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19 new
coronavirus
cases in
Fallbrook area

A total of 19 new coronavirus cases have been reported in the Fallbrook area as of Oct. 5 since a week earlier. San Diego County health officials have now recorded 558 coronavirus cases in the 92028 ZIP code which means about 1.1% of 92028's population has tested positive for the virus at some point in time.

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More
California
ballot
measures

Californians will vote on a dozen separate ballot measures this fall. Last week we looked at six of those ballot measures. Now, this week, we look at Props 14, 16, 18, 19, 23 and 24.

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FUESD
budget in
good position
despite
pandemic

In spite of the havoc wrought by the coronavirus pandemic, the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District is in a decent financial position moving into the 2020-2021 school year, the district's director of accounting said.

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Costume
contest is
open to all
area residents

FALLBROOK – Roseland Nursery and Fallbrook Regional Health District are sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest which is open to all Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow residents, businesses and pets. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in three categories: Kids, Business and Pets.

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Farmers market opens on Main every Saturday



Karla Majewski, owner of Pacific Animal Productions, sells bouquets of flowers to patrons attending the downtown farmers market. Oct. 3. The farmers market will happen every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the closed sections of Main Avenue. See page A-10 for more photos.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Fallbrook Food Pantry named Nonprofit of
the Year and raised \$138,000 for charity event

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Food Pantry was recently named one of the Nonprofits of the Year in California.

"Out of the entire state of California there are over 170,000 nonprofits," Shae Gawlak, executive director of the Fallbrook Food Pantry, said. "100 nonprofits were chosen in the state to receive the acknowledgement of Nonprofit of the Year, and we were one of them."

Besides the acknowledgement, the pantry has also done well in fundraising this year, despite the pandemic.

"We've probably increased our fundraising dollars by at least 100%, if not more," Gawlak said.

"With a pandemic, obviously our clientele and demographic have been immediately affected by the pandemic, so it makes sense that we would be feeding more

see **PANTRY**, page A-8



Part of the Monday crew at the Fallbrook Food Pantry poses for a photo, from left, back, Elly deRu, Mike Beltran, Volunteer of the Year Eufemia Carreno, Maria Garcia; front, programs manager Carolina Miller and new receptionist Rosy Juan. Volunteers are key to keeping the pantry's services going.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FUESD students return to classes Oct. 5 in
hybrid in person/online format

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Some Fallbrook Union Elementary School District students were heading back to school in person Oct. 5 for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic first began to take hold locally in March.

Students are returning to classes in two cohorts, trading off on attending in person two days a week – either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday depending on whether students are assigned to "Group A" or "Group B." Students will attend virtual classes on days when they are not scheduled to be on campus, and all students will have virtual classes on Fridays.

The restarting of in-person classes was made possible by San Diego County's removal from the state's coronavirus watchlist on Aug. 18, which started a 14-day countdown to schools in the county being allowed to reopen.

see **FUESD**, page A-5



Potter Jr. High School students return to on campus learning and are dropped off at designated areas around the campus, nearest to the classrooms where they will spend the day, Oct. 6.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

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OPINION

Get well wishes

As we pray for our President and the First Lady, let us remember all of his accomplishments in just 47 months. No president has a record to equal it. It is incumbent on all of us to recognize “Promises made, promises kept.”

Whether you agree with his style or not, you cannot deny his progress. He does not pretend to be a “polished politician.” He is a businessman who gets things

done. He demands excellence of himself and those around him. He has every right to speak of his accomplishments because they are evident.

Even while recuperating from COVID-19, he is working for the American people.

I wish God’s blessings for the first family and for the United States of America.

Orolie Gubser

Remember the women

Thanks to RBG and thanks to our women leaders throughout the years.

Thanks to those who make us think by their commitment, artistry, consciousness and fortitude.

Please don’t forget to vote! Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells, Francis Willard, Eleanor Roosevelt and Ruth Bader Ginsburg would all ask you to, if they were here!

Nancy Heins-Glaser
Fallbrook AAUW historian

No on Prop 15

Like a bad penny, the taxers are back with a nefarious scheme called a “split roll” meaning commercial properties will return to the bad old days before Proposition 13 in 1978 leveled the playing field for all property taxpayers.

Now the propagandists are calling to “make it fair” by raising property taxes on “only” commercial property – for now. The taxers say “evil fat cat” commercial property owners are getting away with murder.

I think the mirror reveals who the truly evil ones are. Poor managers of our hard earned and overtaxed funds spend our money like drunken sailors. \$90 million here for mostly vacant and unused, not to mention dangerous, bike lanes. Billions of dollars there for a bullet train to somewhere, boondoggles, etc.

If this onerous Prop 15 should succeed in passing, we can all look forward to a blast of inflation unlike anything seen in modern times.

Does anyone at all think that the owners of these commercial properties are simply going to roll over and absorb these dramatic increases in their property taxes? Of course not, the costs will be immediately passed down to the tenants of those properties, who in turn will be raising their prices to Mr. and Ms. Consumer, you and me.

Can anyone describe an actual benefit of this Proposition 15 to the aforementioned you and me? The tax proponents have stated publicly their ultimate goal is to completely destroy and do away with the 1978 Proposition 13 that has allowed many people to stay in their homes and have a stable property tax obligation.

Please consider this when you vote on Proposition 15. The future depends on your loud vote of No!

Thomas G. Johnson

Jones’ measure reducing licensing burdens on Californians signed into law

SACRAMENTO – A measure by State Senator Brian Jones (R-Santee) to reduce the licensing burden on working Californians was signed into law last night by Governor Gavin Newsom.

Jones’ Senate Bill 878 will ease licensing burdens for California workers who are required to be licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

“I appreciate the Governor recognizing that this measure is greatly needed to help Californians awaiting their professional license approval from the state,” said Jones. “After working hard to get an education, pass their exams and submitting a mountain of paperwork, a license applicant should not have to sit in limbo wondering how many months it will be till they can start their career.”

Specifically, SB 878 will require all boards and bureaus within DCA to prominently display on their websites the current average timeframe for processing initial and renewal license applications.

“Having to publicly post their application approval timelines will let state licensing agencies, bureaus, and commissions know that their performance is being monitored by the Legislature, the media, and the public,” continued Jones. “This should help smooth out the application approval process and decrease wait times.”

SB 878 will go into effect July 1, 2021.

Submitted by Sen. Brian Jones’ office.

Re: ‘How leftists’ critical race theory poisons our discussion of racism’ [Village News, Letter, 9/24/20]

When an editorial title catches my eye, the first thing I do is look to see who wrote it. The subject editorial was written by Eleanor Krasne of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank that is paid to produce “studies” that denigrate liberals and liberal policies.

The purpose of Krasne’s editorial is to delegitimize the use of Critical Race Theory as a tool and, more importantly, to delegitimize its finding that racial bias is still embedded in our educational, social, and legal systems.

Krasne would have you believe that university level educators in the field of education – wild-eyed liberal Bolshevik Marxists all – are indoctrinating their innocent young charges to become authoritarian enforcers of “the only way” to view racism. I disagree.

I believe Krasne’s introduction to the subject is fabricated. She says her liberal friend refuses to discuss racism unless it is as

framed by CRT.

Later, Krasne claims: “Leftism [GOP speak for liberalism] does not seek enduring notions of truth, the good or justice. It seeks only to subjugate the other as a means of overthrowing an existing structure. Once that structure is overthrown, the leaders of the revolution will find someone new to subjugate.”

With that highly polarized political position, I don’t see how Krasne could have any liberal friends. Also, if CRT got its start in the 60s, where is this supposedly inevitable revolution?

And her notion of “authoritarian liberals” forcing their beliefs on their students is laughable. If you want to see real authoritarianism, you need look no further than our President, a racist and currently the most divisive force in America, if not the entire world. And those heavily armed groups of citizens you see on TV? They are not academic educators, they are right wing vigilantes, prepared to use violence to enforce their beliefs.

It is time to pay it forward

Two important facts related to the coronavirus suggest that it is time to pay it forward.

First, it is known that a large percentage of those carrying the coronavirus have no symptoms and do not realize they are carrying

the virus.

In addition, many, especially young people, have no fear of the virus, so do not follow the requests for distance and masks. However, it is time for them to recognize these facts and pay it forward to

The last thing that GOP conservatives want you to do is realize that systemic racism is still present in our educational, social, and legal systems. It’s understandable that racism would have been embedded in our earlier systems, what with our rich British heritage of slave trade and Britain’s colonization efforts, invading less developed countries and exploiting them. And our own somewhat checkered past of slavery and segregation.

The question is put: when, if ever, are we going to bring our policies and practices into sync with our ideal of “liberty and justice for all?”

As a liberal, I say discuss racism all you want to, but if you want to do something about it, you have to face the fact that it is indeed embedded in our political, legal, and social systems. Fortunately, our systems were made to be modified – no revolution necessary, just some very hard work.

John H. Terrell

We’ve lost sight

Supervisor Jim Desmond
Fifth District

I’ve repeated this often over the last few months. We have lost sight of the goal. I think it’s reasonable for everyone to take a step back and say how did we end up here? How did we go from we need to flatten the curve in the month of April to, we are going to shut your business down if you decide to stay open?

Almost all business owners set goals, they set goals as a way to look towards the future.

I look to Sacramento and I wonder, what is the goal? Is it hospital capacity? Is it a vaccine and extinction of the virus?

Yes, we should be working on a vaccine, but we should not put our economic future solely on it. We need to learn to live with this virus.

An Axios/Ipsos poll was done last week that said only 13% of Americans would be willing to try the vaccine when it comes out. So, if a vaccine is the goal, we need to win the trust of the public back.

We need to give them the facts and the facts are, if you are under

the age of 50 you have a 99.98% chance of surviving COVID-19; if you are below 70 you have a 99.5% chance; 6% of our hospital beds are COVID-19 patients and we have thousands of hospital beds available in case of an increase. Those are the facts.

We need to quit playing with the emotions of business owners with a flawed color coded system and we need to start to be honest when it comes to the goals of COVID-19, because we are quickly losing the trust of the people.

Pete Hensley

The new religion of being “woke”

Julie Reeder
Publisher

Critical Race Theory (CRT), (including anti-racism and white fragility) is the new religion of the left. Its followers are “woke” and to even question it is to commit heresy. Words are violence. Silence is violence.

Young people are “true believers” with a sense of purpose. Group identity of all variables involves a primacy that is contrary to the post-racist society that has been our goal for decades and, in turn, it does damage to the very problem it seeks to oppose.

It teaches that every significant disparity in life between White and Black America including crime, education, employment, etc. is only the result of white racism or systemic racism and to question it or even think about it is to volunteer to be made out to be another ignorant racist who doesn’t get it. This “advanced, higher reasoning” is the new faith and you question the true elect in this religion at your peril. You may lose your job if you question its infallibility. In fact if you do question it – that is a sign that you are not only ignorant, but guilty and racist.

It’s a foundation of moral ideas and impulses masquerading as knowledge.

It demands all of society be reprogrammed.

It’s the doctrine of a new religion. There is inequality depending on whether the self-proclaimed prophets deem you oppressed or oppressor based solely on the color of your skin and unlike other religions there is no forgiveness, no grace, no redemption.

It’s pernicious and dangerous that they purport to possess actionable information by which you should live your life.

While it has the tenets of a religion, it’s in stark contrast to the Judeo-Christian religions and principles on which our country was founded. In America you are free to believe or not believe in God, but realize that many of the American freedoms, culture and prosperity we

enjoy are a direct consequence of those ideas and philosophies.

Judeo-Christian principles call for the ideas of equality and liberty, the idea of separation of powers, the idea of basic laws that govern human behavior and the idea of checks and balances. We value debate and free speech to protect our other freedoms. We value personal responsibility, charity, and peace and the right to not believe in a religion.

It struck me recently that when I grew up, my Christian religion taught me that my problem was not primarily with others but an inherent problem with me, as with all humanity, and it wasn’t just racism, although racism would be one problem of many. We were taught “red and yellow, black and white all are precious in His sight” and we are all made in the image of God.

It was explained to me that the inherent consequence and proof of “sin” is why we have to teach our kids not to lie, cheat, steal or treat others badly. And, just like when someone breaks the law, there has to be restitution. That’s where Jesus dying in our place comes into play. Then there is forgiveness, liberation and freedom to serve and love others with the love we’ve been shown. In the Bible and New Testament, the foundation of Judeo-Christian thought is that we should love and treat others the way we want to be treated. We are to live our lives striving for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control-not power. If someone needs a coat, give him your shirt also. Take care of widows, the poor, people in prison, etc. And truth is to be sought after. It’s imperative.

Judeo-Christian teaching is not a white man’s teaching. It comes from the Jewish/Hebrew people of the Middle East. Again, believe in it or not, love it or hate it, it was the foundation of our country and the belief that everyone has inalienable rights given to them by God and not the government or a local group of any kind. We have the right to liberty and justice for

all. It’s why after the Revolutionary War separating us from England and the founding our new country in 1776 that it was unconscionable for slavery to continue. And while people are tearing down the statues of leaders they consider more morally deplorable than themselves, remember that history may not be kind to our generation either after we continue to be enlightened by science regarding many things including human development, abortion, the harmful chemicals and technology and diets we impose on our babies and families and sex trafficking. Are we really more moral today?

Our Christian religious leader questioned, taught and reasoned with leaders in the temples. He broke the cultural, racist, patriarchal, sexist traditions of the time by treating women with respect, even prostitutes and Samaritans, which was not allowed. He gave attention to the outcasts. He healed the sick, dined with “sinners” and the most hated people in the culture. He railed against the religious leaders and called them “dead men’s bones in white washed tombs.” He chastised them for making money off of the people. He was innocent except for disobeying religious rules like not healing people on the Sabbath. Rather than lording power over people, his example was to be a sacrifice.

So, contrast that with the young people who are learning that they have “moral authority.” Rather than looking inside themselves, the problem lies with literally everyone and every social construct and system outside them. They are taught the problem is with all those other people out there. They are victims and have to fight for power, subjugation, revolution and control. They have no control personally for their position in life. Everything is stacked against them and rioting and burning down cities is a “useful tool.”

Even Gandhi taught us to be the change we want to see in the world.

What we need is more love, more understanding, more debate.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ the King holding 34th Annual Fall Craft Faire



This year's Fall Craft Faire at Christ the King Village News/Courtesy photo will offer items like these ones but will be held outside.

FALLBROOK – All are invited to the 34th Annual Fall Craft Faire Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane, enter from Brooke Road.

The annual Fall Craft Faire has been going on for 34 years at Christ The King and has developed into a dynamic resource that is strongly committed to supporting several local charitable organizations, such as Ronald McDonald House, Women's Resource Center for Abused Women and Children, Fallbrook Food Pantry, Foundation for Senior Care and Solutions for Change, to name a few.

In addition, the funds are used to assist Lutheran World Relief, which serves around the world to help end poverty, injustice and human suffering.

The organizers are planning a fun, well-run, safe event, so they can

continue to give aid where needed – most of the above organizations are feeling the strain of the current economic difficulties.

As part of this year's craft faire, there will be handcrafted items, jams and jellies, baked goods, a Cookie Walk, frozen casseroles, a Silent Auction, and around 20 different local vendors showcasing their wares.

This year, the event will be outside to maintain social distancing. Hand sanitation stations will be available, and masks are encouraged but are optional. This day will be a great opportunity for a little early Christmas shopping, which will help many deserving organizations meet the demands currently being placed on them.

For more information, contact Diane Erickson, 760-728-3256 or 951-833-3372.

Submitted by Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Voter's Edge is gathering candidate information

SAN DIEGO – All San Diego County candidates on the Nov. 3 ballot are invited to fill out a free profile in Voter's Edge, the nonpartisan website hosted by MapLight and the League of Women Voters California Education Fund.

At <http://votersedge.org>, voters can look up the self-reported qualifications and priorities of all local candidates who choose to share this information, from federal offices down to fire prevention and community planning boards.

News and opinion pieces for state and local ballot measures are also gathered on Voter's Edge, along with videos of candidate forums.

In San Diego County, the site is managed by volunteers from the League of Women Voters San Diego and the League of Women Voters North County San Diego.

Contact Suzanne Carneiro at ca-sd1@votersedge.org for more information.

Submitted by Voter's Edge California.

Community input needed on path/trail

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Community Planning Group is having a Zoom Community Work hop to discuss Fallbrook's priority for a path/trail along Stage Coach Lane from South Mission to Reche Road. This has been a serious safety concern for many years.

Attending will be representatives from the County's Public Works and Park & Recreation departments. All residents are invited to participate.

Community input is important and welcome.

The Zoom meeting is Oct. 4, 2-30 p.m. To join the meeting go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3615307770?pwd=QWtpaTBzSnhRNz09>

Meeting ID: 361 530 7770, Passcode: 02wX, Dial by your location, +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose).

Submitted by the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

VETART casts a novel idea in fundraising



As part of the VETART program, a bronze pour is done at the California Sculpture Academy in Fallbrook.

FALLBROOK – Corporate losses due to the Coronavirus could spell doom for small nonprofits like the Veterans Art Project. Steve Dilley, who founded VETART in 2009, has come up with a unique response to the program's budget deficit. Beginning Sept. 30, VETART will thank donors of \$50 or more by casting their face, or a face of their choice, in bronze.

"A life-cast face has a different presence than a photograph or a small model," Dilley said. "You can see yourself the way

other people see you, in three dimensions, full sized, from the outside."

Bronze castings are expensive to make, but Dilley already has the equipment. The VETART Bronze foundry is located in Fallbrook, near Camp Pendleton.

"This is a unique opportunity to have a life casting of a family member – maybe a high school senior – that documents that person in a truly dignified material," said Dilley. "We will come to you and take a wax mold of your face. Then, you can come to our studio to watch us pour your portrait in red-hot liquid bronze."

Dilley hopes this unique opportunity will help VETART raise the money it needs to keep both studios running. Tonya Savice, an Air Force Veteran, is a student and volunteer for VETART's Ceramics and Glass program in Vista. "We need the studio," she said.

VETART (<http://www.vetart.org>) offers art therapy and art education free of charge to service members, veterans and their families and caregivers. VETART is a fiscally sponsored 501(c)(3) organization serving the military community. Affiliates include the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, National Education Association's Creative Forces, California Arts Council, County of San Diego, USO Camp Pendleton and the Intrepid Spirit Center, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. For more information, contact steve@vetart.org.

Submitted by VETART.

County Employees Help Charitable Organizations with Annual Grants

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization is now accepting applications for 2021 CECO grants. Grant applications must be received by Monday, Nov. 2.

Since 1980, CECO has funded local nonprofit programs with the mission of lending a hand toward addressing the diverse needs in San Diego. CECO is funded by the generosity of the employees and retirees of the County of San Diego. One hundred percent of contributions are redirected to the local community.

In 2020, CECO distributed \$132,277 among 83 local nonprofit programs, including The Burn Institute, Guitars in the Classroom, Kitchens for Good, NAMI San Diego, San Diego Family Care, South Bay Community Services, and the YMCA of San Diego County.

CECO grants funds towards tangible goods such as equipment, furnishings and other durable goods that directly benefit the population being served by the program. A complete list of program recipient, as well as other grant instructions and application can be found at sdceco.org.

Questions pertaining to the grant application and/or allocation process can be directed to sdceco@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Submitted by the San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization.

Mail ballots go out to registered voters for Nov. 3 election

Tracy DeFore
County of San Diego
Communications Office

Election. You may have found yours in your mailbox as early as Monday, Oct. 5. You will also find your "I Voted" sticker inside your official mail ballot packet.

More than 1.9 million mail ballots are on their way to San Diego County registered voters for the Nov. 3 Presidential General Election. The Registrar of Voters office also said you should receive your sample ballot pamphlets containing information on candidates and measures by Oct. 10, if you haven't already received them.

The Registrar of Voters office in Kearny Mesa is also now open for early voting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, the registrar urges voters to take advantage of their mail ballots.

"We encourage voters to act early and make voting decisions from the comfort and safety of their home," said Registrar of Voters Michael Vu. "Mark your ballot, sign, seal and return your mail ballot to a trusted source. The sooner we receive your ballot, the sooner we can start processing it so it will be counted right when the poll is close at 8 p.m. Nov. 3."

While polling places will open for in-person voting all California voters are receiving mail ballots for this election to help them avoid contact with others during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can return your marked ballot in the pre-paid postage envelope to any U.S. Postal Service office or collection box. Starting Oct. 6, you'll also have the option to drop off your ballot at one of 126 mail ballot drop-off locations around the county.

You can now track your mail ballot by signing up for Where's My Ballot? Find out how at sdot.ecom and receive automatic notifications on the status of your ballot.

If you haven't received your mail ballot by Wednesday, Oct. 14, call the Registrar's office at 858-680.

To learn more about Vote Safer San Diego and voting in the Nov. 3 election, visit sdot.ecom or call 858-680.

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FUHSD approves resolution to purchase solar backup power

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

During the Monday, Sept. 28, Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved a resolution to move forward with a solar backup power project for the high school with Johnson Controls.

The resolution, approved unanimously by the board, awarded the contract to Johnson Controls and approved financing of the project which will be a 20-year equipment lease-purchase financing option with Bank of America with an interest rate of 2.26%.

During the Monday, Aug. 10 board meeting, the board approved

unanimously a resolution to implement a comprehensive solar project for the district’s facilities with Jeff Prosswimmer of Johnson Controls presenting to the board via Zoom with multiple options to consider regarding how to finance the project, which would include solar carports installed in the school parking lot and more grounded solar units in an open space of property near the district offices.

The project will have a backup battery that would be able to power the school for at least two hours in an emergency; substantial electrical work will need to take place to install the system and Johnson Controls said they could provide STEAM programs for the school’s CTE department.

The timeline on when the project would commence would depend on how the district chooses to finance the project. If the district chooses to finance through a Tax-Exempt Lease-Purchase Agreement, the project would begin in October. If they choose another direction, it would begin in December 2021.

No money would come from the school bond passed by the community in 2016 as the Measure AA bond did not cover solar projects.

During the meeting, the board also approved a bid and contract documents for a 40-ton HVAC unit for the school’s performing arts center with FM Thomas.

According to a staff report, the

HVAC unit currently on the building is 21 years old and has been costing the district money over the past few years in labor and hasn’t been cost effective.

The board also approved the Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan and the consent agenda which included the personnel report, physical education waivers, teacher and staff training for trauma informed practices, a contract with Eric Hall and Associates, revisions to board policies and regulations, certificated personnel for 2020-21, as well as a contract with Verbal Behavior Associates.

The board also heard a report from athletic director Patrick Walker on outside sports clubs being cleared to use Fallbrook High’s sports facilities.

“I think this is great for the community, it’s going to bring some hope that’s needed, that we are making some progress,” Walker said.

Outside groups will have to go through the process of application and the making of a commitment to protect athletes.

During the meeting, superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez recognized three staff members, Amy Cabrera, Ellana Kilgallon, and Drew Tippin for their work during distance learning.

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Ramsey completes Eagle Scout service project



The DeLuz Ecology Center in Fallbrook is the site of Scout Ignacio Ramsey's Eagle Scout project.

Brothers Ignacio Ramsey and Joaquin Lopez Ramsey from Troop 301 dig holes for the base of the bench.

Ignacio Ramsey and Joaquin Lopez Ramsey begin installing a bench at the DeLuz Ecology Center.

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FALLBROOK – Ignacio Ramsey, a Scout in Troop 301 in Temecula, recently completed his Eagle Scout service project by building three benches and installing them along a trail at the De Luz Ecology Center, just north of Fallbrook.

The trail is approximately a one mile loop and benches were installed in various scenic locations on the trail. The De Luz Ecology Center was originally built in 1926 and operated as a

school through 1967.

Today, it is known as the De Luz Ecology Center and is owned and operated by the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District which uses it to educate the district's students about history, environmental studies and Native American studies.

After the initial planning and fundraising, Ramsey began the building phase of the project at the beginning of this year only to be interrupted and stopped by the Covid-19 pandemic. For most Eagle Scouts, once their project is planned and ready to be executed, fellow Scouts and other community volunteers show up to support the public service effort.

Although troops could not meet in person, scouting had to adapt, but did not stop.

Eagle projects continued to be planned and prepared until they could finally complete them, safely in person. Under very specific conditions and following health guidelines they are allowed to meet outdoors in small patrols to complete service projects.

With the help of other Scouts, his family and his Assistant Scoutmaster, Ramsey was finally able to complete his project Saturday, Sept. 19.

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19 new coronavirus cases in Fallbrook area, new total of 558 cases

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

A total of 19 new coronavirus cases have been reported in the Fallbrook area as of Oct. 5 since a week earlier – the exact same weekly increase in cases reported on Sept. 28.

San Diego County health officials have now recorded 558 coronavirus cases in the 92028 ZIP code since the start of the coronavirus pandemic earlier this year. That means about 1.1% of 92028’s population has tested positive for the virus at some point

in time.

92028 includes Fallbrook as well as Rainbow and De Luz.

The 92028 ZIP code currently has San Diego County’s 34th highest rate of coronavirus infections per 100,000 people, as well as the 45th lowest rate in the county.

Nearby Bonsall’s 92003 ZIP code reported 45 coronavirus cases as of Oct. 5, an increase of two cases since Sept. 28. As has been the case since the start of the pandemic, San Diego County cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the

low number of cases and low population.

Countywide, health officials reported 236 new cases of COVID-19 and five additional deaths Oct. 4, raising the county’s totals to 48,436 cases and 803 fatalities.

Four of the 236 cases reported Oct. 4 are connected to San Diego State University and two previously reported confirmed cases are now associated with SDSU, bringing the total number of university cases to 1,127, according to public health officials.

The five new fatalities were men who died between Sept. 6 and Sept. 21 and their ages ranged from mid-40s to mid-80s, officials said Oct. 4. All five had underlying medical conditions.

Of the 8,797 tests reported Oct. 3, 3% returned positive, bringing the 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases to 3.1%. The state-set target is less than 8%. The seven-day daily average of tests was 9,226.

Of the total number of cases in the county, 3,575 – or 7.4% – have required hospitalization and 831 – or 1.7% of all cases – had to be admitted to an intensive care unit.

No new community outbreaks were confirmed Oct. 4. In the seven days from Sept. 27 through Oct. 3, 24 community outbreaks were confirmed. The number of community outbreaks remains above the trigger of seven or more in seven days. A community

setting outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households over the past 14 days.

San Diego State University announced Wednesday, Sept. 30, that it was extending a pause on in person courses through Oct. 12. Effective that day, a limited number of courses will resume in person. Most of those courses are upper-division or graduate level and have been “determined by faculty and academic leaders to be essential to student degree completion, licensure and career preparation,” university officials said in a statement.

Approximately 2,100 students will be enrolled in an in-person course.

Prior to the in-person pause, 6,200 students were enrolled in an in-person course.

Paul Gothold, San Diego County’s superintendent of schools, said Sept. 30 that schedules for the county’s many districts and charter schools have not been drafted yet, but they’re coming.

The county has expanded its total testing sites to 41 locations, and school staff, including teachers, cafeteria workers, janitors and bus drivers, can be tested for free at any one of those sites. A rotating testing program with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection was in the works for schools in the county’s rural areas.

There are no state testing requirements for children, but all school staff who interact with children must be tested every two months. If schools were to open before San Diego County headed to a more restrictive tier in the state’s monitoring system, they would not be affected.

However, if a move to a different tier happened before schools opened for in person learning, it would change the game plan, County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said.

If parents want to test their children for the illness, they have options, including Rady Children’s Hospital, through Kaiser Permanente or through the 41 sites the county manages. Children as young as 6 months can be tested at the county-run sites.

On Sept. 29, the county again avoided being pushed into the “purple” tier, the most restrictive in the state’s four-tier reopening plan. The county will remain in the red tier for COVID-19 cases, with a state-adjusted case rate of 6.7 per 100,000 residents. The county’s testing positivity percentage is 3.5%.

The California Department of Public Health was scheduled to issue its next report on county case rates on Oct. 6, after Village News’ press time.

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California ballot measures: the rest

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

Californians will vote on a dozen separate ballot measures this fall. Last week we looked at six of those ballot measures. Now, this week, let’s take a look at the rest.

Proposition 14

This proposition authorizes \$5.5 billion in bonds for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine – the state’s stem cell research institute. Bond issuance is limited to \$540 million annually, and \$1.5 billion is reserved for research relating to Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, strokes, epilepsy and other nervous system diseases and conditions.

Proposition 16

This proposition would amend California’s constitution to allow schools and other public entities to take race into account in admission or public contracting – essentially allowing affirmative action, which was banned with Proposition 209 in 1996.

Proposition 18

This proposition would amend the state constitution to allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections so long as they will turn 18 by the date of the general election.

Proposition 19

This proposition would amend the state constitution to allow Californians over 55 a large property tax break when buying a home – basically curtailing the negative property tax impacts older Californian homeowners

may see when buying a home in 2020 after being able to pay property taxes on their old home based on years- or decades-old market values under Proposition 13. This tax break would be offset by requiring that inheritors of properties – currently, Californians who inherit real estate from their parents can keep their low property tax rates – to pay current market value tax rates unless they live in their inherited property.

Proposition 23

This proposition would require dialysis clinics to have at least one licensed physician on the premises at all times and require clinics to report dialysis-related infection data to state and federal officials. Clinics would be able to be exempted from the physician requirement if at least one nurse practitioner or physician assistant is present on-site.

Proposition 24

This amendment would permit California consumers to prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information held by businesses and limit businesses’ use of “sensitive information” like race or sexual orientation. It would also prohibit businesses from retaining personal data for longer than necessary, allow fines of up to \$7,500 for violators and craft a new state agency to enforce the law. It essentially strengthens the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 but narrows the number of businesses to which it applies to only those that buy or sell data of more than 100,000 households annually.

Costume contest is open to all area residents

FALLBROOK – Roseland Nursery and Fallbrook Regional Health District are sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest which is open to all Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow residents, businesses and pets. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in three categories: Kids, Business and Pets.

Entries will be accepted now through midnight, Nov. 1. To enter, email a high resolution photo to mhoward@reedermedia.com with Halloween Costume Contest in the subject line. Participants should include their name, phone number and email address (for contact purposes only) as well as the category they are entering and a one-sentence description of the costume.

Businesses can enter too,

whether the photo is of one employee or the whole company. In the Kids category, entries can be of individuals, siblings or groups.

Costume photos will be printed in the Nov. 5 issue of the paper. Village News readers will vote for their favorites by mail-in or drop off ballot (in a box at the Village News office). Voters will be entered into a drawing for a local gift card. One ballot is allowed per Fallbrook, Bonsall or Rainbow household.

Winners will be announced in the Nov. 19 issue of the Village News.

Look for ballots in the Nov. 5 issue of Village News. Ballots will also be available at the Village News office, 111 W Alvarado St., after Nov. 5.

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Leigh Ann Howard, May 15, 1942, to Sept. 3, 2020, was an avid animal lover, and this passion led her to California State Polytechnic

University San Luis Obispo to further her interest in animal husbandry. After graduating, she managed Rancho Jonata where she fell in love with thoroughbreds and racing.

She became president of CTBA and was on the board of several other farm and horse groups. She was an integral part of the thoroughbred industry, and nothing made her happier than encouraging others to join in her equine pursuits. She did all this while managing San Luis Rey Downs in Bonsall and being an owner, trainer and breeder of

thoroughbreds until her retirement in Fallbrook where she maintained a small farm.

She was married to Gene Cunningham until his death in 2008.

She is survived by her brother John and cousins, Sherry and Betty Faust.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family who would appreciate any donations made to the university, <http://bit.ly/calpolyhowardmemorial> to fund scholarships for others with her same interests, in her honor.

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Real Estate Update: Weekends in Fallbrook



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It’s been a hot couple of months! The weather’s been hot! The real estate market’s been hot! Downtown Fallbrook is hot! So where have you been?

It’s been seven months since we were all told to shelter in place and wear a mask. Some businesses have been allowed to reopen in a limited way, while others remain shuttered or unable to afford to open, given the protocols required to open. They simply can’t afford to open up with the current restrictions.

Thanks to Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce CEO Lila MacDonald, the primary shopping area on Main

Avenue is closed from Friday at 3 p.m. until Saturday at 11 p.m.

This type of closure is happening across the U.S. Some cities like Philadelphia, Denver and Oakland have indefinitely closed major streets to vehicles in an effort to create zones that allow people to safely bike, walk, run or dine. The open space allows people to move about with plenty of social distancing created.

Fallbrook is the only unincorporated community that is providing this for its residents.

Last weekend, a farmers market joined the existing businesses along Main Avenue Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., adding one more layer of activity to entice residents to come downtown. The Gallery will be featuring plein air artists during the closure.

Small Town, Harry’s Bar, Coffee, Corks and Cuisine have moved out onto the street to expand their dining area. 127 West Social House and Coal Bunker are just a block away and have outside patios as well. Smokin’ Bird BBQ is just up the hill, on Pico, and makes some of the best barbecue you’ve ever tasted.

Estrella’s and Mariscos El Pacifico offer authentic Mexican food and refreshing margaritas. Café des Artistes adjoins the Fallbrook Art Center and features lighter fare,

wine and beer. All the restaurants have socially distanced inside dining as well.

The historic Mission Theatre has also started to show classic movies from the past. This month they are featuring horror films. Admission is only \$8 – \$5 if you wear a costume. Harken back to your younger days or bring your children and grandchildren to participate in affordable, wholesome entertainment while enjoying the health food of our generation; hotdogs, nachos, and a huge assortment of box candy to help you get your sugar high. There is even wine and beer.

Due to COVID and limited seating, you must be on the theater’s email list. All shows are RSVP only. To be placed on the email list, send your email address to FallbrookMissionTheater@gmail.com.

Last week I saw families with strollers, people on bicycles, couples walking their dog and couples just strolling down the street, shopping bag in hand. Have you been to town, lately? I have written numerous articles about how important it is for the value of your real estate to have a vibrant downtown area. Everyone I speak with agrees, but not many actually do anything about it.

I have heard comments that all the merchants aren’t open when

residents come to town. You’re right. Not all the merchants are open all the time. They must choose how many hours they can afford to be open. It’s truly a little bit of the chicken and the egg. Stores and restaurants aren’t open because people don’t eat and shop downtown, and people don’t shop and eat downtown, because stores and restaurants aren’t open.

This is the question for me, and it should be the question for you too. Where do you shop? If the first answer is online, then you are not part of the solution. Where do you eat when you go out to eat? If the first answer is Temecula, then you are not part of the solution.

I remember when Old Town Temecula was a ghost town. It’s far from that right now. It is a thriving shopping and dining hub. Residents and visitors go there regularly. Old Town Temecula went from ghost town to boomtown.

If you’re reading this, you probably live in or around Fallbrook. It’s up to you to make a decision to support the local businesses. Make a decision to start this weekend. Come down for dinner Friday or Saturday night. Come down and shop the farmers market Saturday from 10-2.

There are scarecrows lining the streets. It’s a wonderful town with wonderful merchants. The street closure has made it easy for you

to be socially distant while still supporting the town. If everyone went to dinner in town twice a month and purchased something from one of the shops each time, the merchants would be thrilled to be open more often.

The success of Fallbrook is in your hands. The value of your home, which is directly tied to the value of the town, is in your hands.

Imagine that you’re a buyer coming here from Orange County. You might fall in love with the views and the privacy, but what happens when you discover that there is no place to eat or shop? Would you really purchase a home here? Or flip that thought over.

Imagine you’re thinking of moving to another town or state. Aren’t you going to check out that town’s commercial zone to see if there are restaurants or shops to enjoy? You bet you are.

Let’s all make a commitment to support this town. There are a lot of people working hard to keep it vibrant and exciting. We all need to do our part.

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people and seeing more people,” she added. “With times being tough and people losing jobs, you’d think that the fundraising part would be pretty minimal, and that was the exact opposite.”

While they’ve gone back to pre-bagging food, instead of the method of allowing people to shop for what they want in their market, due to COVID-19, their priority is to make sure the public stays healthy and safe.

“So many of our volunteers are at the senior age group that we didn’t want to put anyone at risk,” Gawlak said.

Before COVID-19, they were serving around 2,100 people, and are now serving 5,000.

“It was a big eye-opener for us to realize the magnitude of people who were affected,” Gawlak said.

They lost quite a few volunteers due to COVID-19, being that many of them were seniors.

“I’m hoping that the volunteer part will turn back around, and we’ll be able to get more consistency and more regular volunteers,” Gawlak said. “It really does take us about 10 to 14 people a day at the pantry to just keep workflow happening.”

The pantry also put on their

sixth annual charity event, called “The Endless Summer,” presented by Murphy and Murphy Southern California Realty.

“For our Murphy and Murphy event we raised \$138,000,” Gawlak said. “We raised about \$50,000 more this year (than last year); it was pretty amazing.”

Their traditional event is usually held in May at Pala Mesa Resort, but due to the pandemic, they had to get creative.

“When Zoom kind of became the normacy of people conducting board meetings and other types of meetings, I just thought, I’ve got friends who are doing Zoom calls with their families playing games, why can’t we turn this into a dinner environment?” Gawlak said.

This gave the pantry an opportunity to raise money while making it more intimate.

“We were recruiting a couple of the restaurants here in town, 127 West Social House and Small Town, and they were really excited about the opportunity and really the concept of what we were trying to do,” Gawlak said. “Next thing we know we had a viable program.”

The virtual event was hosted inside homes, where groups of 8 to 10 could get together and be a part of the Zoom call with the Fallbrook Food Pantry, while enjoying a meal.

“We talked about the online

option and just tried to get as much information out to people,” Gawlak said. “Whether it was a heartfelt story that we were telling from the perspective of a client, or maybe a perspective of a volunteer, or ourselves as active members of the organization.”

While Gawlak added that it ended up being a lot more work than they thought it would be, it turned out really well.

“I think even if things stay somewhat the same we might try to do this model again for next year,” Gawlak said. “The feedback we got from everybody that was participating – they were saying that they actually enjoyed it better because they had an intimate environment with their friends and family, and they could really have concentrated conversations about the pantry and the cause.”

Despite the pandemic, the pantry keeps moving forward.

“It all shakes out at the end of the day and no one leaves here hungry,” Gawlak said. “That’s the main goal; to make sure that every single person that shows up gets food.”

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The Fallbrook Food Pantry distributes food in bags to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Village News/Courtesy photo

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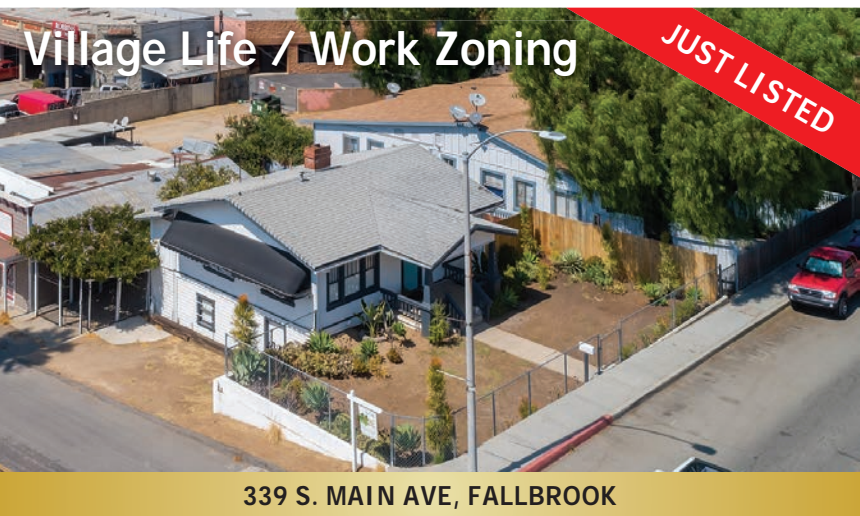


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Visitors to downtown take a look at fall-themed arrangements with succulents during the first Fallbrook Main Avenue Farmers Market. Village News/Shane Gibson photos



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People view a variety of vendors' offerings during the new Fallbrook Main Avenue Farmers Market.



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Trump leaves hospital, exhorts nation don't fear virus

**Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin and
 Aamer Madhani**
Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. – President Donald Trump walked out the military hospital Monday night where he has been receiving an unprecedented level of care for COVID-19, immediately igniting a new controversy by declaring that despite his illness the nation should not fear the virus that has killed more than 210,000 Americans.

Wearing a mask, Trump left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for a waiting SUV that carried him to Marine One for the short helicopter flight back to the White House. Trump's doctor, Navy Cdr. Sean Conley, said the president would not be fully "out of the woods" for another week, but that Trump had met or exceeded standards for discharge from the hospital.

Trump is expected to continue his recovery at the White House, where the reach of the outbreak that has infected the highest levels of the U.S. government is still being uncovered.

Still Trump, who remains contagious, indicated he won't



President Donald Trump walks out of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to return to the White House after receiving treatments for COVID-19, Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, in Bethesda, Md. Evan Vucci/AP photo.

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Grand jury audio details moments before Breonna Taylor died

Dylan Lovan
The Associated Press

Police said they knocked repeatedly and identified themselves for a minute or more before using a battering ram to enter Breonna Taylor's apartment, according to Kentucky grand jury recordings released Friday, Oct. 2, then killed her in a rapid hail of gunfire after the first officer inside her door was struck by a bullet.

But Taylor's boyfriend, who fired on the officers, said in a police interview played for the jury that he did not hear them announce themselves. If they had, he said, "it changes the whole situation because there's nothing for us to be scared of."

The dueling accounts of the March 13 raid in which Louisville police killed the 26-year-old Black woman were contained in hours of recordings made public in a rare release for proceedings that are typically kept secret. The grand jury did not charge the officers with Taylor's killing.

A court ruled that the content of the proceedings should be made public after the grand jury's decision angered many in Louisville, Kentucky, and



Protesters have taken to the streets to demand more accountability in the case of Breonna Taylor, following release of grand jury recordings Friday, Oct. 2. John Minchillo/AP file photo

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National Guard taps units for rapid response to civil unrest

By Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

The National Guard has designated military police units in two states to serve as rapid reaction forces so they can respond quickly to any potential civil unrest around the country, following violent protests that rocked the nation's capital and several states this summer.

Military leaders don't explicitly tie the changes to concerns about possible election-related violence, but the nation is bracing for unrest surrounding the tumultuous presidential campaign, particularly if voting results are not known for days or weeks because of the increase in mail-in ballots.

According to the Guard, about 600 troops – 300 in both Alabama and Arizona – will be ready to deploy within 24 hours if requested by a governor in another state. And Guard leaders have also bought more than \$200,000

in new protective equipment and have increased troop training on proper procedures in dealing with protests.

The moves come as Defense Department and National Guard leaders work to address shortfalls that were identified in the military response to the June of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Military reviews of the response to the protests found problems with coordination between various state and federal government and law enforcement agencies – which at times slowed down troop movements.

"Coordination and communication were the probably the things that we'll look back on and see very challenging," Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said in an interview with The Associated Press. He said that as the protests escalated in Washington, and the



In this June 1, 2020, file photo, District of Columbia National Guard and U.S. Park Police advance through the white roses in front of the AFL-CIO headquarters, with St. John's Church behind them, as they move demonstrators back after they gathered to protest the death of George Floyd near the White House in Washington. The National Guard has designated military police units in two states to serve as rapid reaction forces to respond quickly to civil unrest around the country, in the wake of the violent protests that rocked the nation's Capitol and several states this summer. Alex Brandon/AP file photo

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REGIONAL

Epic scale of California wildfires continues to grow

The Associated Press

The staggering scale of California’s wildfires reached another milestone Monday, Oct. 5: A single fire surpassed 1 million acres.

The new mark for the August Complex in the Coast Range between San Francisco and the Oregon border came a day after the total area of land burned by California wildfires this year passed 4 million acres, more than double the previous record.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said the amount of land scorched by the August Complex is larger than all of the recorded fires in California between 1932 and 1999.

“If that’s not proof point, testament, to climate change, then I don’t know what is,” Newsom said.

The August Complex began as dozens of fires ignited by lightning in the Mendocino National Forest in mid-August and became California’s largest fire on record in September. As of Monday, it covered nearly 1,566 square miles.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 8,200 California wildfires have scorched “well over 4 million acres” or 6,250 square miles, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said Sunday in a statement. There have been 31 deaths and nearly 8,700 buildings have been destroyed, the governor said.

Numerous studies have linked bigger wildfires in America to climate change from the burning of coal, oil and gas. Scientists say climate change has made California much drier, meaning trees and other plants are more flammable.

Mike Flannigan, who directs the Canadian Partnership for Wildland Fire Science at Canada’s University of Alberta, says the escalation of fires in California



In this Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, file photo, an air tanker drops retardant on the Glass Fire burning in Calistoga. Deadly wildfires in California have burned more than 4 million acres this year, a record for the most acres burned in a single year. California fire officials said the state hit the fearsome milestone Sunday, Oct. 4, with about two months still left in the fire season. Noah Berger/AP file photo

and the U.S. West is “largely, not solely, due to human-caused climate change.”

The August Complex has destroyed 242 structures and damaged a half dozen. One firefighter has died and one has been injured. Containment was estimated at 54% Monday.

A fire burning in Northern California wine country has burned more than 102 square miles and destroyed more than 1,200 buildings since it started Sept. 27.

California remains largely

warm and dry but fierce winds that fanned infernos a week ago were gone. Cooling at the coast was expected to expand into the interior and a Pacific storm system remained in the forecast for Northern California by next weekend.

But authorities in wine country said there it likely would not be enough rain to halt additional fires. Cal Fire meteorologist Tom Bird said the North Bay has just around a 25% chance of a quarter-inch of rain, the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat reported.

“Whereas we may see some rain on the fire this weekend, I do not believe it will be significant enough to be a season-ending event,” he said.

Authorities made public more information Monday about the Sept. 17 death of Charles Morton, 39, a squad boss for the Big Bear Interagency Hotshot Crew battling the El Dorado Fire in the San Bernardino National Forest east of Los Angeles.

The U.S. Forest Service’s two-paragraph report released by the interagency Wildland Fire

Lesson Learned Center said that “it appears he was burned over by the fire and passed away.”

The report dated Sept. 24 said a review team was conducting interviews with personnel “to learn from this tragic event.” It did not elaborate on the circumstances that claimed the life of the 14-year veteran.

The El Dorado Fire was ignited Sept. 5 by a pyrotechnic device a couple used for an event revealing the gender of their baby, authorities have said.

OES announces earthquake warning campaign

SACRAMENTO — The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services announced today the launch of a public awareness campaign to educate all California residents about California’s innovative earthquake warning system -- Earthquake Warning California. The campaign, “Don’t Get Caught Off Guard,” directs Californians to no-cost tools, resources, and information, including the smartphone MyShake App, Android Earthquake Alerts, Government Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs), and earthquake.ca.gov.

Building upon the success of California’s first-in-the-nation earthquake warning system, the “Don’t Get Caught Off Guard” education campaign will deliver messages through advertising channels including digital, social media, and broadcast advertising, as well as outreach to community and industry organizations to increase awareness of available technology. The campaign will be sustained through 2022 with an

optional one-year extension.

“California is proud to have the first statewide earthquake warning system and now to spread the word broadly about this new innovative, life-saving system,” said Cal OES Director, Mark Ghilarducci. “Cal OES’s leadership facilitated making warnings publically available. The public can now have moments of warning before previously unexpected natural disasters. It is changing the world of mitigation and emergency management.”

Last year’s enacted budget included a \$16.3 million one-time General Fund to finish the build-out of the Earthquake Warning California system on the backbone California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN), including finishing seismic station installation, adding GPS stations to the network, and improving telemetry.

The CISN provides the ground motion data needed to estimate the magnitude, location and expected shaking of an earthquake and

produce a ShakeAlert® warning.

California Governor Gavin Newsom’s budget this year includes an additional allocation of \$17.3 million, supported by a one-time loan of the same amount from the School Land Bank Fund, for full operation and maintenance of the system. The General Fund budget also calls for launching a public education campaign to remind Californians that seconds count when warning mobile device users in the area before the ground starts shaking.

The “Don’t Get Caught Off Guard” campaign’s multilingual creative approach uses relatable situations while delivering a serious message encouraging individuals and their families to have tools at the ready to alert them as soon as an earthquake is detected by ground sensors.

The broadcast advertising features a combination of humorous, unexpected, and unprompted scenes of real people caught off guard and encourages people to use Earthquake Warning

California resources to give them extra time to protect themselves in an earthquake.

For example, a 30 second broadcast commercial presents an unsuspecting woman posing for a beach photo suddenly doused by an ocean wave, a child playing a piano teetering off the bench onto the floor, and a man falling through the ceiling at a construction site. In another 15 second segment, a shaken fizzy drink erupts on a young man, and a senior is startled when a butterfly flutters out of a greeting card. The ads and other digital assets can be viewed at earthquake.ca.gov.

“Don’t Get Caught Off Guard” encourages audiences to learn more about earthquake preparedness by visiting the website, which includes instructions to download the free MyShake App, or enable Android Earthquake Alerts and WEAs on smartphones. The website also provides the opportunity to sign up for ongoing news and information, participate in virtual public presentations, and download industry-specific informational resources.

Industry and audience-specific toolkits are available for download in multiple languages on the Earthquake Warning California website.

The announcement comes in advance of the Great California ShakeOut and International ShakeOut Day, which takes place Thursday, Oct. 15.

Following COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, organizations such as schools and employers, as well as individual families, are encouraged to hold a ShakeOut drill on or around Oct. 15. Last year, 10.8 million California residents participated in the Great California ShakeOut.

“Through broad messaging and targeted outreach launching in October, we believe organizations in all parts of the state will be motivated to help millions of residents take earthquake preparedness steps,” said Ghilarducci. “Education, utilities, first responders, public safety, transportation and others can play a vital role in preventing injuries and minimizing the risk of other hazards in the case of the next Big One.”

The campaign features statewide advertising delivering messages directed to diverse audiences. Over nearly two years the campaign budgets more than \$420,000 for ethnic television (Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Vietnamese). There is more than \$1 million dedicated to general market television advertising. Roughly \$2.3 million will be directed at digital advertising, which includes digital, social, and audio streaming.

The campaign will also enlist business and civic groups, government agencies, policymakers, charitable institutions, faith-based organizations, and social services to deliver messages to families, staff, members, and followers.

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To learn more about earthquake preparedness, the MyShake App, WEAs, Android Earthquake Alerts, and the latest earthquake warning news and information, visit: earthquake.ca.gov.

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~ OCT 1-31, 2020 ~

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Registrar’s office: COVID-19 will limit, but not prohibit, election observers

City News Service

Poll watchers will be permitted to observe election activities at polling stations countywide Nov. 3, though COVID-19 related restrictions will limit the number of people allowed inside polling places.

Social distancing requirements mean only about one to two observers might be rotated in and out of the polling places at any given time this year, Assistant Registrar of Voters Cynthia Paes said Oct. 1.

The number of polling places in San Diego County has been

reduced from 1,548 in March to 235 larger polling places that will be open for four days and are each expected to be staffed by about 15 county employees, Paes said.

The role of poll watchers has garnered increased attention as part of the national discussion on voter fraud and voter intimidation sparked most recently by President Donald Trump’s call at the Sept. 29 presidential debate for his supporters to monitor polling places on Election Day.

Trump, who has frequently raised the specter of voter fraud and publicly expressed doubts over the security of mail-in voting, urged

supporters to “go into the polls and watch very carefully because that’s what has to happen.”

Tony Krvaric, chair of the San Diego County Republican Party, said recruiting poll watchers is a typical practice, intended to ensure votes are cast and note any irregularities in the voting process.

“We always recruit for poll watchers and have done so for as long as I can remember,” Krvaric told City News Service.

“Poll watchers help make sure Republicans who haven’t voted are contacted and reminded to do so and keep an eye out for any irregularities. This is nothing

new. Democrats presumably do the same.”

Krvaric said any such instances of irregularities are reported to local officials or the Registrar of Voters.

“Any voter irregularities could dilute legitimate votes cast,” he said.

Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party, said he was confident in the San Diego County Registrar of Voters’ ability to ensure a fair election process, saying there are “a number of processes (conducted) to verify a vote.”

Regarding Trump’s allegations of voter fraud related to mail-in voting, Rodriguez-Kennedy called Trump’s assertions “a falsehood,” based largely in myth.

Rodriguez-Kennedy told City News Service “mail ballot voting is safe and secure” and said its presence this election will increase overall voter turnout, something he said represented “a problem for this president.”

Of Trump’s statements at the debate, he said his “intent is to sow discontent because he fears he is losing.”

San Bernardino, Cleveland national forests remain closed

City News Service

Some of the national forests in California are now open for limited activity, but neither of the federal preserves in Riverside County are open for anything except official access, rangers said Wednesday, Sept. 30.

“We understand how important access to national forests is to our visitors,” Randy Moore, Pacific

Southwest Regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service, said. “As we evaluate fire and weather conditions on a daily basis, we will continue to make adjustments to ensure safe visitation. Our aim continues to prevent any new fires on the landscape.”

Both the Cleveland and San Bernardino National Forests were closed Sept. 7, because of wildfire danger. Part of the Cleveland National Forest is on the western

edge of Riverside County, while one-third of the San Bernardino National Forest is in the midcounty region, with Highways 74 and 243 coursing through it.

Under the Forest Service’s emergency closure order, all hiking, biking, swimming, camping and other forms of recreation are prohibited within the federal preserves. Law enforcement officers, rangers, lessees of forest land and individuals whose homes

can only be accessed by using forest roads are permitted to come and go as needed.

In declaring the closures earlier this month, Moore said they were “necessary to protect the public and our firefighters” as wildfires rage statewide.

There are 18 national forests in California.

The San Bernardino National Forest has been the site of two major wildland blazes in the past

eight weeks – the 34,000-acre Apple Fire and the 23,000-acre El Dorado Fire.

Eleven national forests, mostly in Central and Northern California, are accessible for some activities, but Forest Service officials urged people planning to visit them to call ahead first to determine what’s permitted and when.

Additional information is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/R5>.

Temecula Valley CHP to conduct regional crash reduction campaign

TEMECULA – Saving lives is the core mission of the California Highway Patrol. To accomplish this mission, the CHP Temecula Area office will use a federal grant to conduct a regional traffic safety campaign in Riverside County. The project starts Oct. 1, 2020, and ends Sept. 30, 2021.

The Temecula Area will deploy officers on enhanced enforcement on Interstates 15

and 215; State Routes 74, 79 and 371; and unincorporated roads where the CHP Temecula Area has jurisdiction in Riverside County.

This traffic safety effort will also include a community-based task force and a public awareness and education campaign to reinforce key traffic safety messages.

“With a proactive approach to make the roadways safer, we will continue to reduce the number of

injury and fatal crashes occurring in Riverside County,” said CHP Captain Jason Penner, Commander of the Temecula Area office. “The men and women of the CHP Temecula Area are committed to saving lives, and this grant will build on the momentum achieved from past education and enforcement campaigns.”

According to the CHP’s Statewide Integrated Traffic

Records System, between Oct. 1, 2017, and Sept. 30, 2018, there were 1,306 people injured and killed in motor vehicle crashes on state highways and unincorporated roads patrolled by the CHP Temecula Area office.

The top primary crash factors were unsafe speed, improper turning, unsafe lane change, impaired driving and automobile right-of-way violations. In

addition to enhanced enforcement, officers will be vigilant and enforce distracted driving and occupant restraint violations.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Brush fire briefly causes evacuations on Camp Pendleton

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

North County firefighters responded to assist with a brush fire in the afternoon, Wednesday, Sept. 30, that triggered evacuations on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Base officials posted to Camp Pendleton’s Twitter account at 1:28 p.m. that a vegetation fire on the west side of De Luz Road was potentially threatening structures, and the surrounding area was initially being placed under a precautionary evacuation.

About 45 minutes later, Camp Pendleton officials tweeted the forward spread of the fire has been stopped.

Base officials said at about 3:40 p.m. that repopulation of housing that had been evacuated “should occur within the next three hours,” and that firefighters were conducting mop-up operations.

Strike teams from North County Fire helped to attack the blaze, North County Fire Capt. John Choi said.

The fire was never a threat to populated areas off-base, but smoke from the fire was visible from Fallbrook and Bonsall, Choi said.

No information on the size of the blaze was immediately available.

Will Fritz can be reached by email at wfritz@redermedia.com.



FALLBROOK FOOD PANTRY’S TURKEY DRIVE

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we need your help!

This year the Fallbrook Food Pantry is encouraging all of our donors, supporters and our community at large to help up provide each of our 500 needy families with a complete Thanksgiving meal! The pantry is able to provide the remaining menu items...but we need TURKEYS!

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TRUMP

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be kept from campaigning for long, tweeting before leaving the hospital, “Will be back on the Campaign Trail soon!”

Trump made a point of sounding confident earlier. He tweeted, “I will be leaving the great Walter Reed Medical Center today at 6:30 p.m. Feeling really good! Don’t be afraid of COVID. Don’t let it dominate your life. ... I feel better than I did 20 years ago!”

However, that message alarmed infectious disease experts and suggested the president’s own illness had not caused him to

rethink his attitude toward the disease, which has also infected the first lady and several White House aides, including new cases revealed Monday.

“We have to be realistic in this: COVID is a complete threat to the American population,” said Dr. David Nace of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, an expert on infections in older adults.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oct. 2, based on death certificate data, the percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia, influenza or COVID-19 for week 39 was 6.4%.

On Oct. 5, the CDC reported in the USA 118,496,512 tests, of

which 8% or 9,063,873 tested positive. Of those positive tests, 210,000 people or 2% have died from COVID-19. Of that 2%, 94% had underlying conditions. The CDC has reported that only 6% or about 12,600 deaths were from COVID-19 alone, 94% died of the coronavirus and contributing conditions.

Conley said that because of Trump’s unusual level of treatment so quickly after discovery of his illness he was in “uncharted territory.” But the doctor also was upbeat at an afternoon briefing and said the president could resume his normal schedule once “there is no evidence of live virus still present.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 can be contagious for as many – and should isolate for at least – 10 days.

Trump’s expected discharge raised new questions about how the administration was going to protect other officials from a disease that remains rampant in the president’s body. Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced she had tested positive for the virus Monday morning and was entering quarantine.

“We know he hates the mask; we know he hates to be restricted; we know he’s unpredictable,” Nace said. “The rest of the American people are held accountable to a 10-day isolation period.”

Conley repeatedly declined to share results of medical scans of Trump’s lungs, saying he was not at liberty to discuss the information because Trump did not waive doctor-patient confidentiality on the subject.

COVID-19 has been known to cause significant damage to the lungs of some patients. Conley also declined to share the date of Trump’s most recent negative test for the virus – a critical point for contact tracing and understanding where Trump was in the course of the disease.

Trump’s nonchalant message about not fearing the virus comes as his own administration has encouraged Americans to be very careful and take precautions to avoid contracting and spreading the disease as cases continue to spike across the country.

Only a day earlier, Trump suggested he had finally grasped the true nature of the virus, saying in a video, “I get it.” But then on Sunday afternoon, Trump briefly ventured out of the hospital while contagious but wearing a mask to salute cheering supporters from inside a motorcade.

White House officials said Trump was anxious to be released after three nights at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where doctors revealed that his blood oxygen level had dropped suddenly twice in recent days and that they gave him a steroid typically only recommended for the very sick.

Trump’s experience with the disease has been dramatically different from most Americans, who do not have access to the

same kind of monitoring and care. Trump has been staying in the presidential suite of one of the nation’s best hospitals and has been given experimental drugs not readily available to the public. He returns to the White House where there is a team of doctors on call with 24-hour monitoring.

Trump was leaving the hospital after receiving a fourth dose of the antiviral drug remdesivir Monday evening, Conley said. He will receive the fifth and final dose Tuesday at the White House.

Less than one month before Election Day, Trump was eager to project strength despite his illness and to press his campaign effort across the country.

Vice President Mike Pence returned to the campaign trail moments after Trump announced he would soon leave the hospital. The vice president boarded Air Force Two to fly to Salt Lake City, where he is to face off against Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris Wednesday.

Joe Biden’s campaign, meanwhile, said the Democratic presidential nominee again tested negative for coronavirus Sunday. The results came five days after Biden spent more than 90 minutes on the debate stage with Trump.

McEnany, who announced Monday that she had contracted the virus, spoke briefly with reporters Sunday evening without wearing a mask, but said that no members of the White House press corps spent enough time around her to be considered close contacts.

Trump’s aggressive course of treatment included the steroid dexamethasone and the single dose he was given Friday of an experimental drug from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. that supplies antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus.

Trump Friday also began a five-day course of remdesivir, a Gilead Sciences drug currently used for moderately and severely ill patients. The drugs work in different ways – the antibodies help the immune system rid the body of the virus, and remdesivir curbs the virus’ ability to multiply.

Miller and Colvin reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Lauran Neergaard and Jonathan Lemire in Washington, and Bill Barrow in Wilmington, Delaware, contributed to this report.

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Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron addresses the media following the return of a grand jury investigation into the death of Breonna Taylor, in Frankfort, Kentucky, Wednesday, Sept. 23. Of the three Louisville Metro police officers being investigated, one was indicted. Timothy D. Easley/AP photo

JURY

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around the country and set off renewed protests. The material released does not include juror deliberations or prosecutor recommendations and statements, none of which were recorded, according to the state attorney general’s office.

Louisville police Lt. Shawn Hoover said officers with a narcotics warrant approached Taylor’s apartment door and announced themselves as police and knocked three times.

“We knocked on the door, said ‘Police,’ waited I don’t know 10 or 15 seconds. Knocked again, said ‘Police,’ waited even longer,” Hoover said in an interview recorded the same day Taylor was shot and later played for the grand jury.

“So it was the third time that we were approaching, it had been like 45 seconds if not a minute,” Hoover said. “And then I said, ‘Let’s go, let’s breach it.’”

Another officer said they waited as much as two minutes. Whether or not officers announced themselves has been a key issue in the case because Taylor’s boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, said he only fired at police because he feared they were intruders.

Police said they used a battering ram to enter the apartment, hitting the door three times before getting inside. Detective Michael Nobles said officers made so much noise that an upstairs neighbor came outside and had to be told to go back inside.

According to the grand jury recordings, detective Jonathan Mattingly got shot as soon as he leaned inside the apartment.

Mattingly said in testimony, some of which was previously released, that he fired four gunshots as he fell on his backside. Officer Brett Hankison said in a recorded police interview that moments after the doors was broken down he saw darkness and then “immediate illumination from fire.”

“What I saw at the time was a figure in a shooting stance and it looked as if he was holding, he or she was holding, an AR-15 or a long gun, a rifle,” Hankison said, who was later indicted by the grand jury on charges of wanton endangerment for firing shots that went into another home with people inside.

Walker was, in fact, using a handgun.

“We didn’t know who it was,” Walker said in his own police interview shortly after the shooting. “If we knew who it was, that would have never happened.”

Hoover said he believed Walker and Taylor were lying in wait for the officers.

“We were, in my opinion, we were ambushed,” Hoover said. “They knew we were there. I mean, hell, the neighbors knew we were there.”

About five minutes after the gunfire erupted and Taylor was shot, her boyfriend dialed 911.

According to audio of the call played for the grand jury, Walker told a dispatcher: “Somebody kicked in the door and shot my girlfriend.”

Walker seemed confused when police interviewed him later. He said he didn’t know why police would knock on Taylor’s door.

Officers had a “no-knock” warrant to search Taylor’s apartment for drugs. But Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron has also said officers announced

themselves.

One law enforcement officer testified that police ultimately never executed the warrant to search Taylor’s apartment.

“Were drugs money or paraphernalia recovered from apartment 4? ... The answer to that is no,” Herman Hall, an investigator for the state attorney general’s office, said. “They didn’t go forward with executing the initial search warrant that they had for Breonna Taylor’s apartment.”

Cameron, whose office led the investigation into police actions in the Taylor shooting, did not object to the file’s release.

Cameron, a Republican and the state’s first African American attorney general, has acknowledged that he did not recommend homicide charges for the officers involved.

Cameron said two officers who fired their guns, hitting Taylor, were justified because Taylor’s boyfriend had shot at them first. The boyfriend has said he thought someone was breaking in.

The grand jury did charge Hankison with three counts of wanton endangerment for shooting into a neighboring apartment. No one was hit. He has pleaded not guilty. Cameron said there was no conclusive evidence that any of Hankison’s shots hit Taylor.

Protesters have taken to the streets to demand more accountability in the case. Activists, Taylor’s family and one of the jurors called for the grand jury file to be released.

Find more AP stories on the Breonna Taylor case at <https://apnews.com/hub/breonna-taylor>.



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NATIONAL

Stocks jump on stimulus hopes, Trump’s hospital departure

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NEW YORK – Wall Street rallied Monday, Oct. 5, as hopes for economic aid from Washington helped it recover all its knee-jerk losses after learning President Donald Trump tested positive for the coronavirus.

The S&P 500 jumped 60.19 points, or 1.8%, to 3,408.63 amid widespread gains, with nine out of 10 stocks in the index rising. Energy producers and tech companies led the way.

Treasury yields, stocks overseas and oil all climbed after Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi both noted the importance over the weekend of additional support for the economy. The market’s rally accelerated after Trump tweeted in the afternoon that he’ll leave the hospital, though his medical team said he “may not entirely be out of the woods yet.”

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 465.83 points, or 1.7%, to 28,148.64, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 257.47, or 2.3%, to 11,332.49. Smaller stocks rose even more in an indication of improved market optimism, and the Russell 2000 index jumped 42.67, or 2.8%, to 1,581.96.

The lift follows through on a comeback that helped markets cut their losses Friday, Oct. 2, after Trump’s condition became publicized. Stocks initially tumbled as the jolt of uncertainty raised concerns that a White House victory for Democrat Joe Biden would mean higher taxes and tighter regulations for companies, which could drag down their profits.

The market’s moves Monday and late Friday suggest investors are anticipating either a large stimulus effort or the increased likelihood of a “blue wave,” said Yousef Abbasi, global market strategist at StoneX.

Stocks got an immediate lift Friday afternoon after Pelosi told airline executives to stop the furloughs of tens of thousands of workers because aid for the industry was “imminent,” either as a stand-alone effort or as part of a wider rescue package. A stand-alone bill for airlines failed to advance in the House Friday, but hopes remain for a larger effort.

Over the weekend, Trump tweeted from the hospital that the country wants and needs more economic stimulus. “Work together and get it done,” he said Saturday.

A day later, Pelosi said that the

two sides are making progress, but they still haven’t reached a breakthrough. “It just depends on if they understand what we have to do to crush the virus,” she said in an interview on CBS.

A report Monday said growth for the nation’s services industries last month was stronger than economists expected. It’s an encouraging piece of data, but it follows a string of mixed reports that have shown some areas of the economy slowing since Congress’ last round of aid expired.

“Our dark expectations in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis are not coming through,” said Scott Knapp, chief market strategist at CUNA Mutual Group. “The pace of the improvement is slowing, but it’s still upward.”

He expects the upcoming election to throw some more volatility into the markets, but not much as investors seem somewhat indifferent to the potential outcome. He said a key signal to that indifference was the market’s muted response to the news that Trump had contracted COVID-19.

“It’s pretty difficult to overstate how understated the market’s reaction was,” Knapp said.

Shares of Regeneron rose 7.1% after Trump received an experimental drug from the

company that supplies antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus.

Trump on Friday also began a five-day course of remdesivir, a Gilead Sciences drug currently used for moderately and severely ill patients. The drugs work in different ways – the antibodies help the immune system rid the body of virus, and remdesivir curbs the virus’ ability to multiply. Gilead rose 2.3%.

MyoKardia, a biopharmaceutical company, surged 57.8% after Bristol Myers Squibb said it would buy the 8-year-old company for \$13.1 billion, or \$225 per share in cash.

On the losing side was DraftKings, which fell 5.1%. It and some of its existing investors are selling 32 million shares of the company’s stock after it nearly sextupled in 2020.

In Asian trading, Japan’s Nikkei 225 gained 1.2%, South Korea’s Kospi jumped 1.3% and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng rose 1.3%.

Fujitsu President Takahito Tokita apologized Monday for the breakdown last week in the Tokyo Stock Exchange’s trading system, which the Japanese company had developed. Speaking during an online webinar, he promised to work with the exchange to prevent a recurrence of the malfunction in Fujitsu’s Arrowhead system, which caused all trading to be halted in Tokyo Oct. 1.

By Friday, trading resumed after the problem was fixed.

In Europe, Germany’s DAX returned 1.1%, and France’s CAC 40 rose 1%. The FTSE 100 in London added 0.7%.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 0.76% from 0.70% late Friday.

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call for help went out to governors around the country, 11 states said they were willing to provide support.

“But the problem with that is how quickly can you marshal them together, ensure they have the appropriate training, ensure they have the appropriate equipment, understand the task you’re going to give them?” McCarthy said. “It’s American streets. It could turn violent. It was an incredibly challenging thing.”

Governors can use National Guard troops for a variety of things, ranging from natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires, to assisting with border security and civil unrest. If a governor needs additional help, they can request troops from other state governors through a compact agreement system that details how the forces will be used and what they can and cannot do.

Lt. Gen. Mark Sasseville, vice chief of the National Guard Bureau, said the Guard employs a graduated approach, with states using their own troops first, and if more help is needed, they request forces from other states within their region. If more support is needed, then governors reach out to states further away.

“That makes sense because typically the states have good relations with the neighboring states,” Sasseville said in an interview with The Associated Press. “Speed becomes an element of this discussion.”

The problem, however, is that some states couldn’t free up troops to send to others because they also

were dealing with protests or other emergencies. The Guard’s decision to formally designate troops in Alabama and Arizona as quick reaction forces will help because those units have aircraft that will allow them to rapidly deploy to another state within 24 hours of a governor’s request.

Guard officials said the forces in Alabama would respond in the eastern half of the country, and those in Arizona would respond in the west, and their deployment window at this point extends through the end of this year.

“A big thing that we’ve done differently is being able to move faster,” Sasseville said, adding that the Guard also had to buy equipment to replace protective gear for some units.

Military police from the Arizona National Guard were mobilized at least twice this year in support of law enforcement, including to Wisconsin and in response to protests in Phoenix in the wake of Floyd’s death.

During the June protests, governors used their own Guard troops and, in some cases sought and received forces from other states. At the peak, in early June, there were more than 43,000 Guard forces deployed across 34 states and the District of Columbia to help with civil unrest. That number has now plunged to about 3,200 across 10 states.

In extreme cases, the president can invoke the Insurrection Act and use active duty troops on domestic soil to quell riots or assist law enforcement. President Donald Trump pushed for that to happen, but senior defense and military leaders opposed it.

During the June protests, Defense Secretary Mark Esper drew the ire of the president when he told reporters that the Insurrection Act should be invoked in the United States “only in the most urgent and dire of situations.”

“We are not in one of those situations now,” he said.

AP writer Paul Davenport in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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DINING

Garden club hosts a virtual summer picnic

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Garden Club held its annual summer picnic virtually this year. However, families were the beneficiaries of all home-grown fruits and vegetables. More pictures and recipes can be found at www.fallbrookgardenclub.org. While visiting the website visitors can also check out the continuing virtual flower show, Busy Bees (kids’) activities, a listing of local nurseries/garden suppliers, community resources, and links to Pest Notes, Plant Database and more. member won’t be disappointed. FGC provides many benefits to members, discounts and great upcoming guest speakers on Zoom. Those who become a

Zucchini Tomato Casserole

Ingredients:
1 cup of brown rice
2 ¼ cups of water for rice
Season rice with Salt, pepper and/or garlic
½ lb. of grated cheese – cheddar or jack
3 to 4 zucchini sliced in ¼” rounds
3 to 4 tomatoes – sliced
Sauce:
2 cups plain yogurt
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder or 1 tablespoon of minced garlic
1 teaspoon of dill or oregano
½ cup of chopped green onions
Fresh parsley for garnish

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Prepare rice
- In a 9 x 13 pan - layer cooked rice, grated cheese, zucchini and tomatoes • Mix sauce ingredients together and place on top the layered ingredients • Bake for 45 minutes
- Garnish with fresh parsley

Submitted by Judy Loser

Easy Salsa

Ingredients:
4 large ripe garden fresh tomatoes (diced)
4 ripe garden fresh san marzano tomatoes (crushed)
2 garden fresh sweet banana peppers (roasted, if desire smoky flavor)
2 garden fresh jalapeño pepper (remove seeds & membrane)
1 garden fresh onion (diced)
1/4 cup garden fresh cilantro (chopped)
1 large garlic clove (crushed)
1 fresh tree picked lime, squeezed (I roll my lime on a table then poke a tiny hole squeeze for juice)
Sea Salt to taste

Directions:

- Add all ingredients to the blender or food processor.
- If using a blender, start on slow then quick blend until the desired blend. • If using a food processor, pulse just until the ingredients are finely diced. • Refrigerate before serving.
- May keep up to one week in the refrigerator.
- While using similar and often the same ingredients, pico de gallo is going to be a chunkier version of salsa. Salsa is more liquid due to blending the tomatoes.
- Pico de gallo is not made in a blender or food processor and is made by dicing up the ingredients. Note: May substitute all garden-fresh ingredients with store-bought or canned. 15 ounces crushed San Marzano tomatoes (1 can)
- 4.5 ounces diced green chiles, mild, medium, or hot (1 can)

Submitted by Pauline Webber

Refrigerator Pickled
Pepperoncini Peppers

This recipe makes one pint of pickled pepperoncini peppers.

Ingredients:

- 20-24 pepperoncini peppers
- 1 coriander seed
- 1 peppercorn
- ½ clove of garlic
- ½ bay leaf
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1½ tsp. canning/pickling salt

Directions:

- Use a sharp knife to poke 1 or 2 holes in each pepperoncini before placing them into a pint canning jar.
- Add the coriander, peppercorn, bay leaf and garlic to the jar.
- In a pan combine the water, vinegar, sugar, and salt and bring to a boil.
- Pour the vinegar mixture into the jar to cover the peppers.
- Allow the jar to cool slightly before adding a lid and refrigerating.
- The peppers will be ready to eat or use in recipes in 2-4 weeks.

Submitted by Joanne Ferguson from Blessings Overflowing



The tomatoes used in all three recipes come in different colors and sizes. Village News/Courtesy photos

SHERIFF’S LOG

Sept. 24		30600 block North River Rd	Battery
400 block Grand Vista Ln	Petty theft	31900 block Del Cielo Este	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury, outstanding misdemeanor warrant
1600 block Scooter Ln	Fraud	Sept. 28	
Riverview Dr @ E. Mission Rd	Possession of controlled substance	700 block Stewart Canyon Rd	Fraud
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Vandalism	Ranger Rd @ E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Under the influence of controlled substance
1900 block Rainbow Glen Rd	Battery	2000 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Vehicle theft, possession of controlled substance
Sept. 25		600 block Poets Square	Missing adult
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1600 block S. Mission Rd	Assault with a deadly weapon	1200 block Aves Ln	Arrest: Violation of court order
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1400 block S. Mission Rd	Vehicle vandalism	2900 block Rainbow Valley Blvd	Death
1400 block Alturas Rd	Petty theft	Sept. 29	
Sept. 26		1100 block S. Main Ave	Vehicle vandalism
4900 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Domestic battery	100 block Palmas Norte	Grand theft
5400 block Villas Dr	Arrest: Domestic battery, willful cruelty to child	300 block E. Alvarado St	Found narcotics
Sept. 27		Sept. 30	
40400 Daily Rd	Attempted extortion	500 block Alturas Rd	Sexual battery
200 block Tom McGuinness Jr Cir	Petty Theft		
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia		

WINE & DINE

Europa Village announces new executive team to helm culinary operations, including newly debuted Bolero Restaurante

TEMECULA – Europa Village announced the appointments of Hany Ali as executive chef and Luis Sandoval as executive chef de cuisine of the multi-winery resort’s culinary operations – including the new Bolero Restaurante – where they will oversee menu development, catering and more. Bolero Restaurante, the newly launched, Spanish-influenced restaurant at Europa Village features abundant, vineyard-facing outdoor seating and a menu inspired by its chefs’ deep international experience, bringing an entirely new flavor to Temecula Valley.

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Chef Hany Ali is the new executive chef at Europa Village and Bolero Restaurante in Temecula Valley Wine Country. Valley News/Courtesy photo

Wine Country Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, OCT. 9	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Woody and the Harrelsons, Lorimar Winery
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Drive-in Movie Night, “Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark,” Akash Winery
SATURDAY, OCT. 10	
9-10 a.m.	Saturday Yoga + Wine, Akash Winery
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Bodie, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, OCT. 11	
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol’s Restaurant at Bailly Winery
Noon to 3 p.m.	Live Music, Electric Ash, Lorimar Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery
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Leading the team as executive chef, Ali brings more than 13 years of culinary expertise to his role at Europa Village, after holding multi-faceted positions at highly regarded hotels and restaurants, including the Four Seasons Hotel in Newport Beach, International Hotel in Hurghada and most recently, Ponte Winery. He was born in Cairo, Egypt, and was raised in a coastal resort city named Hurghada, Egypt. After graduating from the International Culinary Institute in Egypt, he traveled through Europe and Asia exposing his palate to as many different types of cuisines as possible to further broaden his talents as a chef and give him the experience and knowledge needed for his culinary career.

As executive chef de cuisine, Sandoval brings more than 20 years of culinary experience to his role at Europa Village, where he’s tasked with crafting the overall menu concept for Bolero Restaurante along with planning, organizing and sourcing ingredients for dish development. Born and raised in Lima, Peru, Sandoval held various culinary positions at Marriott International hotels, as well as Royal Caribbean and Disney and Princess Cruise Lines, before joining the Europa Village team. During his tenure in the cruise industry, he developed a melting pot of culinary knowledge – from Spanish and Italian to French and South American and sharpened his skills on dish presentation from around the world. Understanding that every plate has a story behind it, Sandoval excels at providing creative and comforting cuisine that appeals to all senses.

Bolero Restaurante, from the creative mind of David Townsend, director of food and beverage at Europa Village, takes guests on a culinary journey throughout the country of Spain. From the humble farm-to-table cuisines of Austria to the majesty of modern culinary interpretations coming from San Sebastian or Barcelona, the restau-



Seafood paella is a dish offered at Bolero, a Spanish-inspired restaurant at Europa Village in Temecula Valley Wine Country.

rant’s breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus celebrate the centuries-old tradition of dining and drinking together with tapas-style dishes. Ali showcases his back-to-the-land reverence through farm-fresh valley produce – with some vegetables and herbs harvested just moments before serving from the kitchen garden just outside Bolero Restaurante. While the sourcing may be local, Ali’s influences are global, resulting in flavorful, inventive border-crossing cuisine.

“Bolero Restaurante was created to bring a true taste of Spain to Temecula,” Townsend said. “From the ingredients to the wines, to the setting – it’s a special place that gives guests an opportunity to be transported via touch, taste and smell to Spain, without having to pack their passports.”

The restaurant’s menu features dishes including traditional Iberico ham produced exclusively from a specific breed of Black Iberian pigs native to the Iberian Peninsula; a selection of curated seafood favorites such as jumbo lump crab salad and smoked salmon with crispy cone, as well as signature dishes including grilled Bolero-style Piedmontese flat iron steak; “Fabada el Cuenco” with Andalusian stewed pork and beans with Bilbao chorizo, serrano jamon and fava beans; a special menu of made-to-order paellas and a decadent dessert list inclusive of chocolate and hazelnut torta, banana brulee and more.

Bolero Restaurante’s wine list celebrates the resort and winery’s entire portfolio of wines and the greatest wines being produced in Spain – offering the opportunity to taste new grape varietals, realize new textures, aromas and discover new favorites – from the most

delicate expressions of white wines to the heartiest full-bodied red wines. Various cocktails are also available, including the “Rosé All Day Sangria” made with Bolero Garnacha Rosa.

For more information on Bolero Restaurante or to book your next reservation, visit <https://www.europavillage.com/bolero/restaurant/> or follow @EuropaVillage on social media.

Europa Village consists of more than 45 acres of prime Temecula Wine Country property, planted with popular European-style varietal grapes, bringing forth premium wines in the classic traditions of France, Spain and Italy. The resort boasts two current winery “destinations” – Bolero, a vibrant new Spanish adventure, and the Prelude to C’est La Vie and Vienza, the first phase of our amorous, French and Italian affair. In addition, the quaint Inn at Europa Village, a 10-room country inn, awaits guests atop the vineyard-covered hillside overlooking the Village. At Europa Village, guests can indulge in lush vintages, delicious food, exclusive accommodations and one-of-a-kind experiences. The next chapter in the Europa Village story will continue a journey through Italy, with an expansion comprised of Vienza Winery Resort and Spa, as well as an expansion of the third winery resort – C’est la Vie – inspired by the French countryside. These exciting European-style venues will be connected by a village of restaurants, boutiques, tasting rooms and walking paths anchored by a 40-room resort and spa, all designed in classic European style. For more information visit <https://www.europavillage.com>.

Submitted by Europa Village.

Keeping bees benefits a garden in Fallbrook



Fallbrook resident and beekeeper Scott Garnes opens his beehive during his routine checkup of the hive. Garnes aspired to create an apiary to help promote pollination of his home garden – not for producing honey as so commonly assumed. In spring of 2020, he began studying and acquiring the supplies needed to have a beehive of his own. This past July, he was able to attain his first bee colony. He found a homeowner who needed a colony of bees removed from a bag of hockey equipment. Garnes successfully removed the colony and was on his way to becoming a beekeeper.

Village News/Shane Gibson photoa



Scott Garnes' single backyard beehive colony has helped him to yield bountiful fruits and vegetables from his garden. He wondered for two years why he wasn't getting the kind of harvests he envisioned from his garden. He found that having an onsite apiary with pollinating bees has been the answer.



Beekeeper Scott Garnes inspects his colony of bees during a routine check he does once every two weeks in Fallbrook. Long before Fallbrook was known for the cultivation of avocados, beekeeping was a staple in agriculture for the sale of honey in North County. After Fallbrook was settled in 1869, farmers mainly grew oats, barley and kept bees for honey and probably benefited from the bees pollinating their crops. Vital Reche, an early Fallbrook settler who gave Fallbrook its name, kept bees and branded his honey as "Fall Brook Honey."



Fallbrook beekeeper Scott Garnes inspects a frame from his beehive. When he first attained the colony of bees from the hockey gear, he discovered the bees were infested with mites that transmit viruses within the colony. The virus causes the bees to develop deformed wings. After remedying the mites and the colony getting a new queen, his hive has doubled in size with healthy bees.



When beekeeper Scott Garnes inspects his hive every two weeks, he's searching for the queen, looking for signs of healthy egg laying and that the bees are bringing food into the hive as well as looking for pests. Garnes has yet to find the colony's queen, but he knows she's there because of the amount of brood present in the frames of the hive. Brood is the eggs, larvae and pupae of the bees.



Bee larvae are seen inside the cells of Scott Garnes' beehive in Fallbrook. Bee larvae are fed a secretion from honeybees called "royal jelly" that provides nutrition during development. Queen bee larvae are fed much more royal jelly during development inside a cell.



Beekeeper Scott Garnes uses a bee smoker to calm the bees as he inspects the hive. The smoke serves as a tool to calm the bees in an effort to avoid causing them stress and agitation during the inspection.



Beekeeper Scott Garnes spends about an hour inspecting his beehive without disturbing them too much during a routine checkup.



Beekeeper Scott Garnes' grandma, Renee Scott, watches from a safe distance as her grandson executes his routine inspection of the beehive. Garnes invites many of his family and friends to observe one of his beehive inspections.

HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

Supervisors support Sandia Creek Drive weight limit

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The public road portion of Sandia Creek Drive in San Diego County will soon have a 7-ton weight limit.

A 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote, Wednesday, Sept. 30, approved the first reading and introduction of the weight limit ordinance. A second reading and adoption is scheduled for Oct. 14, in which case the weight limit would become enforceable Nov. 13 although the county's Department of Public Works could install signage before the effective date of the ordinance.

A weight limit must include an alternate truck route, and East Mission Road to Interstate 15 was specified as that alternate route. The weight limit will apply only to through traffic and not to any truck traffic making deliveries to or from properties along Sandia Creek Drive.

Sandia Creek Drive between De Luz Road and the end of the county-maintained portion of the

road measures 2.61 miles. The striped two-lane roadway has a width of 25 feet. There is no posted speed limit on Sandia Creek Drive, which creates a legal speed limit of 55 mph, and curves in the road are preceded by advisory signs which recommend limiting speed to 30 mph or 25 mph.

The mobility element of the county's general plan classifies Sandia Creek Drive as a minor collector, which is intended primarily for residential neighborhoods or rural areas with steep slopes and physical constraints.

Traffic surveys were taken 3,000 feet north of Rock Mountain Drive on two consecutive days in August 2019. Aug. 13 was a Tuesday, and the 1,830 vehicles consisted of 1,345 northbound and 485 southbound motorists. The heaviest hourly traffic was between 4-5 p.m. when 437 drivers were counted, and the 168 drivers between 6-7 a.m. made that hour the busiest for that morning.

On Aug. 14, 1,380 northbound and 429 southbound vehicles

created equaled 1,809 drivers with 427 of those drivers traveling between 4-5 p.m. and 122 motorists making 6-7 a.m. the busiest morning hour.

The Aug. 13 traffic consisted of 1,740 passenger cars, 45 single-unit vehicles with two axles and four tires, 29 motorcycles, eight three-axle single units, four buses, three single units with two axles and six tires and one single unit with more than four axles.

The Aug. 14 survey counted 1,706 passenger cars, 50 single-unit vehicles with two axles and four tires, 35 motorcycles, 10 three-axle single units, four buses, three single units with two axles and six tires and one single trailer vehicle with no more than four axles.

The collision data only includes reported collisions on the public portion of the roadway and covered the period from Jan. 1, 2017, to Dec. 31, 2019. The 13 reported collisions on the public road during those 36 months provided a collision rate of 2.51 per million vehicle miles.

The statewide average for similar rural one-lane or two-lane conventional rolling roads with speed limits less than or equal to 55 mph is 1.26 collisions per million vehicle miles. Because the collision data is for the public road portion only it does not include the May 21 fatal accident involving a truck driver who lost control of his vehicle on the private road section of Sandia Creek Drive.

The public road section of Sandia Creek Drive has few driveways, but the private road portion accesses more homes. The properties on the private section of the road do not have a homeowners' association, and volunteers in conjunction with a road maintenance agreement optimize the condition of Sandia Creek Drive. The bridge on the public road section was intended for residents rather than through traffic.

Trucks are believed to be taking Sandia Creek Drive rather than East Mission Road and Interstate 15 to avoid the scale on the freeway, to avoid traffic congestion

along Interstate 15, and because global positioning systems may indicate shorter mileage totals by taking the shortcut through De Luz rather than the major roads.

The weight limit will apply only to the publicly maintained road. The privately maintained road had signs stipulating an 8-ton weight limit, and those signs were changed this summer to reduce the weight limit to 7 tons.

Sandia Creek Drive also has a Riverside County portion which is administered by the De Luz Community Services District. That entity installed a 7-ton weight limit sign on Sandia Creek Drive in September while also installing a notice of the weight limit on Rancho California Road so that trucks from Murrieta will take an alternate route.

On June 12, the county's Traffic Advisory Committee unanimously recommended the 7-ton weight limit.

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Hawktober Virtual Series showcases birds of prey at county parks

SAN DIEGO – County park rangers will share fun, fascinating details about hawks, owls, kestrels, and falcons through educational videos filmed onsite at county parks. One or two birds will be introduced in each video that explore their physicality, where they live, how they hunt, what they eat and other fun facts.

The stars of this month, Penelope, Mutaah, Violet and Turbo, also have their own limited-edition trading cards that will be offered to park visitors. These sessions will be presented online via YouTube@SDCountyParks.

There are four Wednesday sessions:

- Oct. 7, 11 a.m. for the hawk session from the Ramona Grasslands County Preserve (Highland Valley Rd, Ramona, CA 92065)
- Oct. 14, 11 a.m. for the owl session from Live Oak County Park
- (2746 Reche Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028)
- Oct. 21, 11 a.m. for the kestrel session from Santa Ysabel Nature Center
- (22135 CA-79, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070)
- Oct. 28, 11 a.m. for the falcon

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FPUD amends design services contract for CUP

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District's professional services contract for the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project has been amended.

A 5-0 FPUD board vote Sept. 28 added \$733,655 to the contract with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation to provide design services for the Conjunctive Use Project. The contract amendment also revises the scope of work to reflect additional demands on IEC.

The Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project being pursued by FPUD, Camp Pendleton, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will enhance groundwater recharge and recovery capability within the lower Santa Margarita River basin and develop a program which will increase available water supplies for FPUD and Camp Pendleton.

The Camp Pendleton infrastructure will include piping to deliver the water to the boundary of the Naval Weapons Station and Fallbrook behind the FPUD solar facility site on Alturas Road. Construction of the facilities from the NWS boundary is FPUD's responsibility.

The water will be treated at the Alturas Road plant and delivered into FPUD's distribution system. FPUD's infrastructure will include a groundwater treatment plant, a distribution system to the Gheen Zone east of Stage Coach Lane, the Gheen Pump Station and a storage tank with piping, and construction management and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system integration.

Construction on the Conjunctive Use Project is currently approximately 50% complete. FPUD expects construction to be completed by November 2021.

In October 2014, the FPUD board awarded a \$3,205,140 design contract to Infrastructure Engineering Corporation. The design work included an implementation plan and potential phasing options to balance up-front capacity costs with the project yield. Subsequent design changes increased the total contract amount to \$3,207,759 and, in September 2015, the funding for the final design was authorized.

On Jan. 27, the FPUD board approved a contract amendment

Design Costs

September 2020 Additional \$733,655 for design services	\$4,712,557
January 2020 Additional \$771,143 for design services	\$3,978,902
September 2015 Initial design contract of \$3,207,759 to Infrastructure Engineering Corporation for design work, implementation plan, and potential phasing options to balance up-front capacity costs with the project yield	\$3,207,759
Total cost	



Construction crews work to complete the roof of a water tank at the new FPUD water treatment plant project in Fallbrook.

which added \$771,143 to the amount and which will provide FPUD with treatment process selection, design services and construction administration for additional granular activated carbon facilities so that the groundwater treatment plant can also remove per and polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminants from the treated water.

In July 2019, FPUD awarded Filanc Alberici JV a \$54,398,232 construction contract for the Conjunctive Use Project. The original scope of work for IEC during the bid phase included responding to questions and preparing three addenda. IEC responded to 343 questions from the bidders and prepared six addenda.



Construction workers assemble several water storage tanks at the new FPUD water treatment plant located along the southern end of Alturas Road in Fallbrook.



Workers construct a new FPUD water treatment plant as part of the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project.



Piping for processing the water and a building where reverse osmosis will take place at the FPUD water treatment plant are under construction at the end of August.



The site of where reverse osmosis will be applied to the water at the new FPUD water treatment plant.

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Workers construct a variety of pipes and tanks at the new FPUD water treatment plant in Fallbrook.

The IEC activity also includes design services during construction. The original scope of work included 200 responses to requests for information, preparation of 20 design changes, and review of 200 submittals. As of August 2020, IEC has responded to 277 requests for information, has prepared 18 design changes, and has reviewed 396 submittals.

“I think we didn’t look at that well enough,” said FPUD board president Ken Endter, who was not on FPUD’s board in 2014.

Based on the work already performed the estimates were revised. IEC is now expected to respond to 341 requests for information, prepare 25 design changes, and review 480 submittals.

“Pretty soon we’ll have a good idea of where the costs are falling in,” said FPUD general manager Jack Bebee.

“Sometimes as we go into these there’s a tendency to be optimistic,” Bebee said. “We just need to make sure we’re not so optimistic on that part of the project.”

Charley Wolk also joined the FPUD board after the original design contract was issued. “That’s 18%,” he said of the additional amount. “That to me is too much.”

Wolk did not fault IEC and still voted in favor of the contract amendment.

The State Water Resources Control Board has a State Revolving Fund loan program which provides water agencies with low-interest loans. In January, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a loan of \$62,935,885 which includes a contingency of \$5,440,000 as well as the construction, design and construction management costs. The contingency will allow the PFAS treatment to be funded by the loan. FPUD will also pursue grants to cover the cost of the

additional treatment facilities.

Design for the additional granular activated carbon facilities is currently approximately 75% complete. FPUD expects bids to be received by December 2020, which will provide more certainty about how much of the contingency funding will be available. FPUD currently anticipates a \$4,500,000 cost for the PFAS treatment, which would leave \$206,345 for other contingencies when the contract



A welder seals two sections of water main pipe along Palomino Road as part of the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project.



amendment with IEC is added.

If the total cost exceeds the current State Revolving Fund loan amount, FPUD could seek additional SRF loan money and the district could also rely on other sources of funding. “We probably need to have a two-prong strategy

on it,” Bebee said.

Pipeline replacement is normally funded as a pay-as-you-go capital expense, so that could be used for some of the Conjunctive

Use Project work. “Some of the pipelines that are going in are replacing existing pipelines,” Bebee said.



The foundation of another water storage tank is constructed at the new FPUD water treatment plant.



A construction worker cuts cement blocks to size for the new FPUD water treatment plant in Fallbrook.

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CHP pedestrian safety enforcement operations yield safety improvements

FALLBROOK – As part of its ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety, the California Highway Patrol recently conducted a pedestrian safety enforcement operation that focused on motorists and pedestrians that failed to yield the right of way or who take unsafe and illegal actions.

Pedestrian safety is a key issue in the community, and the CHP is committed to upholding pedestrian safety laws to protect citizens.

On Monday, Sept. 28, a pedestrian enforcement operation was conducted on Main Avenue and Aviation Road in Fallbrook focusing on drivers and pedestrians who were violating right of way laws.

As a result of this effort, nine citations and 16 warnings were issued during the operation.

Additionally, an untold number of citizens were educated on the importance of pedestrian safety.

The CHP encouraged members of the community to follow basic safe practices:


- Drivers should be on the lookout for and yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Drivers should slow down when in an area where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Never pass a car stopped for pedestrians. It's against the law and highly dangerous for those crossing the street.
- Pedestrians should cross at the corner, at crosswalks or intersections wherever possible. This is where drivers expect to see pedestrians.
- Pedestrians should look both ways for traffic before crossing, make eye contact with the driver, and make certain cars are yielding before crossing.
- Having the right of way does not prevent you from being seriously injured by a driver who is not paying attention. Remember, pedestrians don't have armor.
- Pedestrians should wear bright colored, reflective clothing and use a flashlight when walking during hours of darkness. Be visible.

The CHP is committed to doing its part to keep the community safe. They urged every member of the community to be safe and follow the rules of the road.

For additional information, contact Mark Latulippe, public information officer of Oceanside CHP, at 760-643-3400.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Submitted by the Oceanside CHP office.



The intersection of Aviation Road and South Main Avenue is where the CHP conducted a pedestrian safety enforcement operation Sept. 28.

Village News/Lucette Moramarco photo

Rainbow approves contract to install Morro Reservoir tank mixing system

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District approved a contract to install a reservoir mixing system in the Morro Reservoir.

Helene Brazier did not participate in the Sept. 22 board meeting, when the other four board members gave support to the contract with CPC Systems Inc. The contract will be for \$232,998 and CPC Systems, which is based in Irwindale, will install nine Kasco mixers with an option to install three more Kasco mixers.

"It's just another system that's going to help maintain and improve water quality in one of our reservoirs," Tom Kennedy, Rainbow general manager, said.

Rainbow responded to changes in state and federal law by installing covers on the district's three open reservoirs between 2010 and 2012. The Morro Reservoir is the largest of those three with a capacity of 150 million gallons, and during the design process Rainbow staff determined that the chlorine management system needed to be upgraded to allow for the formation of chloramines in the water leaving the reservoir. Chloramines slow the creation of disinfection byproducts which are regulated by the state.

After the new system was put into operation Rainbow staff could not easily achieve a stable chloramine residual with the installed equipment. Various potential solutions were tried but did not produce ideal results.

The system used an in conduit mixing system which has a short lay length of pipe for the chloramine mixing to take place, and the flow rates out of the reservoir are significantly variable. The control system relied on readings from an analyzer which can only produce an accurate read approximately once every five minutes.

"In any water storage facility, you want to maintain your water quality. One way we do that is cycle our tanks up and down," Robert Gutierrez, Rainbow operations manager, said. "If you stir it, you keep it fairly fresh."

Changes in temperature and water quality can lead to mixing deficiencies. Cooler and denser water will settle to the bottom of the reservoir and layers of water with a different chemistry will be present in the water column up to the top. The top layer can be significantly warmer than the bottom layer, especially with a black surface, and without mixing certain layers of water can age differently.

"All these factors contribute to the degradation of water quality," Gutierrez said. "We need to have a good even temperature throughout the storage facility."

The Kasco mixer will allow Rainbow to use existing rainfall removal pump power systems to feed power to the new mixers. The Kasco mixer will only require the use of three of the reservoir's four cover pump electrical panels, so if the mixing with the nine mixers in insufficient three more can be installed in the fourth panel.

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Learn the art of firescaping Part II

Roger Boddaert
Special to Village News

In my last writings on the art of firescaping, I gave a broad overview of some basic concepts to this vital subject for you and yours to consider around your home, and phase II will expand on that.

In years past, we would think of the autumn months as the most important time of year to be aware of fires after a hot and dry summer.

This is no longer the case for the fire season has extended throughout the year’s calendar due to the unique climate and weather changes occurring globally.

With this said, our attention and awareness must be on-guard all year long to protect our homes, loved ones and property.

When urban development meets the vegetated native landscape or wildlands, this area is defined as the “wildland/urban intermix.”

The Santa Ana winds used to rise to dangerous conditions in fall, but now they can erupt at any season of the year. These winds

and flammable components have spread flames and cinders far from their source and into developed neighborhoods.

The following are some zone concepts on protecting your home and property to consider and to evaluate in the art of firescaping.

Zone 1 – Defensible Space

This is the most critical immediate space close to your home if you live in a fire-prone rural area. It is your yard and should be landscaped for leisure, enjoyment and fun but at the same time as a protective barrier to limit the spread of fire. It must be defensible if you expect fire crews to protect it when deciding which structures have a chance of being saved during a wildland fire.

- This is the right place for a green grass lawn and hardscape items like a paved patio area and nonflammable structures close to the house.
- Ornamental shrubs should be fire-resistant and no higher than 18 inches if close to the home, but you must remember anything will burn if conditions

are favorable with fuel nearby.

- Use fire-resistant broadleaf trees for shade, but no pines, cedars, or juniper types high in volatile oils in zone 1 close to the house.
- Prune lower tree limbs 6 to 10 feet above ground level, for they are called a fire-ladder, and flames can be transferred from the ground level up to the canopy of trees.
- Minimize or avoid the use of wooden fences and trellises and never attach them to the house. If the fence catches fire it can lead the fire to the house, acting as a wick to transfer the fire to the house.
- Zone 1 is significant and should be maintained throughout the year for your safety and peace of mind.
- Tall ornamental grasses should not be considered in zone 1, for they are highly flammable and sparks from grasses can be blown significant distances when conditions are right.
- Use high water content plants like assorted succulents, for they come in a wide swath of colorful types and forms and can be very

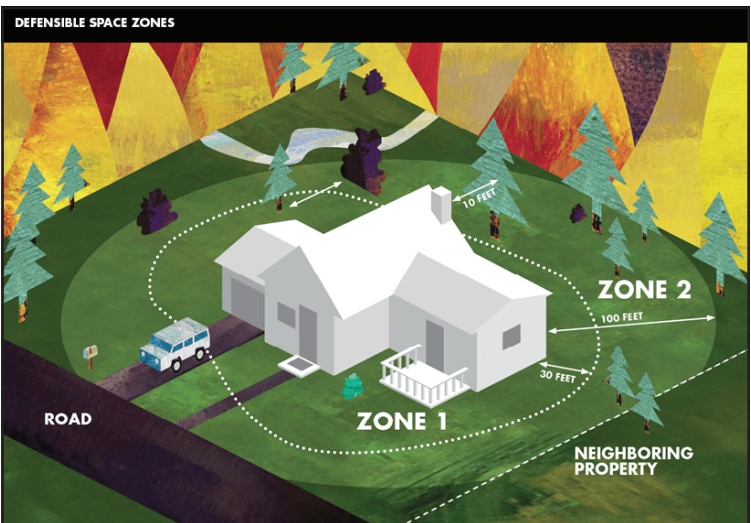


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Green lawns act as a buffer against if a fire burns close to a property. Village News/Roger Boddaert photo

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A photograph of a single-story house with a white exterior and a red-tiled roof. The landscaping is low maintenance and drought-tolerant, featuring various shrubs and small trees. The house is surrounded by a well-maintained lawn.

Low maintenance, drought-tolerant landscaping makes a home more fire safe.

A photograph of a garden with various plants and trees. Pathways meander through the garden, creating a winding path. The garden is well-maintained and features a variety of plants and trees.

Pathways meander through a firescaped garden.

striking when appropriately displayed. They mix well with boulders, cobblestone, gravels, and low ground covers.

- Go to your local garden center and ask for suggestions for your area to consider low fire-prone plants types out in the landscape.

Zone 2 – The mid-zone

This is the area for landscape trees, orchards and gardens, but not for wild, dense woodland vegetation. Proper spacing is very important between these plantings.

- Maintain space between ornamental or wild shrubs at least twice as wide as the diameter of the plants
- Prune all trees and raise the lower branches at least 6 to 10 feet from ground level in this area like in zone 1.
- Clearing out debris and dead plants is a must, which should occur throughout the year.
- It’s all about proper landscape and garden stewardship
- Slopes also must be maintained, for wind drafts can blow the fire up slopes to your home very quickly if conditions are right.

Zone 3 – The outermost zone from your home

- The outer perimeter should be no closer than 70 to 100 feet from the house on level ground; 200 feet is better.
- Thin your ornamental trees on your property so that crowns are separated by at least 10 feet.
- Raise the lower tree limbs, which can act as fuel ladders leading up to the top of trees and transfer the fire from tree to tree.
- Remove dead and dying branches, twigs, limbs of all types.
- Ladder fuels are created when the vegetation of different heights is close enough to allow a surface fire to become a tree crown fire.
- Take a survey of your property and do a periodic review of what you have, what are some fire hazards, and what can be achieved to lower the fire risk about your home?

from a fire of any sort. Maintaining it properly is the second step, or all the planning and designing of a safe landscape will be for naught.

Landscape maintenance for fire protection is essential and is often forgotten, and landscape stewardship and care are very important.

It merely means keeping your grounds clean and tidy and being aware of hazards that lie around your home for your security and make a plan to do something about it.

If you have a gardener, educate him to these facts, for many are just a mow, blow and go service and have no idea about the art of firescaping, and remember you are paying for a landscape service – it is vital to communicate.

We must understand that our firefighters, no matter what agency they represent, put their lives on the line when fighting fires and protecting our homes and property. And some of our local firefighters are currently in Northern California with the wildfires that have burned over 4 million acres to date. So, be respectful and do what you can to reduce fire hazards about your home and property.

Remember that winter rains, when they do come, can germinate many types of weeds and it is essential to get those cut down in spring to lessen the amount of fuel load around your home.

You might stop by the North County Fire Protection District office at 330 S. Main Avenue and pick up some brochures that can expand your knowledge to be fire wise and safe.

So when you see these first responders here in town, give a nod of thanks and a gentle smile of appreciation for all that they do to protect and serve our little village of Fallbrook.

I have one more installment on Firescaping to share with you with some other items you can do around your home in phase III, so stay tuned.

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SPORTS

High school tennis in 2021 to look very different

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

For likely the first time in the history of high school tennis there will be a new format for the upcoming season.

The boys and the girls teams will play a coed season in the spring.

“For the one year that this is happening, it’s really pretty much changed everything,” Fallbrook Union High School boys and girls varsity tennis coach Bill Lenaway said. “We’re actually going to play a coed season in the spring. We’re not even having separate boys and girls teams.

“We’re going to be playing a coed model where we’re still going to have three rounds of using the tennis courts, but the first round will be three sets of boys singles and three sets of girls singles. Second round will be the same only with doubles. And then our final round is going to be five sets of mixed doubles.”

Lenaway said it is probably the only time it’s ever happened in the history of high school tennis in San Diego.

He said there are two very good reasons why the San Diego section coaches decided to merge the two seasons into one.

“Our problem is most schools don’t have enough courts to practice the boys and the girls at the same time,” Lenaway said. “Secondly, we have probably, I don’t know the exact number, but I’m just winging it off of what I know, 75% of the teams have the same boys coach that they do girls.

“We don’t know if we’re going



During the 2020-21 school year, boys tennis will be played in the spring and the boys will be combined with the girls players for a coed season.

to even be allowed to take buses. So, we were hoping that putting the teams together might create more parent volunteers that would be willing to drive kids places.

“There were a lot of different things that went into it. But the facilities, I think was one of the biggest things, and the coaching. How do I coach both teams at the same time if they’re playing at the same time?”

Lenaway said because the seasons were moved to the spring and there will be only two seasons instead of the usual three, he had to drop out as a basketball coach at the school, which is usually played in the winter season, but now will be played in the spring.

Tennis is generally played in the fall and the spring.

“All three of the sports I coach were going to be at the exact same time,” Lenaway said. “I gave up basketball to focus on tennis.”

Lenaway talked a little about athletes having to choose between sports due to all the changes.

“I don’t know how any of this can help kids that are multi-sport athletes, unless they get lucky and happen to play sports that are now going to be at different times,” he said. “We’re going to have an unprecedented time of sharing athletes, not that that’s a bad thing in any way.”

Lenaway serves on the advisory council for high school sports in the county.

“Our whole attitude was, ‘let’s not worry about how we get this done, who wins, how we keep



The girls and boys teams will combine and even play a mixed doubles season when the spring sports season begins in 2021.

score so much as let’s get these kids a season.” he said. “We just want the kids on the court and everybody kind of was together in that thought, so everything we did kind of led towards that.”

He said he has his tennis players in a class every other day and they try to improve while being socially distanced.

“I’m making sure that they’re exercising, they’re filling out exercise logs,” Lenaway said. “We’re doing a lot of video research on different topics each week. As part of their work for the class, I have them looking up videos on forehands, second serve, serve returns. So, we’re doing a lot of video research and looking and that kind of stuff. That’s something we don’t normally have time to

do. I think some of the kids will get some good out of that. I don’t know how many, but we’re just having to try everything we can just to keep them immersed in tennis.

“The nice thing about tennis is that you can play tennis and never be within 40 feet of another person. Most of my players are playing tennis with friends, getting lessons, doing whatever. It’s not like I have to have all 20 of them together. My more motivated ones are out there playing, I go play myself, and I see them at a tennis club in public all the time.”

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Jones’ measure for skate parks signed into law

SACRAMENTO – Senate Bill 1003, a measure written by state Sen. Brian Jones, R-Santee, which extends the immunity from liability that local governments receive when operating skate parks, was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom, Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Skate parks are reserved areas, often in community parks, that are set aside and built for use by skateboarders and extreme

sport riders who use all-wheeled, nonmotorized bicycles, scooters and wheelchairs. Locally operated skate parks offer a place for skateboarders and sport riders to enjoy their sport and hone their skills.

Before the advent of skate parks, some skateboarders and sport riders would resort to using public streets, parking lots and sidewalks, which endangers themselves and

others, as well as causing property damage.

While previously serving in the Assembly, Jones wrote Assembly Bill 1146 in 2015, which provided a four-year immunity window for municipally operated skate parks. The law has been successful and San Diego County, which operates Lakeside Skatepark, requested that Jones write legislation this year to make the immunity permanent.

“Senate Bill 1003 grants much-needed immunity from liability for communities that operate skate parks,” Jones said. “Local skateboarders and sport riders get a safer place than the streets to carve, do McTwists or ollies, and taxpayers are not going to be liable for the occasional mishap that is inherent to all active sports.”

Jones’s SB 1003 was sponsored by the county, and as an urgency

measure, it goes into effect immediately. The bill was written by Sens. Pat Bates, R-Laguna Niguel, and Ben Hueso, D-San Diego, who both also represent parts of San Diego County, and Sen. Brian Dahle, R-Bieber, from Northern California.

Submitted by the office of state Sen. Brian Jones.

Four San Luis Rey horses win stakes races on opening weekend of Santa Anita fall meet

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Four horses stabled at the San Luis Rey Training Center, when they are not at the track where the meet is being held, won stakes races on the opening weekend of the Santa Anita Park fall meet.

The meet was originally scheduled to begin Sept. 19, but smoke from the Bobcat Fire postponed Opening Day to Sept. 25. The Sept. 25 races included the Grade 3 Chillingworth Stakes won by Into Chocolate. On Sept. 26, Bulletproof One was the winner of the Unzip Me Stakes and Get Her Number finished first in the Grade 1 American Pharoah Stakes. C Z Rocket obtained a Sept. 27 victory in the Grade 2 Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes.

Into Chocolate is trained by Clifford Sise and owned by Martin and Pam Wygod. Umberto Rispoli was the 4-year-old filly’s jockey in the Chillingworth Stakes. The race for fillies and mares 3 years old and upward was 6 1/2 furlongs on Santa Anita’s dirt track.

Qahira broke first and led the race until being overtaken by Into Chocolate in the stretch. Into Chocolate broke second before Rispoli and Into Chocolate dropped back to obtain a better position. After a quarter of a mile Into Chocolate was in third, with Amuse in second place.

The first three horses battled in the stretch with Into Chocolate finishing 3/4 of a length in front of Qahira and Amuse taking third place. The winning time for Into Chocolate was 1:15.86. First place paid \$60,000 of the \$100,000 total purse, which brought Into Chocolate’s career earnings to \$216,031.

The Chillingworth Stakes victory gave Into Chocolate four wins in 11 career starts. Prior to the

Chillingworth Stakes the previous win for Into Chocolate was July 12 at Belmont Park, which is in the Long Island town of Elmont. Her previous California win was at Santa Anita Dec. 29, 2019.

Into Chocolate was foaled in Kentucky March 27, 2016. She was sired by Into Mischief out of Candy Drawer.

San Luis Rey fillies took the top two positions in the Unzip Me Stakes for 3-year-old fillies. Bulletproof One, whose trainer is Peter Miller, won by 2 1/4 lengths over Aqua Seaform Shame, who is trained by Richard Baltas.

The Unzip Me Stakes was a 5 1/2-furlong turf race. Bulletproof One was ridden by Ricardo Gonzalez, and Aqua Seaform Shame’s jockey was Flavien Prat.

Bulletproof One broke first among the eight horses and led throughout the race. Powerfulattraction broke second. Blue Sky Baby, who trained at San Luis Rey as a 2-year-old last year, was the third horse out of the gate. Aqua Seaform Shame broke fourth.

Bulletproof One entered the stretch 55.12 seconds after the start of the race with a 2 1/2-length lead over Biddy Duke while Blue Sky Baby was a head in front of Aqua Seaform Shame.

Aqua Seaform Shame gained two positions in the stretch and finished half a length ahead of Biddy Duke, who edged Mind Out for third place by a neck. Blue Sky Baby finished fifth.

Bulletproof One was given the track record for her winning time of 1:01.12. The \$99,000 total purse, including bonus incentives for California-bred horses, provided \$60,900 for first place contingent upon the winner being foaled in California. Bulletproof One was foaled in California Feb. 9, 2017. She was sired by Idiot Proof, who

was bred by the Wygods, out of Onefunsonofagun.

The victory gave Bulletproof One career earnings of \$361,162 and was her seventh win in 14 career starts. The stakes win was the third for her but her first in 2020.

Prat rode Get Her Number in the American Pharoah Stakes, a 1 1/16-mile dirt race for 2-year-olds. Prat and Get Her Number broke second with Dyn O Mite and jockey Victor Espinoza breaking first.

Dyn O Mite was in the lead half a mile into the race with Get Her Number behind by half a length but leading Spielberg by a length.

Get Her Number took the lead over the next two furlongs, and with three-quarters of a mile elapsed Get Her Number led Dyn O Mite by half a length with Waspitant in third place, and Spielberg in fourth.

Rombauer had moved up from fifth to second by the beginning of the stretch but trailed Get Her Number by 1 1/2 lengths. Get Her Number entered the stretch 1:37.97 after the race began.

Get Her Number had a winning time of 1:44.92. He beat Rombauer by three-quarters of a length while Rombauer had a 4 3/4-length margin over third-place Spielberg. Including starter bonuses the total value of the race was \$301,000. Get Her Number earned \$180,000 of that, and his career earnings are now \$219,000. The American Pharoah Stakes was the third career race for Get Her Number, who won in his debut Aug. 14 at Del Mar.

Get Her Number was foaled in Kentucky April 14, 2018. The colt was sired by Dialed In out of Fancier.

The Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes is for 3-year-olds and upward and was



Get Her Number and jockey Flavien Prat win the Grade I, \$300,000 American Pharoah Stakes, Sept. 26, at Santa Anita Park, Arcadia.

six furlongs on the dirt. Luis Saez was the jockey for C Z Rocket.

C Z Rocket and Saez broke first. During the first quarter of a mile Flagstaff took the lead. After a quarter of a mile, C Z Rocket trailed Flagstaff by half a length but was half a length in front of third-place Collusion Illusion. Those were also the positions and margins for the top three horses at the end of the first half-mile.

C Z Rocket finished a head in front of Flagstaff, who crossed the finish line 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Collusion Illusion. The winning time was 1:09.14.

The total purse for the Santa Anita Sprint Championship

Stakes was \$200,000. C Z Rocket earned \$120,000 of that to bring the gelding’s career winnings to \$551,691. The race was the 22nd of his career and his ninth victory.

Miller has trained C Z Rocket for the horse’s past five races, all of which have been victories. C Z Rocket joined Miller’s barn after being claimed in an April 30 race at the Oaklawn Park track in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The previous race for C Z Rocket was Aug. 29, when he won the Grade 2 Pat O’Brien Stakes at Del Mar.

C Z Rocket was foaled in Florida Feb. 24, 2014. He was sired by City Zip out of Successful Sarah.

EDUCATION

NCL's San Luis Rey chapter announces annual membership drive



Mothers and daughters of the San Luis Rey Chapter of National Charity League invite prospective members to apply for membership.

FALLBROOK – The San Luis Rey Chapter of National Charity League Inc., the nation’s premier mother-daughter volunteer organization, announced its

and some areas in Oceanside.

Over the past year, the chapter has donated approximately 1,000 community service hours. Some of their local partners include Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Fallbrook Food Pantry, American Heart Association, The Angel Society, Fallbrook Skilled Nursing, New Haven Youth and Family Services and many more.

“We are excited for the opportunity to welcome new mothers and daughters into our chapter as we continue to create life-long philanthropists who graciously serve the community,” Seanna Hunter, president of the San Luis Rey chapter, said.

Applications for membership are accepted during the annual membership drive from Oct. 1 to Jan. 15.

A prospective member shall reside or attend school within the chapter’s boundaries and have a daughter currently in sixth through eighth grade.

Interested mothers are encouraged to attend one of the prospective member meetings. To receive an invitation, contact Liz Schmierer, vice president of membership at membershipsanluisrey@nclonline.org.

Completed applications are due by Jan. 15.

For more information, visit <https://sanluisrey.nationalcharityleague.org> or email membershipsanluisrey@nclonline.org.

Submitted by National Charity League Inc., San Luis Rey chapter.

Biola students named to dean’s list

LA MIRADA – More than 1,500 students were named to the Biola University dean’s list in spring 2021.

Those honored students included Fallbrook residents Noah Bedard, Madison Britton, Mikela Foster, Zachariah Schoeder and Hannah Stregg, as well as Bonsall resident Lily McGill.

Biola students are placed on the dean’s list to honor those with a GPA of 3.5 or higher who are enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.0.

“Inclusion in Biola University’s dean’s list is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement and investment in scholarship,” Tamara Anderson, associate provost of academic effectiveness and administration, said. “These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student’s personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments.”

Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It was recently recognized as one of America’s best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the “best national universities” category of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges ranking.

Submitted by Biola University.

FUESD budget in good position despite pandemic

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

In spite of the havoc wrought by the coronavirus pandemic, the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District is in a decent financial position moving into the 2020-2021 school year, the district’s director of accounting said.

Cindi Martin, director of accounting for FUESD, presented the district’s financial reports from the 2019-2020 fiscal year to FUESD’s governing board at its Sept. 8 meeting. She said the district could increase its reserve funds in the last year while dealing with pandemic-related challenges.

Martin said the district used learning loss mitigation funds from the federal CARES Act that passed earlier in 2020 to pay for various costs dating back to March, which resulted in a one-time saving of more than \$3 million.

“By charging things that occurred in March, April, May and June, we were able to free up general fund money that we had budgeted to pay for some of these items,” Martin said.

She said the \$3 million saving was designated as “COVID-19 contingency” funds and was added to the district’s reserves.

Combining the money saved and existing reserve funds, the district now has the equivalent of about 11% of its \$73 million budget in reserves, Martin said. School districts are only required to maintain a reserve fund of about 5% of their budget.

“We have 11% for reserves, which is a good place to be especially since we don’t know what’s going to happen with funding in the future,” Martin said.

Looking ahead to the rest of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which ends June 30, Martin said the outlook for the district is better than what was assumed when the budget was first approved.

“For the 2021 budget, we

adopted our budget on June 15, and the governor signed the state budget on June 29, so there were things that we knew were going to happen, but until he signed the budget we didn’t count on some of these things,” Martin said.

One of the biggest differences between the budget that was initially approved and how the year’s budget will actually unfold is that the state is not cutting Local Control Funding Formula money as was expected earlier in the budget drafting process.

“You can see that that LCFF cut that didn’t happen. That’s a little more than \$1 million that we will be able to add back into this year’s budget,” Martin said. “The other is the additional (CARES Act) learning loss mitigation funds of over a million dollars that also will be added back into this year’s budget. And that is all great news. It really rules.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom had originally proposed 10% cuts to funding for schools in his May budget revision, but when lawmakers balked at that, the governor agreed to get rid of the cuts and issue a record \$1 billion in spending deferrals.

Deferrals were a tactic used during the Great Recession to keep state funding levels for districts stable while not actually giving them the money until the next fiscal year.

That tactic will create some new challenges for FUESD over the next year, Martin said.

“What we would typically receive in February through June is going to be not paid until the following fiscal year and as late as November (2021),” Martin said.

She said the amount of deferred funds for FUESD will total about \$1 million, around a third of the district’s LCFF funding.

Martin said the district will look at “things like delaying large purchases if possible to really extend out when they are

needed or money come out.”

Still, FUESD is in a much better financial position than many other districts, Martin said.

“This district has always had a strong financial end, regardless of who the board was, who the superintendent was, who the CFO was – this was a financially healthy district,” Martin said. “Even in the bad years, years ago in the recession, at a time when districts were doing furloughs and layoffs and cutting, this district wasn’t, and that’s something that we’ve always been proud of. And it doesn’t happen by accident.”

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Fallbrook resident turns trash into treasures



This rabbit faucet came out of a building in Los Angeles. and is now being used at Jerry Murphy's house.

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

One man's trash is another man's treasure – this is true in the case of local resident Jerry Murphy who has repurposed and gathered items over the years to create fun and unique projects.

The 30-year Fallbrook resident also volunteers for the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance, helping clean up the community.

“Over the years I've always been one for reusing things,” Murphy said. There is a large shed on his property with rusted, vintage tin as the roof.

“I was doing electrical work; this was probably 20 years ago up in Orange County and it was on a baseball field and it was a flat roof shed for equipment, and they wanted to tear it down,” Murphy said. “So I just basically reused it and put it up; a lot of the tin you see, that came out of East County on a chicken farm.”

Next to the shed is a large chicken coop, which is soon-to-house four chickens.

“The thing about chickens is you always get mice and rats,” Murphy said. “I was doing all my concrete and did a little stem wall so this way it's totally enclosed and the mice can't get inside.”

The ground of the chicken coop is covered in sand.

“A buddy of mine was doing a job – he had a dump truck and they had sand in a playground, and they were gonna put that foam in there,” Murphy said. “So I had them dump a load of sand, and I used it in my sandbags during the rainy season; then when I emptied my sandbags I dumped them in here.”

On the other side of his house there's a small greenhouse attached to a shed.

“I built this one here (the shed) and this was mostly out of used material,” Murphy said. “I was doing some work for a friend of mine so I traded for the greenhouse. This is another I put a little stem wall in, it's got misters in it and everything.”

Inside Murphy's home, he's got quite a few unique projects on display.

“My wife and I, this was years

back – we went to Europe and went to England, and I got really inspired by the stone work and stuff in Italy and everything,” Murphy said. “So I did my upstairs bathroom in travertine and I used a travertine that was from Turkey.”

In the front room, the fireplace is covered in rocks.

“I hand picked that (the rocks) out of the San Luis Rey River,” Murphy said. “You can't just go to Home Depot and buy this stuff, and then using artificial rock doesn't look right.”

Murphy's love for repurposing goes way back.

“Maybe it goes back to my New England roots,” he said, laughing. “In New England they reuse a lot of the old stuff from the farmers and you keep it around forever – a lot of my tools were my grandfather's and my father's.”

There are several other projects around the property.

“I've always enjoyed reusing and making things,” Murphy said. “And since I've retired I really kind of got into it more.”



Jerry Murphy did some work for a friend and traded it for a greenhouse. Village News/Lexington Howe photos



Jerry Murphy picked up these old signs, originally from River Village Plaza in Bonsall and used them for shelving.



The shed and greenhouse hold a variety of different plants, and are another project built from used materials.



Jerry Murphy built these chicken boxes with a piece of removable wood in the front, so that he can easily clean it out.



A chicken coop made out of reused materials sits on Jerry Murphy's property, and will soon house four chickens.



The rocks here were all handpicked by Jerry Murphy from the San Luis Rey River.



Jerry Murphy collected tin from an old job, which he then used for his shed on his property.

HEALTH

Fallbrook resident goes on solo walk for Alzheimer’s

Christal Gaines-Emory
Intern

On the morning of Sept. 26, Angelica Orozco began her solo walk through Fallbrook to end Alzheimer’s.

After her grandfather was diagnosed with dementia in 2014, Orozco promised her grandmother that she would take care of him. Her grandmother died shortly after that, and Orozco has been caring for her grandfather ever since.

When he was first diagnosed, Orozco fully immersed herself in all the information she could find. It wasn’t until 2016 when she learned about the annual Alzheimer’s walk hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association. She has been participating in these walks for four years now, and she has been able to inspire her family and friends to join her in walking to end Alzheimer’s.

This year, the annual walk had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When she heard about this, Orozco was determined to walk for her grandfather this year even without the official walk being held, so she held her own solo walk. The walk was 2 miles around Fallbrook to raise awareness and get others involved.

“I just wanted to raise awareness,” Orozco said. “At first, it felt awkward to be walking around town all alone, but people had good reactions.”

While she walked through Fallbrook, many people stopped to ask her about her cause, offered to join her group next year, and asked for links to sites to donate to. Orozco said she was very proud to be able to inform others and get people involved. She was able to make many connections with people around town, and she is looking forward to seeing more people from Fallbrook at the next annual walk to end Alzheimer’s.

She has noticed through her involvement with the Alzheimer’s walks that many people have had experiences like hers. Many friends of hers have had parents and grandparents with dementia or Alzheimer’s, and they have all been able to bond over this shared experience and they have been sharing knowledge and research.

Along with caring for her grandfather, Orozco is a travel agent. She is very passionate about traveling and learning new things.

“I escape through my travels,” she said. “I love traveling and living my life.”

The experience hasn’t always been easy; caring for a family member with dementia is a constant learning experience. For Orozco, she said her grandfather’s dementia can get extreme and be difficult to handle. However, she is thankful for him and she feels inspired by him.

Looking back, Orozco is thankful that she was able to learn so much through her research and she is still constantly learning as the years go on. Her mom, cousins, and brothers also help care for her grandfather, and she is thankful for the strength of her family.

One thing she hopes people will learn through her solo walk is to get all the information they possibly can.

“If you have a family member with Alzheimer’s or dementia, just dive in and use your resources,” she said. “Join a support group, learn everything you can, and lean on your family. Let them help.”

Orozco believes that her grandfather’s diagnosis has been an eye opening experience for her, and she hopes to inspire others to get the help they need for themselves or their families. She also hopes to help others understand the importance of self-care when caring for a family member with dementia or Alzheimer’s.

“You need to be selfish sometimes,” she said. “Make sure to take care of yourself too. I go out with my girlfriends, even just grocery shopping alone for an hour or two helps. Give yourself breaks.”

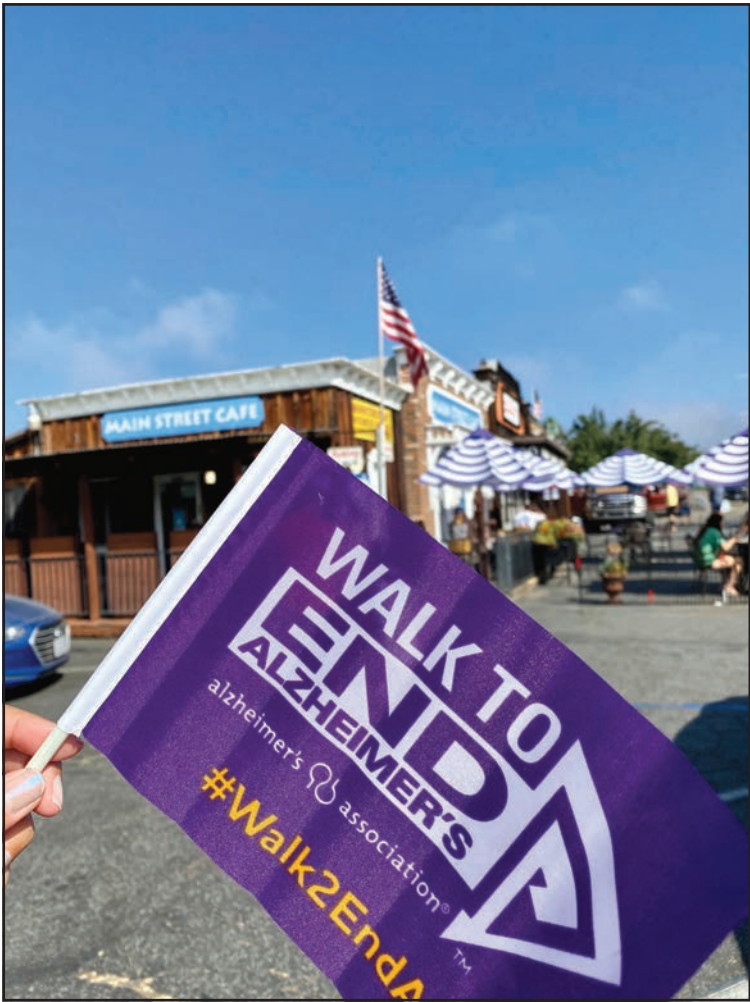
To learn more information about Alzheimer’s and how to get involved in the annual Alzheimer’s walks, visit alz.org or call the 24 hour help line at 800-272 3900.



Angelica Orozco wears all purple on her walk for Alzheimer’s to bring awareness to the Alzheimer’s Association’s annual “Walk to end Alzheimer’s.”



The angel statue in front of the Angel Society Village News/Courtesy photos thrift shop is photographed holding the “Walk to end Alzheimer’s” flag.



The purple “Walk to end Alzheimer’s” flag is seen in front of Main Street cafe during Angelica Orozco’s trek around Fallbrook.



Angelica Orozco makes a stop in front of the Santa Fe caboose during her two-mile walk around Fallbrook..



The statues in front of Wells Fargo are photographed holding a flag for Alzheimer’s awareness.



Angelica Orozco carries a flag to bring awareness to her solo “Walk to end Alzheimer’s” down Main Avenue.

Local pub owner climbs out of depression, encourages others



Paul Little, co-owner of The Shamrock Pub in Murrieta, faced a series of life crisis events sending him into depression and suicidal thoughts after taking medication to help him sleep.



Today, Paul Little has emerged from those dark times in his life two years ago and carries on with a positive attitude through life's challenges.

Valley News/Shane Gibson photos

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Traditionally, pub owners are seen filling the role of amateur psychiatrists on a day-to-day basis, and Paul Little, co-owner of The Shamrock – Irish Pub & Eatery in Murrieta, is no different.

For much of the past eight years, the English transplant could be found at his pub with his partner, Graham Judge, interacting with guests and offering advice and perspective on myriad issues.

But two years ago in September, Little, a Manchester City Football Club supporter, unbeknownst to many that knew him, felt he had run out of options and plotted to end his life.

“The 15th of September, 2018, is now a very significant date in my life, and two years ago to this day was the point where I had made the decision to end my life,” Little said in a Facebook post. “I know just reading that how awful it will sound to some of you, and yet some of you will understand.”

Little acknowledged his family’s history of depression and suicide. His own mother, who he said never recovered from the early death of her husband, took her own life some years after his death.

And though he grieved the sudden loss of both of his parents, he said he didn’t feel the onset of depression.

“It never affected me,” he said of his mother’s death in a phone interview. “I became sort of the patriarch of the family. I led from the front.

“But, I got married,” Little said. At first, he said, when that happened, he felt that everything in his life was coming together. He started a career; he was ready to settle down, and he had children.

“They were my life,” he said. Eventually, the family moved to America.

Slowly but surely, he said, the marriage began to fall apart. Couples therapy sessions, he said, revealed personality disorders in his partner that he believed couldn’t be overcome.

When he made the decision to leave the marriage, he said things turned nasty and caused a rift in the family.

Those were the beginnings of the dark days, Little said.

“You can have friends and you can have family, and you can still get in a situation like I was,” he said. “I was kicking around a big house on my own. I’ve lost 25 pounds in weight. I can remember going to work at the time, but I was a shell.

“You get into a state of mind where life becomes an existence, when you’re just existing,” Little said. “That’s what I want people to understand, that being in that situation, there is a way out.”

But at the time, mere months after his decision to leave the marriage, Little said he saw no way out.

In his Facebook post, he said that at moments, he felt as though he was in total isolation, and he would go days without meaningful sleep.

“It was at this time I went to the doctors,” he said in his Facebook post. “First of all, I was prescribed Ambien (zolpidem) which had no effect. I was taking a strong dose and still not sleeping, so I went back to the doctors and he prescribed temazepam. I was taking 30 (milliliters), the strongest dose possible for over two weeks and (was) still not sleeping well. Combined with depression, anxiety and isolation, a side effect of temazepam is suicidal thoughts so it was the perfect combination.

“If the chemicals in your brain are imbalanced, believe me (suicide) isn’t a hard decision to make. In fact, it is quite easy and can give your body and brain some respite from the constant dread and isolation you

feel,” Little said.

He said his counselor had always tried to reassure him that he would never do what his mother did and take his own life.

“And I am going, ‘No, no, no,’” Little said. “But, in my head I would be saying, ‘Yeah, I could do that.’ But I couldn’t say that to her.”

Little said the point of no return came when, after a night of not sleeping, he watched the Manchester City FC easily win a match.

“As I was watching the game, I was thinking to myself, ‘This is the last time I am going to see them win,’” he said in the Facebook post. “Totally calm, I pondered over the fact I was never going to see them win the Champions League. After the game ended, I started to write a suicide note on my laptop. It had always hurt me that my mother never said goodbye in a note or gave any explanation. In my mind, this was different as I was at peace with my decision.”

But he remembered a piece of advice his counselor gave him: If he ever felt like he had hit rock bottom, he should go to the hospital.

“That piece of advice is really what saved me,” Little said.

When Judge called him that day and asked if he was all right, Little said he was honest with his friend for the first time.

“I just told him, ‘No, I’m not. I need to go to the hospital,’” Little said. “I think I would have driven myself to the hospital, because after I wrote the note I was thinking to myself, ‘What the (expletive) are you doing?’”

A childhood friend from England flew straight out to be with him, even though he’d never been to the states. When he had to leave, his sister flew out from Melbourne, Australia, to stay with him and help complete the sale of his house.

Finally, his cousin, Mark Little, came out and took him

back to England.

Little said he stayed with his cousin and his family for five months.

“My hometown family and friends rallied around me, and it was during that time I got physically fit again,” Little said in his post. “I ate and slept well, plus I really got to bond with my special needs niece, Rebecca, who loves me unconditionally. She has no idea the joy she brought to my life at that time.

“It took a lot to turn it around,” he said in a phone call. “But I did it. You look back on it now, and it’s crazy. There’s nothing else that can hurt me now.”

He said he wrote the Facebook post and agreed to talk with Village News to serve as an inspiration to anyone suffering from similar symptoms or mental health issues. The post, as of press time, received more than 700 comments as well as several private messages, Little said.

“(It is a) huge problem, and so many people are frightened to open up about it,” he said. “Due to what happened to my Mum, I had a close-up of clinical depression and had seen firsthand what it could do. I couldn’t save my Mum, but I do know that no matter what you can come back from the depths of despair and turn your life around.

“If I can help anyone that is anxious, depressed, feels isolated or controlled, then I am always here to help any time of the day or night. Talking with people who have been through the experience really helps as you can relate. Personally, I have helped a few people through troubled times, and that is far more rewarding than you

can ever imagine,” Little said.

He offered some key advice for those struggling right now. He said start somewhere, and opening up to someone should be first. Next, take it one step at a time.

“When you’re in that place, speaking to people is one way to help,” Little said. “When you’re in that hole, you can’t imagine getting out. But I am a big proponent of one step in front of the other. Complete one task and then complete another and keep building.

“So, if you do hit rock bottom, then know I have been there, warts and all, but there is a process you can take and get back to being the real you,” he said.

Little said he knows recovery is a process and he knows it will be a constant battle, but he’s well on his way.

The note that he wrote to his daughters, the one that was supposed to explain how much he loved them and why he was going to do what he’d planned, still sits on his laptop unedited to remind him of how quickly things can turn.

“Every now and again I open it up and take a read to have a reality check on what the mind and brain can do to you,” he said.

Editor’s note: If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, San Diego County provides services that can help. Call the San Diego Access & Crisis Line at 888-724-7240 or visit <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/bhs/> for more information.

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Haunted Hallows to raise funds for lymphoma patient



Marilyn is undergoing treatment for stage 3 Hodgkin’s lymphoma; this year’s Haunted Hallows will raise funds to help support Marilyn and her family during her treatment.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – The Haunted Hallows of Fallbrook returns to town this year, Oct. 23-31, from 6-9 p.m., after being held in Rainbow last year. Creator Jeff Woodrey also has a new cause to support, “Hope for Marilyn,” a GoFundMe campaign for a 12-year-old girl named Marilyn who lives in Rainbow with her family.

Marilyn was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin’s lymphoma and is currently going through aggressive treatments to fight the disease. There is no entry fee to enter the Haunted Hallows, instead, all visitors are asked to donate funds to help Marilyn’s family with medical bills.

All state and county safety precautions will be in place with social distancing and all rules must be followed at the site of the Haunted Hallows of Fallbrook, 451 S. Stage Coach Lane.

Parking is not provided so visitors are asked to find a place close by and safely walk over; volunteers will greet them and help them cross the street if necessary. No parking is allowed at nearby SonRise Church.

Anyone interested in volunteering during the event can contact Woodrey at under36.taker@gmail.com.

To donate to the GoFundMe campaign for Hope for Marilyn, visit <https://gf.me/u/ydfdtu>.

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San Diego Oasis hosts free four-day virtual technology fair for older adults

SAN DIEGO – From Tuesday, Oct. 20 through Friday, Oct. 23, daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., San Diego Oasis will host its highly anticipated eighth annual Get Connected: Technology Fair for Adults 50+, and for the first time ever the event will be completely virtual.

Touted as the region’s largest technology event, the nonprofit anticipates more than 10,000 older adults to attend, including not only local members, but also older adults from around the United States. This event is free, but registration is required. RSVP at www.SanDiegoOasis.org for Class #75.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it’s more important than ever to get older adults connected to technology. Older adults ages 50 and over are not only in the highest risk category of contracting the virus, but also for isolation and loneliness. One study says that prolonged isolation and loneliness is equivalent to, and as lethal as, smoking 15 cigarettes a day. But when older adults can actively engage, they have a positive attitude, feel more connected and curious to explore the world.

“San Diego Oasis is excited to host our first-ever virtual Tech Fair,” says Simona Valanciute, president and CEO, San Diego Oasis. “Since March, we moved all of our in person classes to virtual to continue servicing our members, keeping them active and independent as we don’t want them to lose momentum. This is the perfect time to host a multi-day online event like this to support our tech-curious older adults venture into the digital world and help integrate tech into their daily lives.”

According to a 2019 study from Pew Research, older Americans are spending more time in front of their screens than a decade ago. Today, 73% of adults aged 65 and older are internet users, compared to 14% in 2000, and just more than half (53%) are smartphone owners.

However researchers at UCSD’s Design Lab who analyzed older adults’ perspectives on technology intended to allow them to “age in place,” found when the seniors experienced frustration with new technology, it made them unsure of their ability to use it, leaving them unmotivated to try. San Diego Oasis strives to support its members and the local older adult population to encourage them to learn, try and stay engaged.

What to expect at this year’s virtual tech fair

Although online, “Get Connected” will feature free sessions presented by knowledgeable speakers addressing a wide variety of technology-related topics, including social networking, online safety, innovative apps, smartphones and tablets, and much more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to consult with experts to answer just about any kind of tech question like “How do I connect all of my devices to my smart watch?” or “How do I spot an online scam?” Opportunity drawings for the chance to win exciting tech-related gifts will be held throughout the four-day event.

This annual immersive technology event is designed to help ease frustration when it comes to smartphones, computers, tablets, apps, telemedicine, and much more. Day one of the Tech Fair will kick off with Irwin Jacobs, founder of Qualcomm, who will provide opening remarks.

Here’s your ‘why’ to attend

San Diego Oasis is currently engaging with over 5,500 older adult members to offer online classes; however, a number of its members have expressed lack of devices either due to affordability or not understanding how to use them.

Not only do San Diego Oasis members learn more about how to connect to telehealth appointments, communicate with family and friends, engage in world news, and join learning groups in topics that range from basic phone how to’s, to art, languages, history, finance, music, food, health and wellness, but they also stay active with online demonstrations of exercise and dance.

Events like “Get Connected” spark confidence in seniors to adapt more digital tools to help them use the technology in their pocket in ways they didn’t even imagine.

“There’s nothing better than seeing our members get excited about learning to maneuver a new device or app. These are skills that will help them stay active and engaged during these difficult times, but most importantly stay connected and close with their friends and loved ones from miles away,” says Valanciute.

Sponsors include ESET, Thrivent Financial Office of Jonathan Doering & Matthew Molstre, AT&T, Cox Communications, San Diego Rotary, AARP, Oasis Everywhere, and County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services.

Contact Jolyn Parker at jolyn@sandiegoasis.org or 858-353-0439 if you’re interested in being an event sponsor.

For more information, call 619-881-6262.

Submitted by San Diego Oasis

How to fight the two: COVID-19 and influenza

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San Diego County Communications Office

The coronavirus and influenza are both spread from person to person, especially indoors and in

crowded places.

Here are some tips to help prevent COVID-19 and the flu:

- Wash your hands properly and regularly or use a hand sanitizer.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw it away and wash your hands.

- If you’re sick, stay home and isolate yourself from others.
- Use a face covering when in public and close to others. They prevent spreading germs and viruses.
- Maintain physical distance from others.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Art of the Avocado celebrates its artists



The 2019 People’s Choice Award for Art of the Avocado, “The Fallbrook Lunch Bunch” is by Anita Ruka of Escondido.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Fifteen years ago, two artists made a difference in the Fallbrook art world. They created an art competition that was not juried – that anyone could enter. There was only one restriction to entering –you had to see an avocado somewhere in the artwork. And so, the Art of the Avocado art competition was born. Those artists were George and Gayle Bamber; sadly, George passed away in 2017. This year, 2020, is the 15th anniversary of the competition which has continued under the generous sponsorship of Fallbrook Propane Gas Company, which has been the major sponsor for the past eight years. Other sponsors include the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Steve Slaughter, liquor manager of Major Market, and the California Avocado Commission. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s art competition has been canceled. Although organizers may not be able to mark the occasion by having the competition, Meredith Gordon of Fallbrook Propane Gas Company wanted to celebrate and honor those artists who have entered the competition for several years.

Those artists are:

- John Flynn, Fallbrook – nine years
- Nicole Hilsabeck, Fallbrook – nine years
- Karen Langer-Baker, Fallbrook – nine years
- Elaine Lindsay, San Diego – nine years
- Denise Gillian, Costa Rica - eight years
- Patricia Hartman, Fallbrook – seven years
- Teresa Mendelson, Fallbrook – seven years
- Mary Scott, San Clemente – seven years
- Christine Wichers, Washington – six years
- Event sponsor Meredith Gordon said, “We want to thank all the artists who, year after year, have entered this competition. In the last 10 years, 404 artists have been a part of this event. Thank you for your participation. We look forward to celebrating with you in 2021.”

For more information about the art competition, contact event coordinator Anita Kimzey at 714-222-2462 or register@fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org.

Submitted by Anita Kimzey.

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FAA presents a new demo season and a smashing fall exhibit



"Portrait studio cropped" is Joe Oakes' own self portrait in his studio.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Art Association kicks off a new season of members only in person artist demos and workshops with the widely-recognized acrylic painter Joe A. Oakes – a popular colorist whose vibrant works jump off the page – Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. To be part of the full day of art, sign up for Oakes’ workshop from 1-4 p.m. too.

Looking at Oakes’ works is eye opening with the depth of color and images seeming at once unique and yet familiar. The paintings demonstrate a purity and technical savvy not always seen in contemporary art circles. On his website, Oakes

describes his paintings as “an emotional response to color – real or imagined.”

When Oaks received a BFA from Cal State Fullerton, his career as a graphic designer stopped his personal endeavors, but only for a time.

Soon he began working with his favorite subject, the landscape, and creating small pastels before transitioning to acrylic on canvas. Oakes’ numerous exhibits regionally and nationally make him a popular award-winner far and wide.

He is well-known to Inland Empire artists of Southern California as he teaches classes in

various media throughout L.A., Orange and San Diego counties. Oakes said he enjoys working as a demonstration artist and teacher because he is able to support artists in their pursuit of buildable and usable techniques presenting a road map to salability.

Most artists understand they have to be their own best “business incubator” during these challenging times; marketing and selling work is also of interest.

The Fallbrook Art Association season of demos comes to a larger, more open-spaced venue with a commitment to respect the required COVID 19 safety restrictions.

Attendance will require temperature at the door, social distancing and face masks. To sign up for the demo, contacting the Gallery at 760-645-0491. To secure a spot for Oakes’ afternoon workshop, contact Carol at 760-731-6677. The demo/workshop events will take place at Community Baptist Church, 731 Stage Coach Lane.

Artists can mark their calendars for Helen Shafer Garcia’s juried Fall Exhibit (with cash awards) during art take in day, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Patrons can see the winners of the Plein Air Competition at Grand Tradition on Sept. 16 at the back of the gallery. The current exhibition and winners for the Sept. 21 Toni Williams judged ribbon show will be on view through Oct. 18, all at The Gallery, 127 North Main Avenue, (at Hawthorne).

For general questions regarding membership, current and upcoming exhibits, art demo or workshop, go to www.fallbrookartassn.org or call 760-645-0491.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Association.



Hajime Ohno's "Diego" is the first place winner in mixed media.



"Rose" by Janice Cipriani Wells is the Best In Show winner for water media in the FAA monthly show.

Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals to resume touring Oct. 16 at Pala

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals will be performing at Pala Casino Spa and Resort Starlight Theater on Oct. 16, which will be the first classic band concert at Pala since the coronavirus outbreak and will also be the first concert for Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals since the shutdown.

“We’re looking forward to it,” Cavaliere said. “Everybody’s really anxious to play. We really miss it.”

Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals last played in Florida during February. “Everything has been kind of postponed or delayed or pushed off to next year,” Cavaliere said.

“It’s been pretty rough out there,” Cavaliere said. “Our industry really kind of shut down.”

Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals thus lost – at least for the original dates – several concerts. “It’s really strange because I’m used to working 50 shows a year,” Cavaliere said. “It’s been a strange time for all of us.”

The lull made Cavaliere even more determined to perform. “You don’t realize how much you miss it until you stop it,” he said.

That is why Cavaliere is still performing at the age of 77 – although a test in late September indicated that his physical age is younger than his chronological age. “My biological age is 43,” he said.

The rest of Cavaliere’s current band members are younger but still missed performing when they stopped. “Musicians are like that,” Cavaliere said.

Cavaliere has had the same band for 20 years.

“We had a number of shows that

have been postponed,” Cavaliere said. “We really don’t know what’s in store for us.”

Some musical acts have taken to concerts on drive-in theaters or other drive-in screens. “I don’t know that drive-in is really for my music,” Cavaliere said.

The combination of an outdoor venue, a sovereign Indian reservation which desires safety but is not required to comply with state or county health orders prohibiting spectators, and the Pala Casino policy that guests will be asked to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing allows for concerts at the Starlight Theater.

The social distancing may give Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals an audience smaller than what Cavaliere desires, and it will alter the band’s interaction with the audience.

“We made some changes in terms of what we’re going to do,” Cavaliere said. “I don’t think we’re going to do meet and greets.”

Over the years Cavaliere and his band have established relationships with fans, so he laments the inability to meet and greet fans. “It’s going to be a little different for all of us, but we’re going to make sure we have the music,” he said. “The audiences are as excited about having music as I am about playing music.”

Cavaliere considers interaction with fans to be among the most enjoyable parts of his performances. “Some artists like to mingle and some artists don’t like to mingle,” he said.

“We’ve always had a rapport with our fans,” Cavaliere said. “They really feel a bond.”

Cavaliere formed the Young Rascals, which later became

the Rascals, in 1965. Three of their songs reached #1 on the charts: “Good Lovin’” in 1966, “Groovin’” in 1967, and “People Got To Be Free” in 1968. The band’s hits also included “I’ve Been Lonely Too Long,” “How Can I Be Sure,” “A Girl Like You,” and “A Beautiful Morning.”

“It’s been a long time. I feel really blessed to be able to still play,” Cavaliere said.

The changes due to the coronavirus precautions are thus added to the changes Cavaliere has experienced over the past 55 years. “There was a difference in the audiences in the 60s and 70s,” he said. “We really were listening to the same music all over the world.”

The internationally-known musicians often recorded autobiographical songs. “We knew each other’s stories from the songs,” Cavaliere said.

The musicians had a bond with their concert audiences in Cavaliere’s early years of performing. “It is very different,” he said. “It’s a whole different industry now.”

Cavaliere attributes the major changes to the corporate emphasis which followed the August 1969 Woodstock concert. He noted that the video component has also been responsible for major changes.

“Basically you buy air time. They used to call it payola. Now we call it advertising,” Cavaliere said.

New artists have some avenues in the 21st century. “There are some good things about the Internet,” Cavaliere said.

An artist or band can record music in a digital format and post music on the Internet. “Sometimes lightning strikes,” Cavaliere said.

“But it’s up against a major,

major industry structure,” Cavaliere said. “It’s very different from what it was in our day.”

Radio “oldies” stations have also decreased the amount of air time for new artists – although the classic rock stations also provide exposure for bands such as The Rascals to listeners who are too young to remember when the band was played on stations playing contemporary hits. “Now you’ve got the streaming services, too,” Cavaliere said.

“We also got a lot of publicity from commercials using our songs and also movies using our songs,” Cavaliere said. “We’re very fortunate to have our music on playlists in a lot of places.”

The band members of Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals are among those who discovered the Rascals’ music years after the albums had been recorded. “They kind of grew up on this music a little bit, and they love to play,” Cavaliere said.

Although the coronavirus safety measures will limit interaction and the audience size, the length of the Oct. 16 concert is not expected to be affected. “A lot of that has to do with your audience’s response,” Cavaliere said. “If they’re having a good time you’re having a good time also.”

The band must choose a set list prior to a concert. Because the band has more songs than can be played at one show, omission of a song an audience member desires to hear is an inherent risk.

“That’s a good risk. That’s a good problem,” Cavaliere said.

The concert will also provide professional activity for the musicians, road crews, sound personnel, drivers and others. “They’re out of work. There’s no work for these people and it’s very



Felix Cavaliere sings and plays the keyboard at one of his concerts.

Village News/Donna Cavaliere photo

difficult so we’re looking forward to that for a number of reasons,” Cavaliere said.

Cavaliere used the time off from touring to work on a book which is expected to be published in 2021 and also to work on a new album which is expected to be released next year. “I’m hoping to work on my new songs as much as I can, because I like doing it,” he said.

The Pala Casino concert will be a worthwhile interruption from that activity. “It should be fun,” Cavaliere said. “We’re looking forward to playing for everybody out there. We really are.”

Tickets are on sale, with no service charge, at the Pala Box Office, <http://www.palacasino.com> and 877-946-7252. Tickets are also available at <http://www.etix.com> and 800-514-3849.

Kicking It in the kitchen

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

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For future episodes, we’re lining up interested congregations. It’s free to each church.

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FUHSD board votes in favor of layoffs, new positions

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During the Monday, Sept. 28 meeting of the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees, board members voted unanimously to approve a resolution discontinuing services and laying off classified positions within the district.

According to the resolution text, “To increase efficacy and maximize services to students and families, the restructuring of certain classified positions needed to be addressed to ensure efficient and effective delivery of services. In a few cases, the restructuring is due to challenges brought on by COVID 19. Due to lack of work and/or lack of funds, certain classified positions shall be eliminated.”

Positions eliminated by the vote included Lead Campus Supervisor, Secretary/Registrar, Storekeeper, Duplication Technician, Help Desk, Network Analyst, Career Technician, and Locker Room Attendant.

According to FUHS superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez, the cuts and restructuring would save the district more than \$91,000 yearly.

Earlier in the week, classified employees that would be directly affected by the layoffs circulated a petition urging board members to vote no on the cuts.

“Classified employees at Fallbrook Union High School have stepped up to serve the community and collaborate with the district during the COVID-19 crisis,” the petition read. “As SEIU members, we also worked

hard to successfully oppose a state budget proposal with 10% education funding cuts so that funding was restored in the final budget. Classified employees stand ready to partner with the district to be flexible and nimble in adapting to the COVID-19 crisis, but we will not accept unnecessary job eliminations and salary reductions.”

In addition, several people spoke up for the classified employees that would be directly affected by the cuts during the public comment portion of the meeting.

After the vote on Sept. 28, however, representatives from the group opposing the move decided to let the issue die.

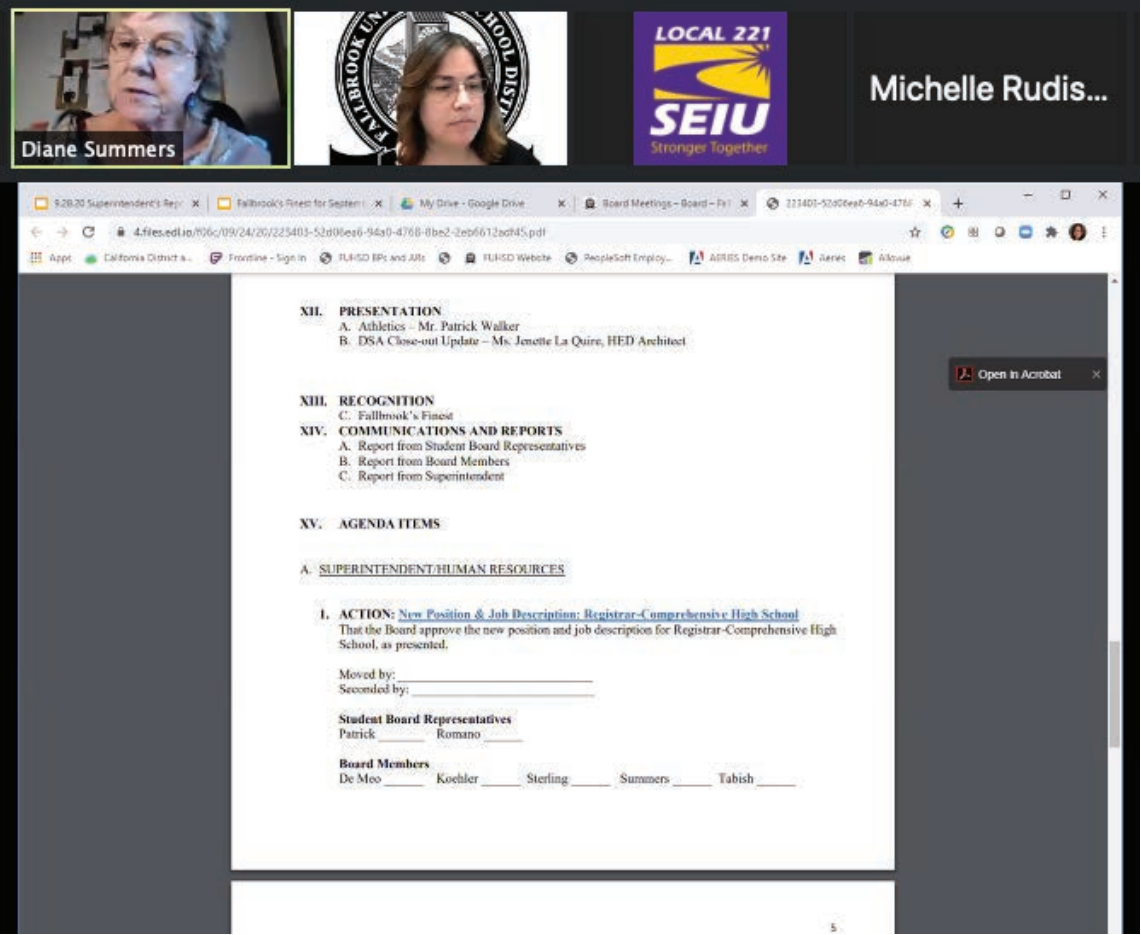
The layoffs will become effective 60 days after the people in the positions are notified of the cuts, but those employees will be able to apply for the newly formed positions, and no employees will be laid off prior to the positions being filled.

The board also approved new positions and job descriptions for Operations Technician, Network Support Technician II and Campus Supervisor.

Garza-Gonzalez said the employees affected by the layoffs could apply for the new positions and that no employees will be laid off until the new positions are filled.

She clarified that the Lead Campus Supervisor position was being eliminated, but the addition of the campus supervisor role means there won’t be fewer campus supervisors at the school.

She said the reason for the change in that role was because the job description that was in place



The Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees heard public input regarding a proposal to eliminate some classified positions and restructure some new positions during the Monday, Sept. 28 meeting.

went against the education code on several fronts.

“You put a lot of thought into doing this, which is commendable,” board president Diane Summers said.

According to Garza-Gonzalez, only one position will ultimately be eliminated.

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County Investment Fund earns highest rating: AAA

SAN DIEGO – Dan McAllister, treasurer-tax collector of San Diego County, announced that the San Diego County investment pool received top ratings from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Fitch Ratings confirmed the investment pool’s “AAA” rating for its highest underlying credit quality, or lowest vulnerability to default, and a very low sensitivity to market risk.

This marks the 21st consecutive year the investment pool has received the highest rating.

“Despite a volatile financial market this year, our investment team has done an excellent job safeguarding the principal in our investment pool, which reached a record \$12.3 billion in public funds

in April,” McAllister said.

“The ‘AAA’ rating reflects the high-quality assets in the investment pool, low degree of risk acceptance, and validates the County’s overall strategic focus on safety and preservation of investments,” Supervisor Greg Cox, chairperson of the county board of supervisors, said. “I commend the work of our county treasurer’s team in protecting the assets of our local public agencies.”

The treasurer-tax collector’s team invests the funds in high quality securities on behalf of public agency pool participants, who use the money for the operational and capital needs of their agencies.

Currently, over 200 public agencies in the San Diego region

invest in the pool, including all 42 public school districts, five community college districts, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, San Diego Association of Governments, Metropolitan Transit System and other public agencies such as cities, fire and water districts.

In addition to the team of full-time investment professionals in the treasury, a nine-member oversight committee composed of county executives and public agency officials – with expertise in schools, special districts, cities and public finance – review the county’s investment policy annually.

Submitted by the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s office.

5 ways to build your savings

Rebecca Gramuglia
Special to Village News

With National Savings Day approaching Oct. 12, this year’s “celebrations” may be more important than ever.

According to a recent survey from TopCashback.com, 30% of Americans have been saving more in the past six months.

Spending and saving overview
In the past six months, what best describes your approach to money?

- In the middle – Spend and save within your means. (62%)
- Save – Better to be safe than sorry. Aiming for long-term financial security. (30%)
- Spend – Money will keep coming. Enjoy what has been well-earned. (8%)

In the past six months, have you been spending more or less than you previously were?

- Less (42%)
- The same (32%)
- More (26%)

If you’re saving more, do you plan to continue this trend going forward?

- Yes (89%)
- No (11%)

Whether you are saving toward an emergency fund or your dream home, here are five tips to help you build your savings.

1. Actively contribute to your

savings and budget accordingly. Allot for room in your budget to have a portion go toward your savings. To stay on track, consider adapting a budgeting tool like the 50/20/30 rule. Spend up to 50% of your after-tax income on essentials, such as housing and food; 20% on financial priorities such as debt repayments and savings and 30% on your wants, such as splurges.

2. Copy your employer’s 401(k) match to save more. Contribute enough to your 401(k) to get the full employer match. For example, say your employer matches 50% of what you put in – up to 5% of your salary. That means if you earn \$60,000 a year, you must contribute \$3,000 to your retirement plan to get the full employer match. And once you do, your employer would kick in another \$1,500 toward your savings. It’s basically free money you receive from your employer after you make pretax contributions to your retirement plan. And remember your 401(k) contribution amount should be guided by your retirement savings goal, so faithfully contribute to allow your investment to grow and garner additional savings.

3. Add to your emergency fund. Whether it’s a bonus, extra change, holiday gifts or anything in-between, consider saving any additional cash that you may receive instead of spending it. Whether it’s a portion or all of the

money you received, adding to your emergency fund can eliminate any future financial stress and frustration when something major occurs that you would typically need money for.

4. Be mindful of spending habits. Online shopping has become the norm for many and it’s important to always be on the lookout for ways to save and avoid fees. For example, if you find yourself paying for shipping, see if you can score in-store pickup to eliminate extra costs. Plus, be sure to layer on the discounts by using coupons and credit card rewards, and shop through a cashback site like TopCashback.com to earn a percentage of your purchase back in cashback on all qualifying purchases from stores like Zappos, Home Depot, Sephora and more.

5. Stop paying for convenience. Cutting back on daily coffee runs and takeout orders can save you major bucks. For example, your morning coffee runs can be costing you \$15 a week, which means you could ultimately be spending \$60-\$75 a month just to satisfy your coffee habit. Instead, invest in a good coffee machine and make your own coffee every morning. And the money you would have spent on those daily coffee runs could ultimately be going to your savings.

Rebecca Gramuglia is a consumer expert at TopCashback.com.

FPUD approves final change order for Winter Haven Road pipeline replacement

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Unforeseen conditions caused a change order to the Fallbrook Public Utility District contract to replace the pipeline along Winter Haven Road, but it was the only change order needed in the contract to replace approximately 2,570 feet of pipeline.

The Sept. 28 FPUD board meeting included a 5-0 vote to approve the change order and also to approve the notice of completion for the project. The \$52,445.38 change order brought the total contract amount to \$802,845.36.

Kirtley Construction, which does business as TK Construction, was awarded a \$750,400 contract at FPUD’s Dec. 9 board meeting. FPUD has a pipeline and valve replacement program which includes a priority list based on pipelines’ ages and rates of past failures. Not only did the age, condition, and leak history of the Winter Haven Road pipeline justify its replacement, but its location in a wooded area made access difficult, so the new pipeline

will reduce maintenance needs.

The Winter Haven Road pipeline replacement project consisted of approximately 1,950 feet of 12-inch cement mortar lined and coated steel pipe and associated appurtenances along with 620 feet of 6-inch polyvinyl chloride pipe.

TK Construction, which is based in San Bernardino, completed the pipeline replacement in August, but additional costs were incurred during the installation due to field changes and unforeseen conditions. An alignment change was required to avoid existing obstructions, a 16-inch tie was encased in concrete and required additional labor time, and three drains were added to the new water main.

The internal staff costs for the pipeline replacement project were \$46,121.32 so the total cost for the project was \$848,966.68. FPUD’s capital budget allocated \$860,000 including construction management and other administration costs for the work.

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