

Panorama: Club Roundup

Father's Day Rose Ceremony honors Lodi community dads with art and remembrance

Lodi Community Outreach, a program of Lodi Funeral Home, hosted a one-of-a-kind Father's Day Rose Ceremony Remembrance on Sunday, June 19 to remember and honor fathers.

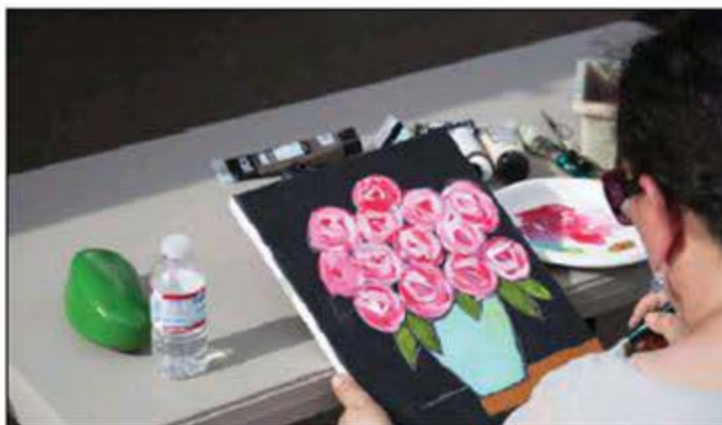
The remembrance was a free community event open to the public and took place at 5 p.m. at Lodi Memorial Park located at 5750 East Pine St. The hour-long program was uniquely inspiring and supported loss of parent, loss of child, and general loss. It featured keynote speaker, Karl Welsbacher and local artist, Leticia Nava who worked in tandem to provide inspiration to event attendees.

Nava used her artistic talents to paint different color rose representations as keynote speaker, Karl Welsbacher shared from the heart on how our loved ones lives actually resemble a "rose."

The program culminated with a special rose ceremony in which each guest received a different color long stem rose to honor their loved one.

At the close of the remembrance, Nava signed the beautiful 'rose' works of art she created for the program and gave them away to event attendees.

"Our desire is to provide unique and healing opportunities for the Lodi community to come together to honor the memory of those we love and have lost," said Lodi Funeral Home Supervisor & Mortuary Manager, Michael Collins.



Above: Community members gather to honor their loved ones on Father's Day with roses. Left: Local artist, Leticia Nava, paints a bouquet of roses in honor of loved ones during the Father's Day Rose Ceremony at Lodi Memorial Park and Cemetery.

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"Lodi Community Outreach is committed to offering quality healing experiences for all those affected by loss."

For information on free community events intended to enhance the overall well-being of Lodi area communities,

contact Community Outreach Coordinator, Esther Vargas at 209-369-3564.

— Esther Vargas

Local ledger

Computer classes at the Lodi Public Library

The Lodi Public Library will hold the following computer classes:

- **Introduction to Windows 10:** *Thursday, June 30, 9:30 a.m.*, Participants will learn how to install, set up and use Window 10. Prior computer experience is helpful.

- **Computer Basics:** *Tuesday through Thursday, July 5 to 7, 9:30 a.m.* Participants will learn fundamentals of the personal computer, the Internet and email for beginners.

All classes are free and require advance registration. They will be held in the library's Computer Learning Center, 201 W. Locust St., Lodi. For more information or to register, visit the library, call 209-333-5554 or email LPL-CLC@outlook.com.

Lodi Children's Program and AUM conference with yoga, archery and art

A week-long free children's program will be held beginning on June 30 at 3 p.m. to July 4 at 12 p.m. in conjunction with the Sri Aurobindo Ashram's 2016 AUM Conference.

It will be held at two locations: the Holiday Express Inn, 1337 E. Kettleman Lane and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, 2621 W. Highway 12 in Lodi.

It is funded by a grant from the World Federation of Education.

The theme of the conference is "Deepening our practice: Individual and Collective." The purpose is for children to develop skills for going deep within, for accessing their highest and most creative selves and to have a great time while learning.

An example of activities includes meditation, Hatha Yoga, art, archery, music, improv and skits, swimming, as well as field trips to archery, music, improv and skits, swimming, as well as field trips to the Crocker Museum in Sacramento, the Japanese Tea Garden and Lodi Lake in Lodi and the PreetiRang Animal Sanctuary in Dixon. Children of all faiths or of no faith are welcome.

Special guests who will be interacting with the children are musician David Eby, author Lopa Mukherjee, Crocker Museum Docent David Hutchinson, musician/artists Dian Kiser and Therasa Boschert, Sadhana Forest Founder Aviram Rozin or Green the Plant from the Grassroots, singers Lynda Lester and Judith Wright of SASP and Hatha Yoga instructor Wendy Hines of Matagiri.

The program was created for and by youth with the guidance of their parents. Aurolai Braroo, 14, and Neeraja Patel, 12, are long time participants who will be co-facilitating and presenting.

Registration is required. For more information email dakshina.sasp@gmail.com or call 209-506-7002.

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