the distribution system. More than a dozen water agencies can be found in proximity of Los Banos.

The California Aqueduct and Delta-Mendota Canal, which were completed in 1951, bring water south from the Delta near Tracy to the San Luis Reservoir west of Los Banos. The Delta-Mendota Canal was constructed to replace the water in the San Joaquin River that is diverted into Madera Canal and Friant-Kern Canal at Friant Dam.

Part of the 662-mile California Aqueduct flows from the San Luis Reservoir all the way to Southern California, transporting water along the way to where it is needed as well as the Delta-Mendota Pool near the town of Mendota.

As millions of gallons of water flow south, in a gravity defying stunt, canals originating at the Mendota pool, near the town of Mendota, bring water back north following nearly the same path.

The San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, the San



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Elementary school children tour the cow barn at the Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos in May 2015.

Luis Water District, the Central California Irrigation District and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, all have headquarters in the city, as does the San Joaquin River Westside Watershed Coalition and the San

Joaquin River Resource Management Coalition.

The Grasslands Water District is just south of Los Banos, and the San Luis Canal Company and Henry Miller reclamation district are a short drive to the northeast.

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Los Banos Arts Council/Cultural Activities

Los Banos boasts a small but vibrant artistic community that organizes art shows, live music and other events throughout the year.

The Los Banos Arts Council is a focal point for cultural activities in Los Banos. The council organizes many of the concerts, art shows, photography shows, and youth programs in the city. The Los Banos Arts Council promotes and sponsors events out of the Ted Falasco Arts Center, 1105 Fifth St.

Originally named the Los Banos Arts Center, the building's name was officially changed by the Arts Council board of directors to honor the group's primary benefactor, local philanthropist Ted Falasco, subsequent to his death.

The Falasco Arts Center building was formerly home to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The original construction of the historic edifice was overseen by Father J.L.O. Daumas in 1922. The structure was saved from the wrecking-ball in 1994 when a group of concerned Los Banos residents purchased the historical building prior to its scheduled demolition.

One of the many programs that are brought to the Arts Center each year is the Mis-soula Children's Theatre. For several years now the theater company has arrived twice per year with a truckload of costumes, sets and props. Dozens of local children are then in-



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"The Hobbit" on March 29, 2014, at the Ted Falasco Arts Center in Los Banos.

vited to be part of a real theater production.

The company works with the kids for about a week rehearsing and memorizing the production and on following weekend, the group will typically perform two shows for the public.

The Los Banos Arts Council brings many other productions to town as well. Ranging from musical entertainment like harp festivals, jazz performances and singers, to audience participation events like dueling pianos and banquets - it seems there is always some-

thing happening at the Ted Falasco Arts Center.

Valkyrie Theater, a community theater group, puts on about four plays a year at the Arts Center. The group is headed by a drama club adviser at Los Banos High School and recruits people in Los Banos to perform and work behind the scenes.

The performing arts are only part of the picture. Exhibitions of many types are common during the year and have included quilt shows, photog-

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A piece of high school art work on display at the Ted Falasco Arts Center in Los Banos on March 21, 2015.



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raphy exhibitions, and a number of other similar programs.

Some of the exhibitions involve teaching young members of the community about different types of art with hands-on craft, drawing, or painting opportunities.

The Los Banos Arts Council is dependent on the support of the community.

Tickets to events are sold and fundraisers are held to generate income so that the council can continue to sponsor performances throughout the year.

The arts council meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the corner of 5th and L streets.

The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Members of the public who wish to become members of the arts council or individuals wanting more information on council activities or upcoming programs and events may contact officers of the Los Banos Arts Council Board at (209) 826-0489 or (209) 826-6022.

The council is lead by Pauline Young, president, Colleen Menefee, 1st vice president, Cyndi Roelofs, 2nd vice president/programs and Steve Soares, 2nd vice president and treasurer.



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Joe Craven and his 15-year-old daughter Hattie entertains the crowd at the Ted Falasco Arts Center in Los Banos with their singing and playing as part of the entertainment series presented by the center.

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Religious worship in Los Banos

Whether it's to feed the homeless, hold cultural ceremonies or sing at regular Sunday services, Los Banos has about 30 churches that serve as gathering places for the community.

These churches represent many, if not most, Christian denominations. Catholics as well as Protestants of every shade, including Methodists, Evangelicals, Baptists, Jehovah's Witness, Anglicans, Lutherans, Mormons and many more comprise the subset of believers who worship in Los Banos.

Believers in other faiths may have to travel to attend their respective houses of worship.

The closest mosques are the Islamic Center of Merced and the Islamic Center of Modesto. The closest Sikh temple is in Livingston, although there are others in Merced and in Tur-

lock. Jewish temples are located in Modesto and Merced. San Jose is the closest city for Scientology practitioners.

The closest Buddhist temples are in Morgan Hill, San Martin, Modesto or Merced.

Churches in Los Banos provide music programs, youth programs, food distribution programs and other ministries of all kinds. Some churches also support outreach programs for residents of all ages.

One example of a local outreach is The New Horizon Christian Center at 631 H St., Suite C, which provides free food beginning at 11 a.m. every Tuesday for those whose economic circumstances may require a little bit of help.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church offers such programs as Knights of Columbus and Young Ladies Institute for adults and it also has youth



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The Reverend Dean Nelson of St. John's Lutheran Church leads the Easter morning resurrection sunrise service at San Luis Reservoir outside of Los Banos.

programs. The Knights of Columbus also hold an annual hoop shoot contest where kids can compete and may move on to state and national finals. The Catholic Church community and the associated Our Lady of

Fatima School also holds many festivals and fundraisers such as their annual Oktoberfest, which are open to the public.

Sometimes churches in Los

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Banos will combine forces to put on festivals or other events. One example is the annual Harvest of Fun event that is held on Halloween.

Churches set up booths in the downtown Henry Miller Plaza and invite the community to a free alternative to trick-or-treating. The event has included free hot dogs, bounce houses, numerous activities and, of course, lots of candy.

One church in town, the Westside Community Church, posts clever and witty phrases on its marquee outside of the church on Mercey Springs Road, which grab the attention of Christians and non-Christians alike as they drive down Highway 165.

For example, at one point, the sign read, "WalMart isn't the only place for saving."

In addition to its thought-provoking signage, Westside Church offers programs that are similar in scope to other

area churches' programs.

The Awana Club offers fun and a special Bible study for children through the sixth grade; Westside also offers a youth group for junior high and high school students, as well as the Fireside Chat College Ministry and Children's Church.

Of course, local church outreach is not limited to in-town endeavors.

Many churches sponsor or help to support a diverse group of international missionaries who are sent all over the world to bring the word of God and practical help to those in need.

Other worldwide mission work includes support of such unique ministries as Campus Crusade for Christ International's Jesus Film Project or Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child.

Several Los Banos churches have made Operation Christmas Child a holiday tradition.

During the months preceding Christmas, participating



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Rev. Efrain Martinez, right, administers ashes to the forehead of an Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School student during Ash Wednesday services at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Los Banos.

parishioners go shopping with their own money to fill shoeboxes with items they hope will be of use to children in foreign countries.

Once filled, the shoeboxes are then shipped around the world.

Many hundreds of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes full of items intended to bring

smiles, comfort or practical solutions to the world's poor have been sent out from a number of Los Banos Churches.

The Los Banos Salvation Army hosts a turkey dinner the week before Thanksgiving, made possible in part by donations to bell-ringers throughout the city during the holiday season.

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Parks and recreation are so important to Los Banos that a commission of citizens who are appointed by the city, the county and the school district was formed. The commission serves in an advisory role for

both the Los Banos public works director and the Los Banos City Council on matters concerning public recreation. Topics before the commission may include management and care of the parks and playgrounds in the city as well as other related issues.

Parks and Recreation Division

The division of Parks and Recreation, which falls under the Public Works Department, offers activities year-round for the residents of Los Banos. Although many programs are aimed toward the city's youth,



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Participants in the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area's Junior Lifeguard Program practice paddle board rescues.

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there are activities available for adults and seniors as well.

Sports related offerings included such things as: youth and pee wee basketball, aikido martial arts, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, karate, tai chi, kung fu, tee-ball, pee-wee ball, a tennis academy, adult softball, "mommy and me" dance workout, women's dance workout, executive express workout, body sculpting, and total body conditioning.

In addition to the sports offerings, things like dog obedience classes, adult beginning drawing, drawing for teens, painting for children, ballet, and more were also offered.

For seniors, social potlucks, free legal services, health insurance counseling, the Salute to Seniors Fair, and the Golden Age Club were also available



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A father attempts to get his daughter's kite up in the air Sat., June 18, 2016 during the 15th Annual Kite Day at Pacheco State Park.

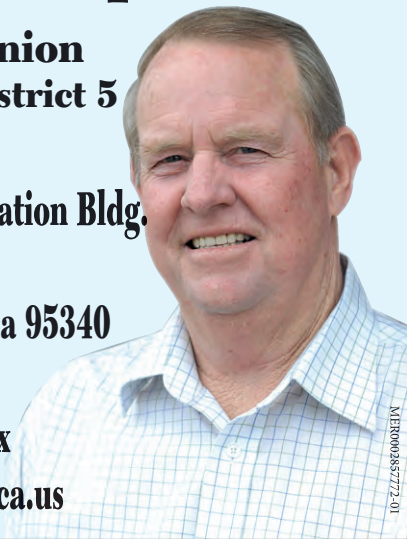
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along with many other monthly activities specifically tailored for Los Banos senior residents.

Recreational facility rentals

For those who wish to create their own indoor recreation and events there are several options. The city offers rental facilities at various locations including indoor and outdoor facilities at city parks. The Elks Lodge, the DES Association as well as the county have indoor facilities that can be rented as well.

The newest facility offering rental space is the new \$12.5 million dollar Los Banos Community Center. Interested parties can rent facilities of all kinds at this venue including the grand room, the multi-purpose room, the courtyard and other parts of the facility including kitchens, barbecue areas, classrooms, as well as the lounge.

Other outdoor and sporting opportunities

For those who want a different style of recreation there are many other options. Natural areas include the Los Banos

Creek State Recreation Area and Los Banos reservoir, the Merced National Wildlife Refuge, the Great Valley Grasslands State Park, the Los Banos Wildlife Area, the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge and the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area. These areas offer birdwatchers, hikers, boaters, swimmers and other outdoor aficionados ample opportunities to play. Some of these areas are covered in more depth in other sections of this publication.

There are two golf courses near Los Banos. The first is the Forebay Golf Course in Santa Nella. Pheasant Run Golf Course in Chowchilla is where teams from both Los Banos and Pacheco high schools plays their home matches.

For those interested in outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing there are plenty of sporting areas to go out and enjoy.

Los Banos is world-renowned for its waterfowl hunting opportunities and in the areas surrounding the town numerous duck clubs can be found.

In addition state, county, and private areas all offer hunters numerous options for duck, pheasant, dove, elk, deer, and many other opportunities to legally take game. World record striped bass have been pulled from the waters of the San Luis reservoir forebay. Other species including



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Ten-year-old Nikolas Lewis had the beach nearly to himself on a Saturday morning while fishing at the San Luis Reservoir forebay during Kids Fishing, Swimming and Fun Day.

channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and sometimes white sturgeon as well as others have been pulled from the waters around Los Banos.

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New courthouse celebrated as state-of-the-art relief for West Side services

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In September, Superior Court of Merced County Presiding Judge Brian L. McCabe thanked municipal, county and state judicial and law enforcement agencies for their work in planning and constructing the new 29,511-square-foot courthouse in Los Banos.

“We’re proud to be the model for the state of California,” McCabe said, noting the state-of-the-art, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified design used for the new building.

The dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the new Robert M. Falasco Justice Center at 1159 G St. featured remarks by McCabe, Chief Justice of California Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Merced County Supervisor Jerry O’Banion and Los Banos Mayor Mike Villalta.

The event featured a flag-raising ceremony by American Legion Post 166 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2487, and the public was afforded a sneak peek inside the courthouse with tours, days before it officially opens for business Monday.

West Side operations for the Superior Court of Merced



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The Robert M. Falasco Justice Center located at 1159 G St. in Los Banos is dedicated in a ceremony on Sept. 16, 2016.

County will move from the current location at 445 I St. to the new courthouse. The name of former longtime Judge Robert M. Falasco will also move with services to the new building.

Officials have said the new building was sorely needed. The current courthouse occupies about 5,400 square feet of

a 15,000-square-foot building.

It has one courtroom in the building, which is shared by the Merced County Sheriff’s Office, probation department, county clerk and public defender. A feasibility report identified deficiencies with the current facility, built in 1980.

The new courthouse with two courtrooms is designed to

handle and streamline all case types, including criminal, civil, family and small claims. It also has the room to expand in the future with two more courtrooms.

Security enhancements include hallways that separate the public, court staff and those in custody; separate holding areas; a secure sally-



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Los Banos City Councilmember Deborah Lewis sings the national anthem Sept. 16, 2016, at the dedication ceremony for the new Los Banos courthouse, located at 1159 G St.

port for inmate transfer; and a new screening area.

A new self-help center, jury assembly room and attorney interview and witness waiting rooms were also built in.

The building is LEED Silver-certified, meaning it was built using environmentally conscious standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The building is the first to pop up in what has been called the Gateway Center, located off the Los Banos Rail Trail between G and H streets south-east of Seventh Street.

Officials hope the courthouse becomes an anchor in the area for development, including a possible new station for the Los Banos Police Department.

Funding for the new courthouse came from \$32.6 million that was earmarked by the state for construction of the Los Banos building through court-related income.

However, the courthouse was built with an authorized project budget of \$26.4 million, according to the latest state figures.

Cantil-Sakauye pointed out to the crowd of dignitaries and members of the namesake Falasco family that the courthouse was funded in a responsible way.

"The building behind me was paid for with not one single tax penny," Cantil-Sakauye said, adding that court users and lawyers agreed to pay higher fees to build new courthouses.

Cantil-Sakauye said the



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Yvonne Falasco, widow of former judge Robert M. Falasco, is recognized Sept. 16, 2016, by Superior Court of Merced County Brian L. McCabe at the dedication of the new Los Banos courthouse at 1159 G St. The courthouse is named after her husband.

courthouse construction program in California sets itself apart because the judiciary is funding its own building and maintenance projects.

"It's because you agree this is an important part of what you stand for," she said.

In 2012, several courthouse projects across the state were cut by lawmakers, shifting about \$600 million to the state's courthouse construction budget. The Los Banos courthouse was kept, along with new courthouses planned in Sonora and Modesto.

The latter two are on hold after the Judicial Council of California on Aug. 26 opted not to proceed to the next phases of the projects until state court officials work on solving a funding crisis for courthouse construction.

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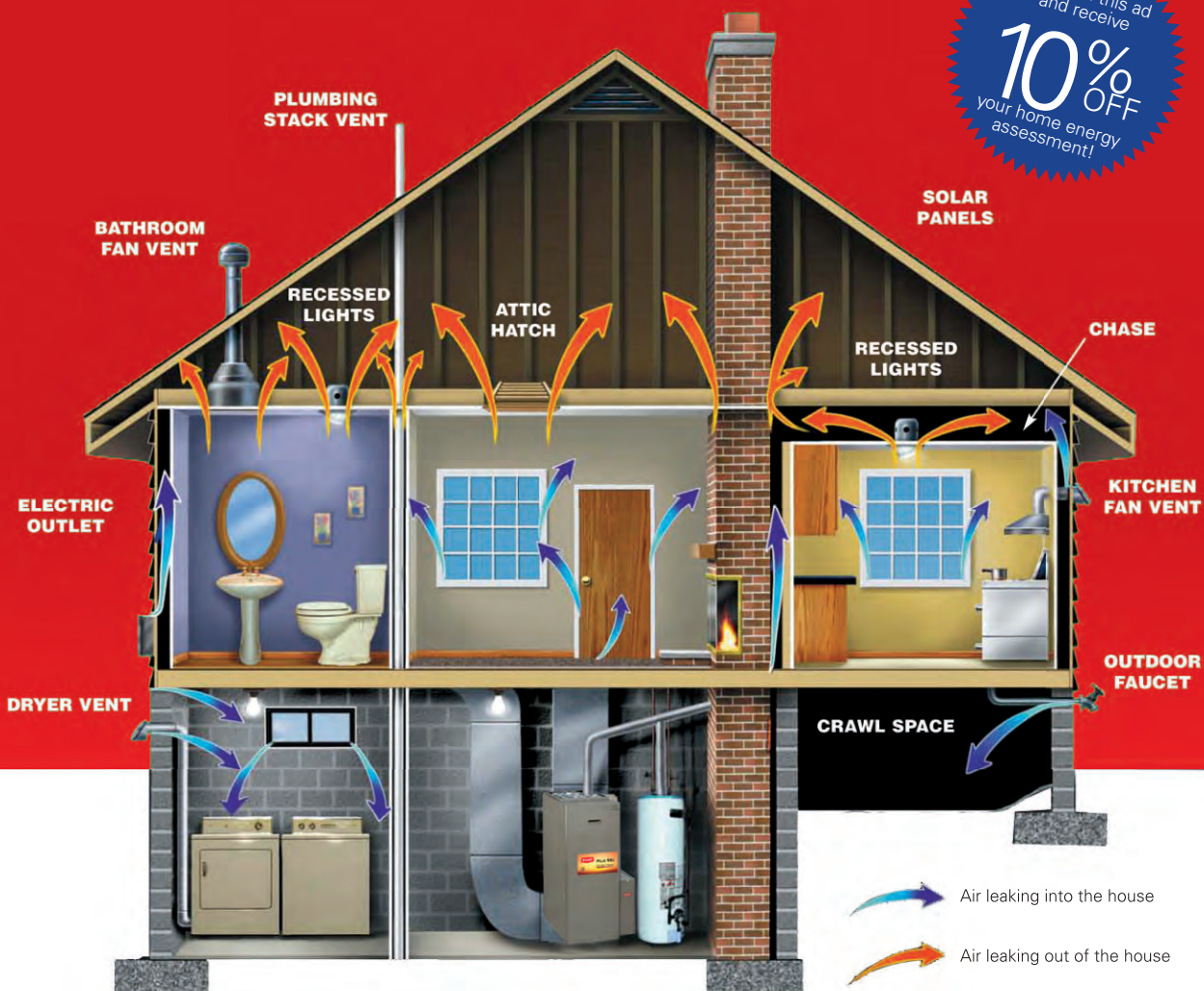


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Wild West comes back to life in downtown mural

By Vikaas Shanker
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Anne Whitehurst says the professional mural she created for Los Banos is not only an homage to the community's history, but also reflects a past that, for her, is deeply personal.

"Los Banos is close to my heart," she said. "I had some incredible memories with my pop."

The mural, located on the southwestern-facing wall of the building on the east corner of K and Sixth streets, resembles a Wild West scene, depicting a gathering of people in the foreground sitting on chairs drinking, with a barrel for a table.

In the background is the old livery stable as well as other historical buildings.

Whitehurst took walks with her father, who described elements of Los Banos in the early 1900s, including the stable and other elements of "cowboy" Los Banos.

"This is a labor of love," Whitehurst said.

With the unveiling of her mural during the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 10, 2016, Los Banos started what officials are



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Frederik "Rik" Penn, a park ranger with the U.S. National Parks Service, speaks about Buffalo Soldiers while standing in front of the new mural on the Mercey Springs Circle K building in Los Banos painted by local artist Kelly Gregg.

hoping becomes a trail of visual history.

Members of the city's Community and Economic Development Department, the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce,

Milliken Museum and others are hoping a renewed communitywide push to introduce murals to the Los Banos streetscape will enrich the city and become an open history mu-

seum for tourists.

Whitehurst and another local artist, Kelly Gregg, were selected to paint the murals.

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President Geneva Brett and her husband went to a fast-draw gunfight show in Barstow, she said.

“They had a great mural program,” Brett said.

She came back to Los Banos with the idea of creating a similar program locally, which was supported by the City Council and Los Banos Arts Council.

However, as the recession hit, the project was put on hold.

But in 2012, as the economy began to bounce back, the project was renewed, Los Banos Senior Planner Stacy Souza Elms said.

With the help of others including the Milliken Museum, Los Banos Downtown Association and grants and donations from businesses, city staff raised money in 2013 and 2014 through the sale of calendars, shirts and magnetic buttons to commission two murals.

The livery stable mural was



“Los Banos is close to my heart. I had some incredible memories with my pop.”

— Anne Whitehurst



commissioned by the city for \$2,000. Whitehurst is working on a second mural to be displayed next to the first one.

That mural, commissioned by the city for \$3,000, will focus on the old grammar school, where Westside Union Elementary is now, Souza Elms said. The grammar school burned down in the early 1900s.

Souza Elms said the city

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The “Livery Stable Mural” was unveiled at the Los Banos Fall Street Faire in September. The mural depicts historical downtown Los Banos through the lens of local muralist Anne Whitehurst, who remembered her father’s stories about early 20th Century Los Banos.



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hopes to unveil the second mural at the Spring Street Faire.

While the city was working on developing a mural program that focused on downtown Los Banos, Brett and the Chamber also were working on commissioning their own historic murals throughout the city.

Earlier this month, a mural paneled with scenes and graphics depicting California's historic Buffalo Soldier Trail went up on the southern wall of Circle K, located at Mercey Springs Road and Overland Avenue.

The Buffalo Soldiers were an all-black regiment of troopers from the 24th Infantry and 9th Cavalry who protected Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks in 1899, 1903 and 1904.

The soldiers left Monterey on their journey to the parks, traveling through Los Banos. One of those soldiers, Pvt. Jim

Hall, is depicted in the mural.

According to history given in a website about the mural program at www.losbanoshistory.com, Hall fell in love with Los Banos and was a local registered voter in 1905. He died in 1955 and is buried in the Los Banos District Cemetery.

Brett said she hopes the murals educate the public about the rich history of Los Banos. She said she hopes to spur other projects such as a high school "mural-a-day" program in which a master artist shapes the outline of a mural and students fill it in.

Another mural has been commissioned by the Milliken Museum, Director Dan Nelson said. The Milliken Museum has been an integral part of the mural programs, providing photos on which the artists can base their murals.

"There's a large one going up on the museum wall," Nelson said. "It's going to show a variety of historic scenes."



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The new mural in Los Banos depicts the headstone of Private James Hall, a Buffalo Soldier who retired and later died in Los Banos.



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Los Banos is led by an elected body of five, which in 2016 moved to district elections to select its members.

Mike Villalta was elected to his fourth term as mayor in 2016. The Council Members serve four-year terms while the mayor serves a two-year term.

Along with the mayor, two of the four council seats are up for election at the general election on even-numbered years.

The city clerk and city treasurer, also elected positions, serve four-year terms.

The City Council is assisted in its duties by a number of commissions, committees and task forces. Citizens who wish to become involved in city government may want to consider becoming a member of one of the advisory commissions that assist the City Council.

Vacancies for commissions positions are posted on the city's website at www.losbanos.org.

Regular meetings of the City Council are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The meetings can be viewed live and on regular replays both on the local cable system and over the city's website, www.losbanos.org, along with upcoming agendas and the



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Los Banos city councilman Scott Silveira voices his support for a resolution asking federal legislators for more flexibility when it comes to water allocation in California during a Los Banos city council meeting at Los Banos City Hall.

minute notes, as well as videos of previous council meetings.

Other public officials include Fire Chief Tim Marrison and Paul Cardoza, the parks and recreation operations manager. William Vaughn of Vaughn Law Offices serves as the city attorney, providing legal counsel for the city.

As director of the city's public works department, Mark Fachin is responsible for reviewing plans for residential

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Los Banos City Clerk Lucy Mallonee, left, swears in the Los Banos police officers during a ceremony at city hall. The officers include, from left, Jesus Parras, Steven Odom and Justin Melden.

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Los Banos Mayor Mike Villalta, left, introduces new City Manager Alex Terrazas at City Hall.

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Rural Health Clinic moves to bigger site in Los Banos

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Los Banos-area residents now have better access to health care options with the move of the Rural Health Clinic to a larger facility that will be able to treat more patients in less time.

Nov. 11 marked the final day that patients were received at the site on the Memorial Hospital Los Banos campus.

The following Monday, the clinic began operating at 1253 W. I St. in Los Banos.

The move more than doubles the clinic's capacity, growing from a 1,000-square-foot space to one that is 5,100 square feet, said Mark Munden, director of



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The new location of the Rural Health Clinic opened Nov. 14, 2016, at 1253 W. I St. in Los Banos.

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radiology and the Rural Health Clinic, a Sutter Health affiliate.

The old clinic has four exam rooms; the new facility has nine, plus a consultation room.

“The big reason is for accessibility. We’ll be able to see more same-day patients,” Munden said. “Our goal is to double the amount of patients as well as meet the needs in the community.”

Limited access to care has meant that people often go to Memorial Hospital’s emergency room to seek quick attention for common ailments such as coughs, sore throats and minor aches, creating an unnecessary impact on the facility, said Kristie Marion, chief nurse executive for the Rural Health Clinic.

“We’re hoping to reduce ER patients by 5percent in the first year,” she said. “It’s not beneficial for patients to go to an emergency room when it’s not an emergency.”

According to the 2016

Community Health Assessment by the Merced County Department of Health, Merced County ranked 43rd out of the state’s 58 counties on primary care physician-to-patient ratio.

Some barriers to care are lack of physicians and long wait times for appointments, the assessment pointed out.

Once the new clinic starts seeing patients, Marion said, the hope is that more beds will be freed up in the hospital emergency room.

The expanded clinic soon will offer imaging services now provided at the hospital, with mammography and bone densitometry machines going to the new facility, Munden said.

The new setting will benefit patients, he said, because it will remove them from the busy hospital to a “softer” and “nicer” environment.

“We don’t want patients to be at the hospital if they don’t have to be,” Munden said. “It

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will free up space in the hospital.”

The imaging machines will start operating in the clinic in January, he said.

The clinic also will provide ultrasounds and fetal monitoring, Marion said, making it easier and more affordable for patients. Now, soon-to-be mothers can have their ultrasound and monitor their growing baby in the same place with one appointment, rather than making two or three, she said.

The clinic also will expand its hours to include Saturdays. It will be open for same-day appointments and walk-ins from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, except Sundays.

Medi-Cal and Healthy Families insurance are accepted, along with most other insurance plans. If a patient does not have insurance, Marion said, they can call (209) 710-6333 to see if they qualify for Charity



Inside the Rural Health Clinic in Los Banos.

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Care, a discount payment policy.

Other services that will be available at the clinic will be

cardiology; pain management; pediatrics; prenatal services; psychologists; surgery; urology; ear, nose and throat doc-

tors and hospital physicians who come in for clinic patients. “They’ll (patients) have easier access,” Marion said.



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Habitat helps build homeowners

A nonprofit and its volunteers has worked for nearly two decades to help people in Los Banos move into their own homes for the first time.

In 1997 that opportunity was extended to those of meager means as a chapter of Habitat for Humanity was established in town.

Although it started out as an affiliate for a larger Habitat group in Merced County, by the middle of the last decade the Los Banos-based group had gone it alone under the banner of Habitat Westside.

Through the years the group has been responsible for building or renovating homes in its coverage area of Los Banos, Dos Palos and Gustine.

Besides meeting affordable housing income requirements, each of Habitat Westside's homeowners must help build the home, euphemistically referred to as putting in "sweat equity" hours.

Councilman Scott Silveira said it's among the things he likes most about the program.

"It's a hand up, not a hand out. I think it's a good thing, good for the whole community," Silveira said.

Habitat Westside has a 12-member board of directors and more than 30 active volunteers.

Ashlee Williams is the group's executive director.

Habitat Westside operates

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From left, Mike Larson, Mark Jones, Ned Ryan and Jennifer Loa were elected recently as Habitat for Humanity Westside's new officers and members of its board of directors.

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For the past four years, Habitat Westside has participated in Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week.

The event, which is sponsored by Lowe's, encourages women to learn how to do home repairs.

Williams said she is excited about helping people become homeowners.

"Years ago, I moved to Los Banos. This is home for me. We bought a house, and we have a family. I just feel like I have the privilege from Habitat to share that dream with others," she said.

For more information about Habitat Westside or to become a volunteer call Ashlee Williams at (209) 509-9026.



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Women and girls participated in the Habitat for Humanity two-day Women Build event.

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Merced College Los Banos, a stepping stone in education

Merced College's satellite campus in Los Banos continues to grow and add majors for those looking at continuing on with higher education.

The Merced College Los Banos Campus offers students the opportunity to obtain an associate degree, vocational certificates or transferable academic credits applicable to the California State universities or the University of California systems or as a prerequisite for military service.

The campus, located just outside of town at 22240 Highway 152, was built on 120 acres and includes an administration building, classrooms, computer labs and a library, as well as chemistry and biology laboratories.

The school's enrollment numbers continue to rise, so much so the administration added a public safety officer in 2013.

The college began plans in 2014 for a Food Forest, a garden full of edible plants and fruit- or nut-bearing trees.

The college offers a wide variety of coursework for personal, professional and academic enrichment as well as associate of arts degrees and certificates in many disciplines. Here's are a few of the many that are available:

Social and Behavioral Sciences (A.A.)

General Business (A.A. and Certificate)

Business Administration (A.A. with an online component)

International Studies (A.A.)
CSU General Education Breadth (Certificate)

IGTEC General Education Breadth (Certificate)

Health Sciences (A.A.)
Natural Sciences (A.A.)

Early Childhood Education



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Merced College Los Banos Campus students register and pay fees in the school's lobby.

(A.A.)

Early Intervention Specialist (CLDV Certificate)

Liberal Studies (A.A. with an online component)

Psychology (A.A.)

Criminal Justice (A.A.)

Certified Nursing Assistant Program (Certificate)

Additionally, students may complete their transfer coursework in liberal studies for the California State University system at the Los Banos campus.

Other coursework is also offered and many local students split their time between the Los Banos campus and the main campus in Merced.

Others, such as people hoping to become involved in the nursing program, get the first year or so of prerequisites out of the way in Los Banos and then take their second year and degree courses in Merced.

The college offers clubs and organizations to its students including Alpha Gamma Sigma,

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Vikki Grijalva (left), a program assistant with the college, is presented with the Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year Award by Merced College Los Banos Campus Dean Dr. Brenda Latham at an awards ceremony in 2010.

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Psychology Club, Anthropology Club, S.A.F.E. Club, Associated Students, Blue Devil Aggies, Students for Social Justice, Muslim Student Association, Volleyball Club Chi Alpha, International Club, Mathletes and Phi Theta Kappa, among others.

Continuing Education and Vocational Opportunities

Workforce-oriented classes are also offered including pre-licensed vocational nursing courses, computer applications and several custom courses for local businesses.

For those with conflicting daytime schedules, the college also offers evening classes. Merced College's short-term vocational classes include subject matter that spans a variety of interests.

Aside from associates degrees, the college offers several



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In between fun and games some students registered to vote at the Merced College, Los Banos Campus Fall Festival.

certificate programs such as CSU General Education Breadth (certificate), IGTEC General Education Breadth (certificate), Early Intervention Specialist (CLDV certificate), as well as a Certified Nursing Assistant Program.

The college not only offers courses to recent high school graduates and those who are

looking to return to college, but it also offers programs for high school juniors and seniors who have been recommended by their counselors.

Additionally, continuing education, non-credit classes such as art, English as a second language, G.E.D. and basic skills classes, as well as classes for senior citizens such as the

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The Los Banos Community Resource Council, as it's sometimes put, is like a Chamber of Commerce for nonprofits, clubs, churches and representatives of the Police Department.

The council helps to connect individuals and organizations for the purpose of helping each other and serving the community of Los Banos.

The money that funds CRC came from federal dollars, which California received. This federal money was distributed among the individual counties. Merced County allocated part of their money to create a family-preservation/family-support program.

That program eventually became the Family Resource Council. Throughout Merced County, cities and towns began adopting councils of their own and thus Los Banos created its

own Community Resource Council in 1994.

The CRC's entirely volunteer effort shares resources, not only monetary, but interpersonal and in-kind as well.

As the organizers, their responsibilities include scheduling meetings, keeping members up to date with current projects and scheduling guest speakers.

It is not uncommon for a member of the Los Banos City Council to share in the discussion at CRC meetings.

The topics that CRC involves itself with are varied, ranging from domestic violence to feeding the needy.

During the meetings the group discusses ongoing events as well as other opportunities for residents to participate in. Sometimes presentations by local nonprofit groups are given to inform the public



Los Banos Enterprise file

Valara Villaneuva, right, and Reina Nino of Valley Crisis Center discussed domestic violence at September's Community Resource Council meeting.

of all of the available services on the Westside.

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100 years later, the legacy of Henry Miller continues to live on

By Dan Nelson
Milliken Museum Society

Henry Miller, known by many as the “Father of Irrigation” in the Los Banos area and beyond, died 100 years ago.

Although it’s been a century since his death, his legacy lives on around us.

Miller was a cattle baron who owned more than 1 million acres from the Mexican to the Canadian borders.

His legacy to this region of the San Joaquin Valley is so much more. He changed everything. Our culture, landscape, ethnic diversity, irrigation, infrastructure, land uses, architecture, agricultural practices and water law all can be traced

either directly or indirectly to Miller. His sixth generation heirs continue to farm and are progressive leaders in water and agricultural practices on pockets of land purchased by Miller more than 150 years ago.

We appropriately have honored Henry Miller through the naming of schools, roads, institutions and have a statue of him in the Los Banos town center. His legacy continues.

Miller, the son of a butcher, was born Heinrich Alfred Kreiser on July 21, 1827, in Brackenheim, Germany. He learned the art of raising, slaughtering and marketing livestock at a young age.

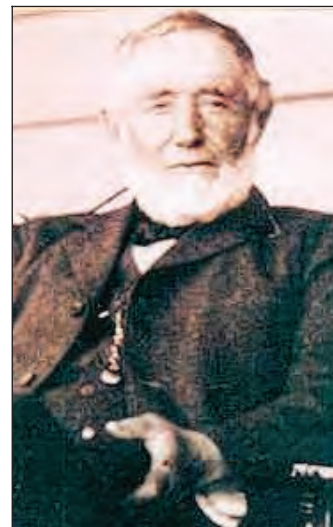
At 17, Heinrich left home and spent a few years in Hol-

land and England on his way to America. He arrived in New York with just \$50 in his pocket and spoke only very broken English. Fate stepped in to bring him to the land of his destiny and to give him a new name.

A friend, Henry Miller, had bought a ticket to California, but decided against going. He sold the non-transferable ticket to Henrich Kreiser at a reduced rate and Kreiser adopted the name of Miller in order to use the ticket.

With his new name, Miller arrived in San Francisco in 1850 with only \$6 in his pocket and an incredible work ethic. He went to work in a meat shop.

As his fortunes improved, he



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Founder of Los Banos, Henry Miller.

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realized that money lay in improving stock, and he decided to look into the San Joaquin Valley. On his first visit, he purchased 8,835 acres of the Rancho Sanjon de Santa Rita (Santa Rita Ranch) from Henry Hildreth, acquiring 7,500 head of cattle and what became his famous double "H" brand.

Miller was quoted as saying: "Land in California is cheap now, it will be valuable. Wise men buy land, fools sell. I will keep it." Keep it he did.

Locally, he acquired 120 miles of land on both sides of the San Joaquin River. He also purchased land in the Bakersfield area, Northern California, Nevada and Oregon.

In 1871, the San Joaquin and Kings River Canal and Irrigation Company was organized by San Francisco investors. Miller bargained easements through his land for stock in the company. He furnished the company with his own men, equipment and horses and generally oversaw the job. In



Milliken Museum

Founder of Los Banos Henry Miller prepares food at the 1904 May Day picnic.

one year, the canal was dug a distance of 78 miles, and a brush and sand dam 350 feet long was put across the San

Joaquin River. Shortly after its completion in 1871, Miller bought the controlling interest of the canal for less than one-

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all through his lands and when he took over control of the big canal, he put it in good condition and under economical management.

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Alfalfa was introduced and the area proved to be a prolific dairy and cattle country, along with the best and cheapest water supply in the state. Hay meant wealth. With his amazing foresight, Miller insisted upon storing up great quantities of hay, and the policy paid off. During the drought years of 1887 to 1890, he acquired the vast Nevada interests because he had the hay to feed the cattle.

Miller was a shrewd, hard-working businessman. He was up in the wee hours of the morning writing memos to his ranch superintendents and was driven by buggy from ranch to ranch until dark. He had a no-nonsense but colorful personality. His employees considered him stern but fair.

He established the "dirty-plate route" policy which allowed the transients of the region to eat the leftovers at his ranches after his workers were finished, minimizing mischief and vandalism. He employed men of all ethnicities including Italian, Mexican, Portuguese, Chinese and Basque and is responsible for the melting pot community that we enjoy today.

Beyond his ranching interests, Miller was busy developing the communities of the West Side. He was key in extending the railroad through the West Side and instrumental in the development of the towns of Los Banos, Gustine and Dos Palos.

He considered his "Canal Farm" in Los Banos to be his home ranch and spent a lot of time there and initiated May Day festivities that are still active today. He was generous to the townspeople and at Christmas the kids considered him Santa Claus.

Miller was a hard-working man with a vision. We continue to benefit from and are blessed by his legacies. He died on Oct. 14, 1916, at the age of 89.



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Henry Miller, circa 1870

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