

NCFPD moves board meetings to 5 p.m.

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Village News Reporter

North County Fire Protection District board meetings during calendar year 2023 will begin at 5 p.m.

The NCFPD board voted 4-1 Dec. 13, with Ken Munson opposed, to move the starting time from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The first meeting with that new starting time will take place Jan. 24.

“That was to accommodate the personal schedule of our board members,” said NCFPD Fire Chief Keith McReynolds. “It may allow members of the community to attend our meetings who may get off work later in the day.”

The meetings remain primarily on the fourth Tuesday of the month. A special district leadership academy conference from Feb. 26 to March 1 caused the February meeting to be scheduled for Feb. 21 rather than Feb. 28. The November and December meetings are combined and avoid the week of Thanksgiving; the 2023 meeting will be on Dec. 12.

The board meetings will remain at the Fallbrook Public Utility District board room. “The place doesn’t change. Only the time,” McReynolds said.

A Plant City woman found her long-lost Rainbow father thanks to a Fallbrook private investigator



Shannon Crosby, 33 years ago, pictured with her father, Rainbow resident Patrick McCarthy. Plant City Observer photo

Michelle Caceres
Plant City Observer

Father and daughter reflect on the first anniversary of their reunion.

For Plant City, Florida resident Shannon Crosby, an email changed her life.

The 37-year-old had been searching for her biological father, Rainbow resident Patrick McCarthy, for over 33 years.

Crosby, born in New Hampshire in 1985, had not seen her father since she was 4 years old. When she was still a baby, her parents, who never married, moved to Massachusetts to start over after her father lost his job. Her mother took a desk job in Boston. Her father, a master mechanic, also found work.

Happiness forever was not meant for the couple. Her mother wanted to settle down and start a family. Her father, a free spirit who wasn’t ready to give up his rock ‘n’ roll lifestyle, wanted to do both.

It all went crescendo in 1989 when her dad stormed out of the house after her parents got into a fight. “I remember my mother taking me out of the house and her brother,

who was a priest, came to pick us up, and then my father left,” she said.

Even though she was a young child, she cherishes a few episodic memories of happy times with her father. She remembers her father laughing and joking at a birthday party in a large field and a man taking pony rides. She remembers visiting her father’s friends in New Hampshire and riding a snowmobile, her father sitting behind her and holding her tightly as they rode through the woods.

Her mother eventually met a man, got married, and moved to St. Petersburg.

In addition to souvenirs, she began to receive letters, postcards, and small trinkets from Florida where her father was living at the time. He sent a picture of himself sitting on top of his motorbike, his long, shaggy hair starting to turn gray. The cards and letters stopped for a while, but one day in 1994 she received another postcard from her father, who lived in San Diego. “My mom always told me my dad was a wanderer,” Crosby remarked. When she and her mother moved to another house in St. Petersburg, the

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County’s TOT revenue increases exceed 2018-19 amount by 24.9% Fallbrook regains fifth place among unincorporated communities

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It was reasonably expected that the County of San Diego’s Transient Occupancy Tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 would be higher than for 2019-20 and 2020-21 when coronavirus restrictions reduced lodging, but the 2021-22 countywide total of \$7,225,923.25 was 24.9% higher than the 2018-19 figure of \$5,784,163.63.

The 2021-22 countywide total includes \$255,199.24 collected in Fallbrook, \$65,815.43 paid by Pauma Valley lodgers, and \$7,743.89 of Bonsall revenue.

“A lot of changes have occurred,” said San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister. “It’s reasonable to expect that the daily usage of these rooms would increase once things started to calm down.”

For the entire unincorporated county, collections totaled \$5,387,799.05 between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, including \$411,798.69 from Fallbrook lodging facilities, \$58,049.31 paid in Pauma Valley, and \$3,678.55 of Bonsall collections.

During fiscal year 2019-20, the county collected \$4,172,583.18 including \$350,468.47 of Fallbrook revenue, \$32,337.12 at Pauma Valley locations, and \$3,487.83 from Bonsall lodgers.

The 2018-19 total amount includes \$540,602.11 for Fallbrook (a late-received payment credited to the first quarter of 2018-19 rather than the fourth quarter of 2017-18 contributed to that increase as well as economic growth), \$75,514.63 of Pauma payments (at the time Pauma also included Valley Center and Palomar Mountain as well as Pauma Valley), and \$23,355.54 provided by Bonsall lodgers.

The Fallbrook total restores the Friendly Village to fifth place among unincorporated communities in San Diego County. For 2018-19 and 2019-20, Fallbrook ranked fifth with Rancho Santa Fe and Borrego Springs holding the top two positions each year, unincorporated San Marcos ranking third in 2018-19 and fourth in 2019-20, and unincorporated Escondido ranking fourth in 2018-19 and third for 2019-20.

Julian was sixth in both 2018-19

and 2019-20. The 2020-21 total for Julian of \$425,724.85 exceeded that for Fallbrook, but Julian’s 2021-22 total of \$490,469.60 returned that town to sixth place behind Fallbrook.

The Transient Occupancy Tax was reduced from 9% of the unit rate to 8% in August 2005 and is collected from occupants of hotels, motels, bed and breakfast venues, mobile home parks, private campgrounds, and other structures occupied or intended for occupancy by non-residents for lodging or sleeping purposes.

Campgrounds at county parks are not subject to the TOT. If a private campground has a membership program, a member or a member’s guest is exempt from the TOT. A timeshare unit used by an ownership partner or an owner’s guest is not subject to the TOT, although if a unit is rented to the general public, it is subject to the tax for that period.

The TOT is not collected for lodging facilities on Indian reservations or other areas where the county has no taxing power. The tax is not collected if the regular rent is \$4 a day or less. A unit which is occupied or rented by the same person for more than 30 consecutive days is not subject to the TOT.

The facility operator must submit payment to the county on a quarterly basis by the last day of the month following the end of the quarter. If a facility ceases operation, payment must be made within 30 days after the operator ceases doing business, and if the venue is sold or its name is changed, the county must receive the TOT payments for occupancy prior to the sale or name change within 30 days of the transaction.

The TOT is collected only from lodging facilities in the county’s unincorporated area, although the revenue is used for the county’s Community Enhancement program and may be given to organizations in incorporated cities as well as unincorporated communities. Community Enhancement funds, which are allocated during the county’s annual budget process, are intended to promote tourism including visitors from other parts of the county.

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Car accident causes power outage, E. Mission closure



A vehicle hitting a power pole cut electricity to at least 420 homes.

Village News/AC Investigations photo

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Investigations

At 3:36 am Jan 1, 2023, a truck hit a power pole at 2306 E. Mission Rd (near Hamilton) in Fallbrook causing 420 homes to lose power and E. Mission to be closed to through traffic for the remainder

of the day.

CHP reported that the power pole was “sheared and in the trees, causing a full road closure.”

Power was restored by 6:30 am. No reports on injuries and there is no reports of arrests.

More will be reported as information is available.

CHP highlights new laws in 2023

SACRAMENTO – Heading into the new year, the California Highway Patrol is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year’s legislative season and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. The laws take effect Sunday, Jan. 1, unless otherwise noted.

“Public Employment: Peace Officers: Citizenship” Senate Bill 960, written by Sen. Nancy Skinner, maintains that peace officers, including peace officer trainees, be legally authorized to work in the United States consistent with federal law and regulations; however, it removes the requirement that they be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

“Catalytic Converters” Senate Bill 1087, written by Sen. Lena Gonzalez, and Assembly Bill 1740, written by Assemblymember

Al Muratsuchi, specifically list who can sell catalytic converters to recyclers and require those recyclers to keep documentation such as the year, make, model and copy of the vehicle title from which the catalytic converter was removed. The purpose of these laws is to help reduce catalytic converter theft.

“Vehicular Manslaughter: Speeding and Reckless Driving” Senate Bill 1472, written by Sen. Henry Stern, expands the criteria for “gross negligence” as it relates to the crime of vehicular manslaughter. Drivers involved in sideshow activity, exhibition of speed or speeding over 100 miles per hour which results in a fatality could now be charged with vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

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The history of gem cutting to be explored



Justin K Prim, Village News/Courtesy photo
Prim, gemologist, will speak at the FG&MS meeting.

FALLBROOK – For its Jan. 12 general meeting, the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society proudly presents guest speaker Justin K Prim, an American lapidary and gemologist living and working in Bangkok, Thailand. Prim has studied gem cutting traditions all over the world as well as attending gemology programs at GIA and AIGS. He has taught gemology and gem cutting at AIGS and IGT in Bangkok and he has recently published his first book, “The Secret Teachings of

Gemcutting.” He is the founder of Faceting Apprentice, an online gem cutting school, and he also writes articles, produces videos, and gives talks about gem cutting history. In this presentation, Prim will take his audience on a journey through time. Using archival photos and documents, he will reveal the roots of gemstone cutting in America. Beginning in the 1890’s, through the Great Depression and two World Wars, he will show how the community developed from a dozen interested hobbyists sharing handwritten letters to several thousand people organized into lapidary clubs all over North America. This is a previously untold story that will give new insights into the unique early origins of today’s lapidary clubs and the community of American faceters that it birthed. The FG&MS general meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. at its meeting room, 123 W. Alvarado St. Submitted by the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society.

Senior softball to hold draft Jan. 12

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Senior Softball is looking for new players for its next season starting the week of Jan. 16. Players need to be at least 50 years of age. Games are played at Ingold Sports Park Mondays through Thursdays at 4 p.m. with warm ups beginning at 3:30. Each team is scheduled to

play two games per week. Potential players must show up for a screening prior to being placed on a team so that appropriate team placement can be made. There will be a practice Jan. 11, which is an ideal time to come for a screening. The new season draft is scheduled for Jan. 12.

Interested players may email Chuck at ChuckMattes19@gmail.com. Additional preliminary information and an overview of the league can be found at FallbrookSeniorSoftball.org. Submitted by Fallbrook Senior Softball.

REVENUE

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Various reasons other than decreased lodging can cause a decline of TOT revenue on a quarterly or annual basis from one year to the next. A facility may be closed for renovations or may outright cease business. Because a timeshare unit used by an ownership partner or an owner’s guest or a private campground space used by a member or member’s guest is not subject to the TOT, the number of units available to the general public and thus subject to the TOT

can vary from year to year. A late payment or a payment postmarked by the deadline but not processed by the sixth of the following month will be reported for the following quarter, which can cause annual fluctuations. Some community losses may be due to a revision in the community definitions such as the 2019-20 revision which converted what was called Pauma into separate Pauma Valley, Palomar Mountain, and Valley Center designations. The collections are listed by supervisorial district so, for some communities, revenues are listed separately for each district. The most recent redistricting took

effect Jan. 1, 2022, so revenues in the areas affected by redistricting were transferred to the new district for the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year. “Even if it’s a little bit here and a little bit there, it can have an impact on certain areas,” McAllister said. The number of active establishments in unincorporated San Diego County has risen from 291 in 2019-20 to 307 during 2020-21 to 363 in 2021-22. A total of 98 opened during fiscal year 2021-22 while 42 establishments closed during those 12 months. In 2020-21 a total of 59 establishments opened and 45 closed.

Supreme Court rulings to be discussed

FALLBROOK – The Republican Women of California – Fallbrook club’s guest speaker for Friday, Jan. 13 will be Brad Dacus of the Pacific Justice Institute, who will discuss Supreme Court rulings and their effect on everyone’s liberties. The meeting will take place at the Historic Mission Theater, 231 North Main Ave. Doors open

at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting from 10-11:30. The cost is \$10. All those interested in attending are asked to RSVP no later than Monday, Jan. 9 to Carol Shrider, 916-300-3604 or lcshrider@yahoo.com. Submitted by the Republican Women of California – Fallbrook.

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“Motor Vehicle Speed Contests and Exhibitions of Speed” Assembly Bill 2000, written by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, includes parking lots and off-street parking facilities as locations where it is a crime to engage in a speed contest, exhibition of speed or sideshow activity. “Endangered Missing Advisory: Feather Alert” Assembly Bill 1314, written by Assemblymember James Ramos, allows law enforcement agencies to request

the CHP to initiate an alert when an indigenous person has been kidnapped, abducted or reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. Additionally, consistent with the Department’s existing AMBER, Blue and Silver Alert programs, this new “Feather Alert” program encourages the use of radio, television and social media to spread the information about the missing indigenous person. “Hit-and-Run Incidents: Yellow Alert” Assembly Bill 1732, written by Assemblymember Jim Patterson, authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate a “Yellow Alert” when a fatal hit-and-run crash has occurred, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. The law also encourages local media outlets to disseminate the information contained in a Yellow Alert. The new law serves to use the public’s assistance to improve the investigatory ability for law enforcement agencies throughout the state when working to solve fatal hit-and-run crashes. “Online Marketplaces: Reporting” Assembly Bill 1700, written by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, requires the Attorney General’s Office to create an online reporting system for users of third-party online marketplaces to report listings of suspected stolen items. The reported information would be available to local law enforcement and the CHP’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force to assist with investigations. “Bicycles Omnibus Bill” Assembly Bill 1909, written by Assemblymember Laura Friedman, is much like the move over or slow down law and

provides for increased protections to bicyclists by requiring vehicles passing or overtaking a bicycle in the same direction to move over to an adjacent lane of traffic, if one is available, or slow down and only pass the bicyclist when safe to do so. The law also permits Class 3 e-bike riders to use approved bicycle paths and trails, bikeways and bicycle lanes. The law prohibits local governments from requiring bicycle registration and allows local authorities to prohibit any electric bicycle on an equestrian, hiking or other recreational trail. “Electric Bicycles: Safety and Training Program” Assembly Bill 1946, written by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath, requires the CHP to work with other traffic safety stakeholders such as the California Office of Traffic Safety, to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycles. This training program, which will consist of electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road and laws pertaining to electric bicycles, will launch on the CHP’s website in September 2023. “Pedestrians” Assembly Bill 2147, written by Assemblymember Phil Ting, prohibits peace officers from stopping pedestrians for certain pedestrian-specific violations, such as crossing the road outside of a crosswalk, unless there is an immediate danger of a crash. The CHP reminded all road users of the responsibility to travel safely and look out for one another on the road. The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of “Safety, Service and Security.” Submitted by California Highway Patrol.

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Ken's Corner

Happy New Year!

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Sharon's Corner

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FATHER

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letters again stopped.

Time passed, as always, but she still had questions that only her father could answer. As soon as the internet was born, her mother bought a home computer and she spent hours searching Yahoo for clues about her father. She created a MySpace account in hopes of connecting with him. She searched prison records and obituaries, Craigslist and genealogy websites.

“My dad was a ghost,” she joked.

What made an already difficult task worse was that she didn’t know her father’s exact age because he never gave anyone a clear answer and as a child he was in the foster care system bouncing from place to place, making it almost impossible to find an extended family. .

Last year, her mother found her baby book and inside, nestled next to her baby photos, was her family tree with her father’s name and actual date of birth, the name of her biological father, Thomas McCarthy and his biological mother, Virginia Shaghalion.

Armed with this new information, she started her search again. A search of her grandmother’s name turned up a Massachusetts obituary that listed a few biological children. She wrote them all letters and got a response from her great-aunt, but because they were placed in foster care at a young age, she had no information about her father. Even though she had discovered family members she didn’t know she had, it was another dead end.

Then an email in November 2021 changed everything.

In a twist of fate worthy of a Hallmark original movie, it turns out that her father had hired Tony Campbell, a Fallbrook private detective, to look for her. Sitting in her car waiting for her husband to get out of Target, the email appeared with the subject “family.” When she opened it, she learned that the private detective had been hired by her father to find her and wanted to know if she would be interested in talking to him.

“I was in shock, but immediately



Fallbrook resident Tony Campbell of AC Investigations.

thought it was a scam,” Crosby said. When her husband got back to the car, she showed him the email and asked if it could be real. He googled the man’s name and verified that it was a real private investigation firm, AC Investigations.

She called the investigator as soon as she got home. He sent her a photo of her father and she immediately knew he was the man she had spent the last three decades trying to find. She agreed to speak to her father and a phone call was scheduled for the next evening.

When he answered her call, she noticed his Boston accent which was still thick even after living in California for so many years. He shared his story. He had struggled with alcohol abuse throughout his life, but had been sober for almost six years. He had traveled the country, been arrested for misconduct and lived in the Salvation Army. “He told me he hadn’t reached out earlier because he was ashamed and embarrassed, but he didn’t know I wanted to talk to him,” she said.

Five years ago, while working in a shipyard, a boat fell on top of him, crushing his legs. As he lay alone in the dark for hours waiting for help to arrive, he worried that he would die before he had a chance to know if she was okay. After his broken body was discovered by

colleagues, he endured nearly two years of hospitalizations, surgeries and physiotherapy sessions.

He offered to pay Crosby and her husband to travel to California for a visit. She readily agreed, eager to meet her father in person. They made the trip in January and landed at the San Diego airport at 2 p.m. By the time they rented a car, checked into the hotel, freshened up and grabbed a bite to eat, it was almost dark, but undeterred, they decided to meet him in Rainbow, a small town outside of San Diego.

It is dark at this time, but they see the lights of an ATV heading towards them. The car stops and she rolls down the window. One look at the man driving the vehicle and she knew it was her father. He approached her window and reached out to hug her. “It was wild and crazy in the best possible way,” Crosby said.

Her father took them to his home and they spent time learning about their lives. He told her that his plan was still to find her, but only after he did something to show for himself. He apologized for not getting his life back sooner. Crosby was friendly. “I think he had to go through these tough things to be at a point where he could make a change,” she said.

He showed her one of his most prized possessions, a boat he built in the 1990s but couldn’t part with and named Miss Shannon. “I cried when I saw that,” she said.

It’s been a year since the couple met. Her dad still doesn’t use technology, but they talk on the phone a few times a week. She is making plans for another visit in January.

Campbell, the private detective, also remains in contact with Crosby. “He tells me he deals with so many sad cases that don’t have a happy ending and he wishes he could find another case like mine,” she said.

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Angel Society is grateful for community support



At the Angel Shop checkout, from left, longtime Angel volunteer/cashier Eufemia Carreno and student volunteer Meira Acevedo help Cheryl Pizzo, a board member and volunteer, with her purchases as Brett Kell, far right, and daughter Canon finish their shopping.

FALLBROOK – The Angel Society of Fallbrook is looking forward to a landmark year in 2023, when it will celebrate its 45th anniversary and a generous philanthropy program that continues to thrive.

Since its new fiscal year started on May 1, the group’s board of directors has dispersed a total of \$86,700 in philanthropic funds to community nonprofits and other worthy causes. A 501C3 nonprofit organization, the Angel Society hopes to surpass in 2023 its total of \$146,700 in monetary donations awarded during its previous fiscal year from May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022. Since its inception in 1978, the group has raised more than \$4.4 million in giving to the greater Fallbrook community.

“We are so appreciative of the help and support of our community,” said Louise Small, Angel president. “We could not be as successful as we are without the support of everyone, from our members and volunteers to our donors and shoppers.”

The Angel Society’s philanthropic funds are primarily generated through the operation of the Angel Shop, a thrift store in Fallbrook that is staffed entirely by volunteers. Since the pandemic, when the shop was closed for nearly three months in 2020, it has continued to operate with fewer volunteers. As a result, the shop’s hours of operation were reduced from its former six days a week to five. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with donations gratefully accepted until 1:30 p.m.

This year, several longtime members also resigned from the board, including Nancy Chapman, Jean Dooley, Linda Flynn, D’Ann Kubitz, Joan McDowell and Marie Sundsboe.

Billie Foli, who retired from the Angels’ board of directors in August 2021, passed away Dec. 29 at age 91. She was a member of the board since 1990 and continued to work in the Angel Shop until this year, even volunteering as cashier on Saturdays, the Shop’s busiest day. Foli’s legacy with the Angel organization included two terms as president. She also helped shepherd the group’s move

to its current shop location, a former bank building on the corner of Main and Aviation that was purchased by the Angels in 2007.

Foli was also known for inspiring volunteers with shop “stories,” including one that took place during the holiday season when she and other volunteers stayed after hours to outfit a mother and her daughters for a wedding. The family not only found the mother a perfect wedding dress at the shop, but also three bridesmaids’ dresses in burgundy, plus matching shoes for her daughters, in each of their sizes. It truly was a “Christmas miracle,” as Foli recalled, especially since one of the girls wore a size 14 shoe.

A celebration of Foli’s life is planned for next year, according to her daughter, Fran White, a member of the Angels’ board of directors since 2006.

In June, the Angels also welcomed six new members to its board. They are Lou Greeley, Jeanna Kirby, Cheryl Pizzo, Michele Pollack, Fiona Urquhart and Susie Vix. To improve customer service, the shop also recently enlarged its checkout counter downstairs and added a second cash register. Other improvements include year-round special sales of donated items including holiday decor, housewares and collectibles.

From May 1 through December, the Angel Society distributed philanthropic funds to 36 organizations around North County including sports teams, schools, local nonprofits and veterans groups.

Requests for philanthropic funds should be made in writing to the Angel Society, c/o Philanthropy Chair, P.O. Box 1408, Fallbrook, CA 92088. Interested volunteers are encouraged to visit the Angel Shop, where they can pick up an application. It costs \$20 annually to become a member of the Angel Society.

The Angel Society’s annual meeting and luncheon for members will be held next year in June. For more information, email angel.society32@gmail.com or visit www.theangelsociety.org.

Submitted by the Angel Society.

Annual car show benefits community year round

FALLBROOK – Donations Chair Michael McGuire and FVCC Treasurer Ron Mintle reported that the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club made monetary donations to 12 deserving local community groups in 2022, including to several Fallbrook High School clubs and sports teams, Fallbrook Senior Center, PTAs at three different schools, Operation Showers of Appreciation, the Foundation for Senior Care and Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center.

The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club uses proceeds from its annual car show to support local groups and programs such as schools, senior community outreach programs, sports programs, military families, and other worthy local causes that work to keep the community thriving.

FVCC also has a scholarship program for seniors at Fallbrook High which donates funds to selected individuals by semester as they progress to their selected post-high school education. All

donations are made possible by proceeds from the Annual Memorial Day Weekend Car Show.

To apply for a donation for any Fallbrook nonprofit group, go to www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org and submit an application which can be found under “Download a Donation Request”.

Membership information, recent member newsletters, pictures and video from the last annual car show, and a calendar of upcoming activities can also be found at their award-winning website. One does not have to own a vintage (25 years old) car to be in the club, just have an interest in them along with the social aspects of this very active club with activities and volunteer opportunities for everyone. The club meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of every month.

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Educator questions test scores for Fallbrook High district

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

What is the truth when it comes to academics at Fallbrook High School?

When the Village News ran a story in early November that “High school test scores show improvement,” a district resident with an educational background, was compelled to write a letter to Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez wanting more information.

“I was pleased to see and want to congratulate FHUSD’s student achievement gains,” the person, who wishes to remain anonymous, wrote in an email to the superintendent with a CC to the Village News. “I was also extremely pleased to read that FHUSD’s ‘data reflection cycle’ allows our teachers to assess progress and collaborate and establish agreements that they adhere to.”

“However,” the email continued, “beyond celebrating, it appears that the district’s student performance data deserves a deeper analysis. As such, please consider presenting your student performance data and important questions that appear below to your board and staff members.”

Attached to the email was a PDF file with nine questions.

Several weeks later, Garza-Gonzales responded to each of the questions by email, with a copy also to the Village News.

“As for the board,” the superintendent added, “I had already informed the board of your request and our plan to address the request.”

Contacted by the Village News about the superintendent’s response, the educator didn’t seem very impressed: “Ilsa provided a very generic response with outdated instructional practices that expect students to own the responsibility for improving their instruction. With the district’s winter break, I will be responding to her message after the holidays.”

The questions and answers, edited for space considerations and clarity, follow. The superintendent also included links to several examples that were not able to be linked here.

The nine questions
1. What attributes can be credited for English Language Arts gains from 2020 to 2022?

We are very proud of the gains that Fallbrook High School has made in ELA and the increased number of students in math who are scoring a 2 or higher.

Fallbrook High School began working on curriculum alignment, systematized goal setting, and collaborative planning with our teachers during the 2019-2020 school year with the support of Orenda Education (consultants). While the pandemic made the rollout of this work challenging, our district, schools, administration, teachers, and support staff understood the imperative to address student learning. The challenging environment prioritized the work.

With the upheaval that our students faced with school closures, virtual learning, hybrid learning and then returning to campus, staff recognized that then, more than ever, students needed to know essential standards and we needed to work together as a system to decide what those essential standards are and strategize how we can support student learning. Our administration, teachers, and support staff doubled down despite the challenges and focused on strategic instruction via collaboration with their colleagues to address those standards. We cannot say enough about the commitment from our staff at all levels.

Our scores represent our staff’s dedication to our students and community. When districts had the option of using internal assessments or giving the Smarter Balanced Assessment in 2020-2021, our staff requested to give the state test. We saw gains in 2020-2021 and saw gains again in 2021-2022. Our ELA scores are higher than the county and the state, and we see less students scoring at the lowest levels in math. We plan to continue our systems work and collaboration with our staff. We are seeing the benefits for our students.

2. What actions are in place to support 40% of the students, 20% at the lowest level, performing below grade level in ELA? And is there a unified understanding

of instructional expectations and effort among English Department members for supporting underachieving students?

The “systems work” that we frequently speak about has at its core the unified understanding of instructional expectations for all students, not only underachieving students. We have identified and frequently revisit the minimum skills that every student must learn and master in order to be college and career ready. Curriculum alignment includes a Data Reflection System that allows for frequent monitoring of progress towards this goal and includes a commitment of the teachers, by the teachers and for the teachers on the specific terms and practices they agree to employ and a system for ensuring that these terms and practices are, in fact, used. We refer to these as agreements.

Outside of instructional time, we offer tutoring before and after school. Currently, we are in the process of designing our schedule for next year which allows for learning integration within the school day reaching the students that need it most.

Support is communicated to parents in a variety of ways. Our principal communicates with students, families, and teachers on a weekly basis via a newsletter. In addition to Principal Jones’ weekly newsletter, there are parent engagement opportunities via School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committees, Parent Night Information Sessions, Coffee with the Principal, personal

phone calls, communication directly from teachers to parents and students, and counselor communication.

3. What conditions are contributing to 79.73% of the students performing below grade level in mathematics?

Although the progress may not be as readily apparent, we are proud of our progress in math as well as ELA. 2018-19 was our most recent year for data comparison in which a high percentage of students were tested. In 2018-19, 58% of our students were scoring a 1 on the SBAC in math, but in 2021-22 the percentage of students scoring a 1 decreased to approximately 54%.

Similarly, 21% of students were scoring a 2 in 2018-19, but that increased to 26% of students scoring a 2. We continue to strive to make gains in math, and we are beginning to see the fruits of our labor. While the 4% increase is students moving from a 1 to a 2, we hope that our continued focus on math will show gains by seeing an increase in students scoring a 3 or a 4 as our work continues. Like schools across the state, math is an area where students need support. The state percentage of students receiving 3s and 4s is 26.97%, so this is a focus not just at FHUSD, but across the state.

4. What actions are in place to support acceleration, vs. ineffective remediation, in mathematics? Is there a unified understanding of instructional expectations and effort among math department members for supporting

underachieving students? How do you communicate that support to students and their parents?

We currently offer Warrior Way and tutoring support after school. Additionally, during summer school, we hire tutors, who are largely placed in ELA and math courses for additional support. Our Data Reflection System applies to all core subject areas, CTE, and World Languages.

There is absolutely a unified understanding of instructional expectations and effort in math. Our math department has collaboratively identified target standards for instruction and has committed to assessing students specifically on these targeted standards and engaging in strategy sessions to identify instructional practices to best support students. This has become a system in our math department, and part of this system involves teachers disaggregating student results to look specifically at underachieving students. The pathways will give you a glimpse of the different supports put in place to assure that all students receive standards-based math instruction. In addition to regularly scheduled progress reports, teachers communicate with parents in a variety of ways including but not limited to Google Classroom, personal phone calls, emails, and newsletters.

5. To what degree are the following improvement systems being addressed: Strategy, Metrics, Commitment, Behaviors and Culture?

All of the above are being

addressed and are referenced in our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The current work that is being done within departments is thoughtful, strategic, and includes strategies and metrics that are evaluated at the classroom, site, and district level on an ongoing basis throughout the course of the year. That system in and of itself demonstrates the commitment to student achievement at every level, which in turn impacts behaviors and school culture. Our staff has doubled down on their commitment to students. They began this work when the pandemic began and have continued this work throughout. Because of their commitment to this work, and their focus on the student experience, we have been able to take this work and look at other systems within our school to continually improve. Our staff and leadership team consisting of department heads, program leads, and administrators have used this systems work to address other areas of our school such as the bell schedule.

Curriculum and Guidance Alignment includes standards and alignment that prioritizes the most important standards to be addressed throughout the school year; rigor addressed through our common assessments and guided planning which serve to calibrate expected outcomes (effectiveness indicators) through a strong, progress monitoring system; design elements that address effective lesson planning,

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More than a best friend



Asia Duhamel and her service dog Lotus work at the Canine Support Teams Inc. Village News/Shane Gibson photos facility in Murrieta. Duhamel copes with PTSD from her time enlisted in the Marines with the help of Lotus who won the American Kennel Club's 2022 Award for Canine Excellence in the service dog category.



Service dog Lotus is told to stay as Asia Duhamel walks a service dog in training.

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

"Dogs can do more than just be man's best friend," believes Marine veteran Asia Duhamel. "Lotus saved my life."

This isn't a story of a dog rescuing someone from something like drowning, but Duhamel shared that she was in "a dark place" with PTSD, anxiety, panic and suicidal thoughts in the months prior to her discharge from the Marines in 2017.

That's when she was introduced to Lotus, a German Shepherd that was recognized in December as the outstanding service dog in the 2022 AKC Awards for Canine Excellence. Awards were presented in five categories and the winners were presented in a documentary shown on ESPN and ABC.

"The idea behind the award is that Lotus did her job – keeping me alive – in order to get me through the mess. Now, because of her, I'm able to train dogs and help other people with their dogs. Basically, like it's her legacy."

Lotus has the ability to "read" Duhamel's emotions and nudge her to stop harmful habits.

"I was afraid of doing things by myself, even ordering food at a restaurant," she said. "Having Lotus gives me security."

The Fallbrook resident works as the lead trainer at a nonprofit organization called Canine Support Teams in Murrieta, training service dogs.

Duhamel grew up in a small town in Georgia. "I went through ROTC in high school and joined the Marine Corps because it was the hardest branch, and they have the best uniforms. I wanted to do law enforcement after I got out of the military, using the GI bill for college, but didn't think a police force would take me seriously because I'm 105 pounds and small."

"I worked hard in the Marines and earned a black belt in Tae Kwan Do and worked out like six days a week. I was and still am pretty fit – but I was really fit back then – and I got myself prepared for boot camp. It was super easy physically for me and so that's why I decided to join the military."

"I ended up being sent here to Camp Pendleton, which is where some of the bad things happened in my life."

She explained that it's difficult for

female Marines. She had become a sergeant in her four-years of service, but the final year included help in the form of medications and counseling.

"The medications that the military and the VA will give you are horrible for you. I figured out something that works and now it's just living day by day. I still go to therapy, but not intensive therapy like I used to, where it was like four days a week, eight hours each of those days for two months straight."

"I wanted to have a dog and I wanted her to have her fully trained by the time I got out. I went to a program and got Lotus – and actually I met my husband Jules there. It was nice because he had his service dog – a boxer named Moses. It was nice having someone who you know could relate to and understand where I was coming from."

Duhamel wasn't satisfied with the training methods of the initial program and was able to adopt Lotus out of it and decided to train the dog on her own.

"I finished her training then I went through Next Step Service Dogs, which is an incredible accredited program. She and I graduated through them and then we volunteered there. Then with COVID, I stopped."

She applied and was accepted at a couple colleges before getting the job with Canine Support Teams as lead trainer for service dogs.

"It's very demanding and part of it is going into prison teaching the inmates," Duhamel said. "I teach the puppy raisers and teach the clients when I get the dogs to place with them – so I'm there every step of the way. I use Lotus as a demo dog because sometimes when the clients are getting their dog, they don't really know what the dogs are capable of doing."

She said team training is two weeks with a lot of stress for people working with veterans, which is 80% of their work.

"I can see myself in many of them, where they get frustrated or emotional. I could see their anxiety when we go out to the mall to practice with the dogs in public. It's something that you have to be sensitive about."

"My whole life is now dogs. She was my first dog – so that's cool – and to be selected was based mostly on our story."

Duhamel self-nominated her dog, sending the AKC a photo of her dog

and explaining why she should be considered.

"It was pretty neat to watch myself on TV," she admitted. "It was kind of surreal. I was happy with what they did. They interviewed my husband as well and the training coordinator who works here. They also showed Lotus doing some task work and some of her retrieval commands, and doing her alerts where she puts her chin on my lap and she pawed me whenever I do some anxious behaviors that she's queued onto."

"There's no such thing as a complete cure for the trauma, but I've learned to manage it way better than I used to. I still go to therapy, but I feel almost normal."

I'm not as worried about panicking in public, so it's it helped me start to go into public more often because I can trust bad things wouldn't happen – because I'd recognize when I need to leave because Lotus responds so well to an anxiety attack or panic attack.

Duhamel has a 100% disability from the military. She likes Fallbrook because it's close to the base, is quiet, and she can afford a house with a backyard.

She feels she is finally in a good place emotionally, thanks to Lotus.



Asia Duhamel trains Blossom to be a service dog as her own service dog Lotus patiently watches in the foreground at the Canine Support Teams Inc. facility in Murrieta.



Asia Duhamel and her service dog Lotus, who aids her owner, are an example of the deep partnership that service dogs and their owners form through providing and receiving assistance.



Asia Duhamel pets her service dog Lotus who provides her with daily support for the effects of PTSD.



Service dog Lotus, right, leads by setting an example as a well-trained service dogs for puppies in training. Canine Support Services Inc. offers a puppy raiser program for individuals who may be interested in fostering a puppy at their home while the puppy is being trained for an individual who will need the dog's service for emotional or physical needs.

HEALTH

The Foundation for Senior Care: Looking forward and expanding outward

FALLBROOK – If you have a senior family member, or you provide care for an older adult, or you, yourself, have reached the age where you could use some support, then you’ve likely been to, or heard about, the Foundation for Senior Care.

Located on the corner of South Mission Road and Fig Street, the Foundation for Senior Care is a nonprofit, charitable organization committed to helping seniors, and adults with disabilities, live independently, stay safe and age with dignity.

Established over 40 years ago, the foundation is a vital community asset and the go-to senior agency in Fallbrook and nearby Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz. The foundation provides transportation, grocery delivery, referrals and advocacy for all types of senior issues, recovery support from hospital-to-home, senior-focused community education, and an adult day program – affectionately called the “Club.”

Through the foundation, clients can get a ride to the dentist, borrow a much-needed wheelchair, work with a care advocate to navigate medical paperwork, arrange a home safety assessment, and find a trusted and safe place for the day that offers caregiving, companionship, and interaction with others.

Most services are free-of-charge with a suggested donation, and the adult day program has a fixed fee. Otherwise, the foundation is funded by the Fallbrook Regional Health District and other grants, community businesses, and private donations. In 2022 alone, the foundation provided over 5,100 rides, helped 850 seniors by providing 1,500 trusted referrals, and managed nearly 1,500 total days of care in the adult day program.

Moving forward, the foundation has several key initiatives in the works – all of which involve an expansion of some kind.

First, they intend on expanding services into Southwest Riverside County. Right now, Temecula seniors can get rides to and from the foundation’s adult day program. In 2023, plans include offering three key programs (advocacy, transportation, and adult care) and establishing a dedicated Temecula office.

Another area the foundation hopes to expand upon is the ability to offer clients an insurance option to pay for services. As a newly certified Medi-Cal provider and a Community Support Partner, the foundation will be looking for ways to offer clients consistent and familiar payment options for both transportation and adult day care.

The foundation will also work to make further inroads into the local, Spanish-speaking community through focused community outreach and Spanish-language messaging and literature.

A final area that the foundation plans to address is the issue of homelessness – or the threat of homelessness – in the local senior population. Through education and community awareness activities, the foundation hopes to shine a brighter light on this problem and collaborate with senior living communities and other partnerships to find sustainable solutions on how to help overcome obstacles.

For the Foundation of Senior Care, 2023 will be a year of growth and expansion, with the continued objective of helping seniors, and adults with disabilities, receive the compassion, respect, and services they deserve.

For more information about the Foundation for Senior Care, call 760-723-7570 or visit www.foundationforseniorcare.org.



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Seven fitness resolutions that are easy to keep

Resolutions to get in shape, exercise more and eat healthier foods are popular each January. Optimism reigns when making resolutions, but for many, the difficulty lies in keeping them. Individuals looking to get healthier in the year ahead can try these strategies to stay the course.

1. Wake up earlier. Waking up a half hour earlier each day can have a substantial impact. That small amount of extra time can be devoted to meditation, deep breathing exercises or even some yoga stretches.

2. Move around more frequently. Many people with office jobs spend hours sitting in front of computers. A sedentary lifestyle can have an adverse effect on overall health. Set a timer or use a reminder on a fitness tracker to remind you to get up and move around for a little bit every hour.

3. Eat more vegetables. Vague goals like “eating better” are difficult to maintain because there is no specific goal to achieve. Rather, a resolution like eating a fruit or vegetable each day at every meal is something measurable. Vegetables can be hidden in favorite foods, such as desserts. Swap pasta noodles for spiralized zucchini as another easy fix.

4. Stand straighter. Posture tends to decline with age, advises AARP. This can cause the spine to lose flexibility. Stretches to maintain posture can help anyone stand straighter and improve long-term health.

5. Add “bursts” to your walk. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic tout the benefits of interval training. While high-impact workouts may not be appropriate for everyone, adding little speed bursts to a daily walk can provide significant health benefits. Aim for 30 to 60 seconds of rapid walking at regular intervals to shake up the workout.

6. Drink more water. Increasing water intake can help you feel fuller, thus reducing the likelihood that you will overeat. Gradually increase your water intake by adding a few ounces each day until drinking water becomes rote.

7. Take a workout outside. Switch up your normal routine by making use of the great outdoors to exercise. Instead of three miles on the treadmill or elliptical machine at the gym, opt for three miles on a local hiking trail.

Healthy resolutions are easier to keep when you have firm ideas and choose reasonable goals.

DEA announces the seizure of over 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl in 2022

WASHINGTON – As 2022 came to an end, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced the seizure of over 50.6 million fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and more than 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder that calendar year. The DEA Laboratory estimates that these seizures represent more than 379 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is the deadliest drug threat facing this country. It is a highly addictive man-made opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, the small amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially deadly dose.

“In the past year, the men and women of the DEA have relentlessly worked to seize over 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl from communities across the country,” said Administrator Anne Milgram. “These seizures – enough deadly doses of fentanyl to kill every American – reflect DEA’s unwavering commitment to protect Americans and save lives, by tenaciously pursuing those responsible for the trafficking of fentanyl across the United States.

DEA’s top operational priority is to defeat the two Mexican drug cartels – the Sinaloa and Jalisco (CJNG) Cartels – that are primarily responsible for the fentanyl that is killing Americans today.”

Most of the fentanyl trafficked by the Sinaloa and CJNG Cartels is being mass-produced at secret factories in Mexico with chemicals sourced largely from China. In 2021, the DEA issued a Public Safety Alert on the widespread drug trafficking of fentanyl in the form of fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills. These pills are made to look identical to real prescription medications – including OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Xanax® – but only contain filler and fentanyl, and are often deadly.

Fake pills are readily found on social media. No pharmaceutical pill bought on social media is safe. The only safe medications are ones prescribed directly to you by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

Just last month, the DEA alerted the public to a sharp nationwide increase in the lethality of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills. DEA laboratory testing in 2022 revealed that six out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contained a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from DEA’s announcement in 2021 that four out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contain a potentially deadly dose.

In 2022, DEA seized more than double the amount of fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills that it seized in 2021. DEA also seized nearly 131,000 pounds of methamphetamine, more than 4,300 pounds of heroin, and over 444,000 pounds of cocaine. DEA is now providing a regularly updated counter at <http://www.dea.gov> to track approximate amounts of fentanyl pills and fentanyl powder seized by the DEA.

The DEA has created a Faces of Fentanyl memorial to commemorate the lives lost from fentanyl poisoning. To submit a photo of a loved one lost to fentanyl, send their name, age, and photograph to fentanylawareness@dea.gov, or post a photo and their name to social media using the hashtag #JustKNOW.

Submitted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Health district announces officers, committees

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

William “Bill” Leach, voted chair of the Fallbrook Regional Health District at its Dec. 14 organizational meeting, has made his appointments of officers and standing committees.

Barbara Mroz is vice chair; Jennifer Jeffries is secretary and Terry Brown is treasurer. Mike Stanicek, appointed at the December meeting, is the other director. The next board meeting is on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

The standing committees include: Finance, led by Brown, chair, and Jeffries, director and former chair. This committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and is responsible for review of budgetary and financial matters related to the district including the annual audit and community health contracts program. This committee is also responsible for review of the district investments and appraisal of market conditions relating to prudent investment of district funds.

Facilities will be led by Jeffries, chair, and Mroz, director. It meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. This committee is responsible for periodic inspection of buildings owned by the district and for review and consideration of real estate matters.

Strategic planning will be led by Leach, chair, and Mroz, director. It meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. This committee determines health needs of the district residents and prioritizes those needs, recommending long-term services and programs to address those needs.

Government and public engagement will be led by Mike Stanicek, chair, and Leach, director/chair. It meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. This committee is responsible for the monitoring of healthcare legislation and public policy and for advisement of the District Board of possible/probable impact on matters of the district as indicated and for the initiation of appropriate action when indicated. This committee is responsible for interface with other agencies, including other government levels, as well as the public; inclusive of speeches or public appearances, press releases, etc. for the purpose of edification of the district’s position/action on matters within the jurisdiction of the district.

NOTE: The committee meetings are held remotely; visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/district-meetings-calendar> for the link to each meeting this month.

A Letter from Debbie Shinner



To the Fallbrook community:

It has been my greatest privilege to serve as the Executive Director of REINS for the past 27 years. I have been blessed to work alongside the most passionate, purpose-driven board, staff, volunteers and supporters, and I am so fortunate to have been part of the lives of so many students and their families. It has been the joy of a lifetime watching them grow and shine.

With a very full heart, it’s time for me to take a step back and hand over the reins to Kaitlyn. I am so proud of her, and can’t wait to see the full potential of her passion, dedication and creativity come to life.

Thank you all - it has truly been the most wonderful ride.

With deepest love and thanks,
Debbie



Debbie with Daniel, a REINS Student of over a decade, on his 16th birthday.

ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Propane Gas Company seeks artists

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Propane Gas Company, sponsor of the Second Annual Celebrate! Holidays & Family Traditions Art Competition is now calling for entries.

Any artistic medium may be submitted. Artwork should be no larger than 24-inches on any side. See entry rules for more detailed information. Entries must be delivered to the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each of three categories: two-dimensional and three-dimensional: first place – \$300,

second place – \$200, and third place – \$100. The photography category cash prizes are: first place – \$150, second place – \$125, and third place – \$100. Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce will award a cash prize of \$100 for their “Chamber Pick.”

The entries in the competition will be on display at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce office, 111 South Main Ave., from Feb. 1-24.

The People’s Choice Award can be voted on during February at the Chamber office as well .

To register or request the Rules and Entry Form, contact

Anita Kimzey,
714-222-2462 or email fpgcartcompetitions@gmail.com

Rules and entry forms can be picked up at Fallbrook Propane Gas Company, the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, the Green Art House at Pala Mesa Resort, The Gallery, FAA (300 North Brandon, Thursday-Saturday, 11a.m. to 4 p.m.) or downloaded online from www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org.

Submitted by Anita Kimzey, event coordinator.



The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Pick in the 2022 Celebrate! Holidays & Family Traditions Art Competition is “Found the Right One” by Karen Langer Baker.

Community Read features controversial case



Caitlin Rother is the New York Times best-selling author of “Death of Ocean Boulevard.”

FALLBROOK – “Death on Ocean Boulevard” by New York Times best-selling author Caitlin Rother answers the question, “Who killed Rebecca Zahau, a beautiful young woman with her whole life ahead of her?” Found hanging naked, wrists and ankles bound, hands behind her back, Zahau’s 2011 death at the famous Spreckels mansion in Coronado drew intense public and media scrutiny.

The San Diego Sheriff’s department concluded that Zahau had committed suicide, but her family was convinced it was a murder. A jury in civil court agreed, finding Adam Shacknai, her boyfriend’s brother, responsible for her “wrongful death” and awarding the family \$5 million.

Lingering questions abound: Was the investigation bungled? Were mistakes made? Were some items not tested for DNA or overlooked?

And will Rebecca’s family ever get the satisfaction of finding out the truth?

“Death on Ocean Boulevard” delves into this controversial death which captivated the nation’s attention. Was it motivated by greed, anger, jealousy or sex? Zahau’s boyfriend, the wealthy pharmaceutical company owner, Jonah Shacknai was suspected, as well as his ex-wife Dina and her twin sister Nina.

Rother will speak about the real-life mystery and her book, Saturday, Jan. 21, at Pala Mesa Resort. The event, the Community Read, is sponsored by Friends of Fallbrook Library. Questions about Zahau’s death have been hotly debated for the past 10 years. It was recently reported in the San Diego Union Tribune that the case may again be opened as a homicide and new investigations conducted. Has more evidence been uncovered?

Rother will discuss all the shocking revelations of the case with any up-to-date information concerning the new investigation. The book is now under development as a limited TV series with Rother as executive producer along with Untitled Entertainment.

Additionally, she has announced that she has accepted an offer to write a book titled “The Bone: The Mysterious Murder of the McStay Family.” It will cover the tragic story that gripped the nation and Fallbrook in particular. Joseph McStay, his wife Summer and their two young sons went missing from their home in Fallbrook in February 2010.

Nearly four years later, their skeletal remains were discovered in

the high desert of San Bernardino County, and McStay’s business partner, Charles “Chase” Merritt was found guilty of their murder and sentenced to death row. Some observers believe Merritt was wrongly convicted. Rother is currently incorporating a treasure trove of late-breaking information into her developing manuscript.

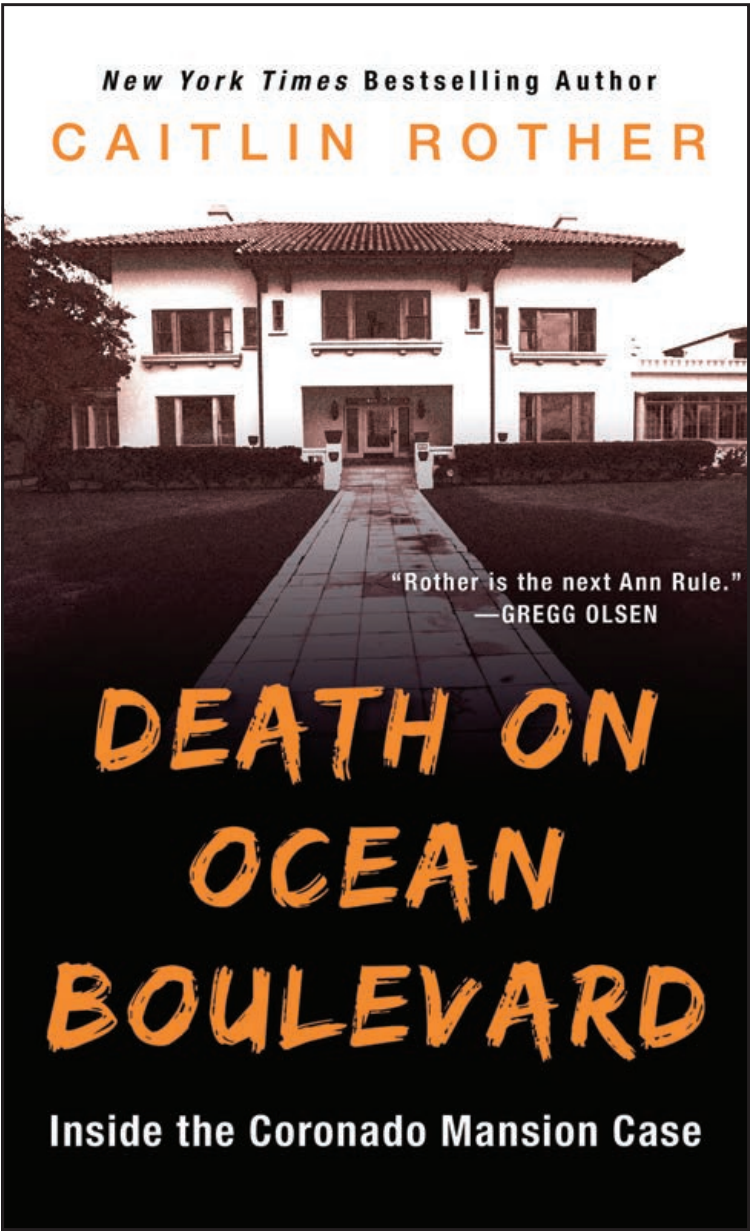
Rother worked for nearly 20 years for daily newspapers. Writing books full-time since 2006, she draws from decades of watchdog reporting on topics from addiction to suicide, mental illness, murder, government, political corruption and the criminal justice system. A popular speaker, she has appeared more than 250 times on TV, radio and podcasts as a true crime expert. In addition, she has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her investigative reporting.

Doors for the Community Read will open at 11:30 a.m., with a light lunch at noon. After lunch the author will speak about her books and answer questions, followed by a book signing. Copies of the books will be available for purchase at the event.

Tickets are \$35 with no service fee and are available online, <http://www.fallbrooklibraryfriends.org>. The Bottom Shelf book store at the Fallbrook library located at 124 S. Mission Road will also be available to assist with purchasing tickets. Seating is limited.

Questions about the Community Read may be directed to either Nancy Javier at banar@roadrunner.com or Helen McHargue at foodsmarts@gmail.com.

Submitted by Friends of Fallbrook Library.



“Death on Ocean Boulevard” by New York Times best-selling author Caitlin Rother is the 2023 Community Read book. Village News/Courtesy photos

FAA demo to us casein paint



Artist Krentz Johnson will do the painting demo Village News/Courtesy photos at the FAA's Jan. 21 meeting.

FALLBROOK – On Saturday, Jan.21, Fallbrook Art Association welcomes artist Krentz Johnson to their General Meeting for a painting demonstration using the media of casein. Johnson is a long-time artist who earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1978 at San Diego State University, earned degrees in New York, founded art galleries in San Diego and is presently a Courtroom Sketch Artist in San Diego area courts since 2003.

Her work is shown in the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, as well as the FAA Gallery and in many national art association competitions. An award-winning plein-air artist for many years, her work is intriguing and colorful showing the gorgeous scenery of life around Southern California.

The demo and workshop will feature Johnson’s favorite plein-air medium, casein, a milk-based medium and has been used since ancient Egyptian times as a form

of distemper paint, and is still used today. One of the qualities for which artists value casein paint is that, unlike gouache, a water-based opaque paint, it dries to an even consistency. Also it can resemble oil painting more than most watercolor paints like acrylic, gouache, or watercolor. Over time it will become water resistant. This should be a very interesting demo by a very accomplished artist.

The General Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with the artist’s

critique of member’s paintings and the afternoon workshop starts at 1 p.m. the same day. The public is welcome. Registering for the workshop in advance is encouraged, but sign-ups are also accepted that day. The cost to members is \$40, \$50 for non-members. Call Carol Reardon to register for the workshop and receive a materials list, 760-221-5577.

FAA’s Gallery is located at 300 N. Brandon Road. General

meetings are held at the Fallbrook Women’s Club, 238 W. Mission Road, the third Saturday of each month. FAA has a new art show every month at The Gallery with added theme shows along with their general art shows which are open to all members and guest artists. Entry forms and info can be found at www.fallbrookartassoc.org.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Association.

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Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

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Available to iPhone and Android

users, the county’s Tell Us Now! app builds on the county’s commitment to customer service by making county systems more efficient. It is a user-friendly app where constituents can report non-emergency problems to the county. Through the app you can contact many county departments to report a variety of issues, such as County Code Compliance to report graffiti; and the County Department of Public Works to report road maintenance, signs and traffic issues.

It’s easy to use – See a problem, take a photo, add some text and send! The app will alert someone to clean up the mess, repair the sign or fix that error! If you see a pothole, send it in on the app and we will get it repaired shortly. Be sure to download the app today and participate in making your neighborhood and our county a better place to live!

As always, if we can be of assistance or answer any questions, my team and I can be reached at 619-531-5555 or via email at Jim.Desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov. We are still happy to help with any of these issues too!

Welcome to flight 2023



We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your positive attitude and gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destructive devices, including pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment, should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith.

Once your faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be no baggage allowed on this flight. God, our captain, has cleared us for takeoff. Destination: greatness, prosperity and achievement.

Wishing you a New Year filled with new hope, new joy and new opportunities.

Welcome to flight 2023 and expect God’s blessings.

Submitted by Mike Stromsoe

Re: ‘Making sense of the midterm elections’ [Village News, Maynard letter, 12/22/22]

Maynard strikes (out) again. He starts off with a reference to the “stench of societal decay,” as if it had something to do with the Democratic Party. I told him in no uncertain terms last week, that stink is from the character assassination and endless gaslighting originating in the Republican outhouse.

Right now, Maynard wants to downplay how badly the Republican Party blew it in the 2020 election. The far right power brokers who finance their political campaigns got what they thought they wanted in overturning Roe v Wade. That tribute to their unbelievable misogyny mobilized women voters across the political spectrum.

The Democratic Party did spend twice as much as the Republican Party, because their billionaire supporters backed off. They had realized early on what a loose cannon Trump was and decided it was time to dump him. Wise decision. Since the election, Trump refused to concede, orchestrated the Jan. 6 Insurrection, and has stated parts of our Constitution should be voided so he can return to office. And after two years, there is absolutely no evidence of the “massive election fraud” that supposedly stole the election away from him.

Of course, Maynard cast the usual aspersions: Hyperinflation?

Hardly: it’s a global phenomenon. And the Fed’s efforts are mitigating the effects somewhat. Election tampering by Democrats? How about providing some evidence. Most laughable: “recent election law changes overwhelmingly favor Democrats.” From gerrymandering to voting restrictions, there’s nothing Republicans won’t do to stop Democratic voters.

The last half of Maynard’s letter airs some of his Party’s dirty laundry. I’m sure he knows more about that than I do. So, I’ll not comment except to say, if he keeps at it, perhaps he’ll find where that stench is coming from.

John H. Terrell

Legislative priorities for 2023



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th District

California is increasingly unaffordable. We have the nation’s most expensive housing and the highest energy costs. We must reform policies that increase costs and impose burdensome fees on every home built, including rental units, making it difficult or impossible to find a place for many to live.

State energy policies that drive up electricity costs, and our highest-in-the-nation gas prices/taxes, need serious reform. Water is another problem. Bureaucratic hurdles blocking new dams must be revised. Current storms may fill existing reservoirs, built for a much smaller population, but additional water storage facilities are needed to serve agriculture and almost 40 million Californians.

Public safety should be a top priority. But from fentanyl trafficking to smash and grabs, leniency has been disastrous. Penalties for purveyors of fentanyl

and other deadly poisons need to be strengthened. My legislation allowing life sentences for fentanyl traffickers if they cause death or serious injury was blocked by the majority, despite skyrocketing death rates. And we can cut down on smash and grabs if we allow felony penalties for thefts, including those under \$950, as in legislation I authored last session.

The placement of Sexually Violent Predators in San Diego County is ongoing. Residential neighborhoods and rural communities where families try to raise children in a safe environment aren’t equipped to cope with the SVP moving in next door; nor should they have to. The entire placement process needs revision.

Homelessness is getting worse, despite billions spent. Causes overlap, and include housing costs, mental illness and drug addiction. My legislation allowing Medication-Assisted Treatment for drug addicted inmates under county supervision will help keep drugs off the streets, while also helping to reduce opioid deaths and crime.

Mental health is an important issue affecting so many families. Working to increase parity between mental health and physical health is one of the main issues our bi-partisan Mental Health caucus works on. Increasing access to care and needed treatments must be a priority, including increasing the number of treatment providers. But it’s just part of the puzzle. We must consider every tool available to solve these complex problems.

These issues, and many more, are nonpartisan and need immediate attention. The 2023 session will be busy, and hopefully, productive.

2023 will be a big year for Fallbrook and Rainbow Water customers

Jack Bebee and Tom Kennedy
Special to the Village News

Few topics in San Diego County garnered more headlines in 2022 than the worsening drought and the soaring cost of water.

For the residents of Fallbrook and Rainbow, both the drought and the cost of water have become major areas of concern, but especially the cost.

This spring the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is expected to approve or deny applications by our two water districts – the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District – to part ways with the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and instead begin purchasing water from the Eastern Municipal Water District.

If our applications are approved and we’re allowed to buy water from Eastern, ratepayers in the Fallbrook and Rainbow service areas will realize a collective savings of approximately \$7.6 million annually, according to an independent analysis conducted by LAFCO.

Unfortunately, in purchasing water from the SDCWA, our two districts – which serve much of our county’s important agricultural industry – pay some of the highest

water costs in the region. Over the past decade, our water costs from the SDCWA have shot up an average of 8% per year. In fact, our two districts have long-subsidized water agencies in other parts of the county by paying for facilities we don’t need or use.

Fortunately, there’s a solution. By purchasing water from Eastern, we will pay only for the water we use and the cost of getting it to your tap. In addition to the cost savings, LAFCO has determined that Eastern can provide us with a reliable supply of water for years to come.

Sadly, the SDCWA is working aggressively to kill our effort, making misleading statements. Why don’t they want us to leave? Because they want to continue to collect your money for the benefit of their customers down south.

Our proposal has received the support of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group, the Rainbow Community Planning Group, as well as the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, all of which voted overwhelmingly to endorse the switch after reviewing

the facts. If LAFCO approves our applications – which could come as early as March – then voters in the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts will have the final say in an election held in each of the two districts’ service areas.

Without question, escalating water rates have taken a huge toll on the people of Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Bonsall, as well as our agricultural community, which is vitally important to our economy. Changing water suppliers will bring relief to our ratepayers, while ensuring a safe, reliable supply of water in the years ahead.

To learn more, please visit www.ratepayersforwaterchoice.com. To receive updates, please email Noelle Denke at noelle@fpud.com.

We wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Bebee is the general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District. Kennedy is the general manager of the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

America under siege

Biden’s economy is devouring the life savings of millions of American families like swarms of locusts descending on a wheat field after two years of unprecedented deficit spending and the Democrat’s relentless war on fossil fuels. When Trump left office, inflation was hovering around 1.4 %, and today it has risen to a staggering 7.75 %!

While Biden and his dotting lackeys are high-fiving each other over the modest improvement from last month’s inflation report, most Americans are wondering how they will pay for the necessities of life. Still, as unforgiving as this economic crisis has become, nothing threatens our lives like the cataclysmic upheaval unfolding at our Southern Border.

Not since Genghis Khan rode out of the Eurasian steppes with his vast army of Mongol hordes has a sovereign nation’s borders been so ruthlessly violated. Historians estimate 40 million lives were lost in the wake of Khan’s invasion of his sovereign neighbors. Although the incursion at our Southern Border is without the bloodletting and ominous sights and sounds of war, it is undeniably leading us to an ill-fated destiny with disaster.

We are about to descend into the depths of a Faustian nightmare... one we may never wake up from! Unless Biden reverses his open-border policy, which is highly unlikely, America will soon be indistinguishable from the third-world countries from whence these illegal aliens fled. Yet this stammering, gaffe-ridden man has little inclination to end this masochistic madness and avert this impending calamity.

These are not innocent asylum

seekers fleeing religious, ethnic, or political persecution, as Democrats like to portray them. Nor are they freedom lovers drawn to our borders by the impassioned words of Jefferson or Madison. Invited by NGOs like Catholic Charities and United Way, these economic opportunists are seduced by the lure of government enticements and guaranteed immunity from criminal reprisals by their benefactors at the DNC.

The Constitution offers few remedies when the federal government fails to protect the states from invasion. However, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake offered an intriguing solution while campaigning. Article IV of Section 4 of the Constitution provides a plausible resolution for this constitutional conundrum. It implies that when the federal government is remiss in protecting the states from invasion, it is incumbent on the states to enact all necessary safeguards to protect the rights of their citizens!

And what might those safeguards be? I realize the word “militias” is a forbidden term banished from the public square by social media moguls and the “Thought Police” on the seventh floor at the FBI. Yet “states militias” are precisely what our Founding Fathers envisioned for times such as these!

One final thought: If this massive wave of humanity is not brought to its knees, I fear we may be witnessing the final chapter in the American saga before she slips into the morass of forgotten empires and is lost in the archives of time forever... Don’t let it happen, Patriots!

Dave Maynard

Arise Shine

“KINGDOM”

May you and your families be filled with our Lord Jesus’ truth, peace, strength & light this New Year 2023!

Don’t be distracted!

“And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect **will of God.**”

– Romans 12:2

Trust the Lord!

“Delight thyself also in the Lord: and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart..”

– Psalm 37:4

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‘Special content’ coming for subscribers

Julie Reeder
Publisher

I'm hopeful for 2023.
Court cases have vindicated the skepticism I had the last two years regarding government overreach. Parents have fought back on school issues regarding their children and our business has survived like many did, despite

the government shutdowns, etc. There's reason for hope.
My commitment is even stronger to our readers to keep bringing timely, uncensored news stories and features relevant to you. We are going to step it up this year by presenting "special content" for our subscribers including the interviews we do on video so you can see more behind the

scenes. One of my first public interviews this year will be with a psychiatrist who has had much success with healing people of serious psychiatric disorders like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder through diet. This is breakthrough science, but the practice has been around for decades.
We also have interviews lined

up with doctors related to lawsuits they are fighting with the state to stop interference with their free speech rights and the client/doctor relationship. There's interviews relating to success in healing degenerative diseases, Sudden Death Syndrome, Jan. 6 defendant interviews, homelessness, and many locals making a difference.
Here's to 2023 being a great year!

Thank you and please continue to support your local journalists by subscribing at VillageNews.com/subscribe. Or MyValleyNews.com/subscribe.
Note: I've had a lot of positive feedback on my series explaining CRT. We will resume with part 3 next week.

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a schedule that maximizes student learning, and implementation of powerful, research-based teaching and learning strategies.
Our leadership team is committed to the process and to supporting teachers and support staff with implementation. This is achieved through common planning time for teachers and calibrated learning walks involving academic leaders from the superintendent to our assistant principals. Since much of the systems work that we have and will continue to implement is based on John Hattie’s “Visible Teaching and Learning” research, we focus all professional development on collective teacher efficacy, our belief system, and immediate, effective feedback. Our two systems, Curriculum Alignment and Guidance Alignment, both impact practice with curriculum design focusing on instruction and guidance alignment focused on student access. We understand and believe that we are responsible for establishing the conditions for learning. This, in turn, impacts behaviors and culture.

6. What can district leadership, including board members, do to improve student achievement?

Our Leadership Column is strong, and every leader is a vocal champion of the process we have in place. We have also experienced leadership stability that has greatly contributed to our gains. Our leadership team, including our board members, are supportive of the work that we have done to establish consistent and collaborative systems that focus on student achievement and the student experience by establishing targets for student learning and consistently measuring progress and collaboratively identifying instructional strategies that best support student learning.

Furthermore, board members commit to ensuring that our LCAP, which guides all that we do, is centered around ensuring that all children achieve in our district, that all children have quality and qualified teachers, and that all children have safe, healthy learning environments regardless of which school within FUHSD they choose to attend.

7. Why is there a Director of Curriculum for ELA Programs and no representation for mathematics in the Educational Services Department? What level of collaboration is in place with the feeder school districts?

We do not have a Director of Curriculum for ELA Programs. We have an Educational Services Director. The revisions to the job description and title were approved at the June 13 board meeting. The Educational Services Director is responsible for curriculum and instruction in all instructional areas.

We collaborate on an informal ongoing basis with both Fallbrook Union Elementary School District and Vallecitos School District. Our leadership team met with FUESD on Dec. 13 and plans ongoing communication and collaboration in January. We also meet with Vallecitos on a regular basis. In

2020/21, we began collaborating closely with Maie Ellis Elementary to support the dual immersion program which feeds into our Dual Immersion Pathway. This is accomplished through our Saturday Academy. Many of our extracurricular activities also collaborate with both districts and include middle school students in activities whenever possible.

8. Why is Mathematics test data unavailable for years 2019/20?

There is no test data for ELA or Math for the 2019/20 academic year due to the pandemic. The State waived the testing requirements that year. In 2020-2021, testing was not required but highly encouraged. That year, FUHS had a participation rate above 70% which was considerably higher than districts throughout the state.

9. What accounts for the 150-165 difference in students tested over time?


I would like to know specifically what period you are referencing to best answer this question. However, in 2020/21, FUHSD was one of the schools who chose to administer the SBAC, and FUHSD had a participation rate

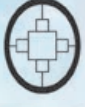
above 70%, which was higher than other districts throughout the state. If the comparison of numbers is from 2018/19 to 2021/22, we do have declining enrollment which also impacts the total number of

students we have available to test in Grade 11.

Per the San Diego County Office of Education, our participation rate that includes all appropriate calculations, inclusion of

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Clouds and light paint the skies over Fallbrook and Bonsall



A skyscape lights up over westbound 76 through Bonsall. Village News/David Landry photo



The sunset is seen from Wilt Road over Fallbrook during a break from the rain as the end of 2022 approaches. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Brilliant sunsets become normal in 2022. Village News/Lucette Moramarco photo



The pond at Monserate Winery reflects the sky scene on a sunny day in November. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Clouds intensify the sunlight in an early November sunset in Rancho Monserate. Village News/Lucette Moramarco photo



A sunlight cloud travels over Fallbrook, Dec. 13. Village News/David Landry photo

REAL ESTATE & HOME and GARDEN

Save Our Forest makes a New Year’s resolution



Save Our Forest volunteers plant a tree below the Reche Schoolhouse.



Many trees line the Pico Promenade, including this jacaranda at the entrance on Fallbrook Street.

FALLBROOK – “Help Fallbrook residents fight Climate Change” is the resolution made by the members of Save Our Forest, a Fallbrook Land Conservancy committee, to answer a worldwide concern. It will be the focus of SOF partnering with Fallbrook Climate Action Team working together now through April to offer each resident the opportunity to help the cause.

Plants and trees, especially because of their size, are the workhorses of the environment supplying essential oxygen for a healthy environment. They clear the atmosphere of the pollutants that we create every day. As traffic in this small community grows residents must act to offset the emissions that this brings.

The Cut the Carbon program again offers an answer to the

question, “what can I do as an individual to help the environment and do it right?” The answer is “plant the right tree in the right place,” a valuable phrase in the Urban Forestry industry. It means choosing a tree based on height and width limitations at each proposed location to cut down on pruning requirements in the future. Other money saving measures are reducing heating and cooling costs with proper placement, and choosing trees that are more drought tolerant.

Information to make the right choice for one’s location is part of the program. A free tree and all that information is offered with a home visit, a list of recommended trees for one’s locale, and how to plant information, in exchange for a Fallbrook Land Conservancy membership. Participants will learn about the various preserves

open to the public, and activities of the FLC committees with a monthly newsletter. It is an amazing organization making Fallbrook’s nature preserves a destination in San Diego County and adjacent communities.

Call the FLC office to find out how to make an appointment and/or get more information, 760-728-0889.

Submitted by Save Our Forest.

January is time to prepare for pruning

Frank Brines
ARNS Master Rosarian

Happy New Year – let’s hope for ideal rose growing weather for 2023. We finally got a December with the needed winter chill to help rose have a dormancy period.

This month I’m going to help you get ready for the major late winter pruning you should do in late January to late February. (I’ll provide details on pruning in my February column.) To get you started before that, plan to attend the Temecula Valley Rose Society’s pruning demonstration Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to noon at Rose Haven Heritage Garden (30592 Jedediah Smith Road in Temecula, just a few blocks north off of Temecula Parkway).

Participants should bring clean, sharp, bypass pruners in good working condition, and be prepared to learn and to lend a hand pruning under experienced direction. This will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered, hone your skills, and boost your confidence. You may also wish to check local newspapers and nursery websites for additional hands-on pruning classes.

Be patient about getting the itch to start pruning your rose bushes. As much as you’d like to have blooms as soon as possible, don’t jump the gun! Some gardeners think pruning in December or early January will give them a head start on flower production, but that’s risky. First, even if January brings exceptionally warm air temperatures, the soil will still be quite cold, so the roots (and

stems) will not be “revved up” for much active growth – your head start won’t amount to much.

Second, and more importantly, if early pruning is followed by a hard frost, you’ll probably lose the tender young growth and have to prune again. Will the remaining canes be long enough and have enough stored energy for vigorous spring growth? Will you have enough outward-facing buds? Probably not. Simply stated, pruning too early will set back stem growth and flower production and ruin your chances of strong, well-formed plants.

I think you’ll be able to hold off after experiencing the recent storms that brought plenty of cold rain and near freezing night-time temperatures to the Temecula Valley! This week’s weather forecast for the Temecula Valley (and other inland valleys) for the next two weeks is for chances of rain in most areas and lows in the low to mid 40s with an occasional high 30s.

In the Temecula Valley, the last average frost date is March 31, so you’re probably safe pruning any time in February. Of course, it’s always a gamble. The best advice is to watch the weather!

Late-winter pruning resets the plants’ biological clock, acting as a wake-up call to begin a new life cycle. You can expect the first flush of blooms about 10 weeks after pruning.

But this month, get your tools ready! You need a good pair of sharp “bypass” hand pruners that

fit comfortably in your hand. “Bypass” pruners have a sharp curved cutting blade (which slices through the cane) and a dull curved non-cutting blade (which holds the cane in place during the cut). The sharp blade “bypasses” or slides over the dull curved blade. This is in contrast to pruners that have a sharp flat blade that comes to rest against a flat dull blade; toss those pruners out!

At minimum, also have at least one pair of sturdy loppers handy. Each size has a maximum diameter it can cut efficiently. Using pruners or loppers that are too small on a too-large cane can damage both the tool and the cane. A hand saw with a narrow blade can also be handy if you have some older plants with large canes that may need to be removed. A “keyhole” saw works well for this.

Clean your tools – and keep them clean! Rubbing alcohol and cotton balls are ideal for cleaning cutting blades, before, during and after the job. This helps prevent disease transmission from plant to plant and you can use it as first aid on your own cuts, scratches, and punctures! (On that note, a good pair of leather gloves are necessary with long sleeves or separate pair of sleeves to protect our arms.)

If a major cleaning is needed, use WD40 and 0000 steel wool; if necessary, disassemble and soak for 15–30 minutes, wipe clean and reassemble. Lubricate your tools with a light oil such as 3-in-1.

Be prepared for the after pruning

task by buying copper fungicide dormant spray now. Dormant spraying roses will help ward off rust and mildew from roses in the coming season. December and January are the best times of the year to apply dormant sprays.

January and February are excellent months for planting new roses which are in garden centers now. There are many sources: local nurseries (Armstrong and Walter Anderson) and reputable online retailers who specialize in roses. New stock will begin appearing in nurseries this month, and online suppliers usually ship in mid-January. (Does that tell you anything?)

But be sure to shop early for the best selection – and if you have access to it, be sure to consult your American Rose Society Buyer’s Guide (which you will receive with your annual ARS membership or renewal). Still, one can usually wait until March to plant and still expect the roots to form relationships with beneficial soil fungi and become showstoppers as early as May, well ahead of the summer heat. Potted rose bushes are best for these late plantings.

Roses offered for sale are rated by quality. You want only #1 roses – they are the surest guarantee of success, with all horticultural methods employed to provide satisfaction – don’t waste your time and money on anything lower. Higher quality plants have a higher chance of success, require less effort, and acclimate faster. Also, the cost

of any rose is a very small fraction of what you will eventually invest in that plant over the years in water, fertilizer, pest control, and effort, so why not start with a first-quality plant?

Roses may come to you “bare root,” potted, or packaged. Bare root plants are just that, usually packed in wood chips to keep the roots damp and viable. They are slow to thrive and it’s best to get them early and plant immediately so they have the maximum amount of time to become established. (When you acquire a bare root rose, be sure to soak its roots in water for 24 hours, then plant promptly.)

Packaged roses are the slowest to thrive as they have been drastically root pruned to fit into the plastic sleeves. Potted roses make the quickest and most successful transition to the garden, but they also tend to be more expensive and not as plentiful in selection, and I’ve detected that many nurseries will pot up bare root plants immediately upon arrival to stores so inspect those selections. But as I said, the initial cost will pale against what you put into the plant in the years to come.

So, spend this month getting ready for “The Big Prune” and I will provide guidance on that all-important annual task in the February column.

Visit www.temeculavalleyrosesociety.org for information on future programs and events in the garden.

Supervisors approve donation for long-term vegetation fire retardant

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Donations to San Diego County which exceed \$5,000 in value must be approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, but the acceptance of \$200,000 from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County was approved by the county supervisors

Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The supervisors’ 4-0 vote, with Jim Desmond absent, authorized the acceptance of the \$200,000 donation, authorized board chair Nathan Fletcher to sign a letter of appreciation to the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County on behalf of the board and the county, established appropriations of \$200,000 in the San Diego County

Fire Protection District’s Services and Supplies budget for the purchase of long-term fire retardant for high fire risk areas and found the actions categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review.

Approximately 79% of the unincorporated San Diego County land mass is designated as a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone or a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County offered to donate \$200,000 to the county fire department for the preventative treatment of vegetation with long-term fire retardant, which

will reduce the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life and loss of property from fire.

The San Diego County Fire Protection District will select high fire risk areas based on prior fire history and where evacuation routes have been identified in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed by the local Fire Safe Council chapters. In addition to reducing the risk of a roadside fire becoming a major wildfire, the long-term fire retardant will help protect evacuation corridors in the event emergency response is needed.

Long-term fire retardants

contain retardant salts which alter the way fire burns, which decreases fire intensity and slows the advance of a fire. Retardant is often applied from fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters during the initial and extended attack of wildfires.

The county fire department evaluated the use of ground-applied retardant to reduce the number and severity of roadside wildfires and found such application to be beneficial on critical roadways where traditional vegetation management may not be feasible due to sensitive habitats, on roadways experiencing increased roadside fire starts and around critical community infrastructure.

Although the donation itself is exempt from CEQA review the San Diego County Fire Protection District will conduct environmental review prior to the ground application of retardant on any road segments.

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Review of all things Real Estate

Bob Hillery shares the following article this week:

The 2023 housing market



Andrea V. Brambila
Inman News

The slowing housing market has some expecting a crash in 2023, but next year will likely be more humdrum; albeit still painful as the market continues to cool before an expected uptick in 2024. Experts predict a more balanced market between homebuyers and sellers where home prices will either flatten, dip slightly or rise slightly while mortgage interest rates continue to decrease after a rapid rise this year and inventory bumps up marginally.

“The housing market has been running at a frenzied pace for the past two-and-a-half years,” said Lisa Sturtevant, chief economist for Bright MLS. “In the second half of 2022, high home prices and fast-rising mortgage rates stalled market activity. As demand dries up and price expectations are re-set, home prices in most local markets will drop from their

pandemic peaks.”

According to Taylor Marr, deputy chief economist at Redfin, continued high mortgage rates are likely to make the 2023 housing market the slowest since 2011. “We expect home sales to sink to their lowest level in more than a decade in 2023 as high mortgage rates keep housing costs up and prevent people from moving; high homeowner equity and a resilient job market will stave off a wave of foreclosures.” Fannie Mae is expecting a “modest recession” in 2023 with a predicted negative 0.5% in GDP growth before the economy expands by 2.2% in 2024.

“The economy caught its breath in the second half of 2022, but that doesn’t change our expectation that it will run out of air in early 2023 via a mild recession,” said Doug Duncan, chief economist at Fannie Mae. “We expect housing to continue to slow, even though mortgage rates have come down recently. Home purchases remain unaffordable for many due to the rapid rise in rates over the last year and the fact that house prices remain elevated compared to pre-pandemic levels.

“Refinancing is not practical for the vast majority of current mortgage holders,” Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com, anticipates that everyone in the housing market, sellers, buyers, and renters “may be overwhelmed” next year in what she called a “nobody’s-market,” friendly to neither buyers nor sellers.”

“The slowdown in home sales transactions that began as

mortgage rates surged in 2022 is expected to continue, leading to a moderation in home price growth and tipping housing market balance away from sellers,” Hale said. “But with mortgage rates continuing to climb as the Fed navigates the economy to a “soft-ish” landing, a moderation in home price growth will not be enough for the housing market to be a buyer’s bonanza. Home shoppers will enjoy advantages such as a growing number of homes for sale, but costs will remain high, challenging affordability at a time when overall budgets continue to be squeezed by inflation.”

After starting the year at 3.2%, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose higher than 7% in October for the first time in more than two decades. Experts differed on how much they expect the rate to fall in 2023. Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, expects the rate to settle at 5.7% as the Federal Reserve slows the pace of rate hikes to control inflation.

Matthew Gardner, chief economist for Windermere, predicts rates will stay above 6% percent until the fall of 2023 and then “dip into the high 5% range.” Sturtevant predicted the rate would fall to 6% by the end of 2023; much higher than in recent years but similar to the rate before the Great Recession. “Rising mortgage rates have been the main cause of the pullback in sales, the average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will end 2022 around 6.5% after surpassing 7% earlier this fall.

Mortgage rates will fall in 2023, but they will not come down as quickly as they rose. Mortgage rates may have ended their steady upward rise but expect volatility in rates throughout the rest of the winter before they begin to ease.”

Marr anticipates that the rate will end 2023 at around 5.8%, averaging about 6.1% for the year. That will make buying a home slightly more affordable but much less affordable than last year. “Mortgage rates dipping from around 6.5% to 5.8% would save a

homebuyer purchasing a \$400,000 home about \$150 on their monthly mortgage payment.”

“A homebuyer on a \$2,500 monthly budget can afford a \$383,750 home with a 6.5% rate; or a \$406,250 home with a 5.8% rate. Mortgage payments for a typical U.S. home rose from needing 27% of median household income in January to 37% in October – far beyond the 30% threshold where housing becomes a financial burden.”

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Four tips for self-employed homebuyers



Nontraditional workers can get a mortgage by keeping their financial paperwork organized to document their income.

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Jane Kepley
Special to the Village News

Getting a mortgage can be challenging when you don't have a 9-to-5 job – or at least one that offers consistent pay stubs.

Don't fret, though. If you're a freelancer, gig worker, business owner or another type of independent contractor, it's still possible to buy a home – it just takes a proactive approach and some planning to make it happen.

Are you a nontraditional worker hoping to get a mortgage? Here are some steps you can take:

1. Focus on consistency. It's vital to show lenders that you have regular income when applying for a mortgage. Try to work steadily in the lead-up to your home purchase – and be sure all your income is documented with invoices, deposit slips and bank statements.
2. Make your financial picture appealing. Lenders often see nontraditional workers as a risk because their income isn't as consistent as that of a salaried

worker. You can offset this risk by improving your credit score, paying off some debts or increasing your income if possible. (Maybe you can take on a side hustle or an extra project in the months before applying.)

3. Keep financial paperwork organized. Since you won't have pay stubs to verify your income, other forms of documentation will be key in your application. Make sure you have the following on hand: your bank statements; your business's profit-and-loss statements; proof of past invoices, deposits and contracts; and any other important paperwork.
4. Get creative with your financing. Conventional and FHA loans aren't the only options. Non-QM mortgages can be smart for self-employed borrowers, and bringing in a co-buyer can help, too. Talk to a loan officer for more recommendations based on your situation.

If you're ready to start your home search or need a referral to a trusted lender, reach out to Jane Kepley with CR Properties at 760-622-0204 or kepleyrealstate@att.net.

Supervisors set Jan. 11 hearing for Bonsall Oaks easement adjustments

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Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has set a Wednesday, Jan. 11, hearing for easement adjustments on the Bonsall Oaks subdivision.

The supervisors voted 4-0 Wednesday, Dec. 14, with Jim Desmond absent, to set the hearing date. The adjustment would vacate 243 acres of an existing 252-acre biological open space easement but dedicate a new 277-acre open space easement, which will increase the total open space easement area by more than 30 acres.

The project was called The Polo Club in 1999 when the county board of supervisors approved a final map to subdivide the 449.54-acre parcel on the northside of Gopher Canyon Road at Vista Valley Road into up to 165 dwelling units with two open space lots.

The development was conditioned to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Fish and Wildlife Service and the Regional Water Quality Control Board before construction could begin. The ownership negotiated with the regulatory agencies, and the project has undergone multiple design changes so that the required permits could be obtained. The subdivision was renamed Bonsall Oaks when Bonsall Oaks LLC, agreed to purchase the project from Vista Villas Development L.P.

Bonsall Oaks will be constructed in phases. Phase 1 consists of a winery, a tasting room and a bed and breakfast off of Oak Bridge Drive. The tasting room and bed and breakfast will be across Gopher Canyon Road from the entrance to the Vista Valley Country Club. Phase 2 will include 59 residential lots; Phase 3 will provide 57 residential lots; Phase 4 will build 41 residential lots and Phase 5 will construct seven custom homes.

The county's Department

of Planning and Development Services has the authority to approve minor deviations to an approved subdivision map. PDS has approved map modifications including boundary adjustments, and the revised lot layout will reduce biological impacts with an open space easement larger than that dedicated for the previous configuration.

The proposed new open space easement overlaps with much of the easement proposed to be vacated. A drainage easement vacation would replace an existing highway drainage easement with a new easement in a new location. The existing open space is within the backyard of planned residential lots while the proposed new easement would utilize separate open space lots which create a larger open space easement. The revised design would also reduce the proposed development footprint from 213 acres to 140 acres.

The easement replacement would not change any other biological conditions of wildlife agency approvals. Those conditions include installing open space fencing and signage to protect the open space, processing a Resource Management Plan to ensure ongoing maintenance and management of the open space, establishing a funding mechanism to secure the ongoing funding for the perpetual management, maintenance and monitoring of the easement and biological monitoring during construction.

No in-use utilities or other public facilities exist within the area of the highway drainage easement proposed to be vacated. The easement area would not be needed for that purpose because of the relocated easement, and that land is not authorized for non-motorized transportation uses and thus would not be useful as a non-motorized transportation facility.

The redesign including the easement modifications will not affect the road improvement

conditions for Bonsall Oaks. Those conditions require paving all proposed roads within the subdivision. Bonsall Oaks will also install 14 feet of additional grading, asphalt concrete paving and new striping for a minimum length of 25 feet to accommodate a left turn lane along Gopher Canyon Road.

Gopher Canyon Road will be widened at the project entrance and an additional 14 feet of paving and striping will accommodate a dedicated right turn lane into the project entrance. Bonsall Oaks will also provide 30 foot radius curb returns and transitions at the intersection of Oak Bridge Drive and Gopher Canyon Road.

Bonsall Oaks is on the border of the North County Fire Protection District and the Vista Fire Protection District and is in both districts. Secondary access will be provided through a private road which will connect to Dentro De Lomas. Neither fire department expressed concern with the revised map or the easement modifications, and Bonsall Oaks is working with both districts to obtain approval of a fire protection plan for the updated design.

The changes will not create significant new environmental effects, so the Environmental Impact Report which was certified when the board of supervisors approved the tentative map in November 1993 will be adequate upon completion of an addendum.

On Aug. 2, the Bonsall Community Sponsor Group voted 5-0 to recommend vacating the drainage easement and did not request any conditions for that vacation. A 4-1 vote that day recommended approval of the open space easement vacation while expressing concerns about traffic, infrastructure, road improvements and the remainder area.

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Mid-year budget adjustments fund Village View Park, Bonsall Community Park

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Village News Reporter

The mid-year budget adjustments approved Tuesday, Dec. 13, by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors will establish additional funding for Village View Park and Bonsall Community Park.

The supervisors' 4-0 vote, with Jim Desmond absent, budgeted additional amounts of \$6,737,000 for Village View Park and \$2,000,000 for Bonsall Community Park. The funding includes Park Land Development Ordinance fees which are collected from developers to fund park improvements in the area of the

development, federal and state grants and transfers from other projects.

Village View Park will be on 6.8 acres of land on the south side of Fallbrook Street between Morro Road and Golden Road. The planned amenities include play areas, a picnic area, a multi-purpose field, an open field, a skateboarding facility and a dog park. The restrooms will be shaded to reduce energy use and mitigate heat effects. The 68 planned parking spaces include three stalls meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and parking for five bicycles is also planned. More than 100 new trees will be planted, and gardens with native plants will provide local habitat for wildlife. The park will also have multi-use trails.

Park Land Development Ordinance fees can be used for acquisition of land, park development, new playground equipment or replacement of playground equipment. The Dec. 13 action appropriated \$1,000,000

of Fallbrook area PLDO balance for Village View Park. The Urban Greening Program was created by 2016 state legislation, is administered by the California Natural Resources Agency and supports infrastructure projects which reduce emissions and provide other benefits, and the county has received a \$1,000,000 Urban Greening Grant for Village View Park.

A separate \$1,200,000 Statewide Park Program grant was also awarded; that program funds projects which provide park and recreation opportunities in critically underserved areas. Community Development Block Grant projects are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and intended to revitalize lower-income communities. In April, the county supervisors approved \$656,959 for Village View Park including \$6,959 for environmental review, but the money could not be budgeted until it was actually

received from HUD and the Dec. 13 action budgets the \$650,000 for construction.

The county's 2019-2020 budget included \$582,000 for the construction of a skate park in Fallbrook and later that year the supervisors accepted a \$20,000 donation from Fallbrook Skatepark Inc. for a future skate park; the \$602,000 will be applied to Village View Park and was reflected in the formal budget transfer. If a capital project is postponed until a subsequent fiscal year the budgeted funding for the current fiscal year may be reallocated, and \$2,285,000 for the Twin Oaks Local Park expansion and improvement project was transferred to the Village View Park budget.

The mid-year funding will assist with additional project costs due to inflation and an estimated 20% increase in the cost of labor and materials. The total project costs for Village View Park are now estimated to be \$10,209,000. The park is anticipated to be completed in January 2024.

Bonsall Community Park is sometimes referred to as the Moosa Downs Active Recreation Node of the San Luis Rey River Park. Bonsall Community Park will be located near the intersection of state Route 76 and Camino Del Rey. The park will total 63 acres including 55 acres to be developed. The amenities will include soccer fields, baseball or softball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a skate park, a bicycle skills park, playgrounds, multi-use pathways, picnic areas, a dog park and restrooms.

If funding permits, the initial construction contract will include a photovoltaic energy system utilizing carport roofs. Inflation and increased labor and materials costs now create a total cost estimate of \$27,302,581 with park completion scheduled in March 2025. The mid-year budget adjustments add \$2,000,000 of Bonsall area PLDO funding for Bonsall Community Park.

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BUSINESS

Worker of the Week volunteers her time



Bonnie Amick, a volunteer, decorates a Christmas tree at the Christmas Store which was temporarily located on South Main and closed Dec. 27. All proceeds went to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, located at 230 West Aviation Road. The sanctuary is a rescue, rehabilitation and no-kill adoption center.

FPUUD approves fleet replacement plan, grant application

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District approved a vehicle fleet replacement plan.

The 5-0 FPUUD board vote Monday, Dec. 5, also authorized district staff to pursue the Power Your Drive for Fleets grant San Diego Gas & Electric offers for conversion to lower-emission vehicles. The six-year plan also addresses compliance with present and future California Air Resources Board requirements. The action adopts a vehicle replacement plan but does not stipulate specific vehicles.

The intent of FPUUD’s Off-Road Heavy Equipment Replacement Plan is to reduce maintenance costs of aging off-road fleet vehicles as well as to maintain CARB emission compliance. In addition to the off-road vehicles, FPUUD also maintains an on-road fleet of 49 vehicles ranging from Class 1, which are passenger vehicles with a rated weight capacity of less than 6,000 pounds, to Class 8, which include a weight rating more than 33,000 pounds, vehicles, and 27 of those vehicles are either half-ton trucks or passenger cars.

FPUUD staff assessed vehicular assets to develop a chart which includes each vehicle’s age, mileage, condition and planned replacement date. Red-flagged assets are scheduled for replacement during the future fiscal year, yellow-flagged assets are slated for replacement in three to four years and replacement of green-flagged assets is more than five years away. The plan is modified annually both to reflect ephemeral needs and to synchronize future purchases.

A California Air Resources Board regulation would require that by 2024 half of all fleet purchases for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 8,500 pounds will need to be zero emission vehicles and by 2027 all such purchases will need to be zero emission vehicles. Zero

emission includes both electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

“There is an EV requirement now,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUUD, said.

FPUUD’s fleet meets current CARB emissions standards. Electric vehicles will require electric charging stations.

“There is money out there for charging stations,” Bebee said.

San Diego Gas & Electric’s Power Your Drive for Fleets program reimburses 80% of the cost to install the fleet charging infrastructure. The only stipulations of the grant are that the recipient purchase at least two electric vehicles in the next five years and that the recipient maintain the charging stations for at least 10 years.

FPUUD plans to purchase two electric vehicles and test them to ensure they meet the district’s needs before purchasing additional zero-emission vehicles.

“We’ll see how they work and if we have problems then we’ll adjust from there,” Bebee said.

FPUUD staff has evaluated installing chargers at the district’s water treatment plant on Alturas Road and at the FPUUD administration building on East Mission Road. Phase 1 would likely meet FPUUD’s needs for the first seven years and would include the backbone infrastructure in both locations designed to meet future needs as well as the current phase. The first phase would install three Level 2 chargers at the water treatment plant, six Level 2 chargers at the main shop, and a direct current fast charger at the main shop.

The plan after that would add new charger legs to the existing system. The cost estimate to purchase and install the chargers is \$360,000, so the grant would be for \$288,000 and FPUUD would fund \$72,000 which will be incorporated into the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.

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Female leadership reigns as REINS announces new executive director

FALLBROOK – The REINS board of directors announces that Kaitlyn Siewert succeeds Debbie Shinner as the executive director of REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program.

Siewert will lead the organization’s expansion into dedicated services for veterans, displaced youth, seniors and individuals in recovery.

Dedicating her career to serving the disabled community, Siewert brings 20 years of experience as a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, Program Director at REINS, and PATH International California State Chair.

Combined with her bachelor’s degree in kinesiology from California State University San Marcos, master’s in business administration from National University, and deep knowledge and passion for the equine-assisted services industry, she is well-positioned to help further advance the mission of REINS, an organization that has been changing lives for almost 40 years.

Most recently in her role as program director, Siewert led the organization to receiving PATH International’s Premier Accreditation status. Only granted to PATH’s top Therapeutic Riding centers worldwide, this achievement signifies that REINS adheres to the absolute highest standards of safety and excellence.

Siewert has also been spearheading the REINS expansion into Equine Assisted Services for Veterans, displaced youth, seniors and individuals in recovery. With the generous support of the Donegan Burns Foundation, the expansion is fully underway.

“We are thrilled to welcome Kaitlyn as our new executive director,” said board president Jim Betz, “She brings substantial experience, enthusiasm, and innovation to the organization. With the recent expansion of programming, we have already seen her vision, dedication and passion come to life. On behalf of the entire board, we support Kaitlyn wholeheartedly and look forward to a successful year ahead.”

“Kaitlyn will bring a wealth of expertise and passion to REINS, and I am delighted to hand the reins [wink] over to someone with her knowledge, experience,



Kaitlyn Siewert, left, and Debbie Shinner welcome guests and kick off the student demonstration at the 26th Annual REINS Country Hoedown.



Kaitlyn Siewert and Debbie Shinner share a happy moment with longtime REINS students and friends, Zane Wheeler and Miles Brothers at the 25th Annual Country Hoedown.

heart and deep commitment to this organization,” said Shinner. “I have no doubt that REINS will be in capable hands under her leadership.”

Siewert officially began her new role Jan. 1 and will manage all day-to-day operations, oversee all programming and development,

while Shinner will continue to be an ambassador for REINS. Celebrations of Shinner’s work and extraordinary contribution to REINS and the entire community will continue throughout the year.

Submitted by REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program.

Tips to make returning gifts easier

Rebecca Gramuglia
Special to the Village News

As the holiday season comes to a close and the new year begins, Americans are asking themselves, “To keep or not to keep?” And according to the National Retail Federation and Appriss Retail, 2022 purchases will bring in more than \$800 billion in returns.

So whether you are returning gifts in-store or shipping them back, here are three tips to help make the returns process easier on you and your wallet.

- Know the return policies and deadlines. To keep post-holiday gift returns simple, research the return policies and deadlines ahead of time. Make sure you have all of the required items and information when heading to the store, or when packing up your return (if you’re returning via mail). And if you’re sending items back via parcel services like UPS or FedEx, write down the tracking number to ensure your return gets delivered and that you’ll get your refund.
- Pro-tip: If you plan to return a gift, don’t be afraid to ask for the receipt. Having this information

will ensure you receive a full refund in case the item has dropped in price since the initial purchase.

- Avoid peak return times. Instead of waiting in long lines for in-store returns or at the post office, steer clear of returning unwanted holiday items immediately after Christmas or on weekends. The best times for in-person returns are early mornings or weeknight evenings (after 7 p.m.). And when returning an online purchase, be sure to examine all of the return options available from the retailer. For example, you can bring Amazon returns to Kohl’s locations. Some retailers may also be partnered with companies, like Happy Returns, where you can

locally drop off your return at specified locations for free.

- Stay organized. Too many holiday returns to keep track of? If that’s the case, take a few minutes to compile a list of what you need to return and where. There are also apps, like ReturnQueen, that help manage the return process for you. These apps connect to your email and can remind you when you need to return a purchase in order to receive your full refund. If you’d prefer not to sign up for anything new, look to see what your mobile device natively offers to help set reminders for yourself.

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EDUCATION

Extracurricular activities for non-athletes



Students who don't want to compete in scholastic sports can still find a wealth of extracurricular activities that align with their interests. Village News/Metro photo

High school sports garner significant attention in communities that want to support their student-athletes. But what about students who aren't inclined to compete on the field or in the gym? There are many more non-athletes than athletes, and the following are some extracurricular activities that might appeal to students who aren't interested in sports.

Clubs
High schools are home to clubs that cater to all sorts of interests. Foreign language clubs, gaming clubs, book clubs, and debate clubs are just some of the many non-sports-related clubs students can join to participate more fully in campus life.

Physical activities
Just because kids aren't interested in traditional scholastic sports doesn't mean they don't enjoy breaking a sweat or being part of a team. Local community programs may offer club skiing teams, rowing clubs, hiking clubs, and other physical activities that are not affiliated with a school. Such options are great opportunities for kids to engage in physical activity and meet fellow fitness enthusiasts.

One option kids may want to consider is a local recreational pickleball league. Pickleball has exploded in popularity in recent years and many communities now host competitive leagues for people of all ages.

Students who don't want to compete in scholastic sports can still find a wealth of extracurricular activities that align with their interests and even others that may stoke newfound passions.

Theater
School theater programs faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, when indoor gatherings were limited if not outright restricted and students were forced to adapt to remote learning. But since COVID-related restrictions were lifted, many theater programs are back in full swing.

In fact, the Educational Theatre Association™ notes that its programs were present in roughly 5,000 schools during the 2021-22 school year. Theater programs can expose kids to the performing arts but also teach youngsters who aren't interested in performing about backstage components, including set design and even script writing

Volunteering
Volunteering is another potential extracurricular activity high school students might want to consider. Volunteering can expose children to potential career paths and introduce them to people from all walks of life. The vast majority of nonprofit organizations welcome and need volunteers, so

BUSD approves fine arts block grant expenditure plan

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Bonsall Unified School District board approved an expenditure plan for block grants covering arts, music and instructional materials.

A 5-0 board vote Wednesday, Dec. 14, approved the BUSD Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan. The school district will be receiving \$1,310,465 in funding.

“Every single student in our district has access to the arts now,” Joseph Clevenger, superintendent

of BUSD, said. Although the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant is one-time funding, the \$1,310,465 will fund programs through the 2025-2026 school year. “What I’m just thrilled about is the sustainability of these funds,” Clevenger said. “I’m very pleased with the funding mechanism to sustain these programs.” The funds may be used for professional development, acquiring standards-aligned instructional materials, developing diverse book collections with culturally relevant texts and

operational costs. The school will be spending \$356,335.44 of the funding during the 2022-2023 academic year, \$307,453.36 in 2023-2024, \$317,875.15 during 2024-2025 and \$328,801.05 in 2025-2026. The \$399,692.93 earmarked for elementary school music teachers will cover \$92,733.49 in 2022-2023, \$97,370.16 during 2023-2024, \$102,238.67 for 2024-2025 and \$107,350.61 in 2025-2026. That amount does not include benefits expenditures

which over four years will be \$86,809.78 for benefits and another \$300,000 for health insurance contributions. The \$388,200 for general arts supplies will involve spending of \$136,000 during 2022-2023, \$80,000 for 2023-2024, \$84,000 in 2024-2025 and \$88,200 for 2025-2026. The expenditure of \$61,391.60 for arts, music and instructional equipment will cover \$15,347.90 each year. Tech supplies will consume \$43,101 of the grant with expenditures of \$10,000 in 2022-2023, \$10,500 during 2023-2024, \$11,025 in 2024-2025 and \$11,576 for 2025-2026. The expenditures also include \$19,935.31 for rental equipment, \$7,024 for contracted services and \$4,310 for mileage. “The arts play such an important role,” Clevenger said. “Just so thrilled that they are in the hands of our kids.” Joe Naiman can be reached by email at jnaiman@reedermedia.com.

How students can avoid ‘senioritis’

Senior year of high school can be a whirlwind of activity. The early months are spent wrapping up standardized testing and applying to college. Since many colleges and universities ask for mid-year transcripts for students to aid with class placement and/or make final admissions decisions, students also need to maintain their studies and grades throughout the fall and winter.

Come spring, when graduating seniors have already picked a college, students with their eyes on the finish line may feel like pulling back a bit. According to Southern New Hampshire University, the term “senioritis” refers to a common condition reflecting a lack of motivation by students who are reaching the end of their coursework. While it occurs in high school seniors and college seniors, those in trade schools or other programs also can experience senioritis. Students hope that they can simply coast until the end of school. It’s important not to let senioritis set in to the point that students’ academic futures are suddenly compromised.

Consider the repercussions. According to the University of the People, many colleges have a policy that incoming freshmen must maintain a certain GPA to become students at their institutions. Letting grades slip can ruin chances of attending the school you worked hard to get into, even if you’ve already been accepted. Dartmouth College, for example, notes that they reserve the right to rescind

an offer if “the student’s final academic record has lowered significantly.” A similar policy is enforced by Stanford University. • Schedule breaks. Take advantage of time off from school and on the weekends to engage in fun activities. Respite from school work can help you return to studies fresh and ready to engage anew. • Plan your senior courses wisely. Work with your guidance counselor to schedule courses throughout your time at school so your senior year schedule features few rigorous classes and includes more enjoyable electives. • Hold each other accountable. Get together with a close group of classmates to inspire one another to continue to study and maintain good grades. Accountability to another person can serve as motivation. • Ask for help and support. It’s common for seniors to want to slack off if they’re feeling overwhelmed and stressed. If various factors in your life are causing you anxiety, reach out to your parents and friends for help. • Establish strong habits. Learning to stay focused even throughout the spring of senior year can help set the course for good habits that spill over into college, like time management and focus. Avoiding a case of senioritis can be challenging, but it is in students’ best interests to stay focused on their work until they don their caps and gowns.

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Fallbrook’s charms woo two talented wordsmiths

An appreciation

by Tim O’Leary

Hello, again, dear reader. I pray that only sweet water has filled your cups since the last time we supped.

Today we shall focus on Fallbrook’s second great man, Frank Capra, a war hero, movie maker and fierce local champion. Another day I will write about Fallbrook’s first great man, Medal of Honor recipient Union Sgt. William Pittenger.

It is Mr. Capra who brings us to the table today, although both men have, as we all must at our appointed times, sadly passed from this mortal coil.

The two men had much in common. They shared a fierce love of the spoken and written word and a rich reverence for the restful land that surrounds us all.

It’s a tucked-away community that is green in the spring and gold in the fall. It is anchored by a slow-growing village of wise, wonderful people. It is framed by two rivers that flow from mountains and hills into the sea. Its winds are alternately soft, swift and strong. It is a land both coastal and inland. Many days here are laced by cool, morning mists and then followed by crackling afternoon heat.

And now comes me, the least of we three finger flickers. It is my hope that you will let me be your guide as I detail the lives of Mr. Capra and his beloved biographer, Gary Vix.

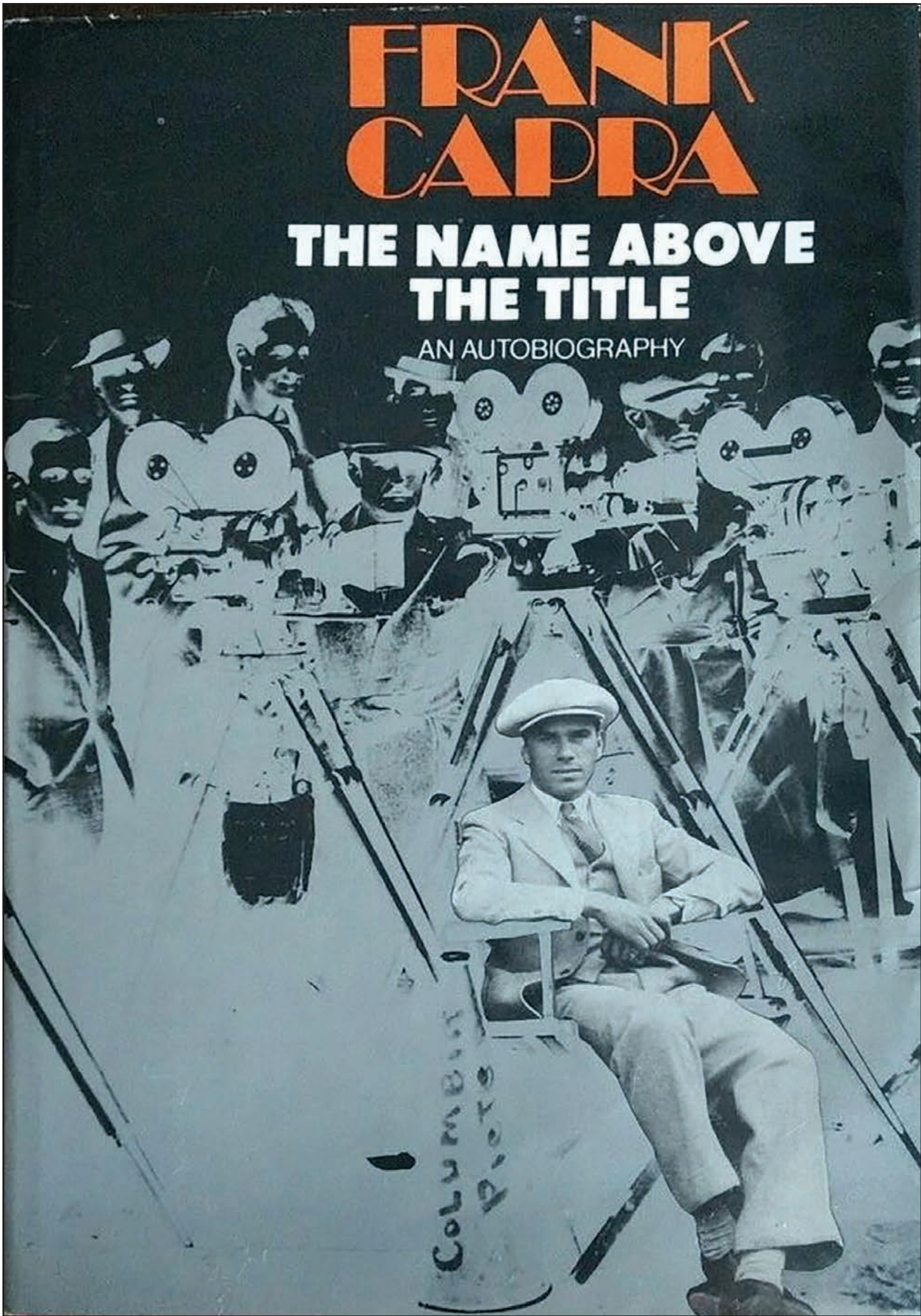
Mr. Capra was born in Italy in May 1897. With his parents and six older siblings, he emigrated to the U.S. six years later. He served in two World Wars, rising to the rank of colonel in the Army Signal Corps. Along the way, he reaped six medals that included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the WWI and WWII Victory Medals.

He worked his way through high school and then college at the California Institute of Technology by working a string of oddball occupations that included hawking newspapers, playing the banjo, waiting on tables, cleaning power plant engines, selling books and working at a campus laundry.

As quoted by Wikipedia, Mr. Capra once wrote that his perspective on life changed “from the viewpoint of an alley rat to the viewpoint of a cultured person.”

Mr. Capra studied chemical engineering and was the only member of his family to receive a college degree. Yet he was also chronically unemployed, typically down on himself and often adrift amid swirls of depression.

He fast-talked his way into the fledgling film industry, and scored



Frank Capra’s autobiography was published in 1971.

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“The Fallbrook Story” is a film about Fallbrook’s battle with the U.S. government over local water, and it was produced by Frank Capra in 1952.

a \$75 gig to direct a one-reel silent movie that was made by amateurs and filmed in two days. He parlayed that performance into such 1930s and ‘40s writing and directing masterpieces as “For the Love of Mike” (1927), “The Younger Generation” (1929), “It Happened One Night” (1934), “Mr. Deeds Goes to Town” (1936), “You Can’t Take It with You” (1938) and “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” (1939).

The fabulous flick “It Happened One Night” was the first film to nab all five top Academy Awards. In all, Mr. Capra was nominated for six awards for directing films and he netted three directing Oscars. He served as the president of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences from 1935 to 1939.

Mr. Capra died in September 1991 in La Quinta. He was buried

in the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery.

But, of course, “It’s a Wonderful Life” (1946) has become his shining star and it stands tall as my second-favorite movie. It trails, just by a hair, the masterwork “Sergeant York,” the 1941 classic that told the true story of Sgt. Alvin York and blended the talents of Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Ward Bond, Noah Beery Jr. and Joan Leslie.

It is the amazingly upbeat, fictional movie that brings your humble narrator to Mr. Gary Vix and his lifelong love affairs with the word, with Fallbrook and with Mr. Frank Capra.

Mr. Vix was born in Florida in 1943. His family bounced around California for many years until it landed in Fallbrook, where he enrolled in elementary school. He loved music and played the



The goat that is front and center in this scene from “It’s a Wonderful Life” is believed to represent director Frank Capra whose last name means goat in Italian.

trombone in the Fallbrook High School Marching Band. His brother, Marlin, also played the trombone. They loved to perform polkas and other popular songs.

Gary Vix earned the title of drum major of his Fallbrook High School band prior to his 1961 graduation. He left Fallbrook to attend San Jose State University. After graduation, he became a band teacher, started a family and eventually moved back to his beloved Fallbrook, which became his final home.

He planted deep roots in his old/

new community. He became active in the Fallbrook High School Alumni Association. His favorite local stops included the hardware store and the Donut Pantry. His faded, yellow 1973 Ford Courier pickup was a familiar sight around our friendly village. He brought many a smile to a great many faces.

His love of Fallbrook, of course, included Mr. Frank Capra, Sgt. Pittenger and the rest of our community’s legend and lore. His love of history caused him to contemplate and write about much

of what he heard, saw, sang, felt and tasted.

Perhaps his crowning written glory was a 5,000-word piece titled “Is Fallbrook the Actual Bedford Falls?” It was printed in the 2022 edition of the greater Fallbrook area’s Sourcebook, an annual magazine published by Reeder Media Inc.

I know that the piece tapped into the hearts and minds of many Fallbrookians. We were all amazed that we learned so much about our

SPORTS

Nine Warriors given all-league field hockey honors

Berg named league Coach of the Year

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School is in the Palomar League for field hockey, and nine of the Warriors’ players received all-league recognition while Fallbrook head coach Debbie Berg was selected as the league’s Coach of the Year. The all-league first team included Erica Garcia, Taylor Sanchez, Mallory Sehnert and Gianna Alvarez-Lindenmayer. Maya Pack and Kasey Sanchez shared goalkeeping duties for the Warriors this year, and both were placed on the Palomar League

second team. Lucy Loomis, Shea Morgan and Alyssa Wilson were given honorable mention distinction. “A testament to their dedication to the sport and their growth of their skills,” Berg said of the nine all-league players. Eleven players received first-team recognition, and another 11 were chosen for the second team. Fallbrook thus had four of the 11 Palomar League first team players. “Four is quite a few to get on the first team. It just means that the league recognized the considerable talent we had this year,” Berg said. “It feels good to be recognized.”

Fallbrook and Mission Vista High School both had 8-2 Palomar League records to share the league championship, although the Warriors swept their league games against the Timberwolves. The all-league first team also included three players from Mission Vista, two from Valley Center High School and one apiece from San Pasqual and Mount Carmel high schools. Del Norte High School is also in the Palomar League; the Nighthawks had no first-team players but two second-team selections. Cassidy McLeod of Mission Vista and Alvarez-Lindenmayer

are the only sophomores on the Palomar League first team. “That’s a pretty rare event,” Berg said. Garcia, Taylor Sanchez and Sehnert are seniors. All were team captains for 2022 as was Wilson. “They each bring something very special to the table,” Berg said. Pack and Kasey Sanchez are both juniors. “They’re a big reason why we had 10 shutouts,” Berg said. Three of those shutouts were in league play and two others were in the CIF Division I playoffs. Fallbrook and Valley Center faced

each other in the CIF championship game with the Jaguars prevailing by a 2-1 margin. Loomis is a senior. Morgan is a junior. Although Berg was selected as the league Coach of the Year, she noted the role of assistant coaches Jeremiah Fuller, Collin Kooyman and Emily Kooyman. “That’s a shared award. It was in my name, but it was a shared award. It basically was to the whole coaching staff,” Berg said. “We each play a part.” Joe Naiman can be reached by email at jnaiman@reedermedia.com.

Palmerin wins J.U.M.P. tournament

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Angie Palmerin participated in the J.U.M.P. by InterContinental San Diego tennis tournament Monday, Dec. 19, at the Barnes Tennis Center and won the girls 16-and-under division. “It felt great,” Palmerin said.

J.U.M.P. stands for Junior tournament Underwriting Master Plan. Beginning tournament players can participate in the J.U.M.P. round-robin tournaments which do not have an entry fee. Palmerin is a junior at Fallbrook High School and has played three years of CIF tennis for Fallbrook High, including the

Valley League tournament, the CIF team tournament and the CIF individual tournament. She has not participated in Southern California Tennis Association tournaments. She also hadn’t previously played in the J.U.M.P. tournament. “I actually wasn’t thinking about even entering that tournament,” Palmerin said.

Palmerin works at the Fallbrook Tennis and Pickleball Club, both in the pro shop and with youth clinics. Raquelle Rogers, who graduated from Fallbrook High in 2017 and played tennis for the Warriors, although not in 2016 as a senior due to elbow surgery, is the Fallbrook Tennis and Pickleball Club assistant pro. Rogers suggested that Palmerin enter the J.U.M.P. tournament since there was no entry fee. “I think it was a good tournament,” Palmerin said. “I got to see all the other players.” Three other players who have taken lessons at the Fallbrook Tennis and Pickleball Club also participated in the tournament and were in different age groups. “I think it was a good experience for them,” Palmerin said. Each match consisted of five games. Palmerin began the tournament with four 5-0 victories. She defeated Makena Seiler of San Diego, Keira Kamath of Fullerton, Carla Alvarado of Mater Dei Catholic High School and Monique Tenorio of Brawley. The division had two round-robin pools. Kailey Shim of San Diego won her first three matches,

all by 5-0 scores, to advance to the final against Palmerin. Because each match was to five games rather than won by the first player to prevail in five games, Palmerin clinched the match and the championship by winning the first three games against Shim. Palmerin then won the fourth game. Shim won the fifth game to finalize the score of Palmerin’s victory at 4-1. “I let that last game slip,” Palmerin said. Palmerin noted that the loss was an endurance matter rather than mental mistakes. “That is something I need to work on,” she said. “My feet started getting slower.” She credits her mental focus for her tournament championship. “It was more confidence than technique for sure,” Palmerin said. “I’m getting up to my level. I’m mentally getting there. I was scared of tournaments in the beginning. Now I’m getting confidence.” Joe Naiman can be reached by email at jnaiman@reedermedia.com.

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Lady Warriors split first 10 games of water polo season

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School’s girls water polo team played 10 games during the calendar year 2022 portion of the Warriors’ 2022-23 season and had a 5-5 record in those contests.

“I’m very pleased with it. We’ve had some really good games,” said Fallbrook coach Sean Redmond.

For 2021-22, the Warriors were in Division I for playoff purposes and had a 6-15 overall record including a 1-4 mark in Palomar League play and a loss in the first round of the CIF playoffs. This year, Fallbrook is in Division II, and the Warriors have returned to the Valley League.

“To me, it’s just another opportunity to play,” Redmond said of changing leagues. “I’ll play anytime anywhere with anybody.”

Redmond’s players are responsible for the actual playing. The Fallbrook varsity has 12 girls. Nine of those were on last year’s varsity. The 2021-22 squad had only two seniors and only one of those was a starter, but because Redmond started different players based on the situation, seven of last season’s starters are back on this year’s team.

The experience still doesn’t prevent Fallbrook from being unfamiliar with opponents. The Warriors began their season Nov. 30 at home against Oceanside and obtained a 7-6 victory over the Pirates. Fallbrook had a multiple-goal lead prior to the final Oceanside goal. “They started coming back in that game on us,” Redmond said.

Oceanside is also in Division II. Rancho Bernardo is in Division I and was in last year’s Open Division playoffs. Rancho Bernardo also hosts the Rancho Bernardo Invitational tournament which in 2022 was played Dec. 2-3. In that tournament, Rancho Bernardo was also Fallbrook’s first opponent, and the Broncos prevailed by a 9-2 score. “They were a better team,” Redmond said. “They just played better than we did.”

Fallbrook’s other Dec. 2 game was a 9-8 loss to Poway. The game was tied after three periods, but the Titans had a 2-1 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter. “It was back and forth,” Redmond said.

Del Norte and Fallbrook are scheduled to conclude the regular season Feb. 1 with a Valley League game at Del Norte. The two teams faced each other for their first

Dec. 3 tournament game, and the Warriors won that 7-6 matchup. “I think it gave us confidence once we got into league play,” Redmond said. “The confidence level went up with that game.”

Poway and Del Norte are both in Division I. Eastlake, whose nickname is also the Titans, is in Division II and lost a 2021-22 Division II playoff semifinal by a one-goal margin. “Eastlake is one of the top teams in D-II,” Redmond said.

A 12-4 Eastlake victory Dec. 3 against Fallbrook concluded Rancho Bernardo Invitational play for the two teams. “Eastlake just outplayed us. They have a couple of real strong players that we just didn’t know what to do about at that time,” Redmond said.

Fallbrook made trips to East County on consecutive days for games Dec. 6 at Granite Hills and Dec. 7 at Steele Canyon. “It was all right. It worked out,” Redmond said. “It was I think a little rough on the girls, but they responded well.”

Granite Hills is in Division I. The Eagles held a 9-3 halftime lead over Fallbrook, but the Warriors had the second-half scoring advantage and the final score was 15-11. “That game was, I think, a turning point for us,” Redmond said.

“We started to fully realize what they were doing and were able to make adjustments,” Redmond said. “What we were able to do and what we were practicing finally came together.”

High school water polo games consist of four seven-minute periods, and the Warriors were able to utilize the full 28 minutes to handle Steele Canyon. “We were able to make adjustments,” Redmond said. “It was just trying to continue what we had done the day before.”

Fallbrook prevailed over the Cougars by a 13-3 margin. Normally Arden Bauer and Kayla Herbert share goalkeeping duties for the Warriors, but Herbert did not play Dec. 7 so Baur was in the net for all four quarters.

The Warriors’ third game of the week Dec. 9 was at home against Rancho Buena Vista, and the Warriors were on the preferred end

of the 21-4 final score. “We were fortunate with that game. We got to play everybody,” Redmond said. “Our non-starters were able to get a lot of playing experience.”

Rancho Buena Vista is the only Division III opponent on Fallbrook’s 2022-23 schedule. La Costa Canyon is in Division I and reached the 2021-22 Open Division semifinals. The Mavericks traveled to Fallbrook for a Dec. 13 matchup, and the Warriors earned a 13-10 triumph. “It was back and forth the whole game. We did jump out to an early lead,” Redmond said.

La Costa Canyon continued to make the game competitive, but Fallbrook had a second-half advantage. “Our conditioning definitely showed,” Redmond said.

Fallbrook and Eastlake both concluded the calendar year 2022 play Dec. 16 in Chula Vista. The Titans held a 5-2 halftime lead, but the Warriors narrowed the gap and the final score was 8-6 in Eastlake’s favor. “I consider that a huge positive for us considering what happened the first time,” Redmond said.

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native or adopted hometown in a single newspaper story. I – a ham-handed columnist who can barely write my way out of a wet paper bag – was intensely jealous that this Gary Vix guy had scooped me so thoroughly.

Sadly, Mr. Vix died suddenly on Sept. 21. He left behind his beloved wife, Susan Vix, an abundance of children, grandchildren and other kinfolk and, finally, his 1947 Ford Sportsman.

I leave you now with the words that Mr. Vix wrote to convince us all that Mr. Capra was writing about us when he told the story about how love conquers all adversity, all poverty, all tragedy and all evil.

Capra creating a fictional town named Bedford Falls was a brilliant marketing strategy. Bedford Falls, by not being any particular community, became practically any small town in America.

Almost every small town has a drugstore, hardware store, movie theater, school, church, etc. In order for an existing community to claim the title of the “Real Bedford Falls” requires some concrete and irrefutable evidence. Perhaps Fallbrook cannot claim the title of being the “Actual Bedford Falls” and neither can Seneca Falls [N.Y.] claim to be the “Real Bedford Falls.” However, only one of these two small towns can claim that Capra actually lived there.

Although lacking a New York state location and snowfall is such a rare event that photos of the white stuff reaching the ground appear as a front page spread in the local newspaper, much of Bedford Falls can be found in the DNA of the village of Fallbrook.

Another Capra film which provides fuel for the Bedford Falls – Fallbrook relationship is a true story and a typical Capra format: the triumph of good over evil. The film is titled “The Fallbrook Story” which you can find on YouTube.

Capra’s name doesn’t appear anywhere in the film’s credits for obvious reasons. It’s the story of an average guy, a war veteran and his struggle to combat an evil foe.

Like George Bailey in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” G.I. Joe Edman, who actually represents the entire community of Fallbrook, is forced to resist the overreach of a Henry F. Potter type villain in the very real United States Attorney General James H. McGrath.

AG McGrath filed a suit and claimed that Fallbrook’s water, which the community had been using for around 100 years, actually belonged to the United States government. Fallbrook fought the U.S. government, retained their water rights and won.

The simple fact that Capra would create a motion picture titled “The Fallbrook Story” is in itself a testament to the affection and attachment he had to the community and its residents. There is no known Capra film titled “The Seneca Falls Story.” The film begins with none other than award-winning director Cecil B. DeMille providing the introduction.

The year 1952 was a time in U.S. history when former Sen. Joe McCarthy led a witch hunt attempting to expose Communist activities, especially in the entertainment industry. Capra could be scrutinized under the magnifying glass held by McCarthy’s committee seeking out un-American Hollywood types.

It was well known that Capra was a patriot who loved the United States. However, his films occasionally projected a somewhat negative view of the system by exposing corruption in the political landscape, especially among U.S. government bureaucrats and politicians...

In the end, Democracy always prevails and the political system works, especially for the “little guy.” Capra films favored the average American instead of the large political machine which was gaining power during the Great Depression. Capra did not vote for Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

... It has been written that Frank Capra didn’t think of “It’s a Wonderful Life” as a Christmas film when it was released in 1946. That may be true. However, Capra himself soon realized the Christmas holiday season is when interest



The old Granville House in “It’s a Wonderful Life” resembles the Ellis Hotel which once stood in downtown Fallbrook.

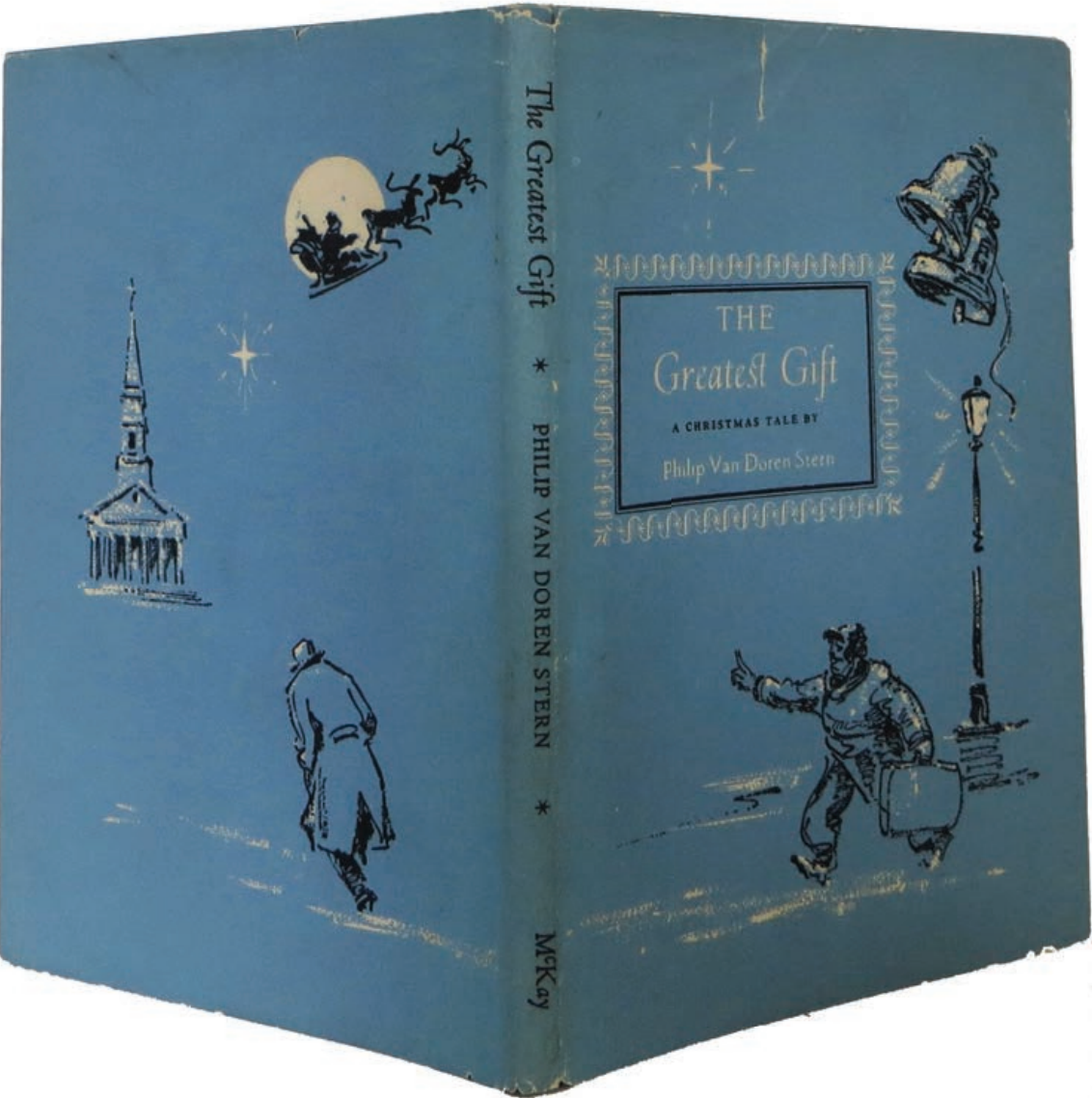
in the film and its message had the greatest resonance with viewers...

The Capras would invite family members to their Red Mountain Ranch home on Christmas Eve for dinner, then Uncle Frank would screen “It’s a Wonderful Life” in the home theater. The evening would conclude with everyone attending Midnight Mass at the local Catholic church. Back in the 1950s, Capra still owned the film rights to “It’s a Wonderful Life” making the availability of the film to any audience extremely limited.

Bedford Falls is a fictional town. It is not any particular town and therefore it can be almost any town U.S.A. which is likely exactly the way Capra wanted it.

However, Fallbrook, California can claim the fact that Frank Capra lived here and a number of similarities actually exist connecting Fallbrook and Bedford Falls. Fallbrook can at least be considered the “Real West Coast Bedford Falls.” Frank Capra’s Red Mountain Ranch, the Ellis Hotel, James E. Potter, Reineman, real estate salesman, oak trees, his children, the Fallbrook town name and the film “The Fallbrook Story” all point to Fallbrook and its residents having at least some relationship to “It’s a Wonderful Life” and the fictional town of Bedford Falls.

Could Fallbrook be a primary inspiration for the actual Bedford Falls? You decide.



The script for “It’s a Wonderful Life” is based on the short story “The Greatest Gift,” by Philip Van Doren Stern.

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900 blk Alturas Rd.	Grand theft - From motor vehicle
500 blk S. Main Ave.	Battery - Simple
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Joel Levi O'Laughlin, aka speed racer, 45, of Fallbrook sadly left us on Dec. 2, unexpectedly. He is survived by his parents, Sue Fondren-Cowgill, Jeff Cowgill; sister Sarah Cowgill-East and her husband Matt; Grandmother Avice Hillyer and all his amazing aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Joel was very well known in town, being seen riding his electric wheelchair and chatting to all, as he will be greatly missed! A Celebration of Life will be held on Jan. 14, 2023, at 2 p.m. at his home, 2518 Gum Tree Lane in Fallbrook.



Vivian Claire (Abel) Borgstrom was born Aug. 9, 1931, to Irma Katherine (Tyler) Abel and Charles Henry Abel in

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Vivian was the youngest of three children, following Chester and Dorothy. She is the mother of five children, Susan Greer, Cheryl Benglen (Ted), Patricia Kass (Peter), Kathleen Wingate, and Charles Day. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ronald Dean Borgstrom, her son Charles, and stepson Steven. She is also survived by three stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. Vivian will be remembered by many friends for her laughter, smiles and kindness.

There was a Celebration of Life at Cogir Senior Living, 1735 S. Mission Road, Friday, Dec. 30, and interment at the Central California Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside at a later date. Please make memorial donations in her memory to Elizabeth Hospice, www.elizabethhospice.org.

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Chair Stephani Baxter
sbaxter.fcpg@gmail.com

THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Chair: Jeniene Domercq,
jenienedomercq@gmail.com

THE PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:30 AM
Fallbrook Village Square
Corner of Main and Alvarado Streets, Fallbrook, CA

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. PUBLIC FORUM. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee on any subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. Non-discussion and non-voting item.
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS AS NEEDED
Committees
Upcoming Committee and Agenda items
Officers, Secretary and Chairs duties.
In-person meetings. planning
Minutes, Website, Social Media
4. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Fallbrook Planning Group occasionally has openings on its Committees for non-elected community members. Interested parties should contact the respective Committee Chairs:
Land Use Committee Chair: Steve Brown fallbrookplanning@aol.com,
Circulation Committee Chair: Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181),
Parks & Recreation Committee Chair: Stephani Baxter: sbaxter.fcpg@gmail.com,
Public Facilities Committee Chair: Jeniene Domercq, jenienedomercq@gmail.com,
Design Review Committee Chair: Eileen Delaney: eileen.fallbrook@gmail.com,
Ad-Hoc Cannabis Committee Chair: Jeniene Domercq, jenienedomercq@gmail.com

This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce (111 S Main Avenue) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting).

Eileen Delaney, Chairperson, Fallbrook Community Planning Group & Design Review Board.
Email: Eileen.Fallbrook@gmail.com

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026486
Name of Business
FAIRLANE CLEANERS
3821 Plaza Drive Ste 403, Oceanside, CA 92056
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
NSC Industries Inc, 122 Rupertus Drive, San Clemente, CA 92672
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 11/21/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 06, 2022
LEGAL: 6050
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026774
Name of Business
GOD BLESS THIS MESS
153 Lillian Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 153 Lillian Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Jerilyn Monique Castech, 153 Lillian Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 09, 2022
LEGAL: 6051
PUBLISHED: December 22, 29, 2022; January 5, 12, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9027682
Name of Business
a. NORTH COUNTY DRYWALL
b. NORTH COUNTY DRYWALL.
255 Vista del Indio, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: same
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Brown & Sons Inc, 255 Vista del Indio, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 1-1-1999
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 22, 2022
LEGAL: 6056
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9027792
Name of Business
DIRTY DEEDS DIRTWORK
1104 Sierra Bonita, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Joseph Raymond Sandoval, 1104 Sierra Bonita, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Michael Allen Sandoval, 1104 Sierra Bonita, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12/12/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 23, 2022
LEGAL: 6057
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026316
Name of Business
BEDFORD DOOR SYSTEMS
2120 Vista Grande Pl., Vista, CA 92084
Mailing address: 1510 Tierra Del Cielo, Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Michael Eric Bedford, 1510 Tierra Del Cielo, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 1-1-2004
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 05, 2022
LEGAL: 6037
PUBLISHED: December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026835
Name of Business
BAR SAME SAME
300 Carlsbad Village Dr, Suite 213, Carlsbad, CA 92008
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
MLA Ventures LLC, 912 Grivetta Ct, Carlsbad, CA 92011
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 8/1/2013
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 09, 2022
LEGAL: 6043
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026294
Name of Business
SUBMARINA ESCONDIDO
1511 E. Valley Pkwy., Ste. A-3, Escondido, CA 92027
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Guzman Communications, 31214 Jan Steen Ct., Winchester, CA 92596
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 02, 2022
LEGAL: 6044
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026861
Name of Business
a. ALL THINGS AIRBNB
b. AIRBNB TIPS N TRICKS
636 Ora Avo Drive, Vista, CA 92084
Mailing address: same as above
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Debbie Avey, 636 Ora Avo Drive, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12-12-2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 12, 2022
LEGAL: 6045
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9027882
Name of Business
SAFE LAND SECURITY
7490 Opportunity Rd #2950, San Diego, CA 92111
Mailing address: 5968 Kantor St, San Diego, CA 92122
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Niazsons Corp, 7490 Opportunity Rd #2950, San Diego, CA 92111
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 28, 2022
LEGAL: 6058
PUBLISHED: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026464
Name of Business
a. TREEHOUSE SUCCULENTS
b. TREEHOUSE SUCCULENTS BUENA CREEK GARDENS
418 Buena Creek Rd., San Marcos, CA 92069
Mailing address: 1361 Clarence Dr, Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Jill Steffan, 1361 Clarence Dr, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 11/1/22
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LEGAL: 6059
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026213
Name of Business
a. GENTLE CHIROPRACTIC VALLEY CENTER
b. GENTLE CHIROPRACTIC AND MAS-SAGE VALLEY CENTER
29105 Valley Center Rd. Ste 135, Valley Center, CA 92082
Mailing address: 15495 Citrus Crest Dr, Valley Center, CA 92082
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Sharon M. Seibert, 15495 Citrus Crest Dr, Valley Center, CA 92082
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12/02/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 02, 2022
LEGAL: 6035
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026530
Name of Business
MP PAINTING
986 Via Rose Marie Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Marco Antonio Paniagua, 986 Via Rose Marie Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12-07-2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 07, 2022
LEGAL: 6036
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026653
Name of Business
JAMES WILLIAM GORDON FAMILY TRUST
5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. James William Gordon – Trustee of James William Gordon Family Trust, 5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Jill Kristine Gordon – Trustee of James William Gordon Family Trust, 5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Trust
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12/8/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 08, 2022
LEGAL: 6038
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026654
Name of Business
JNJ ENTERPRISES
5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
JNJ Enterprises, 5034 Lake Circle Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 06/20/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 08, 2022
LEGAL: 6039
PUBLISHED: December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026845
Name of Business
J.S. MARKETING WORKS
28 Via Larga Vista, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 28 Via Larga Vista, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Judy Anne Siodmak, 28 Via Larga Vista, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 1/3/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 12, 2022
LEGAL: 6040
PUBLISHED: December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026772
Name of Business
SUNRISE HOLISTIC HEALING
13319 Poway Rd #147, Poway, CA 92064
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Sunrise Holistic Healing, LLC, 13319 Poway Rd #147, Poway, CA 92064
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 09, 2022
LEGAL: 6041
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026776
Name of Business
SKYLINE GEMS
433 Skyline Circle, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Steve Cully, 433 Skyline Circle, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Sheri Cully, 433 Skyline Circle, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
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LEGAL: 6042
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026862
Name of Business
GLAMA APPROVED
636 Ora Avo Drive, Vista, CA 92084
Mailing address: same as above
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Debbie Avey, 636 Ora Avo Drive, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 12-12-2022
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LEGAL: 6046
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026864
Name of Business
a. NEXT GENERATION ELITE HOME REPAIRS
b. NEXT GENERATION ELITE JUNK HAULING
c. NEXT GENERATION ELITE PAINTING
d. NEXT GENERATION ELITE REPAIRS
e. NEXT GENERATION ELITE HANDYMAN
4181 Alana Circle, Oceanside, CA 92056
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Travis Avey, 3513 Barranca Road, San Marcos, CA 92069
b. Daniel Dickerson, 4181 Alana Circle, Oceanside, CA 92056
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 12, 2022
LEGAL: 6047
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026541
Name of Business
GALARZA GROWERS
39432 De Luz Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 39432 De Luz Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Apolinar Galarza, 39432 De Luz Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 08-26-98
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 07, 2022
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9025696
Name of Business
PATRICE & ASSOCIATES
122 Rupertus Drive, San Clemente, CA 92672
Mailing address: 122 Rupertus Drive, San Clemente, CA 92672
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
2 X 2 Solutions LLC, 122 Rupertus Drive, San Clemente, CA 92672
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 22, 2022
LEGAL: 6049
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9026024
Name of Business
JD MEDIA
855 S. Main Av, Suite K, #291, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 855 S. Main Av, Suite K, #291, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
The Active Company, 855 S. Main Av, Suite K, #291, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 10/04/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 30, 2022
LEGAL: 6052
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9027371
Name of Business
BOOMER SALES AND SERVICES
3711 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 3711 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Bradley Adams, 3711 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Susan Adams, 3711 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 16, 2022
LEGAL: 6053
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2022-9025682
Name of Business
CONTROLLED ENTRANCES GROUP
27525 Valley Center Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082
Mailing address: 44716 Corte Gutierrez, Temecula, CA 92592
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Controlled Entrances Group, 27525 Valley Center Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 10/31/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 22, 2022
LEGAL: 6054
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Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2022-00050459-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
JENNIFER MARIE CRAWFORD
Present Name:
JENNIFER MARIE CRAWFORD
Proposed Name:
JENNIFER MARIE RAINS

Change of Name

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.*
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 2/7/2023 Time: 8:30 am Dept: N-25
The address of the court is 325 South Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.
The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120).
If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.
Date: 12/19/2022 Signed: James E. Simmons, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court
LEGAL: 6055
PUBLISHED: December 22, 29, 2022; January 5, 12, 2023

Change of Name

Notice of Destruction of Records
Attention Special Education Students:
The Special Education Department of the Bonsall Unified School District intends to destroy all the special education student records in its possession for students who graduated or otherwise dis-enrolled from the District on or before June 30, 2019. Records will be destroyed February 1, 2023. Therefore, if you would like to have a copy of your records, please contact our office at 760-631-5200 Ext. 1017 Chelsie Smith.
Published January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2023

Change of Name

Vallecitos School District Board of Trustee Vacancy Trustee Area #1
To the community of Rainbow, CA. The Vallecitos School District seeks a dedicated and qualified individual to serve on our Board of Education for Trustee Area #1. To determine if you are eligible to represent the trustee area, please visit the following Web page and enter your address: <https://ddp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=be6bcb76b685435eba9e4c13f9d422f>. Your address must show up within the boundaries of Trustee Area #1. Please contact the school at (760) 728-7092 if you encounter any difficulties with verifying your address.
In order to declare your interest in serving on the Vallecitos School District Board of Education, please visit the school at 5211 Fifth Street, Fallbrook, CA Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM to pick up an application. Applications are due to the District no later than January 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Please feel free to contact the school office at (760) 728-7092 if you have any questions or concerns.
Existing Vacancy Details
Date of Vacancy: 12/9/2022
Trustee Area: #1
Term: 02/2023 - 12/2024
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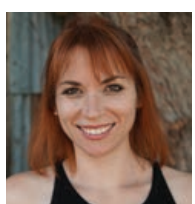
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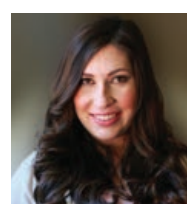
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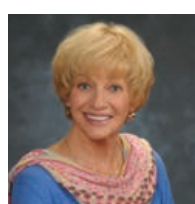
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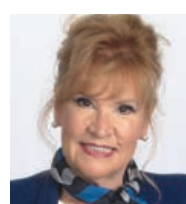
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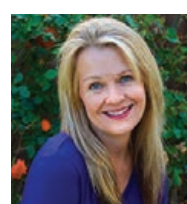
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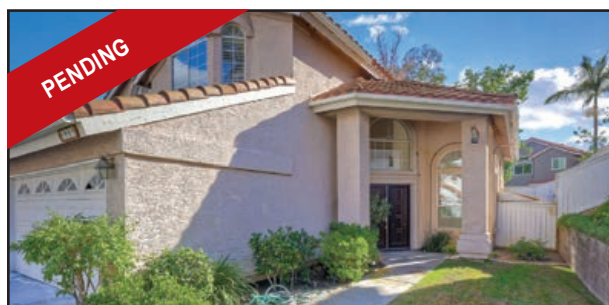
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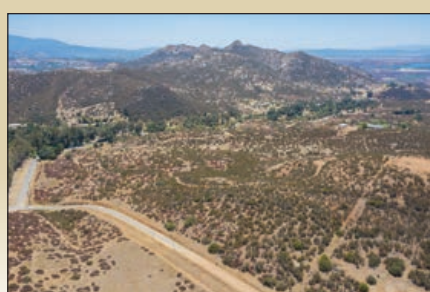
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