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Fallbrook man arrested for homicide

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Nicholas “Nick” Burg, age 29, was taken into custody Friday, July 16, by the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department. Burg was arrested on suspicion of murder in the first degree after the discovery of remains of an unidentified male homicide victim buried where Burg was living in the 400 block of Ridge Drive in Fallbrook.

Deputies unearthed the body of a man while investigating “a suspicious circumstance” on South Ridge Drive on Wednesday, July 14.

Burg is not eligible for release or bail. He is currently in the Vista Detention Facility awaiting a July 21 court hearing.

“The Medical Examiner’s Office conducted the autopsy and is attempting to determine the identity of the deceased,” said Lt. Seiver in Homicide. “The preliminary cause of death is being withheld. The manner of death is homicide. The investigation is ongoing.”

Lt Seiver declined to provide further details about the case, including what led investigators to the site where the body was discovered.

An anonymous friend who spoke to Burg in the last week said, “He is a nice guy that brightens your day when you run into him. He’s the type of guy that would invite you to dinner after meeting you for the first time. If he did that, I would expect that it was someone who was threatening him or his family.”

Anyone with information about the incident was asked to call the homicide unit at 858-285-6330, after-hours at 858-565-5200 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

Fallbrook’s surfing cat featured in Netflix documentary

Christal Gaines-Emory
Writer

On July 7, a Netflix documentary called “Cat People” featured one of Fallbrook’s very own felines, Maverick, a surfing cat.

Nick Liam Heaney, Kayla Tabish and their Bengal cat Maverick moved to Fallbrook in March 2020. They had been living in Los Angeles but, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, they feared for their safety and decided to move to a less populated area.

When they moved to Fallbrook, Heaney said that they immediately fell in love with the country vibes and the community.

“We love it here, and so does Maverick,” said Heaney. “Fallbrook is a special gem; it’s close to the beach; it’s a close-knit community, and it’s a real breath of fresh air.”

Three years ago, when they were living in LA, Heaney and Tabish adopted a kitten named Maverick, and they noticed that Maverick had some unique habits.

First, they noticed that he enjoyed being walked on a leash. However, one day while they were walking Maverick, he maneuvered out of



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Maverick the surfing cat has lived in Fallbrook for over a year, and living in this area allows him to make many trips to the beach to surf with his owner, Nick Liam Heaney. Village News/Courtesy photo

New fire chief steps into ‘explosive’ season

New technology offers defense

Rick Monroe
Special to Village News

Keith McReynolds, the new fire chief with the North County Fire Protection District, stepped into his position knowing the potential for a wild wildfire season. However, he also noted there are new defenses available.

“The drought is worsening,” he explained. “This past winter it was a very disappointing rainfall, so there was really no deep soaking. The vegetation needs that moisture, and it just didn’t happen. On top of that, the rain ended early, so that means the amount of dead brush is enormous.”

He said live fuel moisture is about a month and a half ahead of where it should be for this time of year.

“Dead fuels are either near or breaking record low values away from the coastal areas,” he added.

Furthermore, rainfall is expected to be below normal through October, and temperatures above normal.

Alex Tardy, meteorologist with the National Weather Bureau, painted the same bleak forecast.

“It’s record-setting territory with

back-to-back years with lack of precipitation,” Tardy said. “We’ve never seen a fuel condition this dry. We’re very susceptible to wildfires through the rest of the year.”

Santa Ana winds usually come in September through December, compounding the danger.

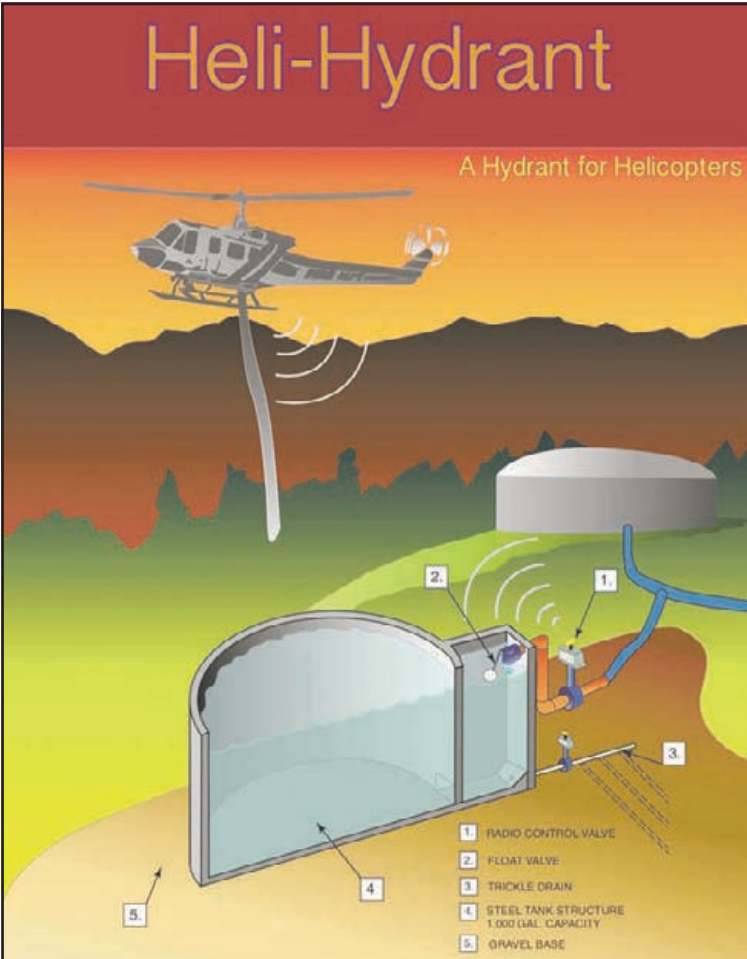
It’s something McReynolds has a unique understanding about, serving the department during the three most significant wildfires here since 2002 – the Gavilan fire in 2002, the Rice fire in 2007 and the Lilac fire in 2017.

“These were firestorms, something you can’t stop,” McReynolds said. “It’s like a hurricane, and these wind-driven fires are like a war zone. You can’t see, there’s choking smoke, power lines are down, and roads blocked.”

The fire chief offers common sense advice, especially to heed evacuation orders and listen to weather warnings.

“Be prepared with an evacuation plan,” he added. “Also, listening to Twitter reports gives really current information, or just stream the

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A Heli-Hydrant, an innovative additional resource for fighting wildfires, is coming to the Pala Mesa area by September. Courtesy of North County Fire Protection District

FUHSD approves board compensation for meeting attendance

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Members of the Fallbrook Union High School District board may now receive pay for attending the board meetings.

A 5-0 FUHSD board vote July 12 approved pay of \$240 for the month if a board member attends all of the meetings that month or has an excused absence. The board member must be present for the entire meeting, and a board member who does not have an excused absence may receive a pro-rata amount.

In May 1995, the FUHSD board at that time approved a policy addressing pay and other benefits for board members. A March 2008 board meeting amended that

policy and deemed board activity as a voluntary contribution to the community.

The July 12 revisions allow each board member to decide whether he or she wishes to receive the compensation. If all five board members qualify for the \$240 compensation each month the annual cost to the district will be \$12,000.

The new policy requires a board member to attend every regular meeting, special meeting, and study session held in a calendar month unless he or she has an excused absence. An excused absence will be granted if the board member is performing services on behalf of the school district at the same time as the board meeting, is ill, is on jury

duty, or has a hardship deemed acceptable by the rest of the board.

A board member may have up to two excused absences each year. If a board member misses a meeting without an excused absence, the \$240 will be divided by the number of meetings held that month and then multiplied by the number of meetings the board member attended to determine the board member’s compensation for that month.

The original policy also covered reimbursement and other benefits. The reimbursement for travel expenses was clarified so that personal expenses are not reimbursed. Those personal expenses include tips and gratuities,

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CALENDAR

Aug. 7 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Slacker Hill, a local folk/country/oldies band, will perform a free outdoor concert at Vince Ross Square in downtown Fallbrook. All donations will benefit the Fallbrook Woman’s Club. Any questions, call 760-994-9718.

Aug. 14 – 10 a.m. to noon – American Association of University Women will hold its annual member brunch at the FRHD Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Rd. The event is open to anyone interested in learning more about AAUW. For more info, contact Margaret Mosavi at 760-823-0868.

Sept. 10 – Wine & Bite art walk resumes, guests will taste, stroll and nibble their way through downtown Fallbrook. Featuring food and wine from local restaurants and wineries, all tastings are included in the price at each stop. Wines are served in a keepsake wine glass. The ticket price for Sept. 10 is \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door and an Active Military price of \$15. Designated drivers are also \$15. Stop by the Chamber or call 760-728-5845 to register.

Oct. 3 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Fallbrook Land Conservancy to hold Stagecoach Sunday, 1815 S. Stagecoach Lane. This event includes animal encounters, Kids Corral, stagecoach rides, a live performance by Daring Greatly

Band and a BBQ lunch prepared by the Rib Shack. Meal, game and ride ticket packages will be sold at www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org/stagecoachsunday.

Oct. 10 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – The Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society will host its annual Fall Festival of Gems, 123 W. Alvarado St. At this family-friendly swap meet, visitors will discover gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry treasures and more.

Oct. 22 – The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Pala Mesa Resort on Old Highway 395. Lunch will be included, along with an opportunity drawing and awards for the top golfers. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Michelle’s Place Cancer Resource Center. For more info, to make a donation or sign up to play, contact the Fallbrook Chamber office at 760-728-5845.

Dec. 10 – Wine & Bite art walk resumes, guests will taste, stroll & nibble their way through this popular event. Featuring food and wine from local restaurants and wineries, all tastings are included in the price at each stop. Wines are served in a keepsake wine glass. The regular ticket price increases to \$30/\$35 for the Dec. 10 date. Stop by the Chamber or call 760-728-5845 to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCAT to host a meeting with Mission Resource Conservation District manager

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Climate Action Team will present a talk about climate related programs of the Mission Resource Conservation District on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Darcy Cooke, the speaker, serves as the district manager at the Mission Resource Conservation District in Fallbrook. As an independent, non-regulatory special district, MRCD works closely with its community, growers and producers providing technical assistance and education on best management practices to restore and solve complex habitat, agriculture, water and other environmental challenges.

Her background is in the San Diego high-tech sector in the environmental, marine and international arenas. Cooke previously worked at Leidos, SAIC and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and as an independent consultant for blue tech and environmental start-ups and nonprofits, providing market and regulatory research and strategic planning services.

She has served on a number of boards, and currently is a member of UCSD’s Graduate School of Global Policy and Strategy’s Alumni Board. She is an advisory member for the Berry Good Food Foundation, where she supports the school garden grant program and sustainable seafood efforts,



Darcy Cooke will be the guest speaker at the July 27 FCAT meeting. Village News/Courtesy photo

and Clear Blue Sea, a college-student-led nonprofit working to remove ocean plastic debris.

FCAT presents monthly presentations about climate change and mitigation, usually on the last Tuesday of the month on Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, sign up for the group’s eblast at fallbrookclimateactionteam.org.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

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FVCC resumes regular meetings and activities

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The General Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in a sectioned-off area of the restaurant. Tuesday’s are 25% off large pizza nights, so most folks come in around 6 p.m. and order-

up, socializing together.

Topics include upcoming monthly activities one to four months out. Officers report on the status of their areas: treasurer, membership, donations to the community, and annual car show. Work is already beginning for the 55th Annual Car Show to be held Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29, 2022.

Activities coming up include Don Long Museum and lunch, Corona; Randy’s Drag Racing Museum and lunch, Lake Elsinore;

RV Group off to Verde Ranch, Sedona, Jerome, Cottonwood, Arizona; Motte Big Barn Car Show; RV Group to Bishop Annual Car Show and Western Film Fest, Lone Pine, California; Antique Gas and Steam Show, Vista, and more.

For more information contact kathy@fallbrookvintagecarclub.org.

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– Sharon

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OPINION

Fallbrook missionary talks to women in Malawi church

Christina Metzler Miller

“You knit me together in my mother’s womb” I begin, reading from Psalm 139. “Munandiumba ndisanadwe ine,” Thoko Nzunga reads from the Chichewa Bible. Her version translates closer to “You knew me before I was born,” which is no surprise, considering that Chichewa words for reproductive organs are considered so vulgar that Christians should never say them.

More than 60 school-aged young women and 40 married ladies filled the church. I know that talking about women’s health is taboo in many villages, and I’m about to project a picture of a womb on the church wall, so I know I need to start this off well.

“The psalmist was a man, but even he knew that the womb was a place where important, even sacred processes happen. David says, ‘I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.’

“Today I want to teach about the incredible things that happen inside a woman’s body, how that is part of how God made women special, and how we can stay healthy.”

I remind them that Jesus healed a woman who was bleeding for too long, that the Bible shows that God cares about women’s health. As a doctor, as a Christian, as a woman myself, I want to share some teachings with them. I ask their permission to talk about these somewhat difficult topics in a church, and when they agree, Thoko and I dive in.

We talk about the inside parts of a woman – about the eggs, the tubes, the womb, the birth canal. We talk about the incredible design – farmers prepare fields every year with great difficulty, but a woman’s body prepares everything needed for life every month without her even thinking about it. The women applaud at parts and awkwardly avert their eyes or giggle at other parts. We talk about how to make periods less painful, and outward signs that a woman’s body is healthy or unhealthy. Thoko’s booming voice holds the whole group in attention. She joins me explaining the diagram on the wall, boldly points to her own belly for emphasis, and even dances little jigs now and then to drive points home as needed.

After fielding some questions, we approach even more difficult subjects: How women have the right to say no to unwanted

relations, how any intercourse can lead to pregnancy, and how infections can lead to infertility later in life. How they shouldn’t stay quiet if an assault happens, because getting to a clinic within two days can make the difference between getting protective antiviral medications or getting HIV/AIDS. We tell the girls that their bodies are precious, and they can speak up and should protect themselves. We know that we are standing against some cultural norms here, but we stand together, a female pastor and a female doctor, trying to at least plant the idea that these young women should value themselves. We call upon the older women in the room to protect these younger women so that they can finish school and build families of their own when they are ready.

We acknowledge that this is an awkward topic, and unusual to discuss in a church. But I remind them of the times in the Bible which show how a woman’s body should be respected, and the consequences when it is not. “What better place is there than the church to protect young women and bring health to communities?” I ask. One woman stands up and says that this is a perfect teaching for the church that the young women in this village need to learn to value themselves, and that the older women in the church can help protect them.

As we finish up, my friend Roberta hands out reusable cloth pads and a couple pairs of underwear to each young woman. There is giggling again as they try wrapping the pads around the underwear. For some, this will be the first time they own panties or pads. We pray that these little packs will help them stay in school throughout the month instead of staying home during every period.

Please join us in prayer for the young women of Malawi that they will value themselves and grow to be healthy and happy. Please also pray for the local churches as they seek ways to help their communities find hope and healing.

Christina Metzler Miller grew up in Fallbrook and attended Fallbrook High School and Riverview Evangelical Free Church in Bonsall. A medical doctor, she has been a missionary in Malawi for four years and wrote this account of her July 7 presentation at a church in Malawi. Her story is on page B-2.

Broadband internet for unserved rural areas



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th Assembly District

Access to the internet has become a critical part of everyday life, something many Californians take for granted. But usable broadband service has been unavailable for many. Over 670,000 Californians do not have access to a high-speed

broadband connection, including 30% of rural households and 24% of homes located on tribal lands. My district is one of those. That’s why my caucus and I have long supported efforts to close the digital divide statewide.

I’m happy to report that SB 156, to fund a statewide broadband network included in the 2021-22 budget, received final legislative approval on July 15. Total funding for the project includes \$3.25 billion to establish a statewide open-access middle-mile network (broadband main line) and \$1.072 billion to fund the last-mile connections (local connectivity) for unserved communities.

Though I’d prefer more funding for last-mile connections, the emphasis will be on locations where those connections can be enabled with sufficient capacity at affordable rates. It’s a big step in the right direction.

As we all know here locally, service in some areas can be very spotty. This lack of connectivity

can make the difference when it comes to working, getting an education, seeing a doctor or simply staying connected with family and friends.

SB 156 prioritizes locations that include schools, community colleges, healthcare institutions, libraries and other government facilities. Among its many benefits, it will improve education opportunities for many rural students currently deprived of opportunities readily available elsewhere.

Due to a unique combination of circumstances, including the one-time availability of federal funding, we will now be able to expand broadband infrastructure throughout California. SB 156 passed the Senate and Assembly, without opposition, and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. There is more work to be done in this area, but at least we are about to close the digital divide that has impacted millions of Californians.

Parents should decide



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

Last week, the State of California Department of Public Health released new guidance stating the mandate will continue for all students in California to wear masks for in-person schooling. This came the same day the federal

government (Center for Disease Control) released new guidelines saying vaccinated students and teachers no longer need to wear masks in the classrooms. Throughout the pandemic, we’ve heard ‘follow the science,’ but now the state has decided to not follow the science.

San Diego County has done an excellent job protecting our most vulnerable. Our Public Health officials have poured their energy into caring for our most vulnerable and protecting those with the potential to experience significant effects caused by this virus. Thankfully, the virus does not cause significant or severe effects for children.

As awful as the last year has been, it could have been even worse if our young people suffered the way our most vulnerable have. Life is about weighing and managing risks, and I believe we aren’t managing them correctly. There

has been a 24% increase in suicides among California teenagers, with 134 deaths in the last 12 months. We need to weigh all the risks to keeping kids out of school and forcing them to wear masks.

Adults are supposed to sacrifice to protect kids; we no longer need these actions for kids in order to protect adults, especially when there is a vaccine widely available to protect all vulnerable adults.

The California Department of Public Health has now backtracked saying, “California’s school guidance will be clarified regarding masking enforcement, recognizing local schools’ experience in keeping students and educators safe while ensuring schools fully reopen for in-person instruction.” The fight will continue, but in this time of division, let’s come to this agreement, for our kids. At this point in the COVID-19 response, it’s simple: Parents should decide if masks are right for their kids.

Today’s Democratic Party ~ Part Two ~ their shared values?

For the last several decades, most Americans have been busy living their lives embracing the expectations of our traditional values derived from our love of God, country, and family. These traditional axioms have been the impetus that has united and inspired Americans irrespective of our ethnic, religious, or political backgrounds.

But today’s Democratic Party openly expresses their hatred and contempt for our shared traditional values. These emblematic values trace our heritage and shape and retrace our collective story as Americans. But it’s precisely these values that are now under assault by a callous and malevolent Democratic Party. They are openly disrespectful of our flag, hostile to our anthem, and despise anyone who opposes their antipathy to the values of traditional Americans.

A party that has shamefully morphed into some abstract confluence of Maoist and Marxist malcontents hard at work redefining our culture, rewriting our history, and destroying our way of life. So, when Nancy Pelosi and other party leaders start bragging about the Democratic Party’s shared values, what could

she possibly mean?

It’s clear that today’s Democratic Party no longer values working-class Americans as it has abandoned them for their new constituents, the chronically unemployed, the homeless, illegal aliens, and the ever-expanding underclass. Without question, the Democrats “Value the votes from the underclass” over the votes of working-class Americans.

A diabolical plot spawned from Democratic Party policy wonks decades ago that offers lucrative welfare benefits, and for what? In exchange for their votes, the underclass receives the crumbs from the Democratic Party’s entitlement table meant to entrap them in poverty for generations.

Sadly, they have succumbed to this pernicious plot. Favoring the votes of the underclass, the Democratic Party has purposely abdicated and undermined the dreams and aspirations of working-class Americans.

And yet, it is working-class Americans whose hard-earned tax dollars pay for these burgeoning welfare programs while being forced to suffer the indignity of the relentless ad hominem attacks directed at them by Democrats.

In their pursuit of retaining the votes of Black Americans, the Democratic Party “values historical revisionism” while attempting to conceal and erase its party’s centuries-old disgraceful and unsavory racist past. All statues, monuments, and plaques identifying the Democratic Party’s direct connection to slavery, their resistance to abolishing slavery, and their opposition to emancipation and reconstruction are being removed and eliminated from public view and historical record.

Even the public-school teacher’s union, a dutiful subsidiary of the Democratic Party, supports and aggressively promotes the Dems revisionist history agenda.

Perhaps students would be better served if, instead of dividing Americans by race with the poisonous equity and equality curriculum of CRT, teachers focused on more trivial pursuits such as reading, writing, and arithmetic. But then our students would lose

the distinction of ranking 20th academically among the rest of the world’s industrialized nations.

Of all these purported value issues, none is more personal to me than the issue of life. But for my maternal grandmother’s Christian compassion, I may have ended up like the millions of aborted souls – just another casualty of Margaret Sanger’s legacy of death. Fortunately for me, my birth family’s matriarch chose adoption over abortion and, candidly, my children and grandchildren are eternally grateful for her decision. What would the 55 million aborted babies choose since Roe vs. Wade if given a chance, life, or death?

No questions about it, the Democratic Party “values Planned Parenthood” ostensibly above all its stated values. Planned Parenthood has become the DNC’s Holy Grail. A Ponzi scheme born out of some Faustian nightmare, the Democratic Party, secures federal funding for Planned Parenthood, and in return, Planned Parenthood reciprocates by donating generously to the DNC.

This unholy alliance professes to represent a woman’s rights when in reality, they profit from the most inhumane and barbaric act of our era. So, Joe, have you no shame? Is your party’s penchant for power and its lust for wielding it so intoxicating that there’s no love or compassion in your heart for the innocent lives of the unborn?

In truth, the Democratic Party is adrift from any moral moorings and without any authentic values shared or otherwise. It favors fiction over facts, the underclass over the working class, race shaming over racial unity, and “death” over the “lives of the unborn.” It supports abortion on demand and protects Planned Parenthood at all costs and without an inkling of remorse.

Today’s Democratic Party’s positions are averse to human dignity, conflict with our Christian underpinnings, and mock our ideals and traditional values as Americans. So, we now know what the shared values are of today’s Democratic Party!

Re: ‘Large crowd learns about detachment plans’
[Village News, 7/15/21]

I was pleased to read the front page article in the July 15 edition of the Village News regarding the large turnout to the town hall meeting held July 7 to discuss the proposed detachment plans for the Rainbow Municipal Water District to change water suppliers and save ratepayers an estimated \$7 - \$10 a year. The process is slow moving, but it is moving.


I was dismayed to receive a Notice of Public Hearing from the Rainbow Water District the same day proposing massive rate increases effective Sept 1, 2021 and every July 1 through 2026. There is a public hearing on Aug. 24 and, if there is not a majority protest, the Board may adopt the new rates for the five year period.


It would seem only logical (and financially responsible) to await the outcome of the proposed detachment and then and only then, budget according to the new projected rates for water purchase.

As an alternative, if there are current needs that must be addressed, those needs should be addressed on a one time rate adjustment without a committed increase schedule for five years.

I hope you will all take this issue seriously and file your opinion with the Rainbow Municipal Water District prior to the Aug. 24 meeting or plan to attend the meeting at RMWD headquarters at 3707 Old Hwy 395 at 1 p.m.

Steve Brown





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Dave Maynard

Re: ‘Critical Race Theory - What’s the big deal and ‘Woke Foundations’ [Village News, Benson letter, 7/15/21]

For brevity, I will refer to the author of the subject letter as “you.”

You should know by now that just because you say something is true doesn’t make it so. You make a number of allegations but provide no evidence. I provide citations for my allegations: you provide none. I do not accept Rufo’s definition of CRT. According to Rufo, any mention of racism is CRT. I will not accept that. CRT has already been defined.

You ask: “Please explain to me why so many people, including now informed parents, are against these racist teachings?” You assume something not in evidence when you refer to “informed” parents. Of course, parents who heard Rufo’s version of CRT are upset. Also, I doubt you have lying eyes, but I have no doubt your eyes have been lied to. You were warned: Rufo said he was going to lie to everyone regarding CRT. That includes you.

You asked me to read about all the corruption in the BLM Global Network. I did an internet search and could find none. I did see this attempt to smear BLM co-founder

Cullors on Snopes (4/14/21). Search on “No Evidence BLM Co-Founder Patrisse Cullors Used Donations To Buy House.”

You say you are a card carrying member of the NFIB so you speak to many business owners. That’s good. But the Census Bureau says in 2018 (latest data available) there were 6.1 million employer firms in the U.S., so I seriously doubt your sampling is a reliable indicator of business sentiment.

And last, you say: “If you have never owned a business you have no insight.” I’ll discount the other possibility, that I owned a business and still have no insight. I had a full career as an employee, from grunt to manager. I retired from that at age 58 and started my own bookkeeping and tax preparation business, which I retired from a few years ago. Call it ego, but I feel my experience in bookkeeping and income taxes has given me an edge in evaluating how money is spent and how it is documented. Both fields stress that only recorded data is evidence. Allegations, alone, just don’t cut it.

John H. Terrell

San Diego County must not suffer if Fallbrook and Rainbow leave water authority

Keith Lewinger and Mel Katz

With nearly 100 years of combined experience working on important regional issues across San Diego County, we wanted to share some observations about a proposal currently pending among our region’s water providers.

The Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District have filed applications to leave the San Diego County Water Authority and instead get their water from an agency in Riverside County.

First and foremost, this is a regional decision that has regional implications. Rainbow and Fallbrook’s plan for leaving for Riverside will raise water bills on every family and business in San Diego County, all while our economy is trying to recover from a recession caused by the pandemic.

A little bit of history is appropriate.

In the early 1990s, the Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted to drastically cut our county’s water supply due to a statewide drought. It resulted in a huge financial hit to our region’s economy and negatively impacted our quality of life.

Our region resolved that “never again” would we be in this vulnerable position. Rather, we banded together and made the conscious decision to invest in water supplies that we could control.

Over the next 30 years, the water authority and its member agencies built one of the most secure water systems in all of California. Together we constructed the largest dam raise in America, forged historic agriculture-to-urban water conservation and transfer agreements, conserved more water by lining hundreds of miles of earthen canals, and built the largest ocean desalination plant in the Americas.

Representatives from all corners of San Diego County had a say in each of these historic investments and have been enjoying the water supply benefits ever since.

In every case, the region was making an investment in our county’s future. This was not without risk, but water leaders and stakeholders decided that incurring the costs of a reliable water supply was far better than waiting for the next drought and subsequent reduction in our Los Angeles-based water allocation.

Despite these collaborative decisions — and the benefits they’ve provided to every water user in San Diego County — Fallbrook and Rainbow now want to change the rules midstream. They propose to leave the water authority without paying their share of investments made to serve their customers.

As a result, everyone else in San Diego County will be forced to pick up their tab. To the tune of

millions of dollars each year. This in turn will raise water rates across San Diego County.

We understand the desire of Fallbrook and Rainbow to save their customers money.

That’s why a working group of regional water leaders is meeting with the general managers of these two agencies to see if there’s a way to meet the needs of all of San Diego County’s 3.3 million residents and our \$253 billion economy.

The water authority’s board of directors approved a resolution in May 2020 providing Fallbrook and Rainbow with a fair path to leave San Diego County if they choose to do so after all the facts are in. The four-part resolution reflects the wisdom and forethought of the decisions made back in the 1990s.

First, the detachment must not harm residents in Fallbrook and Rainbow. These customers must be fully informed that even if rates for MWD water are lower in the first year, that same MWD water could be far more expensive or even unavailable in the future.

Second, it must be proven that detachment will not cause water bills to increase for customers elsewhere throughout the county.

Third, detachment must not negatively impact the environment. That means any necessary infrastructure to join with Riverside must be thoroughly studied and mitigated and the move should not increase reliance on water imported from hundreds of miles away from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

Fourth, detachment must be structured in a way that ensures San Diego County does not lose any of its voting power at MWD. This is critical to protect against unnecessary rate and property tax increases imposed by the Los Angeles-based wholesaler.

The water authority board also voted to ask the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission to allow all voters in the county to be able to vote on any Fallbrook or Rainbow detachment. This is only fair given all of San Diego’s water customers are paying for the decisions of the past.

The commission is expected to decide this matter early next year. Fairness requires that the rest of the county not be harmed by any decision on this critical issue.

Keith Lewinger represents the Carlsbad Municipal Water District board on the San Diego County Water Authority’s board of directors. He was general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District from 1999-2011.

Mel Katz represents the City of Del Mar on the San Diego County Water Authority’s board of directors. He is co-founder and CEO of Manpower Staffing Services of San Diego. He serves on the Board of Governors for the San Diego Foundation. He was chairman of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce in 1992 as the county planned its response to historic droughts.

Re: ‘High School recall group offers to pick up signatures’ [Village News, 7/8/21]

As I have written before regarding the recall of FUHSD Board President, I find it appalling that this group wishes to have the district use even more funds to recall one board member, when there are five, especially since the claim is that the district will be operating in a deficit for the 2022-2023 school year.

As far as the claim of grades plummeting and mental health issues, we are coming out of a

pandemic. Poor grades and mental health are a problem at every single school. As far as 88% not meeting state standards in Math, how is that one person’s fault?

Shouldn’t teachers and administration be held accountable for some of that? To use the term “selfish goals” for any board member who has volunteered to run for said position and upon being elected has an incredible learning

curve to understand how intricate the business of education sounds vindictive. My question to the recall committee, is there another agenda? If so, be truthful about it rather than masking it.

As a closing statement, the last two seats for board members ran unopposed. It seems as though nobody wants the job. Please step up and run for the board.

Harold Jenkins

What am I missing?

I must be missing something. You see, I had a request for a receipt of an old purchase. Since I am good at documentation, I retrieved the receipt immediately. Challenge: It was printed with disappearing ink and I lost out.

Why do businesses use that paper that will allow the ink to disappear?

For me, this means scanning that receipt now which is equivalent to doing their job. No thanks, I have a job. So, this leaves me with a few thoughts: 1) Ask for a different

receipt, 2) Try to not think the business is shady, else why hide these things? and 3) Just boycott that business. I am going with boycotting.

What do you think?

Ruth Noyes

Study finds economic prosperity is associated with a cleaner environment

Ethan Yang

Special to Village News

The climate activist and Time Magazine’s 2019 Person of the Year Greta Thunberg made the following remark at the 2019 U.N. Climate Action Summit,

“You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet, I’m one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!”

Thunberg’s remarks are riddled with generalizations and exaggerations, but the main thrust of her argument is the most troubling one because it is fundamentally false. According to the activist, there is a negative relationship between economic growth and environmental protection. That assertion has little basis in reality. On the contrary, economic progress enhances our ability to be good stewards of our planet.

The Environmental Performance Index

The Environmental Performance Index is a joint project of the Yale Center for Environmental Policy and Law and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network at Columbia University. The index has been a leading resource on accessing environmental protection in individual countries for over 20 years.

The latest 2020 edition ranks 180 countries based on metrics,

such as air quality, ecosystem vitality, environmental health, drinking water, CO2 emissions, etc. However, what stands out about the 2020 edition is its conclusion:

Good policy results are associated with wealth (GDP per capita), meaning that economic prosperity makes it possible for nations to invest in policies and programs that lead to desirable outcomes. This trend is especially true for issue categories under the umbrella of environmental health, as building the necessary infrastructure to provide clean drinking water and sanitation, reduce ambient air pollution, control hazardous waste, and respond to public health crises yields large returns for human well-being.

Furthermore, the report notes that although urbanization and industrialization can lead to increased pollution (especially in developing countries), tradeoffs between environmental protection and economic growth can be greatly mitigated by sound policy. For example, “commitment to the rule of law, a vibrant press, and even-handed enforcement of regulations – have strong relationships with top-tier EPI scores.” That’s because open governments allow for greater public scrutiny, whereas dictatorial governments, like the former Soviet Union, can silence their critics and continue destroying the environment unimpeded.

To see the ranking, go to VillageNews.com/ where there is a chart with the top five EPI-ranked countries in each region of the world. Each country’s EPI ranking is accompanied by that country’s global gross domestic

product (GDP) per person ranking. Also included are the top five worst-performing countries. The EPI ranking is on a scale from 1 to 180, with 1 being the best and 180 being the worst. The GDP per capita ranking is provided by the “World Data Atlas” for the year 2020 in current U.S. dollars. The scale goes from 1, which is the highest GDP per capita, to 192, which is the lowest GDP per capita.

Also provided are the factors considered when accessing an aggregate EPI score.

Explanation

The relationship between better environmental performance scores and GDP per capita is quite intuitive. The first major reason being that environmentally friendly technology, cleanup operations, and ecological stewardship are expensive. Richer societies can afford to divert more resources to protecting the environment, while poorer societies tend to be more concerned with meeting basic living standards.

For example, in countries like the United States, it is standard to cook food with natural gas-powered or electric stoves. Those are far cleaner and safer than the alternatives commonly found in poorer societies. Further, Aaron Steinberg from the Council on Foreign Relations noted in 2019 that in India, around 78% of residents still use biomass for cooking and heating. That number can go as high as 90% in India’s low-income regions and 52% worldwide. Burning biomass,

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Local resident Brad Jordan hikes over 200 miles for Fallbrook Food Pantry



Fallbrook resident Brad Jordan stops for a photo op on his hike from Yosemite Valley to Mount Whitney, raising over \$3,000 for the Fallbrook Food Pantry.



Brad Jordan celebrates reaching Kearsarge Pass, 11,760 feet in elevation, at the entrance to Kings Canyon National Park. Village News/Courtesy photos

Chloe Shaver
Intern

Setting out June 5, Brad Jordan began his hike of the John Muir Trail, in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Planning on hiking over 200 miles and 50,000 vertical feet over 31 days, Jordan trained for months to prepare for the long trek. Joined by his longtime friend Joe Payne, and Payne’s nephew, Jack Payne, Jordan hiked 10 miles a day on average, with between 3-5 thousand feet of vertical change per day. Jordan has been a long-time

supporter of the Fallbrook Food Pantry. Raising over \$3,000, his efforts will be enough for 1,900 pounds of food. This amount can feed 100 people for an entire month, including children and seniors. Jordan chose the Food Pantry to support in order to promote the efforts they make and encourage more people to support the Pantry however they can. The hike lasted 24 of the 31 planned days until they ran into a fire around Mount Whitney. With two rest days, the small group was able to hike over 200 miles with 45-pound hiking packs. The hike, from Yosemite Valley to

Mount Whitney, is normally 211 miles. Jordan would have added additional miles at the beginning and end, totaling to 225 miles. Although Jordan’s hike was cut short due to the fire, he completed about 90% of his initial plan. He plans to complete the last part as soon as it’s safe to hike Mount Whitney again, though for a much shorter time than his initial hike. The Fallbrook Food Pantry is “ecstatic at the support Jordan has raised,” said Shae Gawlak, executive director, “and the food will be put to good use in our community.”



Fallbrook Food Pantry Executive Director Shae Gawlak, left, and Program Director Carolina Miller, right, accept a check for \$3,081.56 from Brad Jordan who raised the money by hiking from Yosemite Valley to Mount Whitney.



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Fallbrook Retired Teachers Division 81 honors their own

FALLBROOK – Lenora Sears, a member of the local California Retired Teachers Division 81, moved to the desert but has retained her membership in Fallbrook’s CalRTA chapter. Now that the pandemic is contained locally, some of her fellow members were delighted to meet at the Garden Center Restaurant on July 1 to see Sears and exchange news with her and each other while having lunch on their patio. They learned sadly that Bob, Sear’s husband of over 67 years passed away recently. However, she is still very involved in music and leads a large choir in her residential development. CalRTA members remember her for her many beautiful solos at their “famous” variety shows. Soon CalRTA will be giving grant money to local teachers who have made requests for funds to cover special classroom materials and projects. Also, meetings should begin again soon now that they are safe from COVID-19. Submitted by California Retired Teachers Association.



CalRTA members attending luncheon for Lenora Sears are, from left, Dixie Blanton, Bill O’Conner, Lenora Sears, Marilee Ragland, Sandra Bell, Geegee (Gisela) Holladay, and Marjorie Freda. Village News/Courtesy photo

Supervisors approve option on 76/15 property Sheriff’s station planned use

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The County of San Diego has taken an option to purchase an 18.49-acre parcel near the intersection of State Route 76 and Interstate 15. A 4-1 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote July 13, with Nora Vargas opposed, authorized the director of the county’s Department of General Services to execute an option agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the parcel. The county will provide a \$321,000 non-refundable deposit. “I think this is much needed,” said Supervisor Jim Desmond. The 2005 Sheriff’s Department Facilities Master Plan recommended that a new Sheriff’s station be constructed on the Interstate 15 corridor by 2019 to provide service to the population north of State Route 76. An additional planning study was conducted last year and confirmed the need for such a Sheriff’s station. After Caltrans declared the 18.49-acre site excess to their needs, county Department of General Services staff identified that site as a desired location for the new Sheriff’s station. The land is on the south side of State Route 76 west of Interstate 15. “It has immediate access to I-15,

SR-76, and Highway 395,” said Department of General Services director Marko Medved. The new Sheriff’s station would not replace any existing facilities. “We are not going to close the Fallbrook, San Marcos, Valley Center, or Vista substations,” Desmond said. San Marcos and Vista are classified as stations. Fallbrook and Valley Center are designated as substations. All four are currently overcrowded, and the new facility would absorb staff from those existing stations and substations and thus eliminate the need to expand the existing facilities. On May 13, Caltrans formally offered the County of San Diego the opportunity to purchase the parcel. The offer included a one-year option with a non-refundable payment of \$321,000, although if the county exercises its option to purchase the land the \$321,000 will be applied towards the purchase price. The one-year option agreement will allow county staff to perform due diligence work on the site. The county may also be able to enter into a second one-year option if more time is needed prior to a decision whether or not to purchase the property. “I think this is a great feature for North County,” Desmond said. On March 16, the Board of

Supervisors approved the updated Capital Improvement Needs Assessment for the County of San Diego which covers facilities projects slated for improvement between fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2025-26. The county plans to locate a Sheriff’s station near the junction of Interstate 15 and State Route 76, and that is scheduled to be built during fiscal year 2025-26. The CINA estimated the Sheriff’s station to have approximately 25,000 square feet of space and an estimated \$49,500,000 cost for land acquisition, design, and construction. The five-year plan calls for spending of \$5,000,000 in 2024-25 and \$44,500,000 during 2025-26, although the total estimated acquisition cost is \$3,214,000 so some of the spending will take place earlier if the county purchases the land from Caltrans. “I think that’s a lot of money,” said Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer. The other four supervisors agreed to Lawson-Remer’s suggestion that a review of all potential uses of the site be conducted prior to the purchase. “I’m not convinced that is the biggest need we have in our county,” she said of a Sheriff’s substation. “I’m not convinced we’re going to build the density in that region.”

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Overturned semi creates traffic jam



As traffic was backed up for miles on the southbound lanes of I-15 Saturday morning, July 17, a semi-truck and trailer flipped on the northbound I-15 north of Rancho California Road before 8 a.m., causing some delays.

Early morning I-15 fatality closes freeway

Village News Staff

A single-vehicle rollover involving a fatality was reported at 3:24 a.m. early Saturday morning, July 17, north of Mission Road, according to North County Fire Protection District PIO Rich Berry. Berry said, “Two people were ejected from the vehicle resulting in one fatality and one male being transported to Palomar Hospital with critical injuries.” California Highway Patrol shut down freeway traffic for the death investigation. “Traffic is being diverted off the southbound freeway at Rainbow, down 395 and back onto southbound I-15 at the Mission Rd. southbound onramp by CHP officers,” said Tony Campbell from Village News. The crash caused major traffic delays all day until early evening July 17.



The California Highway Patrol shuts down the freeway for a death investigation.

CAT

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his harness and ran into the street. This inspired Heaney and Tabish to start their own business making cat harnesses, called SurferCat Luxury. The harness allows cats to be able to go on walks comfortably, without maneuvering out of their harness and putting themselves in danger. These harnesses can be purchased on <https://www.surfercat.com/>. After noticing Maverick’s love for going on walks, former pro wakeboarder Heaney wondered if Maverick would enjoy water too. “We started out by just feeding him on a surfboard so he would get comfortable on the board,” said Heaney. “Then, we put the board in the pool with food on it, and Maverick felt comfortable eating his food on the surfboard in the pool. We kept at it for months until we thought he was ready for the water.” Maverick began surfing at the beach, and his love for the ocean helped him to gain a following on social media. Later, he was able to audition for “Cat People,” and he was chosen to be featured in episode six of the show. “Maverick has started a huge movement,” said Heaney. “He’s smashing the perception that all cats need to stay home.” Maverick’s love for being walked on a leash and surfing has inspired other cat owners all over the U.S. to start taking their cats outside more. Over 3,000 cats now have harnesses and are able to go on daily walks, and Heaney and Tabish receive thank you letters from cat owners who have been inspired to take their cats on trips, surfing, or just taking them on walks out of the house. Heaney said that he has enjoyed seeing how people react to Maverick, and he’s also loved being able to help others through SurferCat Luxury and informing people about how adventures such as surfing and going on walks can benefit cats. “Pets do so much for us,” said Heaney. “We’re advocates for mental health awareness, and pets are a huge part of mental health. They’re important in our lives and they make such a large difference in our lives, we have to return the favor.” Heaney hopes that Maverick’s story will continue to inspire cat owners to take their cats on adventures.



Nick Liam Heaney prepares to surf with Maverick sitting on the front of the board, anxiously awaiting the perfect wave.



Maverick kayaks with owner Kayla Tabish. Maverick is able to surf, paddleboard, kayak, and swim.

Mother jailed for suspected DUI crash that killed her 5-year-old daughter



The car Kapri Rave Coleman was driving when it crashed over the embankment, killing her 5-year-old daughter and injuring her two other children, rests against a tree.

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SANTEE – A 27-year-old woman was jailed on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol when her car crashed off Interstate 15 in Bonsall, killing her 5-year-old daughter and critically injuring her two toddlers. Kapri Raven Coleman of San Diego was booked into Las Colinas women’s jail in Santee Thursday afternoon, July 15 upon her release from a hospital where she suffered in the predawn wreck, according to the California Highway Patrol. Coleman lost control of her northbound 2009 Hyundai Genesis near Gopher Canyon Road shortly before 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, CHP Public Affairs Officer Juan Escobar said.

The sedan veered off the eastern edge of the freeway, overturned and tumbled down an embankment, ejecting Coleman’s two daughters. The older one died at the scene. Paramedics airlifted the surviving 3-year-old girl and her 1-year-old brother to Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, where they were admitted in critical condition, Escobar said. Coleman was booked on suspicion of DUI, gross vehicular manslaughter and child cruelty. She was being held on \$1 million bail pending arraignment. To read original story, go to: <https://www.villagenews.com/story/2021/07/15/news/dui-suspected-in-crash-killing-5-year-old-seriously-injuring-woman-and-2-children/66956.html> Copyright 2021, City News Service, Inc.

Five hospitalized in two-vehicle collision on I-15 in Fallbrook

FALLBROOK – Five people were injured when two vehicles collided on Interstate 15 north of state Route 76, fire officials said Saturday, June 17. The crash happened at 11:03 p.m. Friday, June 16, said Capt. John Choi of the North County Fire Protection District. Three young victims were taken to Children’s Hospital with minor injuries, one to Sharp Memorial Hospital, and one to Palomar Medical Center, Choi said. The freeway was shut down briefly for an investigation by the California Highway Patrol, he said. Copyright 2021, City News Service, Inc.

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Fallbrook Blanket Project donates to the Camp Pendleton YMCA



Samantha Holt is the executive director of the Camp Pendleton YMCA. Village News/Courtesy photos



Displaying some of the blankets donated to the Camp Pendleton YMCA are, from left, Chrissy Lomeli, office manager; Maxine Langdon, events marketing manager; Samantha Holt, executive director; Megan Martinez, program director, all from the YMCA; and Carmen Willard from the Blanket Project.

FALLBROOK – Recently the nonprofit Fallbrook Blanket Project donated 88 blankets of all sizes, which included over 50 baby blankets, plus eight pairs of socks, some scarves and hats to the Armed Forces YMCA on Camp Pendleton.

The mission of the Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton is to enhance the lives of military members and their families in spirit, mind, and body through programs relevant to the unique challenges of military life.

They have served the military community for the past 7 years, providing services for junior enlisted military members and their families that increase their quality of life, strengthen family bonds, and reduce the stresses of military life. They accomplish this by providing dynamic programs, services, and events that concentrate on educational, emotional, and financial support.

Currently, they are providing food/diaper support the fourth Friday of every month, and they

have over 30 children attending camps throughout the base. They run a fully accredited child care center and support the Marines with recreation on the weekends. In October, they will be holding their annual Ball Gown Giveaway event; if anyone is interested in donating ball gowns or supporting any of these programs, they can call 6-38-9.

The YMCA will distribute the donated blankets as they see fit to those who will benefit most by them. These blankets and items

from the FBP were hand crocheted and knitted by ladies for local nonprofit charities. Blankets are also donated to local fundraisers, such as the recent Foundation for Senior Care scavenger hunt and the REINS Hoedown in the fall.

Many of the ladies meet every Monday from 10 am . to noon at Living Waters Church on Reche Road and anyone is welcome to join these free gatherings at any time; handicapped parking is available. The yarn is free if used for donated items and they

teach crocheting and knitting for free also.

Many others create their blankets, etc. at home and drop it off at the meeting or contact the Fallbrook Blanket Project for pick up. Donations and donated yarn are always needed and welcome.

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whether it be wood or, in many cases, dried dung, is extremely toxic and leads to millions of health complications every year. In fact, this is such a problem that increasing access to clean-burning stoves was a priority outlined in a 2014 United Nations report on sustainable energy.

Another example of the importance of advanced technology is the access to catalytic converters, which make it possible for automobile makers to lower car emissions to comply with the U.S. National Emission Standards Act. Such components are expensive, as are other environmentally friendly products, such as renewable energy, organic food, public transportation systems, smart grids, and so on.

The EPI report also notes that although industrialization can lead to increased pollution, the latter can be mitigated by a strong rule of law, a vibrant civil society, and a prudent as well as accountable government. An arbitrary and corrupt government, in contrast, is not only bad for generating prosperity, but it is also likely to be a poor protector of the environment. Undermining of private property rights, for example, can incentivize poor ecological stewardship – as it did most recently in Zimbabwe and Venezuela.

Key takeaways

The EPI report confirms what many have known for a while. Although industrialization and modernization may lead to increased pollution and emissions, economic prosperity also offers the tools needed to mitigate environmental damage. Greater access to green technology, better incentives for environmental stewardship, and the resources necessary to pursue environmental stewardship are all luxuries brought about by a prosperous society. A prudent and accountable government that upholds the rule of law is not only a better promoter of economic growth but also a better steward of the environment. Higher living standards and ecological responsibility are not two competing interests but two interrelated byproducts of human progress.

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NCFPD

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NCFD web page, NCFire.org.”

“Come the fall months – and even now – we’re always watching the weather,” he added, “especially the wind conditions.”

The chief also noted that even without strong winds, there is still a current fire threat with the dry vegetation and what is called topographical and fuel-driven fires.

McReynolds also offered the basic preventative advice for residents, including mow back or use a weed-wacker to create a defensible space around structures, keep vegetation trimmed, have your street address visible from the road, fire-resistant roof vents, maintain easy driveway access for fire trucks, identify hose bibs for firefighters to use in topping off their units, and clear around propane tanks.

He noted that the department’s compliance officer takes weed abatement complaints seriously. The chief was pleased that no firecracker accidents occurred this year, but reminded residents they are dangerous and illegal in the county.

McReynolds noted that the mutual aid agreement with Cal Fire and nearby cities is an excellent cooperation that brings more safety to each community.

“The key is to attack early and to attack strong,” McReynolds said.

Capt. Thomas Shoots, a spokesman for Cal Fire, agreed, saying it’s ideal to attack a fire by both ground and air. He touted Cal Fire’s resources and the cooperation of 30 agencies in the county.

“We all work well together,” Shoots said. “The NCFD in Fallbrook is very strong, known for fighting vegetation fires.”

He also pointed out that new and advanced technology is playing a big part in making a unified attack on wildfires successful.

Shoots and McReynolds both cited the new Heli-Hydrant being built by the Rainbow Municipal Water District as an exciting, innovative additional resource. The \$150,000 project, the first in the county, involves placing a tank on a mountain top so firefighting helicopters can more effectively refill with water to dump on a fire.

The Heli-Hydrant will be located next to the district’s Pala Mesa water tank, said Robert Guitierrez, operations manager for RMWD.

The tank hasn’t been delivered yet, he said, but pipes are being installed and it should be operational by late August or September. The nearest Heli-Hydrant is in Yorba Linda, but others can be expected in this area before long. In fact, RMWD is looking at another location in the area and will proceed if it can obtain a grant, Guitierrez said.

“Helicopters hover over the tank and drop their bucket or tube shaped like an upside-down snorkel to refill,” he said. “We are also able to be reimbursed for the water if it’s declared an emergency.”

The second site they are looking at is along Pala Temecula Road.

The Heli-Hydrant tank sits dry

FUHSD

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alcohol, entertainment, laundry, personal use of an automobile, traffic violation fines, personal losses, the expenses of a family member who is accompanying the board member on a trip, and the personal portion of any trip which includes the school district business. The district superintendent will resolve any questions regarding whether a specific type of expense may be reimbursed, although that decision must be made before the expense is incurred.

Prior to 1994, the school district paid for health and welfare benefits for former members if those members had served for at least 12 years and some of that tenure was after Jan. 1, 1981. The health and welfare benefits matched those provided to school district employees. Any former member whose first term of office began after Jan. 1, 1985, could continue to receive health and welfare benefits at his or her own expense. The policy revisions now allow any former member leaving office rather than one retiring from the board after at least one term to be eligible for those benefits at his or her own expense.

but can be filled remotely by the helicopter pilot or by the district.

“It’s especially great for fighting spot fires along I-15,” Guitierrez said. “The innovative technology is pretty exciting.”

Shoots said another new way to refill helicopters this year is by using new portable tanks hauled on a truck.

Meteorologist Tardy pointed out another advancement in technology, with fire suppression teams being aided by satellite feeds from NASA and the National Weather Bureau, as well as camera surveillance coordinated by SDG&E and ALERTWildfire.

Satellite images can be observed every five minutes, he said, and can spot fires as small as 4-5 acres.

Live-streaming from more than 30 high-definition cameras placed on county mountain peaks offers a 360-degree scan of the area. Monitors are able to zoom into a specific area if they receive a call of a fire and are designed to improve fire detection and public safety by creating live-streaming of San Diego’s most fire-prone areas.

UCSD, SDG&E and Cal Fire are partners in the camera observation system, and anyone can take a look by visiting Alertwildfire.org.

The cameras are most helpful in remote areas, said Cal Fire’s Shoots, and the information is helpful in making operational decisions.

The camera system has been updated with state-of-the-art system live video. It can also show time-lapse scenarios, pan-tilt-zoom, and uses near-infrared capabilities for night vision. It uses machine vision to detect smoke and can link to incident command centers to notify fire officials when a plume of smoke appears.

Shoots said hand crews are back as strike teams, and that air support is stronger than ever with both helicopters and fixed-wing. Among the agencies providing helicopters are Cal Fire, the city and county of San Diego, SDG&E, the U.S. Forestry Department, and Camp Pendleton.

Chief McReynolds said fire suppression in the NCFPD is provided by highly trained firefighters operating state-of-the-art fire apparatus from each station. Every station houses a Type 1 fire engine, which is designed to fight structure fires and respond to medical emergencies. The district also operates several Type 3 engines that are specifically designed and equipped to fight vegetation fires. Firefighters and apparatus routinely participate in the State of California’s mutual aid system, responding to fires as far away as northern California.

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Miss Fallbrook 2021 and Miss Teen Fallbrook 2021 courts crowned



The 2021 Miss Teen Fallbrook court Second Princess Olivia Harvey, First Princess Cora Haughey, and Miss Teen Fallbrook Hannah Burke celebrate their win with the Miss Fallbrook court, Miss Fallbrook Emily Schmierer, First Princess Madi Golden, and Second Princess Jaqueline Reyes. Village News/Holli Mills photos

Christal Gaines-Emory
Writer

Fallbrook residents, supporters, and spectators flooded into the Bob Burton Performing Arts Center to watch the 84th annual Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook pageants on July 17.

Before beginning the pageants, the 13 contestants and the 2020 Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook Court participated in a choreographed dance to start off the night and release their nerves. Then, the pageants began.

The event consisted of three categories: personality wear, evening wear, and the impromptu question. There was also an interview process with the judges prior to the pageant.

During the personality wear portion of the night, the contestants personalize their own little black dress. Many girls wore their letterman's jacket, accessories, sashes, and one contestant even wore her college graduation stole. This category allowed the contestants to show off their creativity and passion. Then, they had the opportunity to address their platforms, such as homelessness, sexism in STEM careers, and child abuse. After addressing their platforms, the contestants thanked their sponsors and continued to the next category.

The contestants then put on their evening gowns and announcer Miriam Key with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce spoke about the successes and passions of each contestant as they were escorted across the stage by a family member or loved one of their choice, before they moved onto the



Yareli Albino wins the award for most sponsorships earned, as well as Miss Fallbrook's "People's Choice" award



Hannah Burke wins Miss Teen Fallbrook 2021, as well as multiple other awards.



Briana Hernandez shows off her evening wear as she wins the Miss Fallbrook Spirit Award.

impromptu question.

Each contestant chose a random question out of a basket and answered it on the spot; these questions included "What does success mean to you?" and "What is more important, education or experience, and why?" The contestants answered to the best of their ability, some of them making jokes, connecting the question to their personal lives, and others responding with brutally honest answers.

At the end of the night, many contestants were highlighted before the announcing of the 2021 Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook Court.

The contestants in the Miss Teen Fallbrook and Miss Fallbrook pageant categories who raised the most money were announced. The runner up in this category of the Miss Teen Fallbrook pageant was Hannah Burke, while the winner was Cora Haughey. The runner up in the Miss Fallbrook Category was Emily Schmierer, while the winner was Yareli Albino.

The contestants who showed the most leadership were chosen by the 2020 Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook courts.



The 2021 Miss Fallbrook is Emily Schmierer; she also won Miss Congeniality, the essay contest, and was runner-up in the amount of scholarship funds raised.

The Miss Teen Fallbrook leadership award winner was Hannah Burke; the Miss Fallbrook leadership award

went to Jaqueline Reyes.

Next was the smile award; the Miss Teen Fallbrook best smile winner was Olivia Harvey. The Miss

Cora Haughey, the Miss Fallbrook most photogenic award went to Jaqueline Reyes.

Then, the Essay Contest winners were announced. In the Miss Teen Pageant, the winner of the essay contest was Olivia Harvey. In the Miss Fallbrook pageant, the essay contest winner was Emily Schmierer. Miss Congeniality was awarded to Hannah Burke in the Miss Teen Fallbrook pageant, and Emily Schmierer won Miss Congeniality in the Miss Fallbrook Pageant.

The "People's Choice" award went to the contestants picked by the audience. The Miss Teen Fallbrook "People's Choice" winner was Cora Haughey. The Miss Fallbrook "People's Choice" winner was Yareli Albino. The contestants who showed the most spirit during practices were chosen by the Miss Fallbrook Pageant Director Sherri Trombetta and the Miss Fallbrook Assistant Director Christiana Monarez. The Miss Teen Fallbrook winner was Morgyn Stack, and

the Miss Fallbrook spirit award winner was Briana Hernandez.

Finally, the 2021 Miss Teen Fallbrook and Miss Fallbrook 2021 courts were announced. Miss Teen Second Princess went to Olivia Harvey. Miss Teen First Princess was awarded to Cora Haughey. The highly coveted Miss Teen Fallbrook title was awarded to 15 year old Hannah Burke.

"When they announced my name as Miss Teen Fallbrook, I was in shock," said Burke. "This is my second year of running, and I'm so lucky to have had this experience. I'm thankful for Sherri, Christiana, and all of the other contestants for their constant support."

After Burke was announced as Miss Teen Fallbrook, it was time to announce Miss Fallbrook. Seven girls competed in the Miss Fallbrook pageant, but only three were chosen to represent Fallbrook as the 2021 Miss Fallbrook court. Miss Fallbrook Second Princess was awarded to Jaqueline Reyes. Miss Fallbrook First Princess was awarded to Madi Golden. And lastly, the 2021 Miss Fallbrook title was awarded to Fallbrook High's very own Emily Schmierer.

Schmierer said that she was ecstatic when her name was announced, but surprised at the same time.

"I'm still in total shock," said Schmierer. "I feel overwhelmed by the amount of support I've received tonight. I'm so excited to serve as Miss Fallbrook this year and help to connect all of Fallbrook even more."

Burke and Schmierer both said they look forward to their year serving as Miss Teen Fallbrook and Miss Fallbrook, and they look forward to being role models in the community.



Morgyn Stack, winner of the Miss Teen Fallbrook Spirit Award, models her evening gown.



Jaqueline Reyes, the new 2021 Miss Fallbrook Second Princess, personalizes her little black dress during the personality wear portion of the pageant using her college graduation cords and stoles.



Cora Haughey, Miss Teen Fallbrook First Princess, dresses up her little black dress with a hat and accessories. She won most sponsorships earned, Most Photogenic, and Miss Teen Fallbrook's "People's Choice" award.

HEALTH

Medical missionary experiencing breakthrough in reaching Malawi



Dr. Christina Metzler Miller and her husband Greg pose for a photo outside Nkhoma Hospital's Medical ward.

Rick Monroe
Special to Village News

Fallbrook High School grad Christina Metzler Miller and her husband Greg have been missionaries in Malawi for four years. They've gone through a variety of challenges and successes there but are now experiencing a breakthrough in their "season" of learning.

Even with missionary training and help from local mentors, it's taken four years to really know the culture and pastors.

Metzler Miller is a medical doctor and has worked a couple of years in the capital city of Lilongwe, as well as the small village of Nkhoma. She graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University and UCLA Medical School before completing two residencies at Loma Linda Medical Center as well as earning a master's degree in public health.

Her husband Greg is an ordained Nazarene minister with a Ph.D. He has a heart for training pastors and is teaching at NTCCA seminary in Lilongwe.

For Metzler Miller, prevention and early detection are her forte and that was her assignment at the village hospital. As a consultant and co-leader of the COVID-19 task force, she initiated programs and made suggestions. During that time, she really learned the benefits and challenges of working at a 100-year-old mission hospital.

"A year ago, we realized the key is working with community pastors," she said during a recent phone interview. "That's how we can reach the most people. It's taken four years to know the culture and build relationships with the local pastors, but it's beginning to happen."

Following a sabbatical and fundraising trip to Fallbrook, the couple returned to Malawi in February, and moved from the village of Nkhoma back to the capital city of Lilongwe.

Metzler Miller is working at the community hospital at African Bible College, where she was assigned the first two years the couple were in Malawi.

"Greg and I have been doing village outreaches, which are facilitated by local pastors, and are doing teachings ranging from women and child health with groups of 100 or more women, to agriculture and transforming world view with 20 to 40 pastors and chiefs," she said.

They are truly beginning their season of training and planting seeds for long-term, sustainable change.

"Just last Wednesday, I was able to speak to more than 100 women on menstruation and protecting girls," the doctor added. (See her account in the Opinion section page A-4.)

The past four months, since returning in February, the couple focused on meeting pastors. Significantly, they collaborated with Nixon and Thokozani Nzunga, a husband-wife team who initially planted and oversaw 13 churches.

"In the last year and a half, Nixon was promoted to the position of district superintendent, similar to the position of bishop, and currently oversees 200 churches and 78 pastors. He and Thoko have a huge heart for people. We're teaming with them to plan training and to follow up with community training in health," the doctor said. "The country is 85% Christian, and when people come to the pastor for prayer, it's an opportunity for the pastor to offer direction for additional care."

"That's what we really want to see," she explained, "where the church will meet the needs of the community."

And it's a way for the Millers to connect with the villages.

"We're so excited about these new opportunities and can't wait to see what the next years will hold," Metzler Miller said. "We

are also hoping that the community development methods and life-balance we discover will help give good models to other doctors and missionaries."

"After one to two years of feeling we were not making a lasting difference, I feel we are entering a new season of being more productive in ways that can bring long-term transformation," she said.

She has directly been involved in saving several lives and guiding families toward the clinic in Lilongwe and at the same time still wants to focus on prevention.

Her typical week is divided equally with time in the clinic, electronic, teaching and mentorship, administration and planning, and community health.

"I'm passionate about making lasting changes," she exclaimed. "We're committed to long-term work here. When we started four years ago, we said we'd commit to 10 years and then see what was next. I look forward to the 10 years and would be super happy to stay a couple of decades, unless we work ourselves out of a job."

In addition to working at the Bible college medical clinic – in this age of people working from home – she is doing part-time work for the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, training doctors how to treat and reverse diseases with lifestyle habits rather than medications. "I'm a lead faculty for one of their training modules and editing faculty for others," she said.

"My friend and I also just won a large Health Resources & Services Administration grant to start training specialized doctors in Maternal Health outcomes at Loma Linda University," she added. "This promises to be another part-time job that I can do in my free time from here, which will have a big impact for the health of women in San Bernardino and the way doctors are trained to improve women's health."

"Both of these jobs in America promise to be income-generating, and to make me a better doctor for the work I'm doing here," she said.

The doctor said she works one day a week in America via telecommunicating, and that one position is project based and will continue into next year.

"Remember, Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world," she said. "There are a couple million people, but there is one drive-thru (KFC) and no movie theater in Lilongwe. It's a capital city but is not much different from Fallbrook in terms of small-town feel."

"There is a lot of need and opportunity to help," she added. "It's easy to see patients one at a time, but little opportunity for long-term change due to infrastructure and mindset. I believe many mission hospitals have been doing the same thing for 50 to 100 years without seeing healthy transformations within their communities."

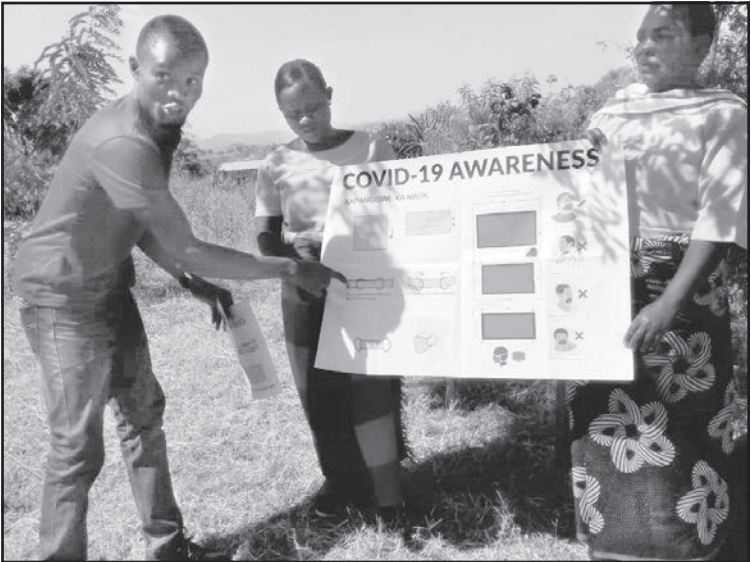
She explained that she tries to facilitate sustainable change using local resources. "We have a different mindset than most medical missionaries."

"We want to make a difference that will last," she explained. "When we leave, we don't want things to be the same as before – we want to see a carry-over."

She said COVID-19 made that clear. "My training is disease prevention, but the way policies, procedures, and mindset worked out in Nkhoma, COVID prevention was hard to implement and devastatingly difficult to maintain. It broke my heart. There were opportunities to make a difference, but fighting COVID in a reactive village environment was so difficult."

She said that most facilities in Malawi ran out of tests in the later half of last year.

"The mortality rate of adults on the medical ward tripled," she said. "Before COVID, 1 in 20 admissions died, but during COVID that number increased to 1 in 7 or 8. Many died before they even reached the hospital and many hospital deaths are not confirmed as COVID deaths. About half the deaths were from respiratory conditions, but many times we were unable to appropriately rule



Head Environmental Health officer Shambani Chitenji teaches community leaders about COVID prevention using materials created by Dr. Christina Metzler Miller and her team.



Girls in the Namitete area learn about women's health during a menstruation talk led by Dr. Christina Metzler Miller.



Dr. Christina Metzler Miller gives a talk about COVID in Nkhoma Mission Hospital in March 2020, a month before the first cases were reported in Malawi.



Dr. Christina Metzler Miller takes care of a family of patients pre-COVID, including baby Gold and his father who was a refugee and student of her husband Greg Miller at NTCCA. Village News/Courtesy photo

out COVID as a cause of death due to difficulties with testing."

The country is experiencing its third wave of COVID-19 now, the doctor said.

"It's a public health nightmare," she admitted. "Supplies, vaccinations and tests are all scarce. A government task force has been established, but there is a large number of under-reported cases. The reported cases are just the tip of the iceberg. There is only one major hospital in a region serving a couple million people, with only 4 to 5 ventilators in the country that may be working and accessible to people with COVID-19. It's tough."

Metzler Miller is thankful she caught COVID-19 while in Fallbrook this winter instead of in Malawi.

Their plan has been to return

to Fallbrook every two years in December. That happened again this year, but the stay was extended to February because both she and Greg came down with COVID-19.

"We caught it at Christmas, and it hit me a bit hard," she said. "It took me months to be able to start running again. I had it really bad and think I gave it to my parents, but it was nice to be cared for here by family and know hospitals were nearby."

The couple are happy to be healthy again and looking forward to the opportunities in Malawi over the next few months and years.

The Millers can be contacted by email at Miller.GnC@gmail.com. They also have a blog at www.MalawiMillers.com for regular updates and information about their work in Malawi.

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More data confirm risk of COVID-19 death, serious illness very low in children

Meiling Lee
The Epoch Times

The risk of death or severe illness from COVID-19 in teenagers and children is extremely low, according to three new studies from the UK.

The studies provide the most detailed analysis to date on the impact of the COVID-19 earlier findings for those aged 18 and younger: They’re at very low risk of becoming severely ill or dying from the disease.

Researchers from the University of Liverpool, the University College of London, the University of York, and the University of Bristol published their pre-print studies, which are in the process of being peer-reviewed, online July 8. Two of the studies analyzed the risks of severe illness and death from COVID-19, while one focused only on deaths.

The preliminary findings will be submitted to the World Health Organization and the U.K.’s Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization, which is still considering whether to expand the use of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 12 to 17 in the country. All four COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the UK are only for people aged 18 and older.

Russel Viner, a senior author on two of the studies and a professor of adolescent health at the University College London’s Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, said the findings “will inform shielding guidance for young people as well as decisions about the vaccination of teenagers and children, not just in the UK, but internationally,” according to a statement.

While the studies didn’t include information specific to the effects of the Delta variant, there’s currently no evidence that it causes more severe disease or death in children. “Although this data covers up to February 2021, this hasn’t changed recently with the Delta variant,” Dr. Elizabeth Whittaker, senior clinical lecturer in pediatric infectious diseases and immunology at Imperial College London, said. “We hope this data will be reassuring for

children and young people and their families.”

Deaths rare, mostly in children with underlying health conditions
In the study that focused only on deaths, researchers analyzed England’s national databases, including the mandatory National Child Mortality Database, to identify all children under the age of 18 who have died as a result of COVID-19 between March 2020 and February 2021.

During the first year of the pandemic in England, of the 3,105 children who had died from all causes, 61 were children who had tested positive for the CCP virus.

But after “differentiating between those who died of SARS-CoV-2 infection and those who died of an alternative cause but coincidentally tested positive,” the researchers determined that only 25 of the 61 children had died of COVID-19 in a population of more than 12 million children.

This equated to a mortality rate of about two in a million.

SARS-CoV-2 is the scientific name for the CCP virus that causes the disease COVID-19.

Of the 25 children who died with COVID-19, 15 had a life-limiting condition, 16 had multiple comorbidities, and 19 had an underlying chronic health condition.

The researchers found that the “comorbidity group at highest risk (for death) were those with complex neurodisability, who comprised 52(%) of all deaths” in children who died of COVID-19.

“Those young people at higher risk are those who are also at higher risk from any winter virus or other illness — that is, young people with multiple health conditions and complex disabilities,” Viner said. “COVID-19 does, however, increase the risks for people in these groups to a higher degree than for illnesses such as influenza (seasonal flu).”

Only six of the 25 COVID-19 deaths – 24% – appeared to not have underlying health conditions.

In addition, the researchers found no deaths in children with an isolated diagnosis of a respiratory condition such as asthma, Type

1 diabetes, Down syndrome or epilepsy.

However, the researchers noted that “during the same time period studied, there were 124 deaths from suicide and 268 deaths from trauma, emphasizing COVID-19 is rarely fatal” in children and teenagers.

Underlying health conditions increase risk of severe illness
A different study, this one examining “81 existing studies assessing risk factors for severe illness and death from COVID-19 among young people,” found that preexisting health conditions and severe disabilities increased the risk of severe disease.

Children who had heart or neurological conditions, more than one medical condition, or were obese were at higher risk. However, the absolute risks were still small, even when compared to children without comorbidity.

“It’s important to remember that the risks are very low for all children and young people,” Lorna Frasier, professor of epidemiology at the University of York and senior author of the study, said. “Even when we found higher risks for some groups with severe medical problems, these risks were still very small compared to risks seen in adults.”

Pediatric surgeon Dr. Rachel Harwood, lead author of the study, emphasized that obesity is linked to more severe cases of COVID-19 in children.

“Our meta-analysis found similar risk factors to the other studies, although we also found that obesity increased the risk of severe COVID-19 illness, something we’ve known for some time in adults but is only now becoming evident as an important risk in children and young people too,” she said.

Hospitalizations remain low overall

In a third study, which examined risk factors for death and intensive care admission, researchers concluded that children and teenagers were at a “very low risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19 or PIMS-TS [pediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome-temporarily associated

with SARS-CoV-2].”

Researchers found that, of the 5,830 children admitted to the hospital with COVID-19, 251 were admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) in England during the first year of the pandemic, up until the end of February. This equated to children “having a one in approximately 50,000 chance of being admitted to intensive care with COVID-19 during that time.”

Within the same period, more than 367,000 children were admitted to the hospital for other causes.

Of those 251 admitted to the ICU, 91% had an underlying health condition or comorbidity. Those at greatest risk were children with multiple medical conditions and neurological disorders.

“This pattern is described in previous work, and is consistent with our meta-analysis of the published data, where each increase in the number of preexisting conditions was associated with increased odds of PICU [pediatric intensive care unit] admission and death for COVID-19,” the authors wrote.

The authors also found that 309 children were admitted to the ICU with PIMS-TS, a rare inflammatory condition in children due to COVID-19, “equating to an absolute risk of one in 39,000.”

“It is reassuring that these findings reflect our clinical experience in hospital – we see very few seriously unwell children,” Whittaker said.

CDC still recommends masks for unvaccinated students

A day after the studies were published online, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated guidance on how to prevent COVID-19 in K–12 schools, saying that cloth masks and physical distancing of 3 feet were still recommended for students who aren’t fully vaccinated when indoors.

Other preventative measures recommended by the CDC include the promotion of vaccines among students, screening tests to identify those who are infected, improving ventilation, contact tracing and proper hand hygiene.

“Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention

strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic,” the CDC stated, noting that the promotion of “vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.”

COVID-19 vaccines have been recommended for adolescents aged 12 to 15 years in the United States since May.

In June, the CDC continued its recommendation of emergency use-approved messenger RNA COVID-19 vaccines to everyone 12 years and older, despite higher than normal reports of heart inflammation in young men following an mRNA vaccine. The CDC cited that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risk of heart inflammation as its reason for doing so.

The one-size-fits-all approach, rushing to vaccinate healthy children and teenagers without adequate safety and efficacy data, has been concerning to some doctors and parents, as the risk of severe illness or death is extremely low for that age group. Young children haven’t been reported to be superspreaders of the CCP virus.

Viner, in an opinion piece published in The Guardian, said that public health officials should wait until there is enough safety data before vaccinating healthy teenagers.

“I believe it is reasonable to now offer to vaccinate teenagers with chronic diseases and medical conditions that make them more vulnerable. As for healthy teenagers, let’s first use our vaccine supplies to raise adult vaccination levels as high as possible, provide boosters for the elderly and fulfill our promises to provide vaccines for poorer countries. Then, we should vaccinate healthy teenagers once we have adequate safety data — but for this we must wait,” he wrote.

The CDC didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment on whether its recommendations also apply to children who have recovered from COVID-19 and have natural immunity.

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The DePatie Melt partners with the Epilepsy Foundation



Will Faerber, left, and John DePatie from The DePatie Melt release a new song to uplift others.

Village News/Courtesy photo

Marissa Lopez
Special to Village News

Guitarist, composer, and songwriter John DePatie collaborated with longtime friend, songwriter, and founder of Art2Ride, Will Faerber to create a “feel good song” after the sudden death of a 19-year-old friend due

to epilepsy. As a way of helping process grief, DePatie brought the song to Faerber who added his own contribution to the lyrics and music.

Their new single, “The Song We Will Remember,” is a song that will uplift and bring the feeling of warmth that lies at the core of the inspiration behind the song.

Unlike their other great hits, The DePatie Melt’s “The Song We Will Remember” was written in memory of a close friend, Annika, who passed away due to a misdiagnosis.

Elements that are presented in the song draw from inspiration of other rock artists from the 80s that Annika liked such as Queen.

The song is about remembering a loss and carrying it forward in life. It’s about remembering that there are losses in life but that doesn’t change the beauty in life.

The project brought both DePatie and Faerber to work on the song in a fluid manner and what started as a personal memory flourished into something bigger than just a song for someone. It became a song for everyone. The preventable death of a young soul led to bringing awareness and understanding of epilepsy to everyone who hears the song.

“The best of things come the quickest, for some reason or another.” Faerber said about writing the song. Every step of the way, from the instrumental to the lyrics, was a process that fell into its own place to create this song.

When asked what they hope their new single and partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation will do besides bring awareness, Faerber responded, “Without epilepsy, the ideas of the song are pretty universal, I think, that you can apply in moments of your life. Hopefully not just people

who have epilepsy will be able to appreciate this and find something in it for them.”

Responding to the same question, DePatie said, “It was written very specifically for our friend that we lost, but it did occur to us as we were doing it that over the last year and a half a lot of people have lost someone due to the pandemic and really it can apply to anybody. We as artists like to create something that people can connect with. It would make me feel so gratified if somebody said, ‘Well that’s the song that I put on to feel better’ about whatever loss they’re experiencing. Something that they’re going to carry forward with them.”

To join their journey in bringing awareness and learning more about the Epilepsy Foundation, the most direct support is to go on their page or watch their YouTube video and donate directly at the epilepsy foundation website, <https://www.epilepsy.com/>. “The Song We Will Remember” can be found on all musical platforms.

Submitted by the Epilepsy Foundation.

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FALLBROOK – Residents living in and around Fallbrook can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Zion Lutheran Church will host this community event Aug. 7.

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My worldview as a Sri Lankan American wildlife artist

Gamini Ratnavira with Lisa A. Ratnavira

At the age of 19, I became a self-taught wildlife artist in my native country of Sri Lanka. I was inspired by the beautiful rainforest country I grew up in and wanted to share the beauty and wonder of nature with those around me. I was fortunate to have raised a baby elephant named Maya, enjoyed my father Sardha's pet leopard and macaw, and a litany of wildlife around our home.

At one of my first art shows in 1979, President JR Jayewardene blessed the ceremony and over 150 paintings sold in the exhibit. The Ratnavira name means "Hero of Gems" and our caste is jewelers. After my father saw my success as an artist, he gave his blessing on my wildlife art career, versus following the family business of gem and jewelry design.

The president collected my work and named me the Chief Advisor to him on Wildlife and Conservation for the Department of Wildlife. I also designed the logo for the Department of Wildlife and Conservation, which is still in use today.

After touring with Prince Philip through the country, we worked together on "Let them Live," a World Wildlife elephant conservation program. In addition I designed 38 nature awareness postage stamps for Sri Lanka.



During the Sri Lankan civil war (1983-2009), I was invited by both the American and Australian ambassadors to come to their countries and pursue my art career. I have been fortunate to visit over 55 countries keeping detailed sketchbooks, taking photos, and creating paintings from these travels. I paint a window into nature paying close attention to symbiotic relationships and matching the flora and fauna to it's true environment in order to capture the beautiful and accurate relationships in nature.

During my time in Sri Lanka, I sold my paintings and supplemented my art career by working as a tour guide; often clients from all over the world would send me art supplies and purchase paintings from my studio at the end of our birdwatching and nature appreciation tours.


I painted over 150 paintings for the Habarana/Cinnamon Lodge, through Walker Tours which are currently being exhibited with the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Sri Lanka. In addition, I was commissioned by the president to paint a 9 foot mural of ringneck parakeets, receiving over \$237,000 U.S. dollars, for the airport in Colombo Sri Lanka.

After immigrating to the United States in 1986 due to the Sri Lankan Civil War, I began my American art career by opening Hidden Forest Art Gallery, exhibiting in elite wildlife art shows throughout the U.S., and founding Reflections of Nature in Fallbrook, California.

In addition, I became a member of the Society of Animal Artists, and exhibited in several museum tours. I enjoyed great success in Sotheby's, Christie's and Bonham's auctions as well. My largest commission has been a 42 foot African mural at Safari West in Santa Rosa, California.

My largest collection is at the San Diego Natural History Museum including 42 paintings of San Diego's endangered species, gifted on the arrival of our daughter Natalie Ann Ratnavira.

As a self-taught artist from a third world country, achieving these goals and enjoying these opportunities to share my work and the lessons I have learned from nature were absolutely beyond anything I had imagined. I studied an elephant ear plant with a raindrop in the center and seeing the perfection and





The Larson family, from left, Bill, Will, and Rika Village News/Courtesy photos have supported Gamini Ratnavira's career since he came to the U.S.

unity of nature, decided early on that nature would be my teacher. I filled my sketchbooks with studies and observations.

As a Buddhist, respect for all life and nature is ingrained in my life philosophy and is a part of my canvas. Being honored as Sri Lankan American of the year by the Sri Lankan Consulate in Los Angeles for my contributions to the art world and conservation was a great honor. My continued participation with the University of Colombo on Field Guides and educational illustrations is a gift that I return to my native country through my art. Validating my philosophy of sharing “that a road was not built for one to travel upon.”

I met Bill Larson in Sri Lanka in the late 1970’s and, after moving to the United States, visited Bill and Jeannie Larson at their home and The Collector jewelry store, making Fallbrook my home after their warm hospitality. Since then, the Larson family has been instrumental in my art career, introducing me to elite art collectors around the world and the Gemological Institute of America, and we have worked side by side as family. I am grateful for their generous support. We are working on a book together about Tourmalines from his Himalaya Mine.

In the late 1990’s, I became a naturalized citizen. I have owned my own business here in California, for over 35 years and have been actively involved in fundraising for wildlife conservation, orphanages, fire and flood victims, and children through my artwork.

The Natalie Ratnavira Education Center in Galle, Sri Lanka is a sanctuary for wildlife and a place for artists, scientists, and conservationists to stay and enjoy the unique species found there. By illustrating, writing and studying, they contribute to this unique rainforest habitat.

The Devario Sp. Nataliei fish was one I saw as a child camping with my father, and later was bestowed as an honor for our daughter Natalie Ann Ratnavira (Feb. 14, 1990-June 23, 2012). We lost her suddenly to an AVM, brain aneurysm, and she was a Wildlife Conservation student at the University of Reno where she played soccer, and a graduate of Fallbrook High School.

This legacy in her name is one way of transforming our grief into one of conservation, keeping her smile present with us. In addition, you will notice on each painting there is a dragonfly next to my

signature in her loving memory. Our sons Neil, Beau and Brooks each honor her in the work that they do and in their lives. Natalie’s Research Center can be viewed at @NatalieRatnaviraDonationFund on Facebook.com.

As I approach each canvas, I do so with the gratitude of loving what I do, for the past five decades as a professional artist. I relive my experiences traveling, observing nature, sketching and the loved ones who have been with me during these adventures.

I begin with a composition in mind, using my sketch books and field photos and apply oil, acryl gouache, watercolor, or acrylic depending on what I am hoping to achieve drawing directly with my brushes.

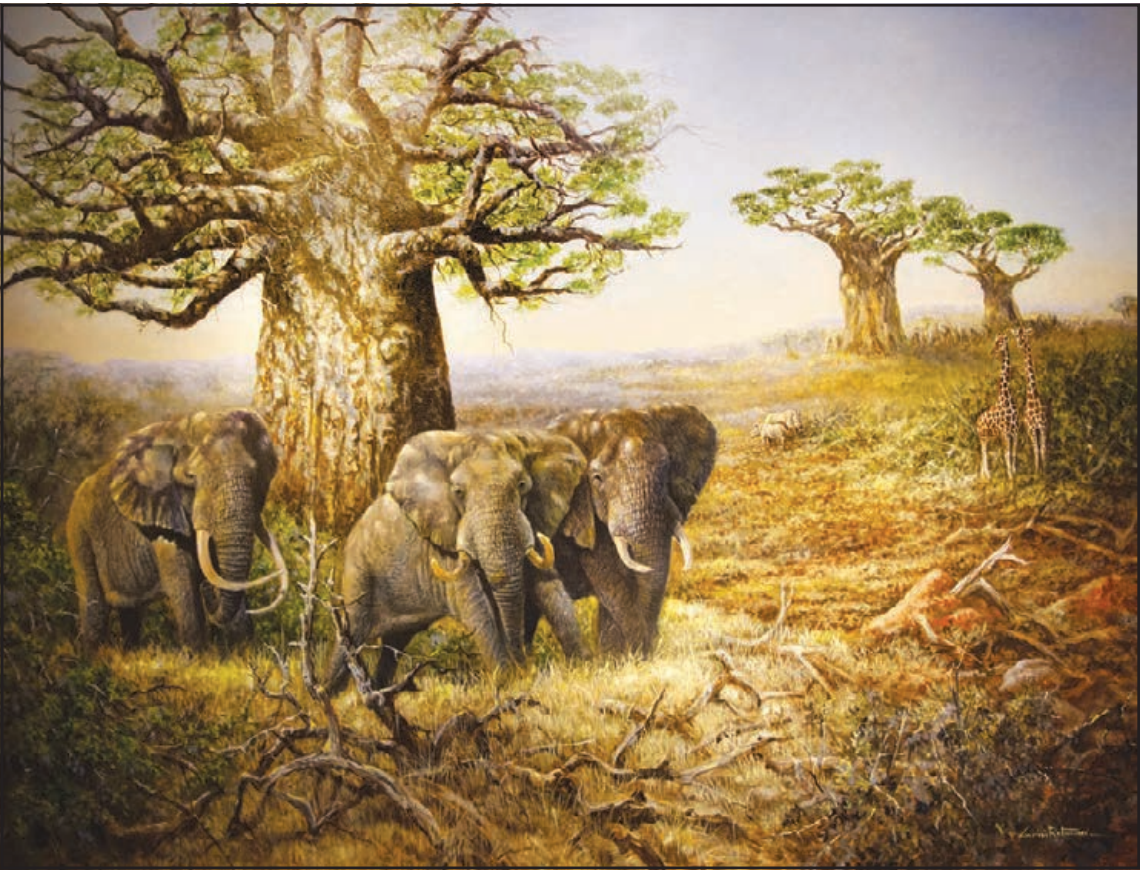
I work from dark to light and use several washes to create light and depth of field, repainting details to build the shadows and signature marks such as sun edged leaves, and insect bites and leaf litter that are known in my nature embracing canvases.

I often paint several canvases at once, especially when working with oils, as my nature is not quite as patient, as the paint takes time to dry. I feel a strong urgency to create daily and not waste the precious time allotted to each one of us. I do take breaks to work in my garden, with my animals and on my bonsais as a form of meditation and balance that I take back to each canvas.

My wife, Lisa, and I enjoy traveling and birdwatching and observing nature together when we are not exhibiting at shows or running the gallery. We enjoy hours of sketching and writing and have collaborated on “Traveling with Pen and Brush” and “Grief’s Labyrinth and Other Poems” where I have illustrated her poetry. For over 23 years she has been my gallery director, my biggest fan, and my muse.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my art journey with you and I hope you enjoy viewing my paintings. For more images, visit www.gaminiratnavira.com.

A group of paintings of land and sea animals from “The Indian Ocean by Gamini Ratnavira” is being featured in a new exhibition entitled “Animal Groups,” curated by David J. Wagner, Ph.D. The exhibition premiered at The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan, Kansas July 2, and will travel to The Sternberg Museum of Natural History at Fort Hays State University in Kansas for display during the fall semester of 2021.



Natalie Ratnavira wears a custom Saree to her Senior Prom, 2008

ENTERTAINMENT

Sales in first art exhibit Saturday



Chase Sales will be one of two featured artists at an art exhibit in Oceanside.



The lion painting is one of Chase Sales' the most admired works, along with the rooster painting.



A rooster is captured in this painting by Chase Sales.

Rick Monroe

Special to the Village News

Fallbrook’s Chase Sales will experience his first art exhibit on Saturday, July 24, in Oceanside, chosen as one of two featured artists from 20 adult artists.

“Chase has only been taking art lessons since November 2020 when we discovered that he has a unique talent,” said his father, Carlos Sales.

“Chase, 23, has Down Syndrome and doesn’t use many words, so this is a wonderful gift for him to be able to express himself.”

Chase Sales said he loves music, dancing, live musical productions, movies, painting, and tacos.

“I inherited my love for the arts and painting from my sisters and my talent from my grandfather Rennie,” he said. “I started painting with my teacher Suzette Phillips.

She helps me find subjects and then she sketches the outline. I choose the colors on my own and I like to paint with as little instruction as possible.”

Among his most admired works are a rooster and a lion.

“I really enjoy portraits because I love people,” he said. “I have traveled to Mexico, the Philippines and Malawi, Africa, and have friends all over the world.”

Carlos Sales is a pastor and directs a missions organization, Reaching the Hungry. His son also expresses his faith: “I like this Bible verse, ‘The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” (1 Samuel 16:7 NLT)

“I won’t judge you by your appearance,” he said. “I hope you won’t judge me by mine.

My paintings communicate my heart and sometimes how I view someone else’s heart.”

Carlos Sales said the man hosting the annual art exhibit doesn’t want to promote it in the media, but Sales will share the details when people register at tinyurl.com/Chase-Shows. Then he will text or email. The exhibit is in south Oceanside and begins at 5 p.m.

Ramona Country Fair celebrates 50 years of old-fashioned fun

Regina Elling

Special to Village News

Known as the “Best Days of Summer,” the Ramona Country Fair is an event for those looking for a real, old-fashioned country fair. And the celebration promises to be extra special – the fair is celebrating its 50th year.

The Ramona Chamber of Commerce is presenting the Ramona Country Fair from Friday, July 30 to Sunday, Aug. 1.

“The Ramona Country Fair is an old-fashioned country fair showcasing the best Ramona has to offer,” said Stephanie Macdonald, Ramona Chamber member and Ramona Country Fair chair.

The Country Fair was set to celebrate its 50th anniversary last year, but it was canceled due to COVID-19 regulations.

“After the events of the past couple of years, this is a way to get the community back out there safely in a family-friendly, fun environment,” Macdonald said. “We really want this be something we are able to give our town.”

The three-day event will feature a midway of carnival rides, games and prizes, numerous food and craft vendors, award-winning wines, live music and entertainment.

Attractions this year include many returning favorites, such as the Home Sweet Home competition for best homemade jams, jellies, deserts, breads, muffins and more; a community Art Contest, amusement rides, carnival games, Medieval and Renaissance performances by

the Adrian Empire, Sam’s Posse, The Hole in the Wall Gang, the Victorian Roses Ladies Riding Society, a Western show, Mutton Busting and Barrel Racing.

New events include a Cornhole Competition Tournament for cash prizes, T-Rex races, and a Cowboy Challenge.

Fair hours are: noon to 11 p.m., Friday, July 30; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, July 31; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1. The Fair is held at the Ramona Outdoor Community Center, 431 Aqua Lane, Ramona.

Admission to the fair is free. A parking donation fee of \$10 goes back into the community scholarship fund.

Fair goers also can experience the 50th year of the Ramona Junior Livestock Fair and Auction. Local 4-H and FFA members will compete for blue ribbons after raising and caring for their prized livestock. The week-long livestock program organized by the Ramona Junior Fair runs from July 24 to Aug. 1.

The Ramona Country Fair is a COVID compliant event. Protocols will be in effect and all participants are asked to follow the current County guidelines for the dates of the Fair.

Proceeds from the Fair will benefit the Ramona community, including Chamber scholarships to Ramona students, educational grants and support to other local events promoting Ramona.

For more information and current schedules, call 760-789-1311 or visit: www.ramonachamber.

“Black Widow”

Bob Garver

After more than two years, the Marvel Cinematic Universe is back on the big screen! Due to the pandemic, the MCU’s poor fans have had to spend the last six months sustaining themselves merely on the three streaming series that have brought the entire medium to new heights. But now it’s time to start blowing up the box office again. A mere two weeks after 2021 delivered its biggest hit yet with “F9: The Fast Saga,” the bar is being raised once again by arguably the biggest franchise in cinematic history. The film’s \$87 million domestic haul this past weekend is certainly a boon to the box office. But I anticipate those numbers dropping off pretty quickly because this is not one of the MCU’s better installments.

The MCU, for all its success, has had some noticeable insecurities in recent years when it comes to its female characters. Rival comic book franchise the DCEU got “Wonder Woman” to theaters in 2017, and the MCU has been desperately trying to play catch-up ever since. First there was the way they bragged about giving The Wasp top billing (alongside male superhero Ant-Man) in a 2018 film. Then there was the female-led “Captain Marvel” in 2019, which was probably the boldest step in the process, but still didn’t impress audiences the way they hoped. That pan across the franchise’s female heroes in “Avengers: Endgame” was a pathetic cry for



approval. And now we’re getting an unwarranted Black Widow movie even though the character has already been written out of the franchise.

The film takes place in 2016, between “Captain America: Civil War,” but before “Avengers: Infinity War.” Natasha Romanoff aka Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) is on the run from government forces led by Gen. Thaddeus Ross (William Hurt) when she’s sent a mysterious item by her former “sister” Yelena Belova (Florence Pugh). The two aren’t really sisters, but they posed as sisters while they were stationed as Russian sleeper agents in the 90s. They and “parents” Alexei (David Harbour) and Melina (Rachel Weisz) formed something close to a real family before the girls were taken away by Gen. Dreykov (Ray Winstone) for long stints in assassin training. Now the time has come to shut down Dreykov’s operation once and for all, but it will require getting the “family” back together even though they all hate each other and were never a real family anyway.

The good news is that Pugh, Harbour, and Weisz are all great in this movie. It’s a lock that Black Widow herself will go on to the Infinity War, but the fates of the other three aren’t so certain, so we can get caught up in their

stakes. On top of that, the actors have good chemistry and their jokes hit at a good ratio. The bad news is that since Black Widow has been raised to be a killing machine, the character and the movie as a whole are noticeably robotic.

“Black Widow” wants to give its main character notes other than “heroic assassin haunted by her dark past,” but it never manages to make her more interesting than that. The characters here are more grounded than in the rest of the MCU, so the action sequences, while fine, aren’t unique or memorable. And I’m sorry, but the backtracking in chronology is a constant reminder that Marvel didn’t see a need to give us a well-considered Black Widow movie at the appropriate time (and the one-year delay didn’t help). This movie isn’t going to turn anybody away from the MCU, but the franchise has, and hopefully will continue to have, many better entries.

Grade: C

“Black Widow” is playing in theaters and available for streaming on Disney+. The film is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence/action, some language and thematic material. Its running time is 133 minutes.

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EDUCATION

Girl Scouts “bridge” to adulthood



Graduating from Girl Scouts are, from left, Jenna Jedlicki, Carley Jones, Veronica Romero and Grace Bell. Village News/Courtesy photos



Girl Scouts cross the old San Luis Rey Bridge in a symbolic bridging ceremony to mark their crossing into adulthood, from left, Veronica Romero, Carley Jones, Grace Bell and Jenna Jedlicki.

Christal Gaines-Emory
Writer

On June 29, Girl Scouts Grace Bell, Veronica Romero, Carley Jones, and Jenna Jedlicki from Troop 4042 walked across the historic San Luis Rey Bridge, symbolizing their growth and transformation into adults.

For Girl Scouts, this process is called “bridging” and it is an important step in growing up and moving forward. Bridging occurs at every level of Girl Scouts. Some Girl Scouts begin as Daisies, then bridge to Brownies, and Brownies bridge to official Girl Scouts. Many of these girls have been involved in Girl Scouts since their early childhood, including Bell and Romero.

“I’ve been in Girl Scouts since I could start as a Daisy as a kindergartener,” said Bell. “I have

learned so much during my time as a Girl Scout.”

Romero also started Girls Scouts as a Daisy; she joined the organization at the age of 4. For her, bridging this year represented a large change occurring in her life.

“Bridging this year for me felt like a large part of my life was ending but in reality it prepared me for my future life and careers,” she said. “This year, my troop decided to bridge on the same bridge that three of us walked together when bridging from Daisies to Brownies.”

“Our families came to watch as we shared our favorite memories together and what our troop meant to us,” said Romero. “We then handed out patches and the four of us walked down the bridge and let go of balloons when we reached the end.”

Since both Romero and Bell have

been involved in the organization for many years, they have both experienced a tremendous amount of growth through Girl Scouts. Bell said that she has enjoyed being able to see the growth in herself as well as in her peers.

“I’ve learned how to build my self-confidence, how to be more of a leader, how to work with others, and so much more,” said Bell. “I believe the most important lesson in Girl Scouts is learning how to uplift other girls and work together to make the world a better place.”

Romero has also grown as a result of her involvement in the organization.

“I think one of the main things I have learned is how to develop a plan and implement it. Whether it be earning a patch, or something bigger like my bronze and silver awards. I think that is probably my most important lesson as well since

it is something I will consistently use in my future and has helped me become a better leader,” said Romero. “Girl Scouts has also contributed to my character and taught me the value of being a good friend and being inclusive to everyone around me.”

Having the opportunity to bridge to adulthood with friends since childhood was an important step to moving forward, and Bell said she is thankful for having the opportunity to make the step together with her other troop members.

“I would like to thank the two leaders of our troop, Mrs. Kelly Romero and my mom, Deanna Bell. Without you two, I doubt that our troop would have made it all the way that it did,” said Bell. “I would also like to thank my other troop members, Carley Jones, Jenna Jedlicki, and Veronica

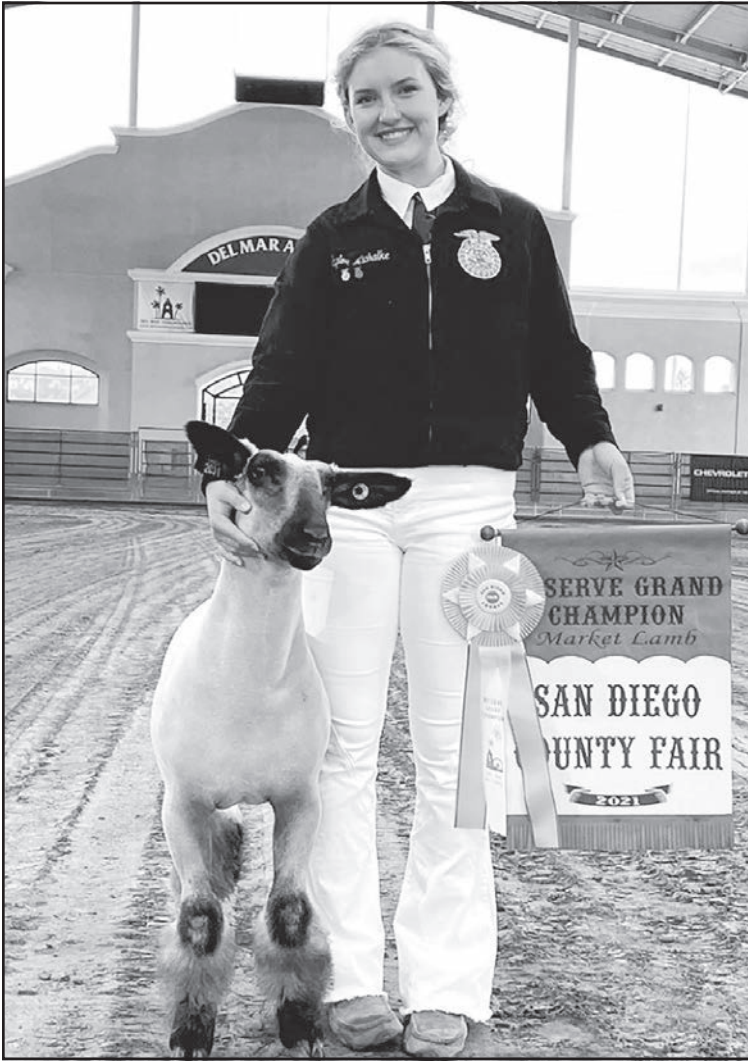
Romero; you girls have become such great friends of mine and throughout the years we have been together as a troop, I love you all so much and I’m so happy to have met you all and grown with you all.”

Romero also said she is also thankful for her other troop members and the support from her troop leaders. She plans to take the lessons she has learned from Girl Scouts to start her own troop in order to inspire and uplift the younger generation.

“It felt weird to know that this would be the last time we bridged together, though I am excited to see where we go in life,” said Romero. “I plan to continue being involved in Girl Scouts and start a troop of my own in hopes of giving more young girls the same experiences, opportunities, lessons, and friendships that I was given.”

Michalke raises FFA grand champion/supreme reserve champion lamb

Also shows junior champion and reserve champion dairy goats



Taylor Michalke poses with her FFA Supreme Reserve Champion lamb, Pecan, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Village News/Courtesy photo

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Taylor Michalke showed five animals at this year’s San Diego County Fair including a lamb which won Future Farmers of America grand champion and supreme reserve champion honors and dairy goats which won junior champion and junior reserve champion awards.

“I’m just very happy that they had a fair this year,” Michalke said. “This is my best one yet.”

Michalke, who completed 10th grade at Fallbrook High School in June, is a member of Fallbrook’s FFA chapter. She spent five years in Fallbrook 4-H prior to enrolling in Fallbrook High School and transitioning to FFA. Michalke, who was born at Fallbrook Hospital, is now 16 and was 9 when she joined 4-H. Her mother, who was Traci Erickson at the time, was in Fallbrook 4-H and Fallbrook FFA. Her father, Paul, was in FFA in Colorado.

Michalke began showing

lambs at the San Diego County Fair in 2016; that year she sold a 140-pound lamb at auction. Her lamb at the 2017 auction weighed 124 pounds. In 2018, her 127-pound lamb at the auction won the mediumweight division. Michalke also showed a dairy goat during the 2018 county fair’s livestock breed show, and that goat took first place in her class.

In 2019, Michalke raised two lambs who both won their weight classes; 120-pound Denali was the 4-H mediumweight champion and 93-pound Marvel won the feeder class. The feeder class lambs are too light to be taken to the auction and do not compete against the other weight class champions and reserve champions. Denali, a Hampshire/Suffolk cross, was the 4-H grand champion. Michalke was unable to be in Del Mar during the 2019 livestock breed show.

In her first year as a Fallbrook FFA member Michalke raised two lambs. The 2020 market livestock show was virtual, and neither of the lambs placed in their class.

“I wasn’t disappointed that I didn’t win anything. I was very disappointed when they cancelled the fair because I loved going and showing in person,” Michalke said.

This year, the June 26 auction was virtual, but the participants showed their animals in person. “I’m just happy to be back and I’m very happy that I got to show in the ring again. I couldn’t ask for more than that,” Michalke said.

The dairy goats show took place June 20. Michalke showed three LaMancha goats: 3-year-old Diamond, 1-year-old Tina Rex, and 4-month old Olive. Diamond and Tina Rex were bred in Kansas by Jen-Mae-Ka Kids Dairy Goats. Blue Line LaManchas is the Michalke family herd, and Olive was bred by Michalke.

“I really loved showing them,” Michalke said.

Diamond placed third in the senior doe class. Tina was the junior doe champion and Olive was the junior doe reserve champion. “It was really cool,” Michalke said of having both the junior champion and the junior reserve champion.

Michalke added that the reserve champion was a goat she bred herself. “I thought that was very cool,” she said.

The Ramona Country Fair will take place July 30 through Aug. 1, and Michalke will show her dairy goats there.

The two market lambs Michalke showed at the fair were both Hampshire/Suffolk crosses. Both were 8 months old when shown at the fair, and Michalke acquired both from Rocky & Sons Show Lambs, which is in Fallbrook. Whitney, a ewe, weighed 143 pounds on the fair scales. Pecan, a wether, was 121 pounds.

The lamb classes were based on weight but were not official weight classes. The class competition took place June 23. Pecan placed first in his class. Whitney was second in her class.

Later, on June 23, the FFA class champions and reserve champions from each class competed for FFA grand champion and FFA reserve

champion. Pecan was selected as the FFA grand champion. “When the judge went up to shake my hand I was not expecting it, and I was very, very happy,” Michalke said.

“It’s a very big deal to me, and I was very happy when it happened because I was not expecting it,” Michalke said. “I never really expect to win, but I try my hardest and what happens happens.”

Michalke has thus now raised both a 4-H grand champion lamb and a Future Farmers of America grand champion lamb. “I’m very grateful. This doesn’t happen to everybody,” she said.

“I am very grateful to everybody who helped me and to Rocky for being very supportive of me. He was a big part of making that happen,” Michalke said. “I’m happy that Whitney got to go into the final drive, too, because that doesn’t happen every day.”

Rocky’s sons include Fallbrook 4-H member Alan Morris, whose 118-pound lamb was the 4-H grand champion.

In past years, the FFA grand champion, the FFA reserve champion, the 4-H grand champion, and the 4-H reserve champion competed for supreme grand champion and supreme reserve champion. The Grange had been inactive at the market livestock show for several years, and in past years any Grange exhibitors competed in the 4-H division. In October 2020, the East County Grange, which is based in Alpine, was chartered. This year the market livestock show had a separate Grange division.

“Instead of four lambs, this year there were five due to the new division,” Michalke said.

For some species, there were six animals in the championship drive. East County Grange member Karstin Wagner had the only Grange lamb, who weighed 131 pounds, so the lamb championship drive June 24 consisted of five lambs.

Prior to entering the championship ring, the exhibitors were in a line, and their names

and awards to that point were announced. “This was the funnest champion drive,” Michalke said. “This was definitely the most interesting.”

Morris’ lamb received supreme grand champion distinction. “I was so happy for him that he got to win grand champion,” Michalke said.

The judge announced Pecan as the supreme reserve champion. “He put his hand out to shake mine and I started tearing up because I was not expecting it,” Michalke said.

Last year Morris raised the supreme reserve champion lamb. “I don’t really expect to win. It just happens,” Michalke said.

“I was happy to be in the final drive,” Michalke said. “I went over the top with happiness. It was a fun day. It was a good day.”

Michalke also participated in the showmanship competition with Pecan. “Showmanship is really rough,” Michalke said. “Just one wrong move and you could mess it up.”

They placed first in the FFA senior division. “I wasn’t expecting it, so I was very happy and overjoyed,” Michalke said.

“I worked very hard,” Michalke said. “It paid off, so I was very happy.”

First place in lamb showmanship advanced Michalke and Pecan to the master showmanship competition for all large animals. They placed fourth.

“I was happy with whatever I got,” Michalke said.

Rocky & Sons Show Lambs paid \$875 for Pecan at the auction. Sara Schmitt of Escondido purchased Whitney at a barn sale for \$650; Schmitt plans to use Whitney as a breeding ewe.

“I’m proud of all my friends and everybody I competed with because they did a very good job,” Michalke said.

Michalke also expressed her gratitude for family, friends, and others who helped her.

“I’m extremely grateful for how well I did this year, and I cannot wait for next year,” Michalke said.

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Fallbrook Branch of AAUW installs new board



AAUW Fallbrook's new executive board includes, from left, Elizabeth Leader (treasurer), Kathy Bierbrauer (corresponding secretary) Margie Mosavi (president) Carolyn Thom (co-chair, programs), Pamela Nevils, (recording secretary) and Susan Duling (co-chair, programs).

FALLBROOK – American Association of University Women installed their new officers at their general meeting June 5, at the Hilltop Center. The Association’s mission statement is “Young women with dreams become women with vision.” Some of its activities include a mentorship program in cooperation with Fallbrook High School,

sponsorship of an annual STEM summer camp for girls in junior high and a college scholarship program. This year, AAUW Fallbrook was able to offer over \$19,000 in scholarships to Fallbrook High School graduating seniors. *Editorial by Fallbrook Branch of American Association of University Women.*

California’s new virus rules for public schools

The Associated Press

The California Department of Public Health has updated its coronavirus rules for public schools. The new rules apply recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with some modifications. **MASKS STILL REQUIRED, BUT NOT DISTANCING** All teachers and students must wear masks while indoors. But they don’t have to stay at least 3 feet (0.9 meters) away from each other. The rules’ stated goal is to make sure as many students can attend full-time, in-person instruction as possible. State officials worried some schools would have had trouble accommodating all of their students with the physical distancing rule. So they got rid of it, in exchange for everyone wearing a mask. Initially, the state said school districts should send students home if they refused to wear a mask. But July 12 the department posted a tweet saying it would clarify its rules so school districts could make their own decisions about enforcing the mask rules. State officials have promised to review these rules, and possibly change them, by Nov. 1. **Exposed to the virus? No problem** The rules say students who are exposed to someone who has the virus don’t have to stay home for 10 days to quarantine. They can continue to attend class if they don’t have symptoms and if they keep wearing a mask and are tested twice a week for 10 days. But they can’t participate in sports or other extracurricular activities during that period. **Lunch outside** Schools should still enforce physical distancing during lunch. The state says schools should have students eat outside as much as possible. **Limit visitors** The state says schools should limit nonessential visitors, including volunteers, who are not fully vaccinated. **Vaccines encouraged, not required** The state says vaccination “is strongly recommended” for everyone eligible. Right now, that’s anyone 12 and older. But the state doesn’t say it’s required.

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Live Oak Park celebrates turning 101 years old



On July 17, Live Oak Park celebrated turning 101 years old. During the celebration, longtime Fallbrook resident and Save Our Forest founder Jackie Heyneman was announced as San Diego County's Parks and Recreation Volunteer of the Year.



Young Fallbrook resident Evelyn Ramos helps plant the 101st tree in Live Oak Park.



Avett and Bennett Flores help to plant the 101st tree at Live Oak Park.



Sisters Reese, Greer, and Brynn Campbell excitedly join in the 101st celebrations by petting dogs during the "Peeps and Pooches" dog walk around the park and helping to plant the new trees.



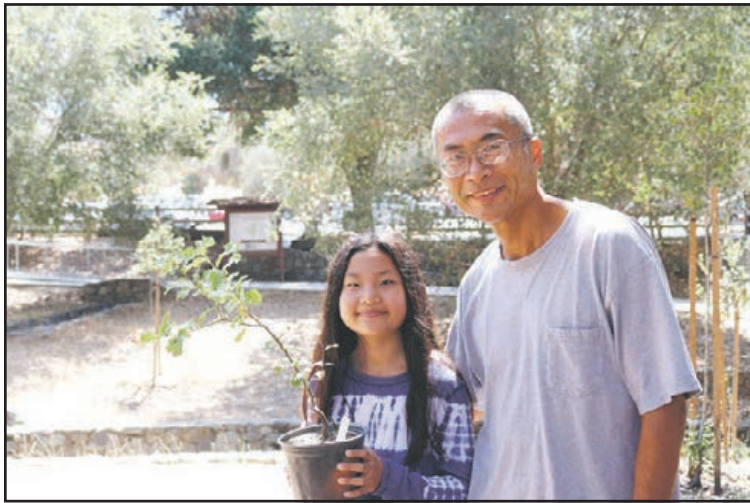
Elizabeth, Ivan, Joseph, and Angelina Gonzalez take their bearded dragon, Sandy, on the "Peeps and Pooches" walk to celebrate the park's 101st birthday.



County of San Diego Parks and Recreation staff members Nancy Santillan, Amber Blackman, and San Diego Park Ranger Brian Ek help to prepare for the many events planned in celebration of the 101st birthday. The events included a "Peeps and Pooches" walk, the jumbo tree planting, a live reptile presentation, a raptors presentation, and a movie in the park with face painting, photo booths, and balloon artists.



Jeremiah Giehl and his daughter Yafah Giehl watch as the 101st tree is planted in Live Oak Park in honor of the park's 101st year.



One year ago, volunteers planted acorns found in Live Oak Park and these acorns grew into beautiful oak trees, given away for free to the 101st birthday celebration attendees. Victoria and Albert Wang pick out a small oak tree to take home and plant in their yard.



Former Fallbrook residents Tony and Samantha Baramore return to the Friendly Village to show support for Live Oak Park and all of the people who have worked tirelessly to preserve the history of the park.

HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

Can you dig it? – Bromeliads in the garden



Does this colorful bromeliad knock your socks off? Village News/Roger Boddaert photos

Roger Boddaert
Special to the Village News

How about adding a little spice to your garden and grow some exotic bromeliads from the jungles of Mexico, Central and South America and beyond? You most likely have eaten pineapple which falls into the bromeliaceae family, and you can grow your own out in the garden in full sun. This family of plants is huge, and they come in all sizes, shapes and colors. They can either be grown in the ground (terrestrial) or up in the trees (as an epiphyte). They require minimum care, and can give the landscape an extra punch both in sun or shade, which will set a theme of faraway exotic lands. Bromeliads have been commercially grown for years as a houseplant and their flowering period can last for many months with tall flower spikes (vriesea) or those with petite flowers in

the center of the foliage cups like neoregelia. One robust bromeliad that grows out in the blazing hot sun is portea petropolitana with large lime-green vase cups erupting with four feet flower spikes of cobalt blue, green, yellow flowers along with pink flower bracts; it's a really wows and the flowers spikes have lasted for up to seven months on my specimen clumps. It is also striking as a dramatic cut flower in arrangements. After the mother plant finishes her flowering cycle, she will develop "pups" or baby plants along her underground stem. These will take a few years to develop, but eventually will also flower in time and multiply. The "broms," as they are called, can be grown in a shady nook under some trees or even out in full sun with the right species. Some of the more common types are represented by the neoregelia, nidularium, aechmea, billbergia, or Tillandsia.

The flower spikes that form from the central cup of the plants come in red, pink, orange, yellow, blue and green, and they will have florets radiating off of the main flower stalk. If you would like to enjoy some fragrance out in the garden, a few species of Tillandsia will emit a slight odoriferous perfume both during the daytime and into the evening. The Tillandsia usneoides (Spanish moss) will flower from "first dark" with a delicate aroma that any parfumeur would want to capture in a bottle. The cryptanthus "earth stars" are small and make wonderful small bedding plants with their colorful zebra striped foliage and are easy to grow for the beginner. Those that can take the blazing sun are portea, aechmea, Dyckia, pineapple (ananas) which I have fruited in my garden. These sun-lovers can work handsomely out in a xeriscape type of landscape and planted amongst rock clusters can be a handsome focal point. Bromeliads have become a huge greenhouse crop in the United States and one company here in Fallbrook ships them across the country. The hybridizing of bromeliads has developed some spectacular new types, so the potential of new plants are always on the horizon. Once you get hooked and start expanding your collection,



Guzmania flower spikes last for months on the mother plant. you should consider joining a bromeliad club which is a great source of acquiring new plants not readily available. Roger Boddaert "Maker of Natural Gardens" Landscape Designer and Consultant can be reached at 760-728-4297.



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Supervisors support Potter/Elder all-way stop, 35 mph speed limit for all of Gum Tree

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved an all-way stop control for the intersection of Potter Street and Elder Street and a reduction in the Gum Tree Lane speed limit between Hamilton Lane and Live Oak Park Road to 35 mph.

A 5-0 vote June 30 approved the first reading and introduction of the regulatory ordinance changes and a 5-0 vote July 14 approved the second reading and adoption. The stop controls for Potter Street motorists and the lower speed limit on Gum Tree Lane east of Hamilton Lane will become enforceable Aug. 13 although the county’s Department of Public Works may place signage earlier.

The action certifies the Gum Tree Lane speed limit east of Hamilton Lane for radar enforcement while recertifying the 35 mph speed limit on Gum Tree Lane between Stage Coach Lane and Hamilton Lane, and the 40 mph speed limit on Hutchison Street in Bonsall

between East Vista Way and 1,000 feet west of Harris Drive was also recertified for radar enforcement.

Potter Street and Elder Street are both two-lane roadways with centerline striping which prohibits passing. Both streets are unclassified on the mobility element of the county’s general plan, and both streets are considered residential collectors. Elder Street westbound and eastbound motorists currently must obey the stop control at the intersection with Potter Street.

A February 2021 traffic survey at the intersection indicated an average daily volume of 1,990 northbound vehicles on Potter Street, 1,587 southbound vehicles on Potter Street, 1,270 eastbound vehicles on Elder Street, and 652 westbound vehicles on Elder Street.

The intersection collision rate of 0.79 per million vehicle miles was based on five reported collisions, including three involving injury, during the 39-month period between May 1, 2017, and July 31, 2020. The statewide average

for similar four-leg intersections controlled by stop signs but not an all-way stop control is 0.24 collisions per million vehicle miles.

The sight distance for eastbound Elder Street motorists at the intersection is 151 feet looking north and 400 feet looking south while westbound Elder Street drivers have a sight distance of 194 feet looking north and 230 feet looking south. At the prevailing speed of 35 mph the public road standard minimum sight distance is 350 feet.

Gum Tree Lane totals 1.49 miles between Stage Coach Lane and Live Oak Park Road including 0.76 miles between Stage Coach Lane and Hamilton Lane. The 35 mph speed limit between Stage Coach Lane and Hamilton Lane was last recertified for radar enforcement in 2013.

In order for a speed limit to be enforceable by radar, a speed survey must show that the speed limit is within an adjacent 5 mph increment to the 85th percentile speed. Periodic recertification, including a supporting speed survey, is required for continued radar enforcement and DPW or

a contractor typically conducts speed surveys every seven years. The speed limit may be rounded either up or down from the 85th percentile speed.

The speed limit may also be rounded down an additional 5 mph if findings are made that the road has conditions which would not be apparent to a motorist unfamiliar with the road. Findings of driveways along the street and pedestrian presence were made to allow the speed limit to be lowered by an additional 5 mph. If speed surveys are taken at more than one location along a reviewed segment a “speed zone” for the entirety of the speed surveys can be used.

Gum Tree Lane east of Hamilton Lane had no posted speed limit, although by state law motorists can travel no faster than 55 mph on a two-lane road which is not a freeway. Without a posted speed limit motorists were able to travel 55 mph on Gum Tree Lane between Hamilton Lane and Live Oak Park Road.

The mobility element designates Gum Tree Lane as a Light Collector west of Hamilton Lane. The segment east of Hamilton Lane is not classified on the

mobility element. The 35 mph speed limit becomes 25 mph in the vicinity of William Frazier Elementary School when children are present, and the road also has speed advisory signs prior to curves. The estimated average daily traffic volume by the school is 4,600 vehicles.

During the 36-month period from Feb. 1, 2018, to Jan. 31, 2021, Gum Tree Lane had six reported collisions, including two with injuries. The collision rate of 0.92 per million vehicle miles compares favorably with the statewide average of 1.60 per million vehicle miles for similar suburban two-lane roads with speed limits under 45 mph.

Six reported collisions, including two with at least one injury, occurred during the 36-month period from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2020. The collision rate of 3.44 per million vehicle miles exceeds the statewide average of 1.60 per million vehicle miles for similar suburban two-lane roads with speed limits less than 45 mph.

On March 12, unanimous votes of the county’s Traffic Advisory Committee recommended an all-way stop control for the intersection of Potter Street and Elder Street, a 35 mph speed limit for all of Gum Tree Lane, and recertification of the Hutchison Street speed limit. The March 12 motion did not include an all-way stop control for Gum Tree Lane and Hamilton Lane, although DPW will review the intersection to determine if an all-way stop is warranted.

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Why working with an agent is so important



Jane Kepley
Special to Village News

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SAN DIEGO – San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced that 99.02% of the overall property tax charges were paid, surpassing last year’s total, both under the cloud of the pandemic. “San Diego County is now home to a record 1,001,029 parcels,” McAllister said. “For this last deadline, we surpassed the percentage of taxes paid over what was paid in 2020. We’ve seen that taxpayers are stepping up and paying what they owe. This is beneficial for our public schools and first responders.”

Taxpayers across San Diego County owed nearly \$7.27 billion for the first installments of the 2020-2021 property tax bills and approximately \$7.20 billion has been paid. “Our electronic payments through free e-check also increased to 67%, largely because our public counters were closed for a year and half. Taxpayers can go to [sdttc.com](https://www.sdttc.com) to view and pay their bill. That’s the best way to avoid late penalties,” said McAllister. “There’s no fee to use an e-check online, and you will get an immediate receipt that you

wouldn’t receive paying by mail.” McAllister listed other reasons to pay property taxes online:

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Household items you should always buy used



ESCONDIDO – Flea markets, garage sales, and thrift shops are always great places to find something unique and useful for your home for a fraction of a price. However, there are some things that are a no-no to buy used, but certainly, there are some that are still worth giving a second life. Here are some household items that are totally okay to buy used.

Non-upholstered furniture. Barely used tables, wood chairs,

and baby furniture are perfectly safe to buy second hand. It’s sustainable and you’ll save lots of money. Some may need minor repairs like light scratches but that’s easily fixable. We recommend choosing those made from tough materials that can last for life versus worn out or cheap materials.

Tools. Tools are made with very sturdy materials, especially those that do not require any electrical wires or motors. You can get used hammers, pliers, screwdrivers, etc at a much lower price with pretty much the same performance as a brand new one.

Dishes and Silverware. Non-plastic dishes, glassware, and silverware in good condition don’t go bad over time. Make sure there are no chips or cracks and you should be good to go.

Books. You can get coffee table books, cook books, etc in good condition for much less at used book stores or thrift shops. Make sure to thoroughly inspect things like the spine, check for mold, missing pages, or any water damage.

Decor and art. Another common

item people buy at a bargain are decorative pieces. You’ll be surprised to find one of a kind items at a discounted price.

Cast iron. Unlike non-stick cookware that can scratch and wear, these are literally iron-clad and can be repaired to look brand new for less with proper treatment.

Pet cages. Try asking around and see if someone has an extra cage you can use if you want to save. Some may be keen to even give it to you for free!

It is important to clean and disinfect these things before letting it in your home, especially during a pandemic. Have fun perusing Craigslist and discount stores – you’ll never know what gem you may be able to stumble upon.

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Supervisors approve roadside vegetation management program

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a roadside vegetation management program intended to increase wildfire preparedness in unincorporated San Diego County.

The supervisors’ 5-0 vote July 13 approved an option with a comprehensive countywide approach to roadside vegetation management, directed the county’s chief administrative officer to return to the board within 90 days with a funding source and a timeline to implement the vegetation management program, and directed the chief administrative officer to continue stakeholder outreach on the Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance and to return to the county supervisors within 90 days with a proposal to amend the ordinance to align it with the County Consolidated Fire Code.

“I think this is an important step,” said Board of Supervisors chair Nathan Fletcher.

“It’s extremely important,” said Supervisor Nora Vargas.

The county maintains nearly 2,000 miles of roadway, and nearly 80% of that roadway is in areas designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as high or very high fire hazard severity zones. The San Diego County Fire Protection District works with the county’s Department of Public Works (DPW) to prioritize maintenance along county-maintained roadways which are considered critical evacuation corridors.

“We have a paramount responsibility to protect them as best as we can,” said Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.

“Evacuation is a real concern during a wildfire,” said Supervisor Jim Desmond. “Clearing roadways is going to be an important part of that.”

DPW typically undertakes maintenance on approximately 500 lane miles of roadway each fiscal year although the maintenance activity is planned to increase to 800 lane miles for Fiscal Year 2021-22. DPW performs vegetation management to a width of 20 feet from the roadway if that off-roadway area is part of the public right-of-way, and if the county has less than 20 feet of right-of-way DPW coordinates with property owners to pursue additional vegetation management.

“Wildfire is one of the biggest threats that we face,” Desmond said. “I think we need to do all we can to minimize the risk.”

On March 16, the Board of Supervisors directed the chief administrative officer to return to the board with an update on actions to increase vegetation management along county roads,

to explore options to align sections of the county code to allow for 20 feet of clearance, to develop a program to expand vegetation management, to identify public roads which could benefit from additional vegetation management and a per-mile cost for that work, to determine the proposed frequency for vegetation management on specific road segments, and to return to the board with options to implement a new vegetation management program.

Three options were provided. The first option was enhancing the existing defensible space inspection program, which had an annual estimated cost of \$594,991. The option to increase the focus on key evacuation corridors and on roads with single entry and exit points had an estimated annual cost of \$1,779,000.

The supervisors chose the comprehensive countywide approach to roadside vegetation management even though it had the highest estimated cost at \$2,643,031. The program will organize the county into north and south regions. The county fire department and DPW will collaborate with the California Department of Transportation (which is responsible for maintaining Interstate freeways and state highways), property owners, and independent fire protection districts.

The program will focus on identifying and managing vegetation along evacuation corridors and communities with single entry and exit points. The San Diego County Fire Protection District will increase community engagement through direct mail and community-based workshops, the SDCFPD will collaborate with Caltrans to identify state roads which may benefit from additional vegetation management, and DPW will perform vegetation management on an additional 200 lane miles within the public right-of-way.

“Well-maintained infrastructure is a core responsibility of government,” Desmond said.

The current Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance requires 10 feet of vegetation management alongside roadways and driveways and allows the county’s fire warden to require additional vegetation management as necessary in accordance with the Consolidated Fire Code which allows jurisdictions to require a property owner to modify up to 20 feet of vegetation along roadways. The SDCFPD is in the process of reviewing current roadside vegetation management requirements and is working with the county’s independent fire protection districts.

“I really appreciate the board moving forward making our county more safe,” said Supervisor Joel Anderson.

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Estancia Senior Living opens in Fallbrook



Visitors sit in the dining room during the Estancia Senior Living open house event, July 14. Estancia Senior Living is located at 1735 South Mission Road in Fallbrook. Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Jean Pearce, future resident of Estancia Senior Living in Fallbrook, looks at a pamphlet for the senior community during an open house event.



Estancia Senior Living server Michelle McDonald, left, provides hors d'oeuvre to guest Dawn Young during an open house event.



People gather in the lobby at Estancia Senior Living in Fallbrook before taking a tour of the building during an open house event.

Guests tour the Estancia Senior Living building during an open house event.



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Monserate Winery opening in fall, Fallbrook Winery for sale



Jade and Julie Work own Monserate Winery, Village News/Courtesy photos on Gird Road, which will open in the fall.

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

Fallbrook has a growing reputation as a destination for wine tasting. Ten wineries are operating now, but come this fall, the size of No. 11 may surpass all the others combined.

Monserate Winery, a 116-acre property in Gird Valley, was a public golf course for 56 years. Long-time Fallbrook residents Jade and Julie Work purchased it in 2016 for \$4.1 million with the desire to preserve the beauty and integrity of the land, dotted with 100-year-old oaks and towering sycamore trees.

It struggled financially as a golf course and after closing, developers eyed the property for homes. Ironically, Jade Work is a retired pro golfer and owned a golf course development company. The couple bought the property with the intention of building a winery.

“We plan on opening early fall with a food trailer and a wine tasting room,” said Julie Work. “We are starting to book weddings, and our venue is just about completely built and ready to go.”

Monserate will be one of the

largest wineries in Southern California with about 90 acres of vines.

For comparison, Fallbrook Winery is located on 22 acres with another 50 acres growing nearby.

Fallbrook Winery is for sale, listed at \$9 million.

Most of the other wineries in town are small boutique style establishments, which will be profiled in next week’s issue.

Ira Gourvitz, 82, and Rebecca “Pepper” Wood, 76, are ready to retire as owners of Fallbrook Winery.

“If it wasn’t for our age, we’d be here another 20 years,” Wood said. “We’ve talked to potential buyers but it’s not a rush. We love what we do.”

The couple bought the property in the mid 1990s. Gourvitz owned a Sonoma vineyard in the 1980s and relocated to start something new with Wood. His passion lies in the production and sales of award-winning wines, while Wood oversees the winery’s finances.

The property previously was a citrus grove and it has well water available. However, they find that water to be a little salty when you

want to grow quality grapes, said Euan Parker, winemaker.

Wood and Gourvitz own the Fallbrook vineyard, located at 2430 Via Rancheros in Fallbrook. They recently built a home on a hill above the vineyards. Fallbrook Winery produces about 13,000 cases a year.

“Business fell off the map in the beginning of Covid,” he said, “but direct to consumer sales did well. We had a lot of on-line sales with people picking up here. The last couple of months have seen record sales.”

Also recently, for the first time, their weekend wine tastings have sold out.

The winery is known for its Red Blend and its flagship BDX. Their 33° North label refers to the winery’s location, on the 33°N Parallel.

Fallbrook Winery has won numerous awards over the last dozen or so years. Some of the most recent are at the 2021 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, receiving double gold for its Fallbrook Winery Merlot 2017 and a gold for its 33°North Rosé 2020. At the same event in 2020, the winery received double gold for its 33° North Merlot 2015.

“We love visitors but are very busy crafting our wines!” Parker said. “We offer tours by reservation only. Please call us, send us an email or make an online reservation prior to your visit, where you’ll sip up to five of our award-winning wines while touring our facility.”

He said visitors are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy it on their deck in the shade of avocado trees. They don’t offer any food for purchase but have an idyllic setting and delicious wine to go with your picnic.

Lila MacDonald, CEO of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, is excited about the new winery as well as the other 10 in the community.

“I’m very passionate about agriculture in the community,” she said. “Avocados, oranges and nurseries are all important, but wineries are different because they promote tourism.”

Grape vines also use less water than citrus or avocados, making wine more attractive.

Fallbrook also has a strong history with olives and lemons. It was the

lemon industry that brought us the moniker of “Friendly Village” when visitors were invited to come and have a free drink of lemonade, MacDonald said.

Monserate Winery is building a restaurant on its property, as well as a large wedding venue.

“We have 15 varieties of vines on the property now,” Julie Work said. “Montepulciano, Petite Syrah, Primitivo, Negroamaro, Aglianico, Sagrantino, Barbera, Sangiovese, and Grenache Noir are our reds, and our whites are Falanghina, Greco Di Tufo, Fiano, Malvasia Bianca, and Vermentino.”

Those are all Italian varietals, but she said they will also have a Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and a Rosé.

“Water prices are not a problem because we have wells on the property,” Work added.

The winery had its first harvest and produced its first vintage of wine in 2019. The next year, the Major Use Permit was approved by the county, allowing the vision for Monserate Winery to move forward. And in 2021, the first vintages of wine were bottled.

“As far as the other Fallbrook wineries go, we have only really talked to Fallbrook Winery and you can say we consider them a friend,” she added. “The only thing left to say is after five years of working

extremely hard, we truly can’t wait to see everyone who has been waiting to come and enjoy.”

The San Diego County Vintners Association, a trade organization dedicated to supporting the winemaking community, released its 2021 county economic of wineries report in March. Like numerous other business sectors, the COVID-19 crisis negatively impacted the San Diego County wine industry.

According to the report, county wineries realized about \$37.1 million in gross sales last year, a 19.6% decline from an all-time-high of sales reached in 2019 (\$46.2 million). Simultaneously, the number of wineries rose to 150 in the county over the same time.

San Diego County vineyards harvested 3,596 tons of wine grapes in 2019, generating a \$5.58 million production value, with a sales price of \$1,552 per ton, a record amount achieved in the region. The top five varieties grown, cultivated and/or sold in the region were Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Sangiovese, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc.

The number of wineries and vineyards in the region has steadily grown over the past few years. Another large winery is opening in September or October.



Ira Gourvitz and Rebecca “Pepper” Wood own Fallbrook Winery.



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Dave Aranda-Richards
Special to the Village News

Fallbrook’s Stuart Ross’s smile lit up the room, as he related to me the story of his 25-year-old box seat at the Del Mar Racetrack. “It’s the oldest and most coveted seat at the track. I am right on the finish line and can see each horse as they pass in a chute alongside me on to the track. My partner actually purchased it over 60 years ago,” 83-year-old Ross said. “Surrounded by some of racing’s most famous owners and trainers, I’m privy to the latest scoops in the horse racing world. Bob Baffert’s box is close to mine as is Jerry Moss, the owner of the greatest horse I ever saw run, Zenyatta, the 2010 Horse of The Year.” he went on. I asked, “In your decades of watching the thoroughbreds run, what event stands out most in your memory?” “That’s easy, it is Johnny Longden’s final race at Santa Anita Park, March 12, 1966. At age 59 atop Royal George, he won the \$125,000 San Juan Capistrano Handicap by a nose. Longden’s career, not any one horse, stands out in my mind. He won the Triple Crown aboard Count Fleet, and in 1969 the Kentucky Derby, as the trainer of Majestic Prince, making him the first man ever to win as a jockey and trainer. To me he is the greatest jockey ever with 6,032 wins, and one of Del Mar’s all time winning jockeys.” Now that the track is open, what are you looking forward to this season? “Why of course, the most important race in the world, The Breeders Cup. The top horses in the world will be here Nov. 26. It is already sold out.” Stu and his wife, Jackie, have lived in Fallbrook for over 20



Stuart Ross poses with his lawn jockey in front of his house.

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Stuart and Jaqueline Ross stand in their box seat at the reopening of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, July 16.

years, retiring recently to a gated community, from their horse breeding and training ranch, The Lost Horse Ranch. “None of my ponies ever won a stakes race, but we visited the “Winners Circle” a few times and each was a thrill.” Stu shared. How did you meet Jackie? She was my secretary when I was a V.P. For Merrill Lynch.

Been hitched for 35 years. I asked what his and Jackie’s activities entail now. “Well, since the hospital closed, Jackie and I have been individually giving rides to seniors through The Foundation for Senior Care, whose doctor’s appointments are out of town and do not have a way to get there and back. We take them to their medical procedures

and wait for them for as long as the procedure lasts.” “Jackie and I love working with the foundation and suggest that any senior needing a ride in town, a caregiver, groceries or any other need, contact the center at 760-723-7570. They are loving and caring people. We will soon be driving people that are homebound to

church on Sundays.” “Stu, tell me about your “R-O-M-E-O” group here in Fallbrook. “Ha, yeah we are about 12 guys that have been meeting for seven years on Thursday mornings for breakfast and fellowship at Denny’s. The acronym stands for; ‘Retired Old Men Eating Out.’ Want to join us, you’re 84?”

Warriors end boys water polo season 13-4 after quarterfinals loss

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

A June 10 loss in the CIF Division II quarterfinals ended the 2020-21 Fallbrook High School boys water polo season and gave the Warriors a final season record of 13-4. “It was a great season,” said Fallbrook coach Bill Richardson. The Warriors were 4-1 in league play and 4-0 entering the June 2 game at Mount Carmel, who was also 4-0 at that point. Mount Carmel had a 7-5 halftime lead and won the 13-11 game. “I felt like it was definitely a game we could have won,” Richardson said. Richardson noted that Fallbrook had opportunities against the Sundevils. “The ball just didn’t bounce our way,” he said. “It was a challenging game.” The result gave Mount Carmel a 5-0 league record and the Valley League championship. The Warriors settled for second place in the league standings. A non-league victory June 3 at home against Oceanside concluded Fallbrook’s regular season. The Warriors entered the playoffs with a 12-3 record. A 14-6 home win May 28 against Valley Center had given Fallbrook the 4-0 league record. Eight weeks before Ramona won the CIF Division III championship, a May 14 game in Ramona ended as a 15-6 Fallbrook victory. “We did really well. I felt like we grew as a team,” Richardson said. Normally boys water polo is a fall sport, but the CIF San Diego Section did not begin any of the 2020-21 seasons until February. Fallbrook’s water polo team began practice April 19 – between the league swim meet and the CIF swim meet – and the Warriors had eight practices prior to the April 29 season opener. The Fallbrook High School pool is one of 21 public school on-campus pools and was one of two closed during the summer of 2020 due to district reluctance (two others were closed due to work). Restrictions on the Fallbrook pool continued after it was opened for swimming and water polo. “We had a lot of limitations on pool time,” Richardson said. The compressed seasons meant

that multi-sport athletes had to choose between sports. Fallbrook had 21 boys between the varsity and junior varsity squads. None of the 2020-21 Warriors players were seniors. “The goal was to have fun and get to know where the kids are,” Richardson said. The compressed season also eliminated tournaments other than the CIF playoff tournament. Fallbrook was given the sixth seed in the Division II playoffs. “The top four seeds made it to the semifinals, so it looks like it was probably pretty accurate,” Richardson said of the seeding. The lack of not only playing other Division II teams in tournaments but even observing them left uncertainties about playoff opponents. “We didn’t know going in how strong those teams would be,” Richardson said. The Del Norte High School pool was the site of the June 8 playoff game between Fallbrook and 11th-seeded Mater Dei. “I think they were missing some players,” Richardson said of the Crusaders. “We had just lost to Mount Carmel, and our players were excited to play and get a win.” Fallbrook advanced to the quarterfinals with a 21-4 victory. The margin allowed Richardson to play substitutes. “We got a lot of kids in the pool,” he said. Third-seeded Helix and Fallbrook played each other June 10 at the Granite Hills High School pool. The Highlanders’ path to the Division II final included a 14-11 victory at Fallbrook’s expense. “We had quarters where we were the better team and quarters where they were the better team, but those quarters we gave up too many goals,” Richardson said. Richardson noted that the quarters which favored Helix placed Fallbrook into a deficit. “We couldn’t overcome it,” he said. “I thought the boys played strong and played hard,” Richardson said. “It was a very evenly matched game.” Boys water polo will return to being a fall sport for 2021-22. The first allowable day of practice will be Aug. 2. “Looking forward to what they’ll be able to do next fall,” Richardson said.

Kurnik named Valley League player of the year
All five Warriors starters named all-league

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Valley League girls basketball coaches selected Fallbrook High School junior Naiya Kurnik as the league’s player of the year, and all five of Fallbrook’s starters were given all-league designation. Kurnik was joined on the first team by Juliana Blas. Elley Ahrend was placed on the second team. Claire Nordeen and Liz Villigran received honorable mention accolades. “I thought that all five of my starters should have been first team or second team,” said Fallbrook coach Trae Harrison. “We got them at least honorable mention.” Fallbrook was undefeated in 10 Valley League games. Eight of the Warriors’ league wins were by more than 10 points. “There were no close games. No one challenged us,” Harrison said. Mount Carmel, Ramona, and Valley Center all had 6-4 league records to share second place. Each of those teams had one player on the Valley League first team. Mount Carmel, Ramona, Escondido, and San Pasqual each had a player on the second team. “Everybody got at least one player,” Harrison said.

Fallbrook had three of the 10 players on the first team or second team. The Warriors had an overall record of 23-9 including CIF playoffs. Fallbrook lost in the final of the CIF San Diego Section Division III playoffs and in the final of the CIF Southern California Division 5-AA playoffs. “It was a great run for the girls in general,” Harrison said. Kurnik, who is a point guard, was a unanimous choice for player of the year. “Nobody questioned it. No one even put any other players up,” Harrison said. During Fallbrook’s 10 league games Kurnik averaged 18.8 points, 9.6 rebounds, 3.6 steals, and 3.1 assists per game. “No one had any answers for her,” Harrison said. “She’s the heart and soul of the team. Everything goes through her.” The 2020-21 season was Harrison’s first as Fallbrook’s head coach. “We’re growing together,” he said. Harrison built his relationships with his players as the season progressed, and he learned more about them. “We kind of understand each other. We’re getting better,” he said. Kurnik was also named to the Valley League first team for 2019-

20. “She’s a one-of-a-kind talent,” Harrison said. “She’s fun to watch.” Blas averaged 10.3 points per game during league play. “She’s a smaller guard. I definitely have a soft spot for small guards. I was a small guard,” said the 5’6” Harrison, who played at Palomar College. Harrison also appreciated Blas’ performance on the court. “She had a great year,” Harrison said. Blas was absent for part of the pre-league season, so she lost her starting berth. Harrison wasn’t going to deprive one of the five starters of that status just because Blas returned, which made Blas a substitute. “She made it tough every day,” Harrison said. “She had to play.” Eventually her merits returned Blas to being on the court for the opening tipoff. “She earned it quick,” Blas said. “We had to put her back in the starting lineup.” Ahrend did not play in the Warriors’ first two league games but averaged 10.5 points per game in the other eight league contests. “Everybody else voted her in,” Harrison said. “They voted Elley in for her scoring ability.” Ahrend received honorable mention Valley League recognition for the 2019-20 season.

Warriors salvage fourth place in baseball standings

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School’s baseball team began 2021 Valley League play with nine consecutive league losses, but the Warriors won four of their final six games to finish fourth among the six teams in the final standings. The Warriors’ 4-11 league record was part of a 6-20 overall season mark. Prior to the final six games, the team had a 2-18 season record. “I’m not disappointed at all with this young group because we were starting from the beginning,” said Fallbrook High Coach Patrick Walker. Fallbrook lost 11 seniors from the 2020 team which had a 2-3 record before the coronavirus outbreak ended the season early. The 2021 starters included two freshman and four sophomores. Fallbrook took two of three

games from Escondido before closing out the season against Valley Center. Two runs in the top of the seventh May 28 at Valley Center gave Fallbrook a 5-3 win over the Jaguars and a two-game winning streak for the first time since the first two games of 2020. The Warriors held a 2-1 lead May 31 in Fallbrook before five Valley Center runs in the top of the sixth finalized the scoring in the 6-2 Jaguars triumph. Fallbrook’s season concluded June 2 at Valley Center; sophomore Peyton Vanyke allowed four hits and a walk in the complete game he pitched while a run in the top of the sixth gave Fallbrook a 2-1 victory. “We won three of our last four,” Walker said. “We were playing much better.” The record didn’t provide the players with CIF playoff experience for subsequent years, but the players experienced competition.

“These kids had that opportunity to play 26 games,” Walker said. Only five of the 2021 players are seniors. The 20-loss season was the first for Fallbrook since the 2017 Warriors had a 5-20 figure including a 2-10 Valley League performance which placed last among the five teams in the league that year. That 2017 team had seven freshmen and only two seniors. “We took our lumps four years ago,” Walker said. The 2018 Warriors, which included the previous year’s freshmen, had a record of 17-16 including playoff games and reached the CIF Division IV semifinals. “This group of kids, they have a ton of potential, very similar to that group four years ago,” Walker said. “Just a bright future because we’re so young. The next three years will be exciting.”

FUHSD increases education requirement for athletic trainer

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Union High School District increased the education requirement for the district's athletic trainer position.

Previously the athletic trainer only needed a bachelor's degree, and the equivalent of an associate's degree with courses could substitute for experience with the prevention and care of athletic injuries and some experience working with physical education and athletic equipment.

The 5-0 FUHSD vote July 12 now requires the athletic trainer to have a master's degree, and the experience with the prevention and care of athletic injuries and with physical education and athletic equipment is now a requirement rather than an option the associate's degree could replace.

The revision of the athletic trainer job description also added four knowledge qualifications. The previous knowledge qualification of modern training techniques and procedures, equipment used in physical education classes, and safety measures was retained.

The new knowledge requirements are musculoskeletal injuries as they pertain to athletes and their susceptibility to injury during sport participation, proper treatment techniques for all of the various injuries possible during athletic participation, proper emergency situation procedure and implementation of immediate care, and protective athletic equipment and equipment standards to ensure the athletes' safety.

Added to the required skills and abilities is the ability to recognize emergency situations and react calmly, efficiently, and effectively.

The previous skills and abilities which will still be required are the ability to recognize and assist in the care of injuries, to organize and manage equipment proficiently, to maintain accurate records, to assume responsibility and exercise sound judgement, to maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work, and to communicate effectively with students, staff, and the public.

The position already required a valid California driver's license and a certificate from the National Athletic Trainers Association of the ability to obtain that certificate if required. The athletic trainer will now also need to have proof of automobile insurability and current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

The revision of the athletic trainer job description eliminated

his or her duties to supervise the security of the locker room. The remaining duties in the job description are to help coaches plan a conditioning program to prevent injuries, to advise coaches on warm-up procedures, to work with coaches for the cleaning and repair of equipment and uniforms, to maintain a current and accurate inventory of all equipment, to advise on the safety of equipment, to set up physical examinations, to assist in preventative taping and bandaging, to conduct necessary in-service programs for coaches and athletes, to conduct student training, to order necessary trainer's supplies and equipment and maintain an inventory of that, to administer first aid and emergency care during practices and contests and during the regular school day, to supervise the rehabilitation of injured athletes,

to maintain records of all injuries and treatment administered, to be available for all home athletic contests, to accompany the varsity and junior varsity football teams for away contests, and to assist in the purchase, fitting, and care of equipment.

The increased qualifications create an increase in the athletic trainer's pay grade. The annual salary will be \$50,899, and the annual cost including \$28,426 worth of benefits will be \$79,325. The school's athletic director will be responsible to see that the total hours for the position are not exceeded.

The athletic trainer had previously reported to the athletic director, but now the athletic director and/or the principal will be the athletic trainer's supervisor.

Fallbrook Youth Rugby competes at home



Kyle Collings, #6, takes a leap for the tackle of a Belmont Shore A player.

Village News/Emily Weber photos



Fallbrook's Alex Nieto, #25, charges in for the tackle during a rugby game against Belmont Shore A, July 17.



Team captain James Jones, #17, breaks through a tackle with the ball in the game against Belmont Shore A.



Zander Benitez, #1, passes the ball out of contact from Belmont Shore A players. Fallbrook lost the match 48-0



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1100 block S. Mission Rd.	Take vehicle w/o owner’s consent/vehicle theft
100 block E. Alvarado St.	Arrest: Own firearm w/o serial number
July 8	
800 block S. Main Ave.	Arrest: Use/under influence of controlled subs
Pala Rd. @ Via Monserate	Miscellaneous fire investigation
300 block E. Alvarado St.	5150: Mental disorder 72 hour observation
1800 block Santa Margarita Dr.	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo, or toluene
1200 block S. Mission Rd.	Arrest: Felony bench warrant
6800 block W. Lilac Rd.	Simple battery
July 9	
1800 block Santa Margarita Dr.	Simple battery
600 block De Luz Rd.	Miscellaneous incidents
July 10	
600 block E. Elder St.	Other agency vehicle theft/recovery
600 block E. Elder St.	Arrest: poss. Controlled subs. Paraphernalia
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400 block S. Ridge Dr.	5150: Mental disorder 72 hour observation
800 block S. Wisconsin Ave.	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo, or toluene
July 11	
2300 block Via La Orilla	5150: Mental disorder 72 hour observation
4100 block Pala Rd.	Miscellaneous incidents
2100 block Rainbow Valley Blvd.	Arrest: Indecent exposure
700 block W. Fallbrook St.	Spousal/cohabitant abuse w/ minor injury
4100 block Los Padres Dr.	Violate domestic relations court order
W. Beech St. @ S. Main ave.	5150: Mental disorder 72 hour observation
700 block W. Fallbrook St.	Death
1400 block Alturas Rd.	Burglary
July 12	
4100 block Holly Ln.	5150: mental disorder 72 hour observation
700 block Alturas Ln.	Domestic violence incident
Reche Rd. @ S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Poss. controlled subs. paraphernalia
1600 block S. Mission Rd.	Found narcotic/narcotic seizure
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Europe flood death toll tops 160, costly rebuilding ahead



Residents and shopkeepers are trying to clear mud from their homes and move unusable furniture outside in Ahrweiler, western Germany, Saturday, July 17. Heavy rains caused mudslides and flooding in the western part of Germany. Multiple have died and are missing as severe flooding in Germany and Belgium turned streams and streets into raging, debris-filled torrents that swept away cars and toppled houses. (Thomas Frey/dpa via AP)

Geir Moulson
The Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Rescue workers labored to deal with damage laid bare by receding water Saturday, July 17 as the death toll from disastrous flooding in Western Europe rose above 160 and thoughts turned to the lengthy job of rebuilding communities devastated in minutes.

The death toll in western Germany’s Rhineland-Palatinate state, home to the badly hit Ahrweiler county, rose to 98. Another 43 people were confirmed dead in neighboring North Rhine-Westphalia state. Belgium’s national crisis center said the country’s confirmed death toll rose to 27.

Days of heavy rain turned normally minor rivers and streets

into raging torrents this week and caused the disastrous flooding that swept away cars, engulfed homes, and trapped residents.

Immediately after the floods hit Wednesday and Thursday, July 14 and 15, German authorities listed large numbers of people as missing — something apparently caused in large part by confusion, multiple reporting and communications difficulties in the affected areas, some of which lacked electricity and telephone service.

By Saturday, authorities still feared finding more people dead, but said numbers unaccounted for had dropped constantly, without offering specific figures. In Belgium, 103 people were listed as missing Saturday, but the crisis center said lost or uncharged cell phones and people taken to hospitals without identification

who hadn’t had an opportunity to contact relatives were believed to be factored in the tally.

Meanwhile, the receding flood waters eased access across much of the affected regions and revealed the extent of the damage.

“A lot of people have lost everything they spent their lives building up — their possessions, their home, the roof over their heads,” German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after meeting rescue workers and others in the town of Erftstadt.

“It may only be possible to clear up in weeks how much damage needs to be compensated,” he said.

Steinmeier said that people in the affected areas need continuing support.

“Many people here in these regions have nothing left but their hope, and we must not disappoint

this hope,” he said.

In Erftstadt, a town southwest of Cologne, a harrowing rescue effort unfolded Friday when the ground in a neighborhood gave way. At least three houses and part of a mansion in the town’s Blessem district collapsed.

The German military used armored vehicles to clear away cars and trucks overwhelmed by the floodwaters on a nearby road, some of which remained at least partly submerged. Officials feared that some people didn’t manage to escape in Erftstadt, but no casualties were confirmed by Saturday afternoon.

In the Ahrweiler area, police warned of a potential risk from downed power lines and urged curious visitors to stay away. They complained on Twitter that would-be sightseers were blocking

some roads.

Around 700 people were evacuated from part of the German town of Wassenberg, on the Dutch border, after the breach of a dike on the Rur river.

Visiting Erftstadt with Steinmeier, North Rhine-Westphalia governor Armin Laschet promised to organize aid for those immediately affected “in the coming days.” He said regional and federal authorities would discuss in the coming days how to help to rebuild efforts. Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Cabinet plans to discuss the issue Wednesday.

“We will do everything so that what needs to be rebuilt can be rebuilt,” Laschet said.

In eastern Belgium, many train lines and roads remained blocked.

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France: Thousands protest forced vaccination, COVID passes

Constantin Gouv
The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Over 100,000 people protested across France Saturday, July 17, against the government’s latest measures to push people to get vaccinated and curb rising infections by the delta variant of the coronavirus.

In Paris, separate protest marches by the right and the left wound through different parts of the city. Demonstrations were also held in Strasbourg in the east, Lille in the north, Montpellier in the south and elsewhere.

Thousands of people answered calls to take to the streets by Florian Philippot, a politician and former right hand of Marine Le Pen who announced earlier this month that he would run in the 2022 presidential election. Gathered a stone’s throw away from the Louvre Museum, protesters chanted “Macron, clear off!,” “Freedom,” and banged metal spoons on saucepans.

While Philippot has organized small but regular protests against the government’s handling of the coronavirus crisis, Saturday’s demonstration drew a larger and more diverse crowd of people broadly disaffected with politics: yellow vest activists angry over perceived economic injustice, supporters, medical staff, and royalists.

They denounced the government’s decision Monday to make vaccines compulsory for all health care workers, and to require a “health pass” proving people are fully vaccinated, have recently tested negative or recovered from the virus in



Protester holds a placard during a rally in Paris, Saturday, July 17, 2021. Tens of thousands of people protested across France Saturday against the government’s latest measures to force vaccinations in order to curb rising COVID-19 infections. AP Photo/Michel Euler photo

order to access restaurants and other public venues. President Emmanuel Macron’s government is presenting a draft law Monday to enshrine the measures.

“I will never get vaccinated,” Bruno Auquier, a 53-year-old town councilor who lives on the outskirts of Paris. “People need to

wake up,” he said, questioning the safety of the vaccine.

While France already requires several vaccinations to enter public school, Auquier pledged to take his two children out of school if the coronavirus vaccine became mandatory. “These new measures are the last straw,” Auquier said.

The government warned of the continued spread of the delta variant, which authorities fear could again put pressure on hospitals if not enough people are vaccinated against the virus. The pandemic has cost France more than 111,000 lives and deeply damaged the economy.

During a visit to a pop-up vaccination center in the southwest, Prime Minister Jean Castex exhorted the French to stick together in order to overcome the crisis.

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REGIONAL

County board adopts first environmental justice element for general plan

Gig Conaughton
County of San Diego
Communications Office

County Supervisors voted Wednesday, July 14, to adopt a first-ever Environmental Justice Element for the County’s general plan and heard updates on the county’s new Climate Action Plan and the regional zero-carbon plan they approved pursuing in January.

The county general plan guides community development in San Diego County’s unincorporated communities, setting the long-term vision for housing, jobs, infrastructure and public services.

The board’s unanimous vote to adopt the new Environmental Justice Element will help ensure the county’s general plan promotes fair treatment for people of all races, cultures and incomes when it comes to having access to safe and livable communities, and opportunities for civic engagement.

The Environmental Justice Element will also help to improve underserved communities that are more prone than others to have environmental disadvantages, like more exposure to air and chemical

pollution because of traffic or industry, fewer public facilities, infrastructure and services, and less access to healthy food and recreation.

Board Chair Nathan Fletcher applauded the addition and said a lot of positive passion and energy went into developing the Environmental Justice element.

“I think the EJ element is absolutely essential, and I think it’s important,” Fletcher said. “I think it’s a wonderful addition to (the general plan).”

Using County Live Well and state Environmental Protection Agency criteria, the new element currently identifies 17 census tracts in four unincorporated communities as environmental justice communities: north El Cajon, north Lemon Grove, Spring Valley and Sweetwater.

With the board’s vote to adopt the Environmental Justice Element, county staff plan to continue stakeholder and public meetings to develop additional criteria to identify additional environmental justice communities. Supervisors also voted to update two of the general plan’s other seven elements, the housing and safety elements.

Climate Action Plan Update and Regional Zero-carbon Plan

The Board of Supervisors also received updates on two related, but different climate-related plans July 14. The first was the County’s Climate Action Plan Update. The second was the region-wide decarbonization plan, called a Regional Decarbonization Framework, the board voted to pursue in January to move the San Diego region toward zero carbon by 2035.

County staff said both plans would seek to reduce greenhouse gas and carbon emissions, focusing on both equity and zero-carbon goals, but they differ in scope and approval process.

The County’s Climate Action Plan Update will be designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by anticipated future development in unincorporated San Diego County communities – the 772,000 acres over which the county has land-use authority – and from county operations. That plan can be approved by the County Board of Supervisors alone.

In contrast, the Regional Decarbonization Framework will affect the entire region, not just the

unincorporated areas. That plan would require the county to work with, and have the participation of, other public agencies including cities, transportation agencies and school districts.

The county is working with the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy and the Energy Policy Initiatives Center at the University of San Diego School of Law to create a framework for its proposed regional zero-carbon plan. County staff said they’re also studying the best emissions reduction plans from across the nation. Staff members said they expect to complete a draft framework for the regional effort in November and bring it to the Board for consideration in February.

Creating the Climate Action Plan Update

To prepare the Climate Action Plan Update, county staff is collecting emissions data from five sectors throughout 2019 to establish a baseline from which reduction goals can be set and progress measured. The goal is to reach net-zero emissions by 2035-2045.

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Development Services staff have already started working on several aspects of the Climate Action Plan Update, processing emissions data to create the inventory, reviewing emissions-reduction measures and preparing an environmental study.

The department is also preparing to hold several more public workshops to gather community feedback, starting July 28. County staff estimate they will complete a draft plan next year. They expect to bring a completed Climate Action Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Board for consideration in winter 2022.

The county is currently continuing to implement many of the 26 greenhouse gas reduction measures that were in the County’s 2018 Climate Action Plan. The Board of Supervisors rescinded that plan in September 2020 after deciding not to further appeal a court ruling. That ruling and legal challenge, however, took no issue with the measures, which decreased carbon dioxide emissions by 160,743 metric tons, exceeding the County’s 2020 goal by 22%.

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Endangered frogs released in the San Jacinto Mountains near Idyllwild

A team of scientists from the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, University of California, Los Angeles, U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reintroduced a group of 253 endangered mountain yellow-legged frogs to a remote site in the San Bernardino National Forest July 8.

The U.S. Forest Service said the release is the second in several years that will hopefully increase the number of the endangered frogs in the South Fork San Jacinto River east of Idyllwild. The exact location of the drop was not revealed with warnings posted not to disturb their habitat.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife completed an extensive habitat improvement project at the site to benefit the frogs. An additional release is planned at this site later in July, bringing the total number of juvenile frogs released this year to close to 400.

“The frogs were bred by the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and are one year old. It is hoped that after completing successful overwintering in their mountain habitat, these frogs, which are a mix of males and females, will survive for the next few years to reproduce and establish a self-sustaining population in this portion of its range,” a Forest Service news release said.

For more than 20 years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and other partners have worked together on recovery actions for the Southern California population of mountain yellow-legged frogs.

“It will take many partners working together to help us fully restore mountain yellow-legged frogs throughout their Southern California range,” Scott Sobiech, Field Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Carlsbad Office, said. “Although the frogs still face many threats, this release is a tremendous example of the progress we are making towards recovery for the frog.”

Getting the frogs to the release site involved transporting them by vehicle to a trailhead in special cooler backpacks that maintain a suitable temperature for this high-altitude species, and then making a more than 5-mile hike to the actual release location. Occasional small radio transmitters are attached to the one and one-half to two inch frogs to trace their success and what other fate nature brings to them.

“Climate change and chytrid fungus are creating challenges to mountain yellow-legged frog survival that the species has never faced before,” Debra Shier Ph.D., the Brown endowed Associate Director of Recovery Ecology and Southwest hub co-leader, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, said. “Through our collaborative efforts to create and grow ex-situ insurance populations, to use science to understand and mitigate threats and to develop effective reintroduction strategies, we

hope to successfully reestablish the mountain yellow-legged frog in its native habitat and allow the species to play its important role in the ecosystem into the future.”

Historically, the Southern California population of mountain yellow-legged frogs was widely distributed across the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, San Jacinto and Palomar mountains. Several factors, including non-native predators, recreation impacts, and disease contributed to the disappearance of the species from most of its habitat by the time it was listed by the Forest Service as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act in 2002. At the time of listing, the Service estimated there were fewer than 100 adult frogs left in the wild.

Over the years, recovery efforts have included management of lands on Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests to minimize human impacts to habitat; and conservation and research programs by the San Diego Zoo Alliance, U.S. Geological Survey, Los Angeles Zoo, Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Santa Ana Zoo, and UCLA to inform future conservation and management of the species.

“As land managers, our main role is to protect the frogs and their habitat so populations can recover,” Kim Boss, district wildlife biologist for the San Jacinto Ranger District, said. “One example is closing populated streams to public entry when frogs are active. We thank the public’s continued adherence to the closure so these unique frogs have a fighting chance.”

Often visitors to campground sites may see Forest Service Volunteer Assn. members monitoring the creek to ensure the frogs’ safety from human encroachment.

Although much of California is experiencing drought and heightened risk of wildfire, the conditions at the release site in the San Jacinto Mountains remain favorable to support the frogs.

“The Department has spent a lot of time evaluating, permitting and rehabbing release waters and we’re optimistic about the location.” Russell Black, senior environmental scientist supervisor for the California



A team of scientists from the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, University of California, Los Angeles, U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, prepare to reintroduce a group of 253 endangered mountain yellow-legged frogs to a remote site on the San Bernardino National Forest July 8.

Department of Fish and Wildlife, said. “It has a large amount of drought resistant habitat that should provide a stable location for these frogs for many years.”

The population of frogs across

their historic range remains low, and recovery efforts will continue into the future, officials said.

This story is from a combined U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California

Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Geological Survey, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and Tony Ault, Village News Staff Writer.



An endangered mountain yellow-legged frog just released by scientists and researchers in a remote site on the San Bernardino National Forest July 8 sits complacently on a rock in its new home.



An endangered mountain yellow-legged frog is released in a remote site on the San Bernardino National Forest, by researchers and scientists July 8.

Rady Children’s teams up with Takeda Pharmaceutical to develop new treatments

SAN DIEGO (CNS) – A research collaboration announced between Rady Children’s Institute for Genomic Medicine and Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., July 15, aims to accelerate the discovery and development of new treatments for rare childhood-onset diseases by analyzing the natural progression of selected genetic disorders.

Ultimately, the goal is to improve clinical outcomes for patients with rare diseases that typically manifest in childhood by providing precise diagnoses and targeted treatments as early as possible to avoid morbidity or mortality.

RCIGM has pioneered rapid and ultra-rapid diagnoses of rare genetic disorders for critically ill newborns and children via whole genome sequencing. In medically urgent cases, involving children in

intensive care settings, preliminary results are returned in less than three days.

“The results of the first 2,000 children to receive rapid whole genome sequencing at the Genomics Institute have confirmed our understanding that most childhood genetic diseases currently lack effective treatments,” said Dr. Stephen Kingsmore, president and CEO of RCIGM. “We are striving for a future where we can not only diagnose a child’s rare disease but also provide disease-specific treatment.”

RCIGM is embedded within Rady Children’s Hospital and Health Center, a pediatric health system which serves San Diego, southern Riverside and Imperial counties, caring for more than 250,000 children annually. The

Institute provides whole genome sequencing services and clinical decision support to a network of more than 60 hospital systems nationwide.

“Rady Children’s Institute for Genomic Medicine has led the way in using whole genome sequencing to better understand the genetic drivers of rare diseases in children,” said Dr. Dan Curran, head of rare genetics and the hematology therapeutic area unit at Takeda. “It’s through these efforts that we hope to derive new insights on how childhood-onset diseases manifest, enabling us to more quickly develop transformative therapies for the families who desperately need them.”

Under the terms of the agreement, RCIGM will provide aggregated, de-identified genomic and phenotypic data derived from

cases for specific disease cohorts. Takeda will oversee the drug discovery and development of potential targeted therapeutics resulting from the program. Additional terms were not disclosed.

“Rady Children’s is excited to improve pediatric healthcare by joining Takeda in targeting therapeutics for rare disease,” said Dr. Patrick Frias, president and CEO of Rady Children’s Hospital & Health Center. “Our ability to care for children from birth through age 18 positions us to identify rare diseases early and track the natural history of childhood diseases with the goal of short-circuiting the therapeutic odyssey which now occurs in many children whose disease is not identified by current methods.”

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Students at D’Vine Path receive specialized culinary development training



Chef Sonia Perez teaches students at D’Vine Path about growing and utilizing homegrown produce in their meals.



Students at D’Vine Path watch as Chef Bruce Knight prepares a gourmet meal. Village News/Courtesy photos



Sonia Perez demonstrates how to use the many different cooking utensils. The students practice their peeling and cutting techniques.

FALLBROOK – In preparation for the Farm-to-Table event that will take place in the fall, D’Vine Path has begun a new culinary development curriculum with the help of Chef Bruce Knight and Farm-to-Table connoisseur Sonia Perez. The culinary development curriculum will continue for three months, and the goal is to help the students to expand their knowledge in the culinary field to better prepare them for the Farm-to-Table event.

Knight began teaching the students at D’Vine Path kitchen basics and providing cooking instruction on June 7. The students watched as Knight made an entire meal while presenting each step he takes during the process of cooking the meal. They are also being given the opportunity to practice their cooking skills with Knight in an effort to prepare for the Farm-to-Table event where the students will make meals

for their family members using homegrown produce from the D’Vine Path garden.

To protect the students when they’re using knives, Knight generously donated a Kevlar cutting glove to each student. Then, he began to teach the students how to make macaroni and cheese with garlic shrimp. The students were amazed at how a simple recipe can taste gourmet with the right ingredients and instruction. This has inspired many students to begin cooking simple dishes at their homes.

Perez is also a new addition to the D’Vine Path team. She owns the business “Eating off the Vine,” informing people how to cook using locally grown produce. Perez also hosts her own “Farm-to-table” events, so she has extremely relevant experience she will be sharing with the students that will help them succeed when they hold their own event.

Perez will be teaching the students what they need to know for their event, which includes cooking basics, kitchen etiquette, menu planning, and more. She will also be teaching the students how to make use of the homegrown ingredients in the gardens, including vegetables, herbs, and fruits. Perez is offering her personal expertise in creating menus for the event using only the produce grown in the gardens.

“We’re excited to be able to offer our students these specialized curriculums,” Executive Director Lenila Lingad Batali said. “These types of curriculums give our students the necessary basic knowledge to succeed in the different industries, including the hospitality industry.”

D’Vine Path students have also been working with Michelle Verdugo of Organic Suites and D’Vine Path hospitality coordinator Dianna Branche in



Michelle Verdugo of Organic Suites teaches the students how to cook healthy and delicious foods, like a quinoa herb salad using ingredients from the D’Vine Path garden. The students pick fennel, spearmint, basil, kale, chives, etc. and add those to the salad.

order to learn more about healthy foods and how to succeed in the hospitality industry. The students have also received charcuterie board presentation training from Branche and Judi Hayden, and they have been making these boards for different events since 2019. The addition of Knight and Perez’s presentations will help the students to become more knowledgeable in the culinary field and they will experience more success during the Farm-to-Table event. The culinary development curriculum is also crucial for the students who want to work in the hospitality

or culinary industry, because the students are gaining experience in a field they are interested in pursuing as a job.

D’Vine Path students have been eager to learn more about cooking and the culinary industry, and they said they are grateful for the opportunity to have learned from both Chef Knight and Chef Perez. The students and staff look forward to continuing the culinary development curriculum and integrating the students’ new skills during the Farm-to-Table event.

Submitted by D’Vine Path.

FUHSD commits \$78,615 annually for new attendance supervisor position

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Union High School District created a new supervisor of attendance position.

The estimated annual cost of that position is \$78,615 consisting of \$49,563 for salary and \$29,052 for benefits. The position was created on a 5-0 FUHSD board vote July 12.

The supervisor of attendance will be responsible for outreach efforts to students with chronic and excessive absences from school and to the students’ parents or legal guardians. He or she will identify and investigate chronic attendance problems and will assist in the resolution of those problems.

He or she will also conduct

address verifications, represent the school district in interactions with students and parents or legal guardians for attendance-related issues, coordinate and organize the School Attendance Review Team and the School Attendance Review Board and actively participate in those, and perform related duties as assigned. The position will report to the school district’s Director of Special Education and Student Services.

Contact with the students and parents or legal guardian may be by telephone, by home visit, or by other in-person contact means. Students and their parents or guardians will be referred to other agencies, programs, and schools to address chronic absence issues. The supervisor of attendance will deliver any necessary court

summons and proof of service documents and will also notify and communicate with other relevant agencies such as child abuse agencies, law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney’s office, and probation officers.

The supervisor of attendance must have knowledge of state laws and district policies pertaining to student attendance and the enforcement of attendance policies, basic law enforcement procedures, personal safety precautions and procedures in the event of a potentially dangerous situation, community agencies and other resources which can address the underlying causes of attendance problems, legal procedures and court filings, various cultures and traditions of students enrolled in Fallbrook Union High School District schools,

basic facilitation and conflict resolution techniques and tactics, and modern office practices and procedures including equipment.

He or she must have the ability to obtain and accurately assess information including confidential or other sensitive information obtained from telephone calls and site visits, organize and set priorities, utilize listening and negotiation skills during contacts with students and parents or guardians, explain the applicable policies, communicate both orally and in writing both in English and in Spanish, maintain detailed documentation, exercise sensitivity and objective judgment during interactions, and establish and maintain working relationships.

A bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited academic institution will be required. A

major in a relevant field such as education, child psychology, sociology, or law enforcement will also be required although work experience in a closely related field will be considered in lieu of a relevant major.

He or she must have three years of progressively responsible experience working with high-risk adolescents in an organized setting, preferably in a public agency, and two years of progressively responsible experience involving student and public contact. The supervisor of attendance must have a valid California driver’s license and proof of automobile insurability and must have a Supervisor of Attendance certification or the ability to obtain one. He or she will be given mileage reimbursement for home visits.

Site managers needed for in-person voting locations

Tracy DeFore
County of San Diego
Communications Office

The Registrar of Voters is seeking temporary site managers to operate an assigned in-person voting location for the Sept. 14 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Site managers earn \$20 per hour and work approximately 125 hours over a five-week period. For the upcoming election, in-

person voting locations will be open for four days instead of one. The Registrar’s office will hire election workers rather than use volunteer poll workers because training is more extensive for the expanded time period. Site managers will be required to train and lead election workers while representing the Registrar of Voters in a professional, nonpartisan manner. The Registrar is seeking people who are team

players, exhibit strong leadership skills and display flexibility, patience and the highest level of integrity at all times. Site managers work up to three days a week during the pre-election weeks, attend training to learn procedures, tasks, and responsibilities, and train their election workers. Site managers must be available to work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on assigned work days but may be

required to work more than eight hours a day and will work some weekends. On Election Day, Sept. 14, site managers must work from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Registrar’s office is working with Public Health Services to ensure the health and safety of election workers and voters. Recommended personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies will be provided to workers so they

can conduct the election process safely. English speakers who are bilingual in Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese or Chinese are also needed. If you are fluent in one of these languages, be sure to indicate it on your application. Site manager applications are available online. For more information, call (858) 565-5800 or email pollworker@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Reservations open for State of the Chamber Dinner

FALLBROOK – Reservations are being taken for the annual State of the Chamber Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Pala Mesa Resort at Cliff Terrace. “Spotlight on Supporting Local” is the theme of the evening, which will showcase many nonprofit

chamber members in booths filled with displays and valuable information. Chamber member nonprofits are encouraged to participate but space is limited, so they should contact the chamber office to register for a booth soon. Attendees will enjoy a

delicious meal, listen to chamber leadership and witness the presentation of the Community Builder Award. To top the night off, they will also learn who will be the new Fallbrook Honorary Mayor. An opportunity drawing will conclude the evening and tickets will be sold by the

Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook courts. Those who want to attend can register by contacting the chamber at 760-728-5845. Dinner is \$55 per person for chamber members and \$65 for nonmembers. Table sponsorships are also available for \$100,

which include promotional value and perks. Dinner is not included in the table sponsorship price. All are invited to join the chamber in shining the “Spotlight on Supporting Local!” Submitted by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

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NATIONAL

California fire prompts evacuations; Oregon blaze balloons

Daisy Nguyen and Gillian Flaccus
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – A rapidly growing wildfire south of Lake Tahoe jumped a highway, prompting more evacuation orders and the cancellation of an extreme bike ride through the Sierra Nevada Saturday, July 17, as critically dangerous wildfire weather loomed in the coming days.

The Tamarack Fire, which was sparked by lightning July 4, exploded overnight and was over 32 square miles (82 square kilometers) as of Saturday evening, according to the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The blaze was threatening Markleeville, a small town close to the California-Nevada state line. It has destroyed at least three structures, authorities said, and was burning toward the Alpine County Airport after jumping a highway.

A notice posted on the 103-mile (165-kilometer) Death Ride’s website said several communities in the area had been evacuated and ordered all riders to clear the area. The fire left thousands of bikers and spectators stranded in the small town and racing to get out.

Kelli Pennington and her family were camping near the town Friday, July 16, so her husband could participate in his ninth ride when they were told to leave. They had been watching smoke develop over the course of the day but were caught off guard by the fire’s quick spread.

“It happened so fast,” Pennington said. “We left our tents, hammock and some foods, but we got most of our things, shoved our two kids in the car and left.”

Saturday’s ride was supposed to mark the 40th Death Ride, which attracts thousands of cyclists to the region each year to ride through three mountain passes in the so-called California Alps. It was canceled last year during the

coronavirus outbreak. Paul Burgess, who drove from Los Angeles to participate in the ride, said most of the cyclists he met were thankful to steer clear of the fire danger. “They just said this is just how it goes,” Burgess said. “It’s part of climate change to a certain extent, it’s part of just a lot of fuels that are not burnt, the humidity is low, the fuel moisture levels are low, and ... around the state, many parts of it are much like a tinderbox.”

Afternoon winds blowing at 20 to 30 mph (32 to 48 kph) fanned the flames as they chewed through bone-dry timber and brush. Meteorologists predicted critically dangerous fire weather through at least Monday in both California and southern Oregon, where the largest wildfire in the U.S. continued to race through bone-dry forests. The Bootleg Fire grew significantly overnight Saturday as dry and windy conditions took hold in the area, but containment of the inferno more than tripled as firefighters began to gain more control along its western flank. The fire was still burning rapidly and dangerously along its southern and eastern flanks, however, and authorities expanded evacuations in a largely rural area of lakes and wildlife refuges.

The fire is now 439 square miles (1,137 square kilometers) in size, or more than 100 square miles larger than the area of New York City. “This fire is large and moving so fast, every day it progresses 4 to 5 miles,” said Incident Commander Joe Hassel. “One of the many challenges that our firefighters face every day is working in new country that can present new hazards all the time.”

Extremely dry conditions and heat waves tied to climate change have swept the region, making wildfires harder to fight. Climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past



Firefighters battle the Tamarack Fire in the Markleeville community of Alpine County, California, Saturday, July 17. AP Photo/Noah Berger

30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

In southern Oregon, fire crews have dealt with dangerous and extreme fire conditions, including massive “fire clouds” that rise up to 6 miles (10 kilometers) above the blaze. The Bootleg Fire has destroyed at least 67 homes and 117 outbuildings.

The conflagration has forced 2,000 people to evacuate and is threatening 5,000 buildings, including homes and smaller structures in a rural area just north of the California border.

The Tamarack Fire sent heavy smoke over Lake Tahoe and into Nevada.

The National Weather Service warned of possible thunderstorms stretching from the California coast to northern Montana Sunday, July 18, and that “new lightning ignitions” are likely because of extremely dry fuels across the West.

Firefighters said in July they

were facing conditions more typical of late summer or fall.

The fires were just two of numerous fires burning across the drought-stricken U.S. West, as new fires popped up or grew rapidly in Oregon and California.

There were 70 active large fires and complexes of multiple fires that have burned nearly 1,659 square miles (4,297 square kilometers) in the U.S., the National Interagency Fire Center said. The U.S. Forest Service said at least 16 major fires were burning in the Pacific Northwest alone.

A fire in the mountains of northeast Oregon was also growing rapidly and was 17 square miles (44 square kilometers) in size Saturday, July 17. The Elbow Creek fire started Thursday and has prompted evacuations in several small, rural communities around the Grande Ronde River about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Walla Walla, Washington.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act to mobilize

more firefighters and equipment to help fight that fire.

The Dixie Fire, near the 2018 site of the deadliest fire in the U.S. in recent memory, was 5% contained and covered 39 square miles Saturday. The fire was in the Feather River Canyon, northeast of the town of Paradise, California, and survivors of that horrific fire that killed 85 people watched warily as the new blaze burned.

Officials ordered the evacuation of a wilderness recreation area and kept in place a warning for residents of the tiny communities of Pulga and east Concow to be ready to leave.

“We’re prepared,” said Mike Garappo, a retired military veteran. “We’ve dealt with fires living in the mountains forever. We know there’s a chance it may not hit here, but we’re ready to go in case.”

Flaccus reported from Portland, Oregon. AP journalists Terry Chea in Belden, California, and Julie Walker in New York City contributed to this report.

Padres-Nationals game interrupted by shooting

SAN DIEGO (CNS) – A game between the San Diego Padres and Washington Nationals that was suspended in the sixth inning, Saturday, July 17 after three people were shot outside the Washington D.C. ballpark is scheduled to resume today.

The shooting happened at N Street and South Capitol Street SW, near the third base gate of Nationals Park, according to police and Washington D.C.’s NBC4.

Two gunshot victims were transported to a hospital, the station reported. Another gunshot victim walked to a hospital.

Executive Assistant Chief

of Metropolitan Police Ashan Benedict updated the number of victims at three to reporters Saturday evening. He said a woman was struck by gunfire outside the stadium and two people were shot inside a car, which police were processing. Those two victims were being questioned by police.

Shots were fired at the car from another vehicle, which was reported to have fled over the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, Benedict said.

There was no immediate suspect information or vehicle description, nor a known motive.

Social media showed fans fleeing the stadium while the announcer urged people to stay inside, the station reported.

The Nationals ultimately issued a statement on their Twitter account, saying, “Fans are encouraged to exit the ballpark via the CF and RF gates at this time. We’re working with law enforcement to provide more information as soon as it becomes available.”

Kevin Acee, a San Diego Union-Tribune Padres beat writer, was impressed with the actions of shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr.

“In the midst of confusion & then some fear, my lasting image

from tonight will be looking down on the field to see 22-year-old Fernando Tatis Jr. emerging from the clubhouse and sprinting down the 3B line to grab his family & pull them to safety. I thought I admired the kid before,” Acee wrote on Facebook.

San Diego resident Raul Villarreal told the San Diego Union-Tribune he was in Washington celebrating his bachelor party and took in the game.

“We were confused. We didn’t know if it was a shooting or a construction machine,” Villarreal said. “The moment I understood that something wasn’t right was

when I saw the players ran to the dugout. We were afraid that a stampede would breakout and then everybody started shouting, ‘Take cover, take cover, take cover.’”

Gov. Gavin Newsom tweeted, “Baseball games should always be safe spaces. Our thoughts are with California’s own @Padres and all those impacted by the shooting tonight.”

The Padres led the game 8-4 when the shooting started. The game was scheduled to resume Sunday, July 18, at 10 a.m. followed by the series finale.

FRANCE

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“There is only one solution: vaccination,” he said, stressing it “protects us, and will make us freer.”

Lucien, a 28-year-old retail shop manager, said he wasn’t anti-vaccine, but thought that everyone should be able to do as they please with their own body. “The government is going too far,” he said. His 26-year-old friend Elise said, “I am vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, and polio. But the COVID vaccine is just too

experimental.”

While a majority of French health care workers have had at least one vaccine dose, some are resisting the government’s decision to make vaccination compulsory for all staff in medical facilities.

At Saturday’s Paris protest, a 39-year-old green party supporter and hospital laboratory worker said she might resort to buying a fake vaccination certificate to avoid losing her job. A health care worker dressed as the Statue of Liberty called it “act of violence” to force people to get vaccinated.

In Montpellier, more than

1,000 people marched to the train station, chanting “Liberty!” and carrying signs reading “Our kids aren’t Guinea pigs.” Security officials closed the main entrance to travelers and a dozen police officers took posts in front.

The Interior Ministry said 114,000 people took part in protests nationwide.

Overnight Friday, vandals ransacked a vaccination center in the southeast. Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin asked prefects and police chiefs to reinforce security for elected officials, after several complained they had received threats in recent days over

the latest anti-COVID measures.

Vaccine hesitancy is considered widespread in France, though appears to have faded somewhat as 36 million French people have gotten coronavirus vaccine doses in recent months. Millions more have gotten injected or signed up for vaccinations since Monday’s announcement.

French health care workers have until Sept. 15 to get vaccinated. The requirement for COVID passes for all restaurants, bars, hospitals, shopping malls, trains, planes and other venues is being introduced in stages starting Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the French government announced tightened border controls starting Sunday, but also said it would allow in travelers from anywhere in the world who have been fully vaccinated.

That now includes people who received AstraZeneca’s Indian-manufactured vaccine. The move came after a global outcry over the fact that the European Union’s COVID-19 certificate only recognizes AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Europe.

Elaine Ganley in Montpellier and Angela Charlton in Paris contributed.

FLOOD

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo visited flood-damaged towns Saturday.

A resident of the Belgian town of Herk-de-Stad said she put off sleeping to try to empty her house of water.

“We have been pumping all night long trying to get the water out of the house,” Elke Lenaerts told

broadcaster VTM.

Parts of the southern Netherlands also experienced heavy flooding, though thousands of residents were allowed to return home after being evacuated Thursday and Friday.

Caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who visited the region Friday, said that “first, there was corona, now these floods, and soon people will have to work on cleanup and recovery.”

“It is disaster after disaster after disaster. But we will not abandon Limburg,” the southern province hit by the floods, he added. His

government has declared the flooding a state of emergency, opening up national funds for those affected.

Among other efforts to help the flood victims, the Hertog Jan brewery, which is based in the affected area, handed out 3,000 beer crates so locals could raise their belongings off the ground to protect them from the flooding.

An emergency dike in the town of Horn didn’t hold and some houses were inundated. Authorities issued a warning to stay off the Maas River because of debris.

Rescuers worked to save a cow stuck neck-deep in muddy water.

At the other end of Germany, there was flooding Saturday evening following torrential rain in the Saechsische Schweiz area near Dresden and across the border in the Czech Republic.

Roads, basements and railroad tracks flooded, disrupting train service between the Czech town of Decin and Bad Schandau, Germany. A summer camp for children on the Czech side had to be evacuated.

In Austria, a flash flood swept through the town of Hallein, near

the German border, late Saturday. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said on Twitter that heavy rain and storms were causing serious damage in several parts of Austria.

“I thank all first responders and volunteers who are doing everything they can to help! We won’t leave those affected alone and will support the reconstruction,” he wrote.

Angela Charlton in Paris, Molly Quell in Amsterdam and Karel Janicek in Prague contributed to this report.

LEGALS

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2021-00028373-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
JONATHAN DAVID RICHIE
Present Name:
JONATHAN DAVID RICHIE
Proposed Name:
JONATHAN DAVID FOX

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: 08/17/21 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: 25
The address of the court is 325 S. 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

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:

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.

Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: JUL 02 2021 Signed: Pamela M. Parker, Judge of the Superior Court.

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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014696
Name of Business
HEALTH AND BODY SOLUTIONS
32158 Camino Capistrano A135, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
County: Orange
This business is registered by the following: Elizabeth Louise Stokke, 276 N. El Camino Real #57, Oceanside, CA 92058
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 07/09/2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 09, 2021
LEGAL: 5552
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9011778
Name of Business
SELF MADE TRAINING FACILITY
803 West San Marcos Blvd, San Marcos, CA 92078
Mailing address: 719 Camino Magnifico, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Yeager Enterprises Inc, 719 Camino Magnifico, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 3/12/21
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 11, 2021
LEGAL: 5547
PUBLISHED: July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013568
Name of Business
FIT RITE
1391 Friends Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Michael Christian Bowman, 1391 Friends Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Brooke Janea Frey, F1391 Friends Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of NA
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 30, 2021
LEGAL: 5548
PUBLISHED: July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014804
Name of Business
KELLY VIAGEM
203 Woodland Dr., Vista, CA 92083
Mailing address: PO Box 2503, Vista, CA 92085
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kellie Nicole Carnohan, 203 Woodland Dr., Vista, CA 92083
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on September 2016
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 12, 2021
LEGAL: 5549
PUBLISHED: July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014850
Name of Business
EXPOSE BOUTIQUE
5524 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Knight Toys, LLC., 5524 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/01/2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 12, 2021
LEGAL: 5550
PUBLISHED: July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014670
Name of Business
KLUICKERS HAIR DESIGNS
426 S. Main Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Stephanie Hollis Robinson, 1140 Adobe Norte Ave., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 09/01/1988
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 08, 2021
LEGAL: 5551
PUBLISHED: July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

Petition to Administer

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
AUDREY MAE CORCORAN
CASE NO. 37-2021-00019679-PR-PW-CTL
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **AUDREY MAE CORCORAN aka AUDREY MAE HYLDEN**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by **DON-ALD CORCORAN** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO
The Petition for Probate requests that **DON-ALD CORCORAN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. This will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 08/5/2021 Time: 01:30 p.m. Dept. 503
Address of court: 1100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101
Branch Name: Probate
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner: Donald Corcoran, 760-672-1972
Legal: 5481
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013463
Name of Business
BLU SALON & SPA
7160 Miramar Rd Suite 108, San Diego, CA 92121
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Ines Ronge, 747 W Fallbrook St #21, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Andres Ronge, 747 W Fallbrook St #21, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 7, 2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 28, 2021
LEGAL: 5521
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9011376
Name of Business
THE WAVE CHURCH
1344 Melrose Way, Vista, CA 92081
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Wave Church Ministries, 1344 Melrose Way, Vista, CA 92081
This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 07, 2021
LEGAL: 5530
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013421
Name of Business
SUPERIOR BUILDING SOLUTIONS
2511 N. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Noe Velazquez, 2511 N. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 28, 2021
LEGAL: 5531
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013323
Name of Business
a. HAWK CANYON COFFEE
b. HAWK CANYON FARMS
43290 Cinco Arroyos, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Drew Berwanger, 43290 Cinco Arroyos, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Andrea Berwanger, 43290 Cinco Arroyos, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 6/1/2019
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 25, 2021
LEGAL: 5541
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9012294
Name of Business
a. GIZMO'S GARAGE
b. MOLLER WOODWORKING
863 America Way, Del Mar, CA 92014
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: David Adam Moller, 863 America Way, Del Mar, CA 92014
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 3/29/21
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 17, 2021
LEGAL: 5542
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014110
Name of Business
HC EQUINE THERAPYS
32078 Del Cielo Oeste, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Heather Marie Contreras, 32078 Del Cielo Oeste, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 02, 2021
LEGAL: 5543
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013986
Name of Business
BUDS WITH SUDS LLC
923 Alturas Rd Apt 10, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Buds With Suds LLC, 923 Alturas Rd Apt 10, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of CA
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 01, 2021
LEGAL: 5544
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014777
Name of Business
VITA MANUKA
147 Camino Patricia, Vista, CA 92083
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Pacific Traders Specialty Foods LLC, 147 Camino Patricia, Vista, CA 92083
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 09, 2021
LEGAL: 5545
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Abandon Fictitious Biz. Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File Number: 2021-9014778
Fictitious Business Name(s) To Be Abandoned:
VITA MANUKA
147 Camino Patricia, Vista, CA 92083
County: San Diego
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 06/30/2021 and assigned File No. 2021-9013811
The fictitious business name is being abandoned by:
Pacific Traders Specialty Foods LLC, 147 Camino Patricia, Vista, CA 92083
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 09, 2021
LEGAL: 5546
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013470
Name of Business
LION DOG ARTS
31809 Paseo Lindo, Bonsall, CA 92003
Mailing address: PO Box 642, Fallbrook, CA 92088
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Inglis Carré, 31809 Paseo Lindo, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 28, 2021
LEGAL: 5533
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014357
Name of Business
a. MALLARD H2O MECHANIC
b. MALLARD H2O TRUCKS
521 Verde Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Sonia Fernandez, 521 Verde Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 06, 2021
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9012363
Name of Business
MICHAEL MARTINO ENTERPRISES LLC DBA ALTERNATIVE PROPERTY SERVICES
2505 Via Rancheros, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 5521 Mission Rd., D1086, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Michael Martino Enterprises LLC, 2505 Via Rancheros, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 04/05/2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 17, 2021
LEGAL: 5535
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9012592
Name of Business
OLD HWY 80 STORAGE
32337 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962
Mailing address: P.O. Box 710766, Santee, CA 92072
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. John Edward Pasto, 32337 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962
b. Jennifer Ann Pasto, 32337 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962
This business is conducted by a Married Couple THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 19, 2021
LEGAL: 5536
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9012289
Name of Business
FALLBROOK CATERING
998 Via Rose Marie Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kevin Joseph Scelso, 998 Via Rose Marie Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 03/10/2016
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 17, 2021
LEGAL: 5537
PUBLISHED: July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9014337
Name of Business
BROCK'S FERN PLUGS
579 Poets Sq., Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: F Brock Enterprise LLC, 579 Poets Sq., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/01/2011
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 06, 2021
LEGAL: 5538
PUBLISHED: July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013832
Name of Business
a. CROWELL REAL POWER
b. REAL POWER
3513 Lake Circle Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Christopher Allen Crowell, 3513 Lake Circle Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Caryl Jeanne Crowell, 3513 Lake Circle Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/15/2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 30, 2021
LEGAL: 5539
PUBLISHED: July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013738
Name of Business
a. SAVE OUR FOREST
b. SOF
1815 South Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Fallbrook Land Conservancy, 1815 South Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/1990
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 30, 2021
LEGAL: 5540
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Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9012527
Name of Business
EDUARDORANDOM
290 Patton Oak Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: PO Box 2834, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Eduardo Martinez, 290 Patton Oak Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/17/15
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 18, 2021
LEGAL: 5522
PUBLISHED: July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013696
Name of Business
FRAN EMPORIUM
14781 Pomerado Rd, #Ste 209, Poway, CA 92064
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: CustomerStays.ComLLC, 14781 Pomerado Rd, #Ste 209, Poway, CA 92064
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of CA
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 29, 2021
LEGAL: 5523
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013458
Name of Business
a. LITTLE SUGAR PLUM
b. GOODNESS FROM THE GROUND
c. JULES RASCO
d. GROWING GILS GARDEN
4433 Berling St, San Diego, CA 92115
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Julie Rasco, 4433 Berling St, San Diego, CA 92115
This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 5/23/2016
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 28, 2021
LEGAL: 5524
PUBLISHED: July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013058
Name of Business
a. SUMMIT CHURCH
b. SUMMIT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
292 E. Barham Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Manna World Ministries, Inc., 292 E. Barham Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078
This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/11/1987
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 23, 2021
LEGAL: 5525
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2021-9013998
Name of Business
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b. SAN DIEGO LUXURY ASSET
c. SD LUXURY ASSETS
d. SD LUXURY ASSET
e. SD LUXURY ASSET AUCTIONEERS
f. SAN DIEGO LUXURY ASSET AUCTIONEERS
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Name of Business
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File Number: 2021-9009894
Name of Business
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County: San Diego
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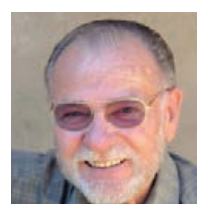
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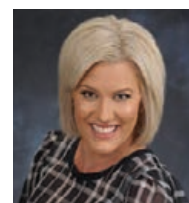
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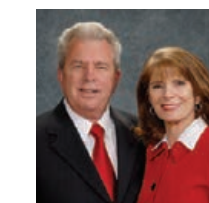
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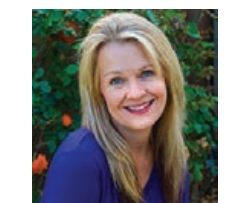
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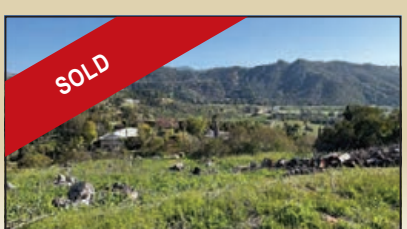
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