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DeMaio
campaign
holds
town hall

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Carl DeMaio was in southwest Riverside County recently for two town hall events.

DeMaio, a Republican who is running for the 50th Congressional District seat - which covers Fallbrook - vacated by former Rep. Duncan D. Hunter, R-Alpine, was at the Temecula Public Library Monday, Jan. 13, to discuss homelessness and the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge Saturday, Jan. 18, for an event focusing on border security.

At the Saturday town hall, DeMaio covered border-related topics like sewage contamination in the Tijuana River Valley area.

“San Diego County had to shut down our beaches 131 out of 365 days because of Tijuana’s raw

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Merritt gets death



Charles 'Chase' Merritt reacts to his lawyer's arguments during court hearings on Friday, Jan. 17. Courtesy photo/Law & Crime Network

Merritt sentenced to death for killing of McStay family

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

A judge ruled Tuesday, Jan. 21 that Charles “Chase” Merritt will be put to death for the killing of the McStay family of Fallbrook in 2010, less than a month shy of the 10-year anniversary of the day the family was reported missing.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith upheld the recommendation the

jury made on June 24, 2019, which said Merritt should be put to death for the murders of Summer McStay and her two young sons and recommended life in prison without parole for the murder of Joseph McStay.

After a six-month trial, Merritt was found guilty of bludgeoning to death Joseph and Summer McStay and the couple’s young sons – 4-year-old Gianni and 3-year-old Joseph Jr. – in 2010 and burying

their bodies in a San Bernardino desert.

“It is therefore the judgment and sentence of this court ... that for the first-degree murder of Summer McStay, and for the first-degree murder of Gianni McStay and the first-degree murder of Joseph McStay Jr., that the defended Charles Merritt be sentenced to death,” Judge Smith said. “And that the penalty be carried out at San Quentin State Prison in a

manner then prescribed by law and at a time to be fixed by this court in a subsequent warrant of execution after the defendant’s appeals are exhausted.”

Merritt, who sobbed as he addressed the court after victims’ statements by McStay family members and friends, appeared to remain calm when the sentencing was read by Judge Smith.

see **MERRITT**, page A-8

Crosses represent
lives lost to abortion



Pro-life advocates Wayne and Elissa Taylor display the Wayne Taylor photos Fallbrook Crossfield in commemoration of those lives lost since the legalization of abortion in the Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade in 1973. This is the 12th year they have placed 500 handmade crosses on South Stage Coach Lane, just north of Reche Road in Fallbrook.

Command changes
hands at substation

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

Lt. Arnold Aldana has replaced Lt. Rick Lopez as head of the San Diego Sheriff’s Fallbrook Substation, as of Jan. 3. Aldana has been with the department for 23 years and has worked all over the county.

At the Jan. 16 Fallbrook Community Forum, he introduced himself and gave an overview of his career. He has been a jail deputy, on patrol in East County and also worked in domestic violence. He also worked in domestic violence and on financial crimes with an FBI task force. Along the way he also worked a stint in Fallbrook.

When Aldana was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, he was sent to Encinitas and worked in Personnel, then in internal affairs and financial elder abuse. He has also served in Vista. Aldana hopes



Lt. Arnold Aldana

Village News/Lucette Moramarco photo

to be here long term, but “the door is always open” he said, “My secretary has had nine bosses in the last nine years.”

Lt. Lopez had started his stint in Fallbrook July 6, 2018.

An in depth interview with Aldana will be coming next month.

Homeless update: FVA may take over the Pico

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

A plan by some local community members could result in homeless people being moved out of the Pico Promenade in downtown Fallbrook, where some encampments have formed.

According to Roy Moosa, president of the nonprofit Fallbrook Village Association, a letter has been sent around to property owners along the Promenade – which runs on both sides of a creek between Mission Road and Main Avenue, from

A man crosses College Street near the Pico Promenade. There’s a plan in the works to allow the Village Association to take over Pico Promenade.

Village News/Will Fritz photos

Elder Street to Fallbrook Street – to request permission for the Village Association to take over administering the area.

“That way, every time we want to do something, we don’t have to go and get five or six people’s

see **HOMELESS**, page A-9



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn about Measure A Jan. 30

FALLBROOK – San Diegans for Managed Growth is hosting an informational presentation about Measure A Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Fallbrook Library.

Measure A is potentially the most impactful countywide measure on the March 2020 ballot. Measure A, Save Our San Diego Countryside Initiative, if passed, will require voter approval of any future large housing development that requires an amendment to the San Diego County general plan.

The current general plan was established in 2011 and is the master plan for how the county will grow, including plans for housing, transit, schools and other infrastructure.

Currently, developers who buy

land zoned low-density housing with a 2-plus acre minimum, and wish to build higher density housing on smaller lots must ask the county supervisors to approve an amendment to the general plan.

In 2018, four of the seven proposed GPAs were located in North County and three – Lilac Hills Ranch, Warner Ranch and Newland Sierra – border Fallbrook or Bonsall.

If approved, Measure A will allow voters to decide on future developments of this type.

All are invited to join the group at the Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Road, Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m.

Submitted by San Diegans for Managed Growth.

Toastmasters to hold open house

FALLBROOK – Some people would like to be more comfortable speaking to groups or leading meetings. Fallbrook Village Toastmasters is a club dedicated to helping its members improve their communication skills and self-confidence.

Fallbrook Village Toastmasters was chartered in June 2014 as a chapter of Toastmasters International, which has 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Every year since the club was formed, it has been named a President’s Distinguished Club which is the highest club rating.

The public is invited to their free open house to learn more about Fallbrook’s award-winning club, Monday, Jan. 27, from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of

Attorney Rich Gaines is to be the guest speaker at the Fallbrook Village Toastmasters’ open house.

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fun with multiple speakers. Light refreshments will be served at Fallbrook Heritage Square in the Ford Room, 1730 S. Hill Street, in Fallbrook.

Guest speaker Rich Gaines will speak on “Boosting Your Business with Toastmasters.” Gaines is an attorney who specializes in wealth management, legacy planning, tax law, probate and wills and trusts. He offers small-business assistance through his company www.BusinessGrowthByDesign.com. He will share ideas on how to grow a business through speaking.

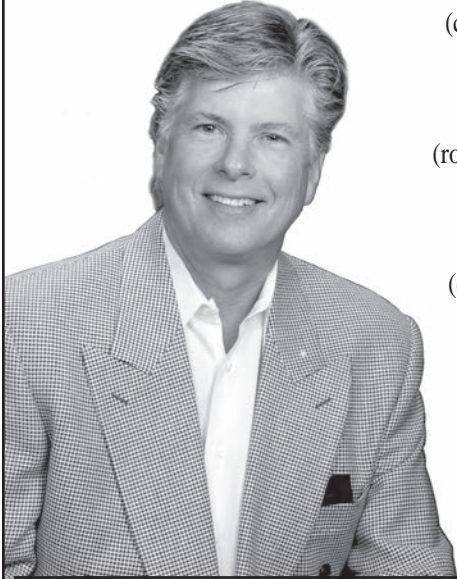


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Climate justice talk set for Jan. 28

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Climate Action Team will present a talk about climate, equality and environmental justice led by anthropologist and environmental activist Dr. Cody Petterson.

The talk will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room at Fallbrook Library.

Petterson will lead a thought-provoking discussion on the interdependence of the present economic, political and climate crises. He will describe why he believes it is impossible to achieve sustainability without equity and environmental justice.

Petterson’s day job is director of the Sequoia Foundation. Since its inception in 1983, the Sequoia Foundation has conducted a broad array of environmental epidemiology and public health research projects from Superfund Sites to climate change research. They specialize in working with



Environmental activist Dr. Cody Petterson is the guest speaker for the Jan. 28 Climate Action Team’s program at the library.

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underserved and indigenous populations to ensure that all people are able to participate in decisions to protect their health and environment.

The public is welcome. For more information, visit www.fallbrookclimateactionteam.org.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

Dog festival coming soon

FALLBROOK – Barkly, the Live Oak Dog Park mascot, reminds all his dog and human friends to save the date Saturday, March 21, and attend the dog festival, Bark in the Park.

This annual event is the only fundraiser for maintenance and operation of the Live Oak Dog Park. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the festivities which will begin at 10 a.m. with a group walk throughout the historical and natural beauties of Live Oak County Park. Festivities will continue until 2 p.m.



Barkly, the Live Oak Dog Park mascot, invites everyone to Bark in the Park, March 21.

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The main arena will be encircled by booths displaying all types of things, not just dog items, and a silent auction and raffle will offer many opportunities to bid on treasures.


The main arena will feature demonstrations and contests open to all, such as cutest puppy, wackiest trick, best tail wag, owner look alike, cutest costume, etc.

The next planning meeting is Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at the Fallbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924, and the committee is always looking for new faces and fresh ideas, so all are welcome to join them.

For more information, to sign up as a vendor or to enter a contest, visit www.liveoakdogpark.org.

Submitted by Live Oak Dog Park.

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Canary owners can learn about show birds

VISTA – North County Aviculturists, a club for pet bird owners and breeders, will have a demonstration on “Selecting Show Canaries from the Flock,” Saturday, Feb. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

It’s time for canary owners to look over the canary chicks they’ve hatched and pick the ones that are show quality.

The presenter is a top expert in the field, David Benites, who will

be available to point out what to look for and how to keep show birds in great shape.

So, come learn from an expert and see some of his best birds at Vista Masonic Center, 761 Eucalyptus Ave., in Vista.

For more information, visit www.ncabirdclub.com.

Submitted by North County Aviculturists.

Free tax preparation, filing service offered at senior center

FALLBROOK – Federal and California tax preparation is being offered at the Fallbrook Senior Center this year, starting Feb. 5.

Volunteer AARP- and IRS-trained tax preparers will be available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only. Call (760) 728-4498 to schedule an appointment.

Those participating should plan to bring their photo ID, last year’s tax return, all W2’s and 1099’s and Social Security cards for all household members. If filing jointly, both taxpayers must appear and show photo IDs.

All low-to-middle income

taxpayers are welcome, with special emphasis on taxpayers age 60 and older.

Tax-aide volunteers are not trained to prepare tax forms that include farm or rental income, complex business or partnership income, uninsured casualty losses or alternative minimum tax. Other restrictions apply. Eligibility is determined by the individual volunteer preparer.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Submitted by Fallbrook Senior Center.

OPINION

A sincere thank you

The “Grinch” made a good try at stealing our Christmas by way of killing our furnace, Dec. 20. A panicked call to Luke of Quality Heating and Cooling brought him right over, and yes, it was indeed dead as the proverbial door nail. But all was not lost because, like the best Santa’s Helper Ever, but taller and without the silly hat

and shoes, Luke reappeared at 8 a.m. on Christmas Eve and by noon we had a new furnace, and glorious, wonderful heat. And, he even built a new wood furnace floor to replace the one that had seen better days. Thank you, Luke. You are the best.

Georgiana Silvestro

Attention auto accident witness

Will the kind lady who witnessed my auto accident on South Mission Road on Dec.5 please call me. It is most urgent I speak to you,

(760) 723-1350. Thank you so very much.

Steve Plank

Reduce backcountry fire hazards



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
Special to Valley News

It’s easier to prevent wildfires than to control them once they’ve started. That’s why I introduced Assembly Bill 19, which will provide \$25 million for vegetation management along county-maintained roads.

Auto-related wildfires are a major problem in California. In 2016 and 2017, almost 25% of local wildfires were vehicle-related. The Carr Fire, the state’s seventh largest, began when sparks from a flat tire ignited brush along a highway in Northern California. The fire killed eight people, burned over 200,000 acres, destroyed more than 1,500 structures, and cost over \$1.6 billion. We can prevent many of these fires by eliminating the fuel source. AB 19 will establish a general fund grant program to help county road maintenance departments and local fire districts in high Fire Hazard Severity Zones purchase vegetation

management equipment to mow brush along county-maintained highways. Brush clearing along roads can also prevent the deaths of motorists attempting to flee during fire emergencies. According to North County Fire Protection District Chief Stephen Abbott, who recently testified in favor of AB 19 before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, San Diego County’s 2003 Cedar Fire resulted in 13 deaths, mostly motorists trapped in their cars as they tried to escape the flames along the roadway. AB 19 is supported by the California Fire Chiefs Association, Rural County Representatives of California, the City of San Marcos, San Diego County Fire Districts Association, North County Fire Protection District, Rincon Fire Department, Valley Center Fire Protection District and many others. AB 19 passed the Natural Resources Committee unanimously, Jan. 13, and will now be forwarded to the Appropriations Committee. Future wildfires are certain, but many can be prevented and lives can be saved if we remove the combustible fuel source growing along our backcountry roadways.

Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

The biggest mistake parents make when it comes to education

This National School Choice Week, Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, I want to share with you one of the most common short-circuits that parents run into when choosing the right school for their child. That way, if you see it coming, you can run the other way. It starts with a thought like this: “Do I as a parent really know best about my child’s education? After all, I don’t have a graduate degree in education. There’s a lot of school jargon I’m not sure about. Should I let more equipped people make the calls about where and how my child is educated?”

I understand the tendency to think that way. But I work with tens of thousands of school leaders around the country – the “education experts” – every year, and here’s what I believe:

You know your child better than anyone else. You are the expert on your child as a whole person – How they learn, experience the world and what they’re passionate about. You are best positioned to help your student find the learning environment where their unique self will be cared for and inspired. Nobody is more invested in your child’s happiness than you. The biggest mistake you can make as a parent is not recognizing that power you hold. Not only are you best equipped to make choices for your child’s education, but it can be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. When a parent finds a learning environment where their child’s potential is unleashed, it can mean the difference between that child finding success and confidence or feeling like a failure. Change that starts with parents is the single most powerful way to improve education in California. Seek advice and use research, certainly, but also believe in your instinct and expertise as a parent. Around the country there’s

evidence that, when we make it easier for parents to choose, they do make good choices for their child’s education. We’ve seen the positive impact accessible school options have had in places like Miami, Philadelphia, Phoenix and more. In California, there are a variety of educational options available including: traditional public schools, charter schools, online schools, magnet schools, home schooling and private schools. Parents of students who are assigned to low-performing schools may be able to transfer their children to another school in their district or outside their district, based on the state’s limited open enrollment laws. Also, while California does not have a state-run scholarship program, privately run programs may be available. School choice is the starting point for better schools, where families are personally invested and there is a strong human connection and open communication between parents and teachers. When students learn that learning is something to be excited by, invested in and challenged by and something that shapes their perspective for life. This School Choice Week, parents, students and educators in California will participate in more than 2,868 events and activities, celebrating all types of K-12 education and sharing knowledge with each other. It’s also a celebration of parents recognizing their power and choosing to be involved in their child’s education. This week, realize your power as a parent and start thinking about what learning environment can best inspire your child to happiness in the 2020-2021 school year. Andrew R. Campanella President of National School Choice Week Miami, Florida

What county supervisors do



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

As we are now fully in 2020, I thought this would be a great time to talk about the current status of San Diego County. One of the questions I get asked most when I’m out is, what does a supervisor supervise? Well, there are five San Diego County supervisors, and we are in charge of a variety of things from public health, food stamps, Registrar of Voters and many other items.

California, the new age of Enlightenment?

Coming of age for me in the mid-60s in California was a little bit like, “Happy Days,” with a whole lot of “American Graffiti” and “Big Wednesday” mixed in. Back then we were the envy of the country and the epicenter of the “American Dream.” Tens of thousands of Americans came to California drawn by their collective belief that they could overcome their humble beginnings. We had little crime, mathematically insignificant homeless population, and a small undocumented population as well. Life for all Californians was safe, upwardly mobile and without burdensome taxes and regulations. And yes, our roads and highways and other infrastructure were the best in the country back then as well. Today, California has become, by every tangible metric, a “failed state.” It’s hard for me to admit that, but all the empirical data overwhelmingly supports this conclusion. When I attended school, student test scores were among the highest scores in the nation. Today our student rankings are 43rd in English and 46th in Math. It seems the educators of today would rather indoctrinate our students than educate them. We now have the highest poverty level and the largest undocumented and homeless populations in the country. Our roads and highways are now ranked as some of the worse in America, even though we have the highest gas taxes in the nation. And tragically due the continuing migration out of the state, our “middle class” is now becoming an endangered species. Once a haven for prosperity, we are now left with a dispirited population with many “Californians dreaming” of leaving the state.

What has caused the decline and deprivation of our state? The answer is annoyingly simple, as the Democrats have monopolized every

We also manage state and federal money for local programs. I have the privilege of not only representing the cities of Carlsbad, San Marcos, Oceanside, Vista as their representative on the board of supervisors, but I also serve as the government representative for a lot of the unincorporated areas. The unincorporated areas don’t have a city council and they don’t have a mayor, so I am their government official. Some of the District 5 unincorporated areas are Borrego Springs, Fallbrook, Fairbanks Ranch, Palomar Mountain, Rainbow, Ranchita, Rancho Santa Fe, Valley Center and Warner Springs. The county is in charge of the roads and highways, so if you have a problem, reach out to my office. We have many new projects coming to the unincorporated area including adding new sidewalks in Borrego Springs, working with the community on an evacuation plan in Valley Center and creating a community-driven plan for the Fallbrook Village area and form-based code regulations. I’m excited to see all this transpire as we move ahead in 2020 and hope to see out in the community.

aspect of our state’s government for the past two decades. They alone are responsible for the demise of our once great State. It’s clear by their actions that the Democrats have nothing but contempt for the law-abiding, tax paying, working residents of California. Somehow, they missed these axioms in Civics class, that is without an ordered society, society will inevitably collapse. And without maintaining civility, and the rule of law, the state will simply perish. California is in crisis, yet it’s clear that the Democrats neither have the “will” or apparently the “skill sets” to resolve the numerous problems that plague the state. It appears their only political motivation is to preserve their power with a blatant disregard for the welfare and interests of our “legal residents.” They have not only managed the decline; they have willfully driven the decline. They will accept any outcome in their ravenous quest for power, even at the expense of destroying the “quality of life” for all Californians in the process. So, if you believe in the rule of law, if you cherish and relish a free society where bureaucrats don’t mandate what you should think and say and how you live your lives, then I implore you to join the movement to remove the Democrats from all political offices throughout the state. Together as “Californian’s First,” we must replace the Democratically controlled political class in our state capital and in our cities. Together we can usher in a new age of Enlightenment for all Californians, where civility rules the day, where law and order are revered, where “legal citizens” are coveted and respected, and where the “American Dream” can once again be attained by all those who have the courage and ambition to achieve it.

Dave Maynard

Drug use has consequences

For the last decade artists in the music industry have glorified drug use without making a mention of the consequences that they really cause. It went from glorifying drug dealing to glorifying the use of codeine, molly, weed, OxyContin, cocaine, you name it, and it’s referenced in at least one of your favorite artists songs. In the past 10 years, there have been a number of drug overdose deaths in the industry. From Mac Miller to Lil Peep, Whitney Houston, Prince, Tom Petty, Juice World, Amy Winehouse, Michael Jackson and Rick James. With this I have noticed a ton of artists speaking out on the awareness of drugs and suicide. From Logic to Lecrae, 50 Cent, Macklemore, Common and Eminem. The drug crisis we are in has opened artists minds up to how influential their work can really be. Juicy J made headlines for apologizing for promoting drug use. I hope it sets the tone for this decade to come because things need to make a change for the better and what better way than the music industry to start this amazing trend. For more information on this trend, visit www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/juicy-j-makes-headlines-apologizing-for-promoting-drug-use.html. If you are in need of a referral to a treatment center, call us at (877) 841-5509.

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2020 census will help policymakers prepare for wave of aging boomers

America Counts
Special to The Village News

This story is part of an occasional series on the important community benefits that come from responding to the 2020 census.

Baby boomers have changed the face of the U.S. population for more than 70 years and continue to do so as more enter their senior years, a demographic shift often referred to as a “gray tsunami.”

The 2020 census will provide the most up-to-date count of the baby-boom generation, now estimated at about 73 million.

Born after World War II, from 1946 to 1964, the oldest boomers will turn 74 next year. When the last census was taken in 2010, the oldest had not even turned 65.

Since then, about 10,000 each day have crossed that age threshold, and by 2030, all boomers will be at least age 65.

“Data from the 2020 census will show the impact of the baby boomers on America’s population age structure,” Wan He, head of aging research programs for the population division of the U.S. Census Bureau, said

Why knowing where boomers are matters

Knowing about the number of people age 65 and older is important for tribal, local, state and federal lawmakers. They will use 2020 census statistics to help decide how to spend billions of dollars annually in federal funds on critical public services for the next 10 years.

Everyone uses roads, hospitals and emergency services but some state and federal programs target specifically older populations – such as money for senior citizen

centers, job-training programs and Medicare Part B health insurance.

“The census is really important to us in the aging community,” John Haaga of the National Institute on Aging in Washington said. “It’s our only way to figure out how things are different across the country, what areas are aging faster, where elderly disabled people live, or where older people are concentrated, like Appalachia or West Virginia, because young people are leaving for the cities.”

Older people are remaining behind there.

Other states, such as Florida, have large older populations because people are moving there to retire, according to Haaga.

By using Census Bureau statistics and its geographic information system, analysts and community planners can get a refined picture of where older Americans live and how close they are to the services they need. That helps lawmakers or business people decide where to open health clinics or senior citizen centers, among other services.

“You can start to look at specifics like how many older people are living alone who are more than 10 miles from an adult day care center,” Haaga said. “You can answer questions of access and how to improve it.”

Enter the Baby Boomers

At an estimated 73 million, this generation is the second-largest age group after their children, the millennials, born from 1982 to 2000.

“As boomers age through their 60s, 70s, 80s and increasingly beyond, the ‘big bulge’ of the boomer generation will contribute



Courtesy photo

to the overall aging of the U.S. population in coming decades,” Stella Ogunwole, a demographic statistician with the Census Bureau, said.

“The older population is becoming even more significant,” she said.

The number of people age 65 and older in the United States has grown rapidly over most of the 20th century, from 3.1 million in 1900 to 35 million in 2000.

In 2018, there were 52 million people age 65 and older, according to the Census Bureau’s Vintage Population Estimates. Their share of the population grew as well, from 12.4% in 2000 to 16.0% in 2018.

But aging boomers are not the only reason the nation’s population is getting older overall. Longer lives – in part due to better health care – and record low birth rates among young women are also major factors, according to Haaga.

The total fertility rate of U.S. women is now 1.7 children per woman, below the 2.1 children needed to replace the population.

Life expectancy at age 65 went from 11.9 years from 1900-1902 to 19.1 years in 2010, according to An Aging World, a Census Bureau report co-written by Wan He.

Older adults are projected to outnumber children under age 18 for the first time in U.S. history by 2034, according to Census Bureau projections.

“The mismatch between old and young will have implications across the coming years,” Dr. Grace Whiting, president and CEO of the National Alliance of Caregivers, said.

“We aren’t having enough children to take care of us in our old age,” she said. “Look at my family: my in-law was one of six children, my husband and I were one of two, and we don’t have kids. Extrapolate that out, and that’s what’s happening nationwide.”

Whiting’s concern points to the increasing need for caregiver and health services for people over age 65, many of whom use services whose funding depends on decisions made based on census data.

Federal programs help people over age 65

Lawmakers and planners use census statistics to help decide how to spend on programs that help improve the quality of life for all people age 65 and older.

Medicaid, the health insurance program for low-income people including those age 65 and older, is the largest federal program that uses census statistics to determine funding. In 2015, Medicaid received \$312 billion, according to a 2017 report from the Census Bureau.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program spent \$71 billion in 2015. SNAP is the

second-largest program that uses census statistics to allocate funds.

Third is Medicare Part B, at \$70.3 billion, which is part of the Medicare health insurance program for all people over 65 years old, no matter their income.

These programs are just a few of the reasons why it is important for people age 65 and older to respond to the 2020 census.

They can respond online, by phone or by mail.

Programs that help older people live better lives include:

Social Services Block Grants

Adult day care, community center lunches, home-delivered meals, protection and remedy from abuse – both physical and financial – are all funded by Social Services Block Grants.

The funding levels for these services are determined, in part, from statistics produced by the Census Bureau. The federal funding program for social services grants gives states money to spend on a wide variety of programs.

In 2015, the program granted \$1.6 billion, according to the Census Bureau, and 10% of the grants were aimed at the needs of vulnerable and elderly adults, according to the Social Services Block Grant 2016 focus report. The Social Services Block Grant is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In 2016, 42 states spent \$284 million to provide help for nearly 950,000 people age 65 and older, including intervention services, emergency medical services, emergency shelters and counseling.

One of the largest programs under Social Services Block Grant that is aimed at the elderly is for people suffering from abuse or neglect, including maltreatment, lack of adequate food or shelter, or financial abuse. Sadly, one in 10 older adults experience some form of abuse, according to the Census Bureau.

Farmers Market Program

Getting healthy food is a key concern for low-income older people.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides low-income seniors with coupons that they can exchange for eligible foods – fruits, vegetables, honey and fresh-cut herbs – at farmers’ markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is administered by state agencies such as Departments of Agriculture or Aging, and federally recognized tribal governments. Not all states operate the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program statewide. In 2016, an estimated 816,000 seniors used the program.

Job Training

The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a work-based job-training program for older individuals. Two-thirds of participants are women and almost half are from a racial or ethnic minority, according to the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Veterans and qualified spouses are given priority for enrollment.

Participants get work experience in nonprofit and public agencies, including schools, hospitals, day care centers and senior centers.



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Chief Abbott testifies in Sacramento



North County Fire Protection District Chief Stephen Abbott testifies before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee in support of Assembly Bill 19, Jan. 13, in Sacramento. The bill was introduced by Assemblymember Marie Waldron; see more information in her column on page A-3.

BWC focuses on ‘Love on Your Back’



Bonsall Woman's Club is partnering with the "Love on Your Back" program at Bonsall schools, from left, front row, Jean Bertino, Lenore Trombetta, Carol Wood, Arlene Rutherford; back row, Phyllis Minner, Colette Blackham and Jean Grubaugh.

BONSALL – Each year the Bonsall Woman’s Club president chooses a local charity to focus on. This year, current BWC President Arlene Rutherford chose to join in with a group of retired teachers and other neighborhood volunteers to support a program they started called “Love on Your Back,” which is in conjunction with the Bonsall Unified School District.

The Love on Your Back program sends a backpack full of food home with each of the participating students each weekend. During the school week, these low-income and/or family-crisis students rely on reduced cost or free school breakfast and lunch as their primary source of nutrition.

The backpacks are filled with nutritious foods that these children are so desperately missing in their weekend diets.

A nurse in the Bonsall Unified School District said, “These kids need food.”

Carol Wood said, “Children can’t learn when they are hungry.”

Anyone who would like to donate separately can send a

check made payable to “Love on Your Back” to Carol Wood, 3597 Kellington Court, Oceanside CA 92056.

Wood is president of the Love on Your Back program, which is a nonprofit charity. There are also containers in the offices of Bonsall Elementary and Sullivan Middle schools for donated food items. Items needed are shown on the Love on Your Back Facebook page.

The Bonsall Woman’s Club will meet Feb. 6, the first Thursday of the month, at The Golf Club of California, 3742 Flowerwood

Lane, in Fallbrook. The doors open at 9 a.m. with coffee and tea available.

The lunch will be chicken piccata with lemon caper sauce, white rice, salad and bread.

To reserve a seat, send a check made payable to BWC, to Barbara Hartloff, 4202 Palomar Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028. The lunch cost is \$23, which includes tax and tip. For additional information on BWC, visit www.bonsallwomansclub.org.

Submitted by Bonsall Woman's Club.

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	700 block Carnation Ln	Violation of court order
Jan. 8	Los Conejos Rd @ Reche Rd	Vandalism
Jan. 11	2400 block S. Stage Coach Ln	Domestic violence
Jan. 12	600 block Minnesota St	Arrest: Assault with a deadly weapon, willful child cruelty
	5200 block S. Mission Rd	Vehicle vandalism
	3900 block Reche Rd	Violation of court order
Jan. 13	1100 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of drug paraphernalia
	400 block N. Vine St	Vehicle burglary
	100 block W. Clemmens Ln	Arrest: Domestic battery
	W. Rainbow Valley Blvd @ Old Highway 395	Recovered stolen vehicle
	2400 block S. Stage Coach Ln	Child abuse
	3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, controlled substance paraphernalia
	1400 block Alturas Rd	Battery
	400 block N. Vine St	Vehicle burglary
Jan. 14	2500 block Via Oeste	Arrest: Violation of court order
	1600 block Green Briar Ln	Fraud, mail theft
	400 block Ammunition Rd	Fraud
Jan. 15	800 block Old Stage Rd	Arrest: Outstanding misdemeanor warrant
	1200 block Alturas Rd	Petty theft
	800 block La Palma Dr	Arrest: battery with serious bodily injury, violation of court order
	400 block N. Main Ave	Arrest: Possession of concealed dirk/dagger
	400 block Potter St	Petty theft
Jan. 16	2600 block Reche Rd	Arrest: Outstanding felony warrant
	1000 block Overbrook Ln	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, controlled substance paraphernalia
	600 block Porter St	Rape
	1100 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Under the influence of controlled substance
	500 block Alturas Rd	Burglary
	200 block Ammunition Rd	Arrest: Domestic abuse, child cruelty, false imprisonment
	1500 block Hillcrest Ln	Sexual battery
Jan. 17	32100 block Old Highway 395	Burglary
	1100 block De Luz Rd	Arrest: Outstanding felony warrant
	1700 block Pala Lake Dr	Vehicle burglary
	2400 block S. Stage Coach Ln	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
Jan. 18	400 block Ammunition Rd	Domestic abuse, child cruelty
	Pala Rd @ Interstate 15	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, controlled substance paraphernalia
	3100 block S. Old Highway 395	Armed robbery
	1400 block S. Mission Rd	Battery
	800 block E. Alvarado St	Petty theft
Jan. 19	2900 block Overland Trl	Violation of court order
	600 block De Luz Rd	Domestic abuse
	500 block Lynden Ln	Petty theft

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Supervisors approve Bonsall Oaks time extension, ownership change agreement

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a time extension for what is now called the Bonsall Oaks development, and the supervisors’ 5-0 vote, Wednesday, Jan. 15, also approved an agreement which reflects the ownership change of the 449.54-acre property.

The date by which the infrastructure must be completed, in the absence of a subsequent time extension, is now Jan. 15, 2022. The agreement covers completion of road, water, sewer and other infrastructure improvements but does not require completion of the homes or other lot improvements themselves.

The parcel map for the 449.54 acres on the north side of Gopher Canyon Road across the street from the Vista Valley Country Club creates up to 165 residential lots and two open space lots.

The project had been called the Polo Club when the board of supervisors approved the tentative parcel map for the project in November 1993 and the final map and secured agreements in September 1999. The subdivision was renamed Bonsall Oaks when Bonsall Oaks LLC., agreed to purchase the project from Vista Villas Development LP.

A tentative parcel map becomes a final map after all conditions of the tentative map, other than those for which permits cannot be issued until a final map is recorded, are fulfilled. A final map is required for grading and building permits.

The conditions of a final map include secured agreements to ensure that the infrastructure will be built and that payment for labor and materials used to build the infrastructure will be made. Improvements identified in a secured agreement are required to be completed within two years of the approval of the final map, although if circumstances prevent the improvements from being completed by the agreement’s expiration additional time may be requested to complete the infrastructure.

The first two-year time extension may be approved administratively, although

subsequent time extensions require board of supervisors’ approval. If an application for a time extension is filed before its expiration, the owner is not in default if the extension is granted.

What was then the Polo Club was conditioned to obtained permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Fish and Wildlife Service and the Regional Water Quality Control Board before construction could begin.

The ownership negotiated with the regulatory agencies, and the project has undergone multiple design changes so that the required permits could be obtained. The board of supervisors granted time extensions in August 2012, August 2014 and October 2016.

The October 2016 time extension also included the approval of a lien contract which prohibits the construction of any improvements, the selling of any lots in the subdivision or the issuance of permits before the lien contract is replaced by a security bond.

Bonsall Oaks LLC, will assume the responsibility and liability of all obligations covered in the joint improvement agreement, the joint lien contract and the holding agreement. Approval of a parcel map only creates legal lots, and the project will need to meet grading, stormwater and other regulations at the time the permits are issued.

Because of the design changes a modification to the parcel map will be required to meet the requirements of the regulatory agencies. The director of the county’s Department of Planning and Development Services has the authority to approve a minor deviation, and the Bonsall Oaks map modification is expected to qualify as a minor deviation.

On Dec. 3, the Rainbow Municipal Water District board voted 4-0, with Michael Mack absent, to approve the amended joint agreement which reflects new requirements as well as the ownership change. The water and sewer infrastructure to be added by the project includes the addition of a pump station, and the amended agreement includes manholes at the upstream end of sewer lines.

One dies in crash on South Mission, another crash starts fire

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Multiple crashes within minutes of each other the night of Saturday, Jan. 18, in Bonsall required responses from emergency personnel – with one crash starting a fire and another leaving a driver dead.

A report came in of the first crash at 9:01 p.m. along Olive Hill Road east of Via Puerta del Sol, according to information from North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi.

Dispatchers were told a car had gone off the roadway and erupted into flames, Choi said.

The driver of that vehicle was uninjured and was able to climb out unassisted. Fire crews were at the scene of the crash working to contain the vehicle fire for little more than half an hour, Choi said.

The fire district also had to work with a county hazmat team to clean up fuel that spilled from the vehicle.

Less than 20 minutes after the first crash, reports came in of two collisions involving a Honda Civic in the area of South Mission Road and State Route 76, less than a mile to the east.

A caller told dispatchers at 9:17 p.m. that she had been involved in a minor sideswipe with a white Civic on South Mission, according to the CHP. The caller reported the Civic had continued south on the road without stopping after the collision.

At 9:18 p.m., dispatchers received a call saying that the same Civic had struck a BMW X3 head-on on South Mission less than a mile south of the previous crash, the CHP said.

The Civic reportedly had drifted

into opposing traffic while heading south, causing the northbound BMW driver to slow her vehicle to a stop; the Civic driver continued anyway and hit the BMW.

According to the CHP, the Civic driver – identified as a 20-year-old Fallbrook man – died of his injuries at the scene. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The 48-year-old woman driving the BMW and her passenger, a 58-year-old man also from Fallbrook, sustained minor injuries. The male passenger was taken to Palomar Medical Center in Escondido for treatment.

Impairment was believed to be a factor in the crash, the CHP said.

Mission Road was closed for about three hours after the deadly incident.

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

Rain brings urban runoff to beaches

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health issued a General Rain Advisory to avoid water contact at all coastal beaches and bays due to recent rainfall, Jan. 21.

Swimmers, surfers, and other water users are warned that rain brings urban runoff, which can cause bacteria levels to rise significantly in ocean and bay waters, especially near storm drains, creeks, rivers and lagoon outlets.

Urban runoff may contain large amounts of bacteria from a variety of sources such as animal waste, soil and decomposing vegetation. Bacteria levels can remain elevated

after a rainstorm depending upon the intensity of the storm, volume of runoff and ocean conditions.

Many coastal storm drains have permanent warning signs; however, additional warning signs are not posted for General Rain Advisories. Water contact such as swimming, surfing and diving should be avoided during rain and for 72 hours following the rain event.

A Beach Closure will remain in place for the Tijuana Slough and Imperial Beach shorelines due to sewage-contaminated flows from the Tijuana River entering the United States. The water contact closure area includes all beaches from the International Border to

Carnation Avenue.

Beach closure signs will remain in place until ocean water sampling results meet State health standards. Be advised that some access roads and trails within the Tijuana River valley may also be affected by sewage-impacted runoff and should be avoided if flooded.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at (619) 662-7600.

For updates on beach closure information, visit www.sdbeachinfo.com or call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.

Submitted by The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health.

Couples can make an appointment for a Valentine’s Day wedding

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s office will be open on Valentine’s Day, Friday, Feb. 14, to issue marriage licenses and perform ceremonies.

San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Ernie Dronenburg would like to remind couples wishing to “tie the knot” or renew their wedding vows that appointments are filling quickly.

“We are excited to offer walk-in services at our historic downtown office on the waterfront for Valentine’s Day and don’t want couples to miss their chance at a Valentine’s Day wedding,” said

Ernie. “Visit our website now at www.sdarcc.com to schedule your appointment using our online marriage appointment system.”

The downtown office, located at 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 273, will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for marriage license and ceremony appointments. Ceremonies can be done at Waterfront Park, alongside the historical County Administration Center or inside one of the ceremony rooms overlooking the beautiful San Diego Bay.

Couples may “walk-in” at the downtown location only. License and Ceremony appointments are

encouraged at the downtown location, but are required at the Chula Vista, San Marcos and new Santee location.

Appointments can be made online at www.sdarcc.com or by calling (619) 237-0502. The cost of a non-confidential marriage license is \$70. If the couple would like their ceremony to be performed by one of the county staff, in English or Spanish, the cost is an additional \$88.

Submitted by San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s office.

CALENDAR

Jan. 31 – 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Fallbrook Woman’s Club will be holding its bi-annual “Mahjong with Friends” event at the clubhouse, 238 W. Mission Road. Doors open at 11:15. Entrance fee is \$20. Lunch will be served and raffles will be conducted after the game. To sign-up, contact Lee Johnson, leejohnson512@gmail.com or (760) 723-8286.

Feb. 15 – 8:30-10:30 a.m. – The Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free Group Cleanup will be held at Santa Margarita River Hiking Trail and surrounding area. Directions: DeLuz Rd north to Sandia Creek Drive. Continue on Sandia Creek Drive to the Santa Margarita River and the trailhead is on the right.

RSVP to Marta Donovan (760) 405-4054.

March 21 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Live Oak Dog Park holds its annual fundraiser, Bark in the Park, including a walk through the park, vendor booths, silent auction and raffle along with demonstrations and contests. For more info, go to liveoakdogpark.org.

March 28 – TBA – Fallbrook Chorale presents its Dinner Show – “Fallbrook Joe and the Magic Caboose,” an original story featuring the Caboose in downtown Fallbrook and lots of fun songs, including some surfing music! Tickets will be available soon.

Apr 25 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Fallbrook Garden Club’s Flower Show & Plant Sale will be at SonRise Christian Fellowship, 463 S. Stage Coach Lane. Includes information booth with Master Gardeners, workshops on various topics and a wide variety of plants for sale. Free admission. Email questions to fallbrookgardenclub@gmail.com.



May 30 – TBA – The Fallbrook Chorale’s Spring Concert will present “Music of the Masters” with several pieces from John Rutter, Randall Thompson, Beethoven’s “Hallelujah.” More information will be coming.

Every Body Deserves Massage Day
Thursday, February 6th


Laurel and I both love and value receiving bodywork. We love to give it. And we realize not everyone can afford skilled bodywork. To that end, we are devoting affordable bodywork to the Community, one day each quarter. We are calling this day “Every Body Deserves Massage.” What we have found for ourselves and everyone we touch is that massage offers a range of healing and simple delight, opening up a remarkable opportunity for transformation and recalibration.

The concept is simple. Laurel and I will devote our day towards 1-hour sessions for anyone who needs it. It is up to each person to decide what they can afford. That is it! No explanation needed. Sessions are by appointment only. Since the availability of these sessions is limited, we ask is that once a session is booked you keep it or give us at least 48 hours’ notice to cancel or reschedule. We are excited to share our gifts with anyone in need. We will also keep a waiting list when our schedule fills up in case of cancellations. Our first “Day” is Thursday, February 6th in celebration of Craig’s 66th birthday!

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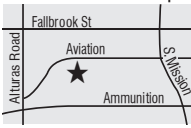


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MERRITT

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Merritt was scheduled to be sentenced on Friday, Jan. 17, but like so many other times during the trial, the final sentencing was delayed once again.

Sentencing was first delayed with the post-conviction dismissal of Merritt’s lead attorney, James McGee. Then on Friday, there was another delay when Judge Smith heard motions from Merritt’s current lead attorney Raj Maline after he filed a last-minute plea for a new trial with several motions.

Maline claimed ineffective assistance in counsel by McGee and argued incorrect witness assessments of cell tower pings near the shallow gravesites where the McStay family was discovered in 2013.

Maline also argued that the jury was lied to during closing arguments, alleging prosecutorial misconduct.

“There’s absolutely no evidence other than the bluster that we heard during the trial, there’s absolutely no evidence linking Mr. Merritt to the killing, absolutely none,” Maline said. “We believe Mr. Merritt deserves a new trial.

“I want to advocate for my client the best that I can by pointing out that there was insufficient evidence that might have made a difference to the jury,” he said.

Midway through Maline’s back and forth with Judge Smith, Merritt interrupted both of them by addressing the judge. After a short conversation, Maline said Merritt wanted to speak with him.

Upon coming back from a

40-minute break, the audience in the courtroom gasped as Maline told Judge Smith that Merritt told him he wanted to fire him and that during their conversation, he brought up issues that would cause a conflict between the two.

After another hour-long closed courtroom break Judge Smith announced he was denying the request to relieve Maline of his duties as Merritt’s attorney.

Maline continued his argument of prosecutorial misconduct and how he believed conduct during the trial created a bias in the jury. Finally, Maline argued that the timeline doesn’t fit on Feb. 4, 2010, the day prosecutors said the McStay family went missing.

After more than 6 hours in court, Judge Smith rejected all motions made by Maline. He then addressed the time issue in regard to hearing victim impact statements and ultimately, formal sentencing. He said he didn’t think he could keep court staff on the premises much longer and suggested court be delayed until they could return on Tuesday.

With McStay family friends and family members in the audience, prosecutors asked the judge to let one of the family members, Joseph’s father Patrick, make his impact statement before having to fly back to his home outside Houston.

“You and no one else can be blamed as you have proven this to the world,” Patrick said. “I hope you will burn in hell, but I will pray for your family and your children as they are, to me, all just more innocent victims, of which there are many, of what you did. You have absolutely no regard or caring

for when you murdered my family and caused such pain and suffering that will last forever.”

Court was scheduled to resume on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 8:30 a.m., but it was revealed that a mix-up at the jail meant Merritt wasn’t on the bus heading to the courthouse. After he arrived at the courthouse, court finally resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Once back in session, Judge Smith announced that Maline had filed two more motions to disqualify Judge Smith from ruling on his previous motions because of Judge Smith’s allowance for McStay family members to meet with and thank the jury following the trial seven months ago.

Judge Smith could only rule that Maline’s motion was not timely and he did so.

“The court strikes the motion to disqualify due to the fact that it is not timely,” Judge Smith said.

He then moved on to allow victims’ statements.

Summer McStay’s sister, Tracy Russell was first to speak and talked about the immense pain her family has endured through the last decade.

“I miss them in my life, more and more,” Russell said. “Wondering what it would be to still have them.”

Joseph McStay’s mother, Susan Blake spoke next.

“How do I begin to explain the horrific pain and suffering that we’ve gone through for almost 10 years?” Blake said. “It’s horrific, just horrific.

“This despicable, evil monster that beat my family. Chase, you are a low life coward and a baby killer, just a monster. You deserve to go to prison and I hope you will look



Joseph and Summer McStay and the couple’s young sons – 4-year-old Gianni and 3-year-old Joseph Jr. – disappeared in 2010 and their bodies were discovered in shallow graves three and a half years later in a San Bernardino desert. Charles ‘Chase’ Merritt was convicted of killing the family in June.



San Bernardino County Supervising Deputy District Attorney Britt Ines argues during court on Friday, Jan. 17.



San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith addresses the court on Friday, Jan. 17.

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over your shoulder and be scared, just like my grandsons.”

Joseph’s brother, Michael, and his wife also addressed the court.

“This world was robbed of four beautiful souls,” Michael said, going on to ask Judge Smith not to reduce the sentence.

Joseph McStay’s son, Jonah, also addressed the court.

“Throughout my life, I have lived in the shadow of losing my father, step-mom and two little brothers,” Jonah said. “Sometimes, just seeing another boy with his dad, reminds me of the tremendous loss I have endured. Despite this, through healing, discovering my strength and perseverance, I strive to live a life these family members can be proud of.

“I fight each and every day to mend the wounds left by someone who instead of healing, sought to destroy others, my family, for their own personal gain,” he said.

After a 10-minute break, Merritt then addressed the court saying he was sorry for the loss felt by the McStay family members.

“The thing that is bringing you solace, is ending my life, ending my life for a crime that I did not commit,” Merritt said. “I loved Joseph, he was a big part of my life and my family’s life. I would never have hurt him in any way. I did not do this thing. I know you do not believe this, and that’s what kills me.”

He then accused the prosecution of being single-minded in their pursuit of a conviction.

“I believe if you were to look deep into what’s happened here in this courtroom, over the last 5 years, something’s amiss, something is wrong,” Merritt said. “This prosecution team has used you to accomplish their goal.”

Merritt accused Blake and Michael McStay of making false statements and contributing to his conviction.

“I can’t feel angry for participating in my conviction, if I were in your shoes, I might have done the same,” Merritt said.

Merritt continued to attack the prosecution and Judge Smith and referenced several incidents that he found to be prejudicial.

“Your honor, there are no second acts, do what is right,” Merritt said. “Give me the hearing I deserve; I can show you where this trial was failed. What’s happened here is wrong.

“I may deserve a lot of things, I don’t deserve this,” he said. “I did not do this. As God is my witness, I will be back here and I will prove

that that is true.”

Judge Smith then sentenced Merritt to death row, though California’s Governor Gavin Newsom put a moratorium on executions in the state last year.

The sentencing brought an end to a lengthy process that has spanned almost a decade since the family went missing in 2010.

After years of investigations by San Diego County Sheriff’s investigators, the family’s remains were found buried in shallow graves by a motorcyclist in 2013.

Merritt was arrested by San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Detectives a year later in November of 2014.

After he was arrested, Merritt said through his attorney that he had a heart condition and wanted his trial to be fast-tracked. The trial was beleaguered by a series of delays and motions since, but finally began Jan. 7, 2019.

Prosecutors built their case around the theory that greed was the basis for why Merritt subsequently killed the Fallbrook family, who lived in the Lake Rancho Viejo housing development east of Interstate 15 in Fallbrook, and was last seen alive Feb. 4, 2010.

Before the family went missing, Merritt was a subcontractor for McStay and the two were good friends by most accounts. Merritt designed and built custom fountains for Joseph McStay’s business, Earth Inspired Products, but, according to prosecutors, he was in debt to the tune of more than \$40,000 to McStay at the time of the murders.

Prosecutors said Merritt feared being cut out of the business or having charges filed against him by McStay.

Detectives testified that Merritt deposited checks worth thousands of dollars from McStay after the family went missing, using QuickBooks and even called QuickBooks from his cellphone, identifying himself as Joseph McStay and asking to transfer the money in the account.

Merritt’s defense attorneys argued that investigators zeroed in on Merritt early on the case and never looked at anyone else. During the trial, the defense team repeatedly attempted to point the finger at another McStay business associate, Dan Kavanaugh, who they said was overlooked by investigators.

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Carl DeMaio, a Republican who is running to replace Duncan Hunter in the 50th Congressional District, addresses supporters at a town hall event in Temecula, Jan. 18.

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sewage that was literally flushed out onto our beaches and our bays,” DeMaio told attendees at the town hall. “Now that has a public health, an environmental and an economic consequence.”

He said it affects tourism in San Diego and southern California, as people may not want to come to local San Diego beaches if they hear “there’s poo water on the shore.”

“What I want to make sure we do is we stop dilly-dallying around and go after Mexico in the financial side of their economy. Demand that for every day that their sewage closes one of our beaches, we close the port of entry,” DeMaio said. “So my plan on that is very similar to President Trump’s border wall. We’re gonna force Mexico to build a toilet bowl. Mexico’s gonna pay for it, and we’re gonna close the border for every day that their toilet doesn’t work.”

DeMaio leveled some criticism at one of his opponents in the race for the 50th District, fellow Republican and former U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa, who did not run for reelection in the neighboring 48th Congressional District in 2018 but is now also running to replace Hunter.

“My opponent Mr. Issa, 18 years (in Congress), voted for amnesty, not once but twice, opposed the border wall, called it unnecessary, demanded that we reduce staffing at the Border Patrol checkpoints,” DeMaio said. “Oh, look at (Issa’s) contributors. These votes make evident sense on his side of the aisle. Which is, he’s got these big businesses saying, ‘yeah, yeah, tell your constituents whatever, but at the end of the day give us the amnesty.’”

Issa proposed a “middle ground” option in 2013 that would have given temporary six-year legal status to undocumented immigrants. He said in 2017 that he thought comprehensive immigration reform would ultimately make a border wall unnecessary, but did vote in favor of funding a border wall the next year.

DeMaio, a former San Diego city councilman who ran unsuccessfully for San Diego mayor in 2012 and began hosting a radio show on KOGO-AM 600 in 2015, also discussed his record in California with the gas tax repeal initiative and the successful recall of a lawmaker who voted in favor of the tax.

He called his targeting of former state Sen. Josh Newman, a Democrat who represented parts of Los Angeles, Orange and San

Bernardino counties, “the gazelle strategy.”

Newman, according to DeMaio, had cast the deciding vote in favor of the 12-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax that DeMaio tried to get repealed in 2018.

“I guess I had watched the ‘Animal Planet,’” he said of his name for the strategy.

He said he would have liked to recall everyone involved in the gas tax but that would have been unrealistic.

“What I’m gonna do is I’m gonna pick one – because we don’t have a lot of resources, we’re the rebellion – I’m gonna pick one, and I’m gonna find the one that’s the weakest and has done the worst stuff to us, and that was Newman, deciding vote on the gas tax and sanctuary state,” DeMaio. “And I said, like the lions, we’ve got to work together to take down the gazelle. So we found the slowest, gazelle, because he had won by only 2,000 votes. Boy, he was in such bad condition, not only was he the slowest gazelle, he only had three legs.”

Newman was recalled from office in June 2018 and replaced by Republican Ling Ling Chang, ending the Democrats’ supermajority in the California state Legislature that year. However, Democrats would go on to regain their supermajority in the general election just a few months later.

DeMaio blasted Democrats for the failure of his gas tax repeal initiative in November 2018.

“What they did was they changed the title at the very last minute,” he said. “They took ‘gas tax repeal’ off the title and then they put on ‘eliminates road repairs and transportation funds.’”

He called state-level Democrats “liars, cheats and thieves.”

“They stole our money, they lie about our money and then they figured out how to steal our votes and lie on the ballot,” DeMaio said.

Asked toward the end of the meeting about how he would support veterans, he said he would like to “strip members of Congress of their gold-plated health care, and they’re gonna be enrolled in (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) health care.”

“If you want to see change at the Veterans Affairs in improved care, force members of Congress to stand in a line, sit on the waiting list that our veterans have to wait through and get the crappy care that they’re receiving,” he said.

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An apparently-growing homeless population on Pico Promenade has spurred a potential plan to allow the Fallbrook Village Association to administer the privately-owned area and restrict access at night.

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permission, we just get the permission,” Moosa told Village News Jan. 20.

Moosa discussed the plan to have the Village Association take over the Promenade at the Fallbrook Revitalization Committee’s last meeting on Jan. 7.

At that meeting, he said the problems began in the Pico Promenade when the decision was made to close off the Village Association-run Jackie Heyneman Park at night, preventing people from sleeping there and encouraging some of them to move to the Promenade.

The plan to have the Village Association take over the Promenade arose, Moosa said, when it was discovered that the area is not actually county property as had originally been thought.

“The county basically said, ‘we have nothing to do with the Pico Promenade, we have an easement because there’s a stream there,’ which was a shock to us, we thought the county owned it,” Moosa said at the Revitalization Committee meeting. “In doing further research, the Pico Promenade is actually owned by the property owners that are adjacent to it, so it’s private property.”

The Promenade area, he said, was put together two to three decades ago by the Fallbrook Village Association, the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance and the

Fallbrook Land Conservancy’s Save Our Forest program, without any knowledge of the area’s true ownership.

While the fact that the Pico Promenade is actually private property came as a surprise, that fact actually creates a few advantages in helping to deal with the homelessness issue in that area, Moosa said, and allowing the Village Association to administer the area will streamline the process.

“Once you create one voice, you can go forward and get grants for lighting. You can start posting signs saying ‘the right to use this can be refused to anyone,’” he said. “You can actually open and close, saying ‘no trespassing after sunset or after 9 p.m.’ It gives you control.”

Reached by phone on Jan. 20, Moosa said if all of the property owners along the Pico Promenade agree, the Village Association would like to restrict access at night and install solar-powered night lighting.

Jackie Heyneman, namesake of Heyneman Park, longtime Fallbrook resident and founder of Save Our Forest, is helping to facilitate the process of going around to the property owners along the Pico Promenade to ask their permission to have the Village Association take over the space.

Heyneman said two property owners have already signed off on the plan.

“They are not asked for any

membership fee or anything,” Heyneman said. “The Village Association has emphasized this is at no cost to you, what we are seeking is your permission to pursue the solar lighting.”

Heyneman also said if the property owners all sign off, the Village Association would like to file letters with the sheriff’s department to investigate after-hours trespassing in the Pico Promenade.

Of course, one problem is that some of the homeless people who are kicked out of the Pico Promenade will likely just migrate to other areas of Fallbrook.

“We kicked them out of Heyneman Park and they moved to the Promenade and when they get kicked out of there, they’re gonna go somewhere else,” Moosa said.

There were about a dozen people who appeared to be living in the Pico Promenade on the afternoon of Jan. 20.

One person who is homeless and regularly spends time in the park, 31-year-old Alfonso Lopez, said he came to Fallbrook a couple of weeks ago from Vista.

In Fallbrook, he said, there’s less drug use and he has less fear of fights among other people living on the streets than he did in Vista. If he were kicked out of the Promenade, he said he and others wouldn’t know what to do.

“We don’t have any place to go right now,” Lopez said.

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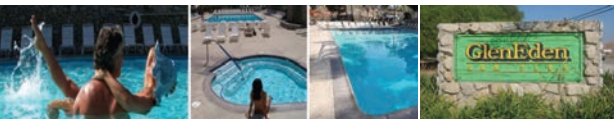
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From left, Steven Gilpin, John Feskanich, Ryan Hampel and Michael Visser take a picture at a photo booth provided by My San Diego North County during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort, Jan. 15.



Brenna Alexandre of Sullivan Solar Power provides information to guests attending the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.



People learn about a variety of businesses and organizations participating in the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.



Jon Frandell receives tax information from Tina Grewal, left, and Emmani Borrero of Liberty Tax during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.



Jackie Toppin, membership director of Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, meets guests as they enter the chamber's annual Business Expo where 31 area businesses distributed information on services and products.



Joyce Meeks of the Fallbrook Adult Transition Program for young adults with special needs and student Ricky Gilker provide information and sell knitted caps made by the program's students during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.



Kyle Adams of Prohibition Brewing Co. greets guests attending the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.



Miss Teen Fallbrook Stefanie Puerta helps draw raffle tickets for prizes for guests attending the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Pala Mesa Resort.

ENTERTAINMENT

Local crafters aid Australian animals

FALLBROOK – Some contributors to the nonprofit Fallbrook Blanket Project have crocheted nests for birds and small baby animals as requested by rescuers in Australia. The nests will be sent by a third party to a collection station in that country.

Many animals have been killed or injured in the wildfires that have been burning all over Australia. Specific types of yarn and patterns were used. This information is available from the free Hooks and Needles Group at Fallbrook Library during their weekly gatherings Mondays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Yarn and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Fallbrook Library is located at 124 S. Mission Road, in Fallbrook.

Submitted by Fallbrook Blanket Project.

Members of the Hooks and Needles Group display some of the nests they crocheted for animals affected by the wildfires in Australia, from left, standing, Sherry McFarland, Sheila Casteel, Marilyn Dyal, Diane Royer and, seated, Cathy Wick.



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Local music students put on recital

FALLBROOK – Pianists and vocalists performed a recital at the Fallbrook Christian Science Church Sunday, Jan. 12.

The program included classical pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Czerny, Dvorak, Scott Joplin and show tunes from “Cats,” “Cinderella,” “Fame JR,” “Kismet,” “Lion King” and “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.”

The other selections were popular songs and movie themes by Barry Manilow, Joe Brooks, Bill Withers, John Barry, Hamlisch/Bayer Sager, Webster/Fain and the Fabers.

Submitted by Natasha Ragland.

Performers in the recital include, from left, Natasha Ragland, Roxanne Constandse, Nanette Smets, Bridget Constandse, Crystal Lopez, Margaret Singleton, the Rev. Walt Leverette, Marilee Ragland and Jack Ragland.



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Major improvements coming to the Hemet Ramona Bowl Amphitheater this year

Tony Ault
Staff Writer

The Ramona Bowl may undergo some needed improvements in the next year thanks to the James and Marilyn Latham trust fund, more than 100 guests learned at the annual Ramona President's Dinner, Friday, Jan. 17.

Lori VanArsdale, past president of the Ramona Bowl Amphitheater, made the announcement during the special event at the Maze Stone Restaurant at the Soboba Country Club in San Jacinto.

According to VanArsdale, the trust will provide funds for the modification of the Ramona Bowl Museum, the grounds and restoration of an historic fresco of Ramona and Alessandro found on the museum wall and, in the future, remodeling the amphitheater's Hacienda House and offices.

In addition to the improvements, VanArsdale said the update will install California's first Literary Landmark plaque for a woman, honoring the literary life of "Ramona" author Helen Hunt Jackson to the Ramona Bowl and another at the Hemet Library. The event would include a gala unveiling party.

The fresco on the museum wall was painted by famous muralist Milford Stone in 1942, showing Jackson's Ramona character, a Scottish and Indian girl, dancing with Felipe Moreno as her true lover Alessandro Assis, a young Native American sheepherder, sadly watches with his friends.

VanArsdale said a few years ago a family representative from the Latham trust came down to tell them about how important the fresco etched on the museum's wall is today.

"We learned it was a national treasure," VanArsdale said.

After that surprise, the trust offered not only to help with the restoration of the fresco but with other needed gift shops and courtyard improvements.

"I want to say how incredibly blessed we are with the Bowl, and all of you, which makes 'Ramona' happen every year, year in and year out," VanArsdale said.

She thanked the city, local businesses and organizations who help with the outdoor play at the Bowl.

"But the bottom line is this trust has committed to do a whole lot of things at the Bowl and the first thing is the restoration of the fresco," she said.

A local art restorer, with the help of the trust, is now working on the wall-sized fresco located in a portion of the museum, slowly cleaning off the paint and plaster that covered the lower half of the fresco. The lower portion of the fresco was painted and plastered over because desks and other furniture had left ugly marks on the art piece.

VanArsdale introduced the architects who are now working on plans to restore the Hacienda building and the courtyard to its original splendor and making it more actor friendly by the time the first 2020 "Ramona" play opens in the spring, (April 18-19, 25-26, and May 2-3). She said the trust talked about matching funds for future improvements to the Ramona Bowl in Hemet.

"As we go through this, we certainly want to honor their names (the Lathams) and what they did for us, but we also want to honor the legendary people who have been at the bowl trying to keep it together for so many years. Trying to help us make things happen. And now that we have longer ones (goals) and shorter ones, people can help us when we

start our matching fund process," VanArsdale said.

The "Ramona" pageant is now in its 97th year with the Centennial coming in 2023.

VanArsdale said, "I am eternally grateful for this friend of mine and this estate for doing so much for us as we march toward our Centennial. So get ready, get set and go!"

Stacey Bailey, president of Ramona Bowl Amphitheater, called on Dennis Anderson, artistic director of the "Ramona" play, to introduce many from the 2020 cast, bringing them to the stage. The cowboys, which are a longtime mainstay of the play including Dan Ferguson, who plays accused rancher Jim Ferrar, were first to take the stage, followed by the actors in major roles.

Playing Alessandro again this year is actor Eli Santana, and Kayla Contreras will play Ramona. Santana was unable to attend and sent a video greeting from Germany where he is performing.

Anderson introduced the newest cast member Monica Reichi, who will be the live narrator as the daughter of Alessandro and Ramona. Other new actors this year were introduced, including Bret Cherland as Felipe, Debradawn Shockey as Marda, Jesse Bouchard as Margarita, Matthew Clark as Luigo, Julianne Cherland as Dolores, Laura Cherland as Aunt Ri and Ray Henderson as Joe.

Almost all the cast positions have been filled, VanArsdale said, except for one of the cowboys.

Returning to their roles are Daniel Martinez as Juan, Robert Leibovich as Padre Salvatierra, Randy Dawkins as Padre Gaspara, Rafael Ojeda as Ysidro, Teresa Seaton as Mara, Jim Bouchard as Jefferson Hyer, Mike Thomas as Kit Carson and Jake in a duel role, Eric Cervantes as Captain Merrill, Steve Silkotch Jr. as Curly, Jesse Nechochea as Jose, Greg Bruce as Yank, Sal Baneulos as Captain Hernandez, David Sandoval as Lt. Sandoval and cowboys Mark Smith and Cy Ringel. The fiesta soloist is Linda Grelich.

Also playing in the fiestas and other special portions of the play are the Red Tail Spirit Dancers, the Rock Indians, fiesta dancers and other entertainment groups.

The Ramona Bowl's board of directors also asked the guests to remember three board members who died recently, Phil Brigandi, Steve Covington and Irene Cordova. They were longtime supporters of the Ramona Bowl and the pageant. Bailey listed many of their accomplishments during their time on the board.

Tony Ault can be reached by email at tault@reedermedia.com.

Cowboy Dan Ferguson, who will play Jim Ferrar in the spring "Ramona" plays, looks over the Ramona President's Dinner at the Soboba Country Club.

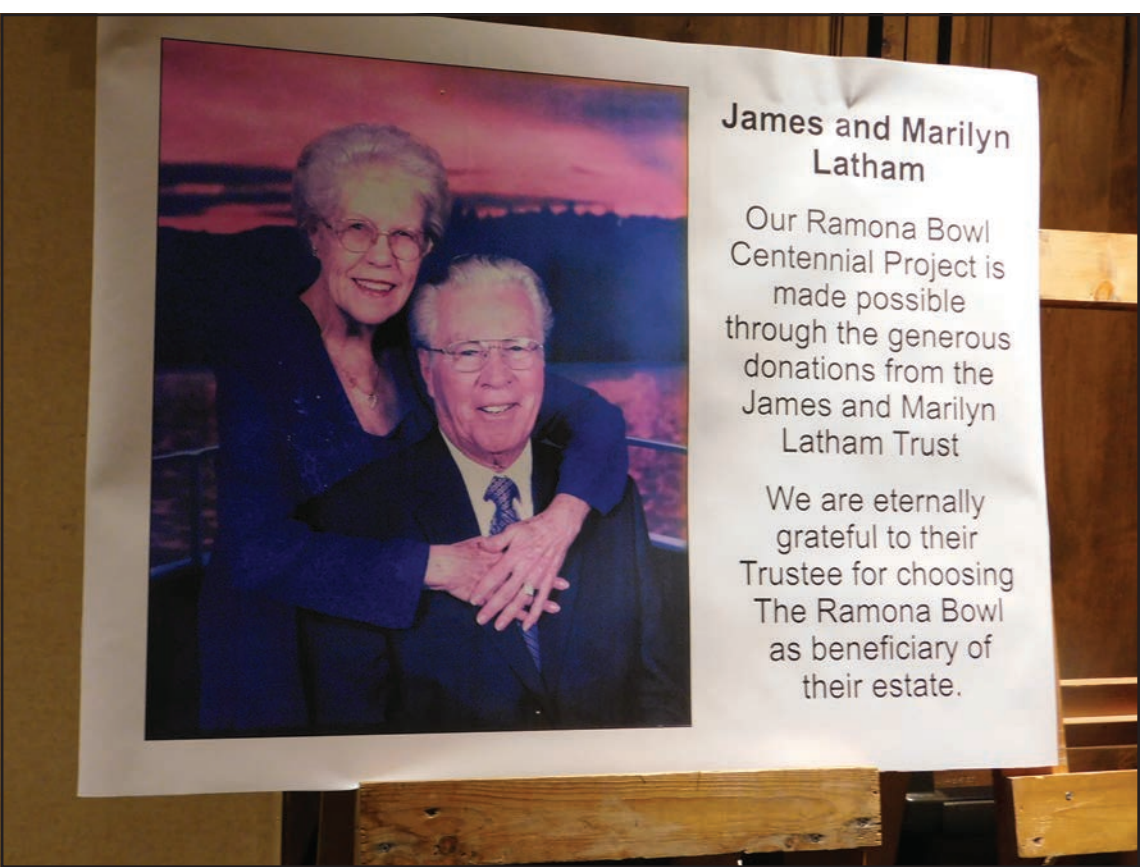
This poster shows the late James and Marilyn Latham, who set up a trust fund to renovate the Ramona Bowl Amphitheater offices, its court and a rare fresco.



This artist's rendering, shown on a movie screen, shows how the Ramona Bowl Courtyard will look like before the spring "Ramona" plays begin in the Ramona Bowl Amphitheater.



A master art restorer works to carefully scrape off the coat of white paint covering the lower half of a rare fresco of a "Ramona" play scene done by Milford Stone in 1942 on a wall of the Ramona Bowl museum.



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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2019-9029184
Name of Business
GD GIRL WT
1708 E. Mission Rd, Apt B, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Norma A. Aguirre, 1708 E. Mission Rd, Apt B, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 10/25/19
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON 12/09/19
LEGAL: 5177
PUBLISHED: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2019-9029140
Name of Business
RANCHO SOLEDAD
39695 Berg Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Emma S. Urueta-Ruiz, 39695 Berg Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. M. Cristina León, 39695 Berg Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by Co-Partners
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 01/01/75
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON 12/09/19
LEGAL: 5178
PUBLISHED: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000014
Name of Business
TEAM PROKENNEX
2872 South Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Event Management Solutions, Inc., 2872 South Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is located in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 02, 2020
LEGAL: 5179
PUBLISHED: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000015
Name of Business
a. THE PAINTBALL PARK AT CAMP PENDLETON
b. CAMP PENDLETON PLAYLAND
1700 T1 Vandegrift Blvd., Oceanside, CA 92058
Mailing address: 2872 South Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Event Management Solutions, Inc., 2872 South Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is located in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 07/22/09
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 02, 2020
LEGAL: 5180
PUBLISHED: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2019-9029739
Name of Business
CALIFORNIA PORSCHE RESTORATION INTERNET SALES
311 Industrial Way #1, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Andrea Nicole Doherty, 3192 Caminita Cortina, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 04/18/2008
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec. 17, 2019
LEGAL: 5181
PUBLISHED: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2019-9030327
Name of Business
MG FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SOLUTIONS
100 E. San Marcos Blvd, Suite 400, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Marathon Group Financial, Inc., 100 E. San Marcos Blvd, Suite 400, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is located in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 06/02/2015
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec. 24, 2019
LEGAL: 5182
PUBLISHED: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000153
Name of Business
a. BE4VETS
b. BIRDIES AND EAGLES FOR VETERANS
248 Calle Bolero, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Rodaylin Mina, 248 Calle Bolero, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 1/2/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 03, 2020
LEGAL: 5183
PUBLISHED: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

Abandonment Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number: 2020-9000863
Fictitious Business Names To Be Abandoned:
OCEANA RESALES & RENTALS
531-B Vista Bella, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 03/29/2019 and assigned File No. 2019- 9008231
The fictitious business name is being abandoned by:
Mary C. Stiger, 404 Alyssum Way, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 10, 2020
LEGAL: 5191
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000523
Name of Business
VITALITY SKIN CARE
3876 Pala Mesa Dr., Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Monica Jean Beaudoin, 3876 Pala Mesa Dr., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 08, 2020
LEGAL: 5184
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000627
Name of Business
WHAPLES REALTY
3355 Corte Del Cruce, Carlsbad, CA 92009
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Todd Andrew Whaples, 3355 Corte Del Cruce, Carlsbad, CA 92009
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 01/08/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 08, 2020
LEGAL: 5185
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000486
Name of Business
ROMIGLIO RIDGE WINERY
1651 Scooter Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Romiglio Ridge, L.L.C., 1651 Scooter Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 01/06/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 07, 2020
LEGAL: 5186
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000723
Name of Business
DIVISION ENGINEERING
420 S. Orange Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Emiliano Vargas, 420 S. Orange 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 Jan, 09, 2020
LEGAL: 5187
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000630
Name of Business
IRON MEDITATION
114 E. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Max Alonso Zeledon, 31743 Via Sallio, Temecula, CA 92592
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 01/03/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 08, 2020
LEGAL: 5188
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2019-9030279
Name of Business
POOL WIZARD POOL & SPA SVC
30463 Bogart Pl, Temecula, CA 92591
County: Riverside
This business is registered by the following:
Jose Cazarez, 30463 Bogart Pl, Temecula, CA 92591
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 12/23/19
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec. 23, 2019
LEGAL: 5189
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000864
Name of Business
OCEANA RESALES AND RENTALS
2544 Los Alisos S., Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Kirk Allen Johnson, 2544 Los Alisos S., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 1/9/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 10, 2020
LEGAL: 5190
PUBLISHED: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2020-00001370-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
Petitioner:
JOSE LUIS MONTEJO ANDRES
Present Name:
JOSE LUIS ANTONIO ANDRES
Proposed Name:
JOSE LUIS MONTEJO ANDRES
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: March 3 2020 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: 23
The address of the court is 325 South Melrose Drive, Vista, California 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
Date: JAN 09 2020 Signed: Sim von Kalinowski, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5193
PUBLISHED: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9000246
Name of Business
LIVE OAK PARK COALITION
2476 Reche Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: P.O. Box 2974, Fallbrook, CA 92088
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Live Oak Park Coalition, 2476 Reche Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 09/25/95
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan. 06, 2020
LEGAL: 5192
PUBLISHED: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2020

T.S. No. 19-0726-11 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
注：本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다 NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LU'U Y: KÈM THEO ĐẦY LÀ BÀN TRÌNH BÀY TÒM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(d)(1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/9/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: GREGORY L. MARCUM AND STACEY L. MARCUM, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP. Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 5/12/2017 as Instrument No. 2017-0215460 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3661 ALTA VISTA DR FALLBROOK, CA 92028 A.P.N.: 123-252-21-00 Date of Sale: 3/13/2020 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$598,738.14, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.Xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-0726-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 1/9/2020 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 2955 Main Street, 2nd Floor Irvine, California 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: 1-800-758-8052 www.Xome.com Sindy Clements, Foreclosure Officer PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE WOLF FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0366148 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 01/23/2020, 01/30/2020, 02/06/2020

APN: 220-233-72-21 TS No: CA06000161-19-1 TO No: 190962626-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2)). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 26, 2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 27, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-0501731, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by CURTIS J JOHNSON AND ERIKA C JOHNSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 208 WOODLAND PARKWAY #209, SAN MARCOS, CA 92069 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$304,714.58 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA06000161-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 01/03/2020 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA06000161-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Frances DePalma, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 68222, Pub Dates: 01/16/2020, 01/23/2020, 01/30/2020, VILLAGE NEWS

T.S. No. 19-58087 APN: 164-162-20-00

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/20/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **DEVIN W. SPILLERS A SINGLE MAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 9/30/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0848094, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, Date of Sale: **2/14/2020** at 9:00 AM
Place of Sale:

Entrance of the East County Regional Center, East County Regional Center, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020

Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$189,291.63**

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.

Street Address or other common designation of real property:

**304 EDDIE DRIVE
VISTA, California 92083**

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EDUCATION

Stahlheber, Garcia honored as Bonsall Rotary Students of the Month



Allie Stahlheber poses for a photo with Bonsall Rotary Club members and her father, Village News/Jeff Pack photo right, during the Bonsall Rotary Student of the Month breakfast at Pala Mesa Resort Thursday, Jan. 16.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Bonsall High School students Allie Stahlheber and Clowie Garcia were honored Thursday, Jan. 16, during the Bonsall Rotary Club’s Student of the Month Breakfast at Pala Mesa Resort. The breakfast recognizes the

distinguished students for their scholastic achievement, citizenship and community involvement during the school year. While Stahlheber was in attendance and addressed the rotary club members in attendance, Garcia was unable to attend. The event takes place monthly and is intended to feature up to

five students each month selected by the committee of Jon Rilling, Cynthia Gray and John Del-Zio. The event is sponsored by Lilac Hills Ranch. The rotary club said more students will be honored in February. *Jeff Pack can be reached by email at jpack@reedermedia.com.*

Quilt guild offers scholarship

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Quilt Guild is delighted to offer a scholarship of \$1,500 to a graduating high school senior living in this geographic area. Applicants must be planning on attending an accredited university or college during the 2020-2021 school year. Disbursement of the funds will be made directly to the college or university after proof of enrollment has been submitted to the guild representative. The short application can be found on the guild’s website: <http://www.fallbrookquiltguild.com> and by clicking on the link labeled philanthropy, and scholarship. Applications must be received by Feb. 28 and must be submitted via electronic mail to nhill@cnw.com.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Quilt Guild.

College towns depend on accurate count of students living in area



Census Bureau photo

America Counts Staff

A freshman living on campus in student housing. A junior varsity athlete sharing an off-campus house with teammates. A senior living solo in an off-campus apartment.

Even though many residents of a typical American college town might move away after they graduate, they have to be counted while they live there.

College towns across the country depend on students’ responses to the census. The reason is census results help determine how much federal funding communities will receive over the next 10 years.

A complete and accurate count in 2020 is so important that the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring an estimated 500,000 temporary employees to ensure everyone is counted.

multiple times about the different ways to respond to the census.

Students living in private off-campus housing

Students who live in off-campus housing that is not designed specifically for students – such as a rental apartment or house – need to respond to the census themselves. They should not count on their landlord to fill out a 2020 census questionnaire.

Residents of every housing unit should work together to fill out one questionnaire per household. They should include all roommates – nonstudents, too – who live and sleep in the home most of the time.

The census will ask a few questions about each resident, such as age on Census Day April 1, sex and date of birth.

Residents of housing designed for students

Students who live in campus dormitories and residence halls, university-recognized sorority and fraternity houses, or off-campus housing designed specifically for students such as a privately owned apartment complex with individual student leases or a university-owned apartment complex for students and their families) will be counted as part of the 2020 Census Group Quarters Enumeration operation.

A representative of each group quarters will be given several choices for how to handle counting the students who are living there. They can:

Have a census taker drop off paper questionnaires to a representative of the building. The representative will give each student a questionnaire and collect them after they are completed. Then, the census taker will return to pick them up from the representative.

Have a representative of the building complete one form listing all students, compiled using data from administrative records. The representative has the option to complete a version of this form online using a secure portal, or to have a census taker pick up a paper version from them.

Give a census taker permission to knock on doors and conduct one-on-one interviews with students. This is much less common.

“How students participate is largely dependent on the method chosen by the school’s contact person, which is the case for all group quarter facilities because of privacy and security concerns,” Judy Belton, who is in charge of 2020 Census special enumerations at the Census Bureau, said.

The goal is to ensure that all students will be able to participate and be counted in the 2020 census. The Utah Complete Count Committee is encouraging student associations across the state to form their own committees to help inform students about why and how they need to complete the 2020 census.

College students looking to get involved in 2020 can also apply online for part-time census jobs, which range in pay from \$13 to \$30 an hour, at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html>. These jobs are a great opportunity for students to earn extra income while completing their studies – and to help ensure their college town is counted in 2020.

“College students will come into these communities and certainly they’ll use the services, they’ll have an impact on that town,” Curtis said. “We want to make sure for planning purposes that we understand the makeup of our communities.”

“I have the recruiting staff go to the student unions at least once a week (if the schools allow them to) and set up a recruiting table,” Marquette Youngblood, recruiting coordinator in the Dallas Regional Census Center, said.

Recruiters also go to other high-traffic areas “like the school gym to recruit students on campus while they are grabbing lunch or taking a break during the day to work out,” he said.

Students in college towns use critical local resources, including roads, public transportation and health clinics.

Getting funds for those resources, however, depends on making sure students are counted in the right place each census. And in most instances, if they’re not living at their parents’ home, chances are the right place is in the town where they attend school. Basically, a student’s “home” is where they currently live while attending college.

“Young college students may be going off on their own for the first time, and when they see a postcard or a census worker and are asked to take the census, they may not understand that they’re supposed to take it where they’re living,” Evan Curtis, state planning coordinator and co-chair of the Utah Complete Count Committee, said. “They’re not just supposed to assume that their mom or dad will fill it in for them at home.”

The Utah committee is one of many such Complete Count Committees across the country working to educate their communities about the importance of responding to the 2020 census – and how to accurately respond.

Where is “home” for college students?

When responding to the 2020 census, college students should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020.

For most students that means in their college town, not back home with their parents.

Parents or guardians should only include children in college who live with them full time during the school year.

They should not list college students studying or living abroad April 1.

It will be easier than ever for college students and other internet users to respond to the 2020 census. For the first time, most people can respond online. They can also respond by phone or by mail, if they prefer.

Up to five invitations to respond to the 2020 census will be mailed to all addresses beginning in mid-March. Residents of apartments or houses will receive information

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NATIONAL

Over 22,000 Second Amendment advocates converge peacefully on Virginia’s State Capitol

Bowen Xiao
The Epoch Times

At least 22,000 Second Amendment advocates hailing from across the country assembled at Virginia’s State Capitol building to rally against a slew of gun control proposals that are in the process of passing through the Democrat-controlled state legislature.

The mood throughout the Jan. 20 gun rights rally, also known as “Lobby Day” was upbeat, and Capitol police said there were no arrests or injuries reported as of 1 p.m. The rally, organized annually by the Virginia Citizens Defense League, a nonprofit grassroots organization whose goal is to advance the right to keep and bear arms, concluded peacefully just after noon.

Some Second Amendment advocates and gun rights supporters spent the morning inside the Pocahontas building, conveying their concerns to delegates and, more often than not, their staff members, as many of the delegates weren’t present. VCDL members led these groups as they spoke to legislative staff about what they described as an “injustice.”

Authorities said an estimated 22,000 people in total showed up. Overhead, security looked down from rooftops on nearby buildings and on the Capitol itself.

“I didn’t want to see innocent people punished for the crimes of the guilty, and that’s what these

gun laws do,” Cody Claxton from Annandale, Virginia, told The Epoch Times. “The goal is to convince our delegates that these laws are going to create a bigger problem than [any] they try to solve and, hopefully, get them to think twice.”

Claxton was in one of many small groups of roughly a dozen people who went around to each office in the building trying to persuade the delegates to drop their push for stricter gun control legislation.

“It was a very informative session,” Sandra W. Brandt, the chief of staff to Nancy Dahlman Guy, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, told The Epoch Times. “I was glad to hear the views of those individuals concerning their gun rights. I know that many folks want good legislation.”

Outside the building, the crowds grew larger by the minute as chants of “Northam out” erupted periodically. They were referring to Virginia Democrat Gov. Ralph Northam who has vowed to push a slew of gun control bills, including red flag laws, universal background checks and a limit to purchase only one handgun a month.

Democrats won control of both chambers of the state Legislature in the November elections and have vowed to enact stronger gun control legislation. They believe that stricter legislation will help reduce shootings and deaths and “break the cycle” of gun violence.

Some gun control advocates also showed up during the rally, but things went peacefully without incident.

A portion of gun rights supporters openly carried their arms in the surrounding street and chose not to enter the Capitol so as to not violate a temporary weapons ban by Northam, who had earlier declared a state of emergency over what he said were “credible threats of violence surrounding the event,” citing intelligence. Many gun rights advocates donned makeshift military gear and long rifles.

“With a stroke of a pen, every one of these people would be felons – that’s not fair. That’s not good for anybody,” Justin Dorton, who came from North Carolina, told The Epoch Times. Dorton was one of many carrying their rifles openly.

“Nobody here wants violence; a gun is used to protect you,” he said. “The Second Amendment is not a government-given right, it’s a God-given right.”

Just before noon, a number of speakers organized by VCDL spoke on the Capitol steps as lawmakers watched. One of the speakers was Steven Willeford, the man who helped take down a gunman at a Texas church shooting in 2017.

“I think they all need to go away,” Willeford told The Epoch Times, referring to the gun control proposals. “You can’t have a police officer everywhere all the time.”



Gun rights activists take part in a rally in Richmond, Virginia, Jan. 20. Samira Bouaou/The Epoch Times photo



Republican Sandra W. Brandt, the chief of staff to Nancy Dahlman Guy, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, is at the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond.

2020 hopefuls stuck in Washington deploy surrogates for help

Alexandra Jaffe
The Associated Press

Steve Sovern had low expectations for a recent event he hosted to support Elizabeth Warren’s presidential campaign. Iowans are legendary for expecting to meet White House hopefuls in person – multiple times – and the candidate wasn’t going to be there, represented instead by California Rep. Katie Porter.

“Surrogates are usually not much of a draw,” Sovern said.

But 45 people crammed into Sovern’s Cedar Rapids condo, and Porter, an Iowa native, made such a strong case for Warren that several undecided voters left the event saying they planned to caucus for the Democratic senator from Massachusetts.

Porter is one of dozens of surrogates who have deployed across the early voting states in recent weeks to expand the footprint of White House hopefuls before the Iowa caucuses usher in the Democratic contest in less than two weeks. They’ll become even more important this week as four senators running for president will be stuck in Washington to serve as jurors for President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial.

Progressive star Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democratic congresswoman from New York, will appear in Iowa this weekend on behalf of Sen. Bernie Sanders. “Queer Eye” host Jonathan Van Ness will also be in Iowa stumping for Warren in addition to Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who will be in New Hampshire.

And more than a dozen supporters of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, for instance, will hold a news conference Tuesday, Jan. 21, on the steps of the New Hampshire state capitol.

Facing the unprecedented situation of being sidelined from campaigning in the critical final stretch before voting, these proxies can help fill in the gap.

“Surrogates generally stump for the candidate when they can’t be in two places at once, or go out on their own to drum up grassroots energy,” Jennifer Rosenbaum said, who was deputy national surrogate director for Barack Obama’s 2012 campaign.

But the stand-ins fill other

needs as well.

For some candidates, surrogates help keep their hands clean of controversy by acting as an attack dog. Former Housing Secretary Julián Castro quickly endorsed Warren after he withdrew from the race. He called out her rivals by name during a recent campaign swing through Iowa, saying neither Sanders nor Joe Biden are as widely acceptable to Democrats. Warren herself rarely mentions her opponents on the stump unless she’s prompted by a voter or reporter.

As Biden fended off attacks this month from Sanders about his 2002 vote authorizing the Iraq War, John Kerry was on hand in Iowa. Kerry served two purposes, vouching for Biden’s foreign policy knowledge as a former secretary of state and appealing to Iowans as someone who won the 2004 Democratic caucuses.

Surrogates also offer reassurance to voters that the candidate understands and will pay attention to local issues. While every candidate has picked up a handful of endorsements from local Iowa elected officials and state lawmakers, Biden has some of the biggest Iowa names on his team: former Gov. Tom Vilsack and his wife, Christie; Attorney General Tom Miller; and Rep. Abby Finkenauer. All have appeared on the trail with him in recent weeks.

Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, picked up the endorsement of retiring Rep. Dave Loebsack, who will introduce him across Iowa this week.

“An Iowa endorsement gives you some credibility there,” Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who came in third in the 2004 Iowa caucuses, said.

Surrogates can also offer personal testimony of a candidate’s best qualities and why they are qualified to be president.

Jill Biden, Joe Biden’s wife, is a constant fixture on the trail, with the campaign deploying her in recent weeks across Iowa to woo undecided voters. During an earlier visit to the state, she told the crowd about a woman who made sandwiches for her and her husband near their home in Delaware contributing to the campaign.

Jane O’Meara Sanders will campaign on behalf of her husband next weekend in Nevada while he is



In this Jan. 9, file photo, former Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at a campaign stop to support Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden at the Biden for President Fort Dodge Office in Fort Dodge, Iowa. AP /Andrew Harnik photo

likely stuck in Washington.

Klobuchar’s daughter was dispatched over the weekend to campaign for her mother in New Hampshire, and Klobuchar joked on the stump in Iowa that she hoped her daughter was wearing a coat in the cold. Warren has sent her husband, Bruce Mann, to stump for her in Iowa as well.

Both are likely to make appearances on behalf of the respective campaigns as the impeachment trial plays out.

Surrogates can also bring a dash of star power to the campaign trail to keep voters engaged. Sanders has some of the biggest names in music and movies on his team, and recently actor Danny Glover campaigned for him in South Carolina while the senator was in Iowa.

Andrew Yang, meanwhile, brought actor, comedian and rapper Donald Glover onto his team as a creative consultant, after the two hosted a pop-up shop in Los Angeles featuring merchandise Glover designed as a fundraiser for the campaign. Comedian and actor Dave Chappelle was also backing Yang and planned to hold two shows this month to benefit his campaign.

Judy Sheindlin, the reality television star known as Judge Judy, recently hit the trail with Michael Bloomberg.

Celebrities don’t have to appear in person to boost their candidate. A video that soccer champion Megan Rapinoe tweeted of her phone call with Warren received 1.8 million

views. A conversation Sanders had with rapper Cardi B in a Detroit nail salon racked up 2.3 million views on Twitter.

High-wattage backers don’t always help. Actress Susan Sarandon has been a high-profile surrogate for Sanders since his 2016 campaign and has drawn headlines for her outspoken critiques of the Democratic Party and occasional off-color comments. During an event for Sanders in New Hampshire earlier this month, she sparked controversy when she said that “without unions ... we’d be right back to slavery, probably, with no ability to negotiate, with no standards of safety.”

And campaigns sometimes have to make sure that the surrogate isn’t a bigger draw than the candidate. Actress and singer Mandy Moore recently introduced Buttigieg at a rally at Iowa State University, telling the crowd that he’s “such an original” that she doesn’t “think Hollywood even knows what to do with him.”

Dana Cady, a 19-year-old sophomore at Principia College in Illinois who flew out to Iowa to see Buttigieg speak with a group of her classmates, said they all had to look up Moore when they saw she was appearing with the candidate. Cady knew Moore from “Tangled,” the Disney movie where the actress voices the protagonist – but she was more dazzled by the politician than the celebrity.

“I personally really like Pete. I did not need Mandy Moore to win me over,” she said.

Supreme Court stays out of dispute over grand jury secrecy

The Associated Press
Special to Village News

The Supreme Court refused Tuesday, Jan. 21, to get involved in a dispute about judges’ authority to order the disclosure of secret grand jury material in rare circumstances.

The court turned away an appeal from an 82-year-old researcher who is seeking grand jury records from the late 1950s.

The justices’ order does not affect an ongoing court battle over House Democrats’ quest for access to grand jury materials from special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation. The Mueller grand jury fight turns on the House’s argument that it is entitled to the records as part of President Donald Trump’s impeachment inquiry, which it contends is a judicial proceeding. Rules that govern the federal courts specifically allow disclosure for a judicial proceeding.

The issue in the case that the justices rejected is whether federal judges have authority on their own to make exceptions to grand jury secrecy in some instances, including when a case is of great historical interest.

That’s the situation in the case of Stuart McKeever, who has spent 40 years investigating the disappearance of a critic of the longtime Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo. McKeever is seeking records of a Washington grand jury that investigated Jesus de Galindez’s disappearance in the late 1950s.

A federal judge sided with McKeever, but a panel of the federal appeals court in Washington divided 2-1 in ruling that judges have no authority, outside of specific exceptions, to release grand jury records. Appeals courts in New York, Chicago and Atlanta have ruled that judges do have the power to order disclosure.

Inside the new Myrtle Boutique, Al Fresca Patio, Art of Life and Harlow's in Bonsall



Myrtle Boutique is now open for business at its new location in Bonsall.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

While the closing of Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens and Nursery in Fallbrook is a sad one for many locals, the opening of Trademark Venues' new location at the old San Luis Rey Golf Club may ease the pain.

Walking onto the property, the overall feel of the property still reminds one of the old golf course, but upon entering the courtyard, visitors notice the foliage and displays that are so reminiscent of the old Myrtle Creek property.

Stepping into the Myrtle Boutique, it's hard to remember that it used to be a pro shop back in the day, as it now is decorated in much the same way it was at Myrtle Creek. The shop is packed with much of the same items – plants, soaps and candles and gifts – that were featured in Fallbrook, including the popular Myrtle Creek jams and jellies and sauces.

"We're still a work in progress," Trademark Venues marketing director Kevin MacGregor said during a tour of the property.

The gift shop is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the winter, and hours will expand to 7 p.m. during the summer.

He walked us around the Al Fresca Patio, an outdoor seating area still cordoned off by the old golf bag racks where duffers would store their clubs before hitting the course, but now surrounded by farm tables and smaller tables that create quaint spots for dining. They will bring in heat lamps soon for colder days and the space will be used for wedding receptions as well.

Beyond the buildings now sits a "grassy spot" which is now artificial turf that overlooks the rest of the former golf course which MacGregor said will be used for events on the property.

There are long, custom farm tables as well, meant to accommodate large groups.

MacGregor said the property is a work in progress, of course, but they wanted to show the community gratitude for welcoming them into the space.

"It's nothing to rush, we just

wanted to set a solid foundation," he said.

Moving onto Harlow's Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant, MacGregor stopped to show off the reception area for the soon-to-be-completed Art of Life Hotel, Weddings and Events. Not open yet, the concierge area is just left of the restaurant's front door.

"When we took over this property, I'm sure you know that portions of the buildings were disused for four or five years," MacGregor said. "They just need a little more time and love."

The final touches are being put on the 26-room hotel as well, and MacGregor promised an inside look to the Village News before it opens for business.

Stepping into Harlow's, one is immediately struck by the unique design of the facility. While the name implies a Roaring '20s theme, the pieces included and the design of the restaurant aren't overly kitschy.

Everywhere you look are vintage print pieces, unique antique pieces, including bronze vintage cash registers and seating arrangements.

The bar area seems unchanged from when the spot served as the 19th hole for many golfers in the area. Except when you take a closer look and notice the repairs and improvements made throughout.

The bartenders wear understated period-style clothing with vests and Irish flat caps while serving up a wide array of cocktails as well as standard bar fare.

"We kept the bar the same, of course; it's so classic," MacGregor said.

There is also a bakery inside the building that will sell treats during operating hours.

Bar seating is plentiful and separated from the formal dining area by a large built-in wall. Comfortable low chairs and tables, where guests can also have dinner, sit in front of a slatted wood wall with a simple vintage television showing old television shows.

The space in front of the wall will also be used when they have live music on the property, which will help project the sound into the bar and restaurant and away from

neighbors.

If visitors look close enough, they can find old pieces leftover from the old San Luis Rey Downs Golf Club days placed strategically around the bar and restaurant.

When dining, check in with a host just inside the front doors. The restaurant is beautifully designed to accommodate groups as well as couples. Tables line the windows that overlook the open space, and there are booths nicely placed throughout to provide a sense of privacy while dining.

There is also a separate room with a long table available for private events and celebrations.

"We're just trying to pay homage to what this place used to be, while just kind of revitalizing it a little bit," MacGregor said.

MacGregor said the design team took great care to produce something truly unique to the area while not venturing too far from the location's roots.

"The community has been super grateful and excited," he said. "The neighbors keep coming even just for a drink – but we already have regulars – some people have been like six, seven, nine times already."

However, MacGregor said, the golf carts that would have been seen parked outside maybe 10 years ago are not back.

"But we've been welcomed with open arms," he said. "People are just excited that this disused place is now something that is beautiful, a fun place to be. The food is phenomenal."

MacGregor said the restaurant was full Friday and Saturday nights, even though they weren't officially open.

"We didn't really announce the opening, people just kind of came," he said. "The response has just been incredible."

Harlow's Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. Reservations are encouraged by calling (760) 871-4564.

The entire facility is located at 31474 Golf Club Drive in Bonsall.

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You can peek into Harlow's Cocktails, Bar & Restaurant from the Al Fresca Patio.



The views are great from the window seating at Harlow's Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant in Bonsall.



There is plenty of booth and table seating at Harlow's Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant in Bonsall.

REAL ESTATE AND HOME & GARDEN

Donovan given Community Collaboration award by I Love A Clean San Diego

FALLBROOK – “It was an honor to thank Marta Donovan for her work bringing the community together through our Community Collaboration award,” Nik Kennedy of I Love a Clean San Diego said.

The award honors partnerships between nonprofits, municipalities, residents and corporations that support ILACSD’s mission. Donovan, Fallbrook Beautification Alliance board member, graffiti abatement coordinator and Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free coordinator, was selected for the award in November 2019 after a full year of building partnerships within North County.

Early in 2019, Donovan brought ILACSD together with FBA to promote a new program, Keeping Fallbrook Litter-Free, which was in itself a collaborative effort between FBA, local residents and business stakeholders.

Later in the year, Donovan expanded the group’s reach by working with representatives in both De Luz and Bonsall. Through her efforts, FBA collaborated with Lyssa and Jack Flaherty of Flaherty’s Charities in Bonsall and Julie and Jean-Luc Annet who started Keep De Luz Beautiful and longtime Adopt-A-Road volunteers Joe and Rosemarie

Beyer.

The efforts allowed us to “create a fantastic partnership network, and through the hard work of these individuals build our volunteer network and bring more members of the community to make an impact on the North County region” Kennedy said. Sixteen group cleanups where held in 2019 in and around Fallbrook.

Fallbrook borders two watersheds, Donovan said, the Santa Margarita and San Luis Rey watersheds.

“Partnering with our neighbors to the North (the DeLuz Team) and the South (the Bonsall Team) is a wonderful opportunity to protect our watershed in a collaborative volunteer effort,” Donovan said.

Following on the heels of Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free program, the Annets started a Keep De Luz Beautiful initiative and in early 2019 presented a signage program to the De Luz Community Services District to raise awareness about littering and dumping. Signs were approved and installed in 2019 around De Luz.

“While the signs alone won’t stop everyone from littering, if they give even a small percentage of the people that litter pause and stop them from doing so, they are

having a positive impact,” Julie Annet said. “The initiative was started with a desire to protect and beautify our community by removing trash and debris from our streets and surrounding wilderness. We have volunteer events and also receive trash pickup services from the Riverside County Department of Waste Services, through the assistance of our county Supervisor Kevin Jeffries.”

Jack and Lyssa Flaherty have been Bonsall residents since 1969, and run seven local not-for-profit organizations. Each one focuses on community service, local youth, local arts and healthy activities. They chair Flaherty’s charities: the Miss Bonsall Pageant, the Bonsall Community Foundation for the Arts and the Vista Skatepark Coalition, to name a few.

The Flahertys are the Bonsall site captains for the annual ILACSD Creek to Bay Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup Days. In addition, they have added three additional Bonsall Community Cleanup Days to the calendar each year. Miss Bonsall and the Watershed Warriors, along with ILACSD, clean Old River Road from the Bonsall Community Church to the historic Old Bonsall Bridge. Part of the Miss Bonsall platform each year is “I Love a Clean Bonsall.”

“We are honored to be partnering with Marta Donovan and the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance and to work alongside Commander Joe Beyer and his Support Bonsall/Fallbrook Team” Lyssa Flaherty said. “Joe has been so supportive of our Cleanup Days, and has twice won our ‘Star Volunteer’ award with the highest trash weight.

“We all share a similar vision of keeping our local community litter free, and look forward to participating in each others cleanup efforts,” she said.

Joe and Rosemarie Beyer have been cleaning up South Mission Road from Bonsall River Village to Valley since mid-2013. Official “adoptees” of this important roadway, the Beyers recently added Route 76 from the Bonsall Bridge to Olive Hill Road.

Residents will often see Joe Beyer cleaning up trash along these key roads and might also notice both County and Cal Trans signs posted reading “Support Bonsall and Fallbrook Team.” Beyer consistently supports cleanup, recycling, graffiti removal and adopt-a-road programs throughout Fallbrook and Bonsall leading the way at each event.

Each of these groups host cleanups throughout the year.



Attending the award ceremony with I Love A Clean San Diego are, from left, Scott Donovan, Marta Donovan, Joe Beyer, Rosemarie Beyer, Julie Annet, Jean-Luc Annet, Lyssa Flaherty and Jack Flaherty.

FBA’s Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free is very thankful for the 71 volunteers, which together have cleaned up 4,469 (5-gallon) bucket equivalents of litter and illegal dumping and contributed 2,589.75 hours of volunteer time.

Through this program, everyone can make a difference beautifying the Fallbrook community, abating graffiti and litter along the streets and divert litter from the waterways.

Contact Marta Donovan (760) 405-4054 to learn more and to volunteer. For more information on upcoming events, visit www.fallbrookbeautification.org, the Village News calendar, KeepDeLuzBeautiful Facebook page or follow the Bonsall teams @missbonsallpageant or @yourbonsallambassador

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Planning Commission recommends FCI overlay

Joe Naiman
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San Diego County’s Planning Commission has recommended an overlay designator for land which was previously restricted by the Forest Conservation Initiative.

Michael Seiler, Michael Edwards, and Doug Barnhart were not at the Jan. 10 Planning Commission meeting, but a 4-0 vote supported by Michael Beck, Bryan Woods, Yolanda Calvo and David Pallinger forwarded the recommendation to the county Board of Supervisors.

The county’s Department of Planning and Development Services is hoping to docket the recommendation for the Feb. 26 supervisors’ meeting.

A general plan amendment would not be prohibited for properties in the overlay area but must meet water supply, fire safety, environmental resource, land use pattern, emissions and open space, including agriculture, preservation criteria and would also be analyzed for consistency with the county’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment in conjunction with the nearest Village or Rural Village area.

“These are the findings you would have to consider,” PDS director Mark Wardlaw said.

In 1993, the county’s voters passed the Forest Conservation Initiative which stipulated a density of one dwelling unit per 40 acres for lands within the Cleveland National Forest boundary but outside of existing community town areas. The FCI covered approximately 286,000 acres, including approximately 72,300 acres under county land use jurisdiction and prevented general plan land use designations from being changed until the FCI’s expiration date of

Dec. 31, 2010.

The hearings on the update to the county’s general plan began before the expiration date, so the FCI lands were not included in that update which was approved in August 2011 although during the update process county Department of Planning and Land Use, which became Planning and Development Services in 2012, staff began a separate effort on new maps for FCI land based on the principles of the general plan update.

DPLU staff did not pursue significant changes when the new maps were developed, and most of the planned additional development was near the Viejas Indian Reservation in Alpine.

In addition to developing the maps, Planning and Development Services staff identified alternatives, and the Planning Commission held hearings in October 2013 and November 2013. In November 2013 the Planning Commission voted 5-1, with Beck opposed due to concerns regarding Alpine and John Riess absent, to recommend the rezones.

The maps went to the board of supervisors in June 2014, although the action was to choose a preferred map for the Environmental Impact Report rather than to adopt the general plan amendment for the densities.

The supervisors’ 3-1 vote, with Ron Roberts absent and Dave Roberts opposed due to his preference for the FCI densities to be used as the baseline to evaluate the draft EIR, returned the update to Planning and Development Services for environmental analysis and also directed staff to prepare a scope of work for a special study in eastern Alpine.

The proposed general plan amendments were heard by

the Planning Commission in October 2016. The new land use designations for the former FCI land along with a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report were approved by the board of supervisors in December 2016. The following month a lawsuit was filed by the Sierra Club, the Cleveland National Forest Foundation and Save Our Forests and Ranchlands. The county and the plaintiffs began settlement discussions, and in February 2019 a settlement agreement was reached in which the county would place a Forest Indicator overlay over the former FCI lands outside of Village or Rural Village boundaries.

The settlement required the board of supervisors to consider adoption of the FCI overlay within 12 months of the settlement agreement date if no Environmental Impact Report was required or within 18 months if an EIR was required.

The overlay would not change the land use regulations or general plan densities adopted by the board of supervisors in December 2016 but would require that additional analysis and findings be made prior to the approval of any general plan amendments which would increase residential density beyond what is currently allowed in the general plan.

If a land use amendment for an FCI overlay area is brought to the board of supervisors the county supervisors with the assistance of county staff would be required to analyze the consistency of the project with the county’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation and determine whether there is available development potential in the nearest Village or Rural Village area to accommodate that project’s proposed increase in residential density.

The supervisors would also be required to make findings that the project is supported by adequate access to water supply consistent with the county’s Groundwater Ordinance, that it would not exacerbate wildfire risks, that it is compatible with the environmental resources of the Cleveland National Forest and would not adversely affect the stability of land use patterns in that area, that it employs carbon-neutral principles, and that it is not part of a piecemeal conversion of a larger forest area to residential or other uses which are not open space.

“It’s a case by case situation,” Wardlaw said.

A majority of the parcels have some constraints covered by existing general plan policy limitations including steep slopes, location outside the San Diego County Water Authority boundary which makes those properties dependent upon groundwater, or inadequate public or private roadway access.

“It is more and more challenging to be policy consistent the further away you get from the urbanized areas in the county,” Wardlaw said.

“There’s no development project that doesn’t have to comply with our ordinances,” Beck said.

Three De Luz parcels are subject to the Forest Conservation Initiative. Two of those were upzoned to one dwelling unit per 10 acres while the other remained at one dwelling unit per 40 acres.

Approximately 81% of the FCI land, or 58,799 acres, has agricultural zoning and 58,671 acres have land use designations of rural lands with one dwelling unit per 40 acres or rural lands with one dwelling unit per 80 acres.

Approximately 17% of the FCI land, or 12,450 acres, has special

purpose zoning such as open space, extractive use, or a transportation or utility corridor. The S80 open space zoning classification is intended for recreation areas or areas with severe environmental constraints. Structures such as restrooms, storage buildings, and pavilions are allowed on land with S80 zoning if a site plan addresses the impacts of the structures. County-owned parks are exempt from the Zoning Ordinance, so the Department of Parks and Recreation would not need Planning Commission or board of supervisors’ approval for a site plan. The zoning for the other 448 acres includes residential, commercial and tribal lands.

Although any proposed general plan amendment would be analyzed for consistency with the unincorporated county’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which is 6,700 units for the years 2021 through 2029, the FCI lands do not overlap with any existing RHNA sites and since most of the areas are outside of the CWA boundaries and in environmentally-constrained areas the overlay is not expected to impact the county’s ability to meet its housing requirements.

The overlay itself is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review although any general plan amendments would need to meet CEQA standards.

The Sierra Club endorsed the overlay.

“It’s common sense,” Sierra Club representative George Courser said.

Courser added that the Sierra Club will seek to ensure consistency with the overlay regulations.

“We will scrutinize everything in the future,” Courser said.

“A GPA in the area is highly unlikely. The rules and regulations are so restrictive,” Pallinger said.

State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection certifies fuel management and forest protection program

SACRAMENTO – California has a new tool in its efforts to build wildfire resilience and improve long-term forest management in the face of climate change.

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has certified a new program that will help minimize wildland fire risk across the state while ensuring the highest level of environmental oversight.

The California Vegetation Treatment Program will create efficiencies within the regulatory process to scale up fuel treatment and forest restoration projects toward meeting the state’s goal of treating 500,000 acres of nonfederal lands annually.

“I commend the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for working with the environmental community, state regulators and public safety officials to develop a long-term solution to increase the pace and scale of critical vegetation treatment in a way that safely and responsibly protects our environment,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said. “The scale of the wildfire crisis in California is unprecedented, and we need a response to match the scale and

severity of this challenge.”

Improved vegetation treatments, including fuel breaks that slow wildfires to protect communities, and projects that restore natural fire regimes, are part of a suite of actions Newsom called for within days of assuming office earlier this year. Other priority actions include hardening homes and improving communities’ preparation to survive wildfire.

The CalVTP reflects more than a decade of careful work to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with different types of vegetation management, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act. This programmatic analysis will reduce redundancies in each project’s environmental review by allowing project sponsors to build upon verified environmental analysis contained in the CalVTP as they begin their site-specific study for their individual projects.

Earlier this year, citing extreme peril posed by megafires, Newsom declared a state of emergency to fast-track 35 critical forest-management projects to protect more than 200 of California’s

highest-risk communities and redirected National Guard members from the border to undertake fire prevention activities throughout the state. To ensure necessary work could get underway immediately, the emergency proclamation suspended certain requirements and regulations as needed to carry out its directives, including CEQA.

By expediting the process, these emergency projects are on track to finish in less than one year, rather than a typical pace of three to five years. In November, two of these emergency fuel breaks were used to protect Santa Barbara residents during the wind-driven Cave Fire, resulting in no lives or structures lost.

As part of the long-term solution, Cal Fire developed the CalVTP to enable projects to move forward efficiently while maintaining and protecting California’s diverse vegetation and habitats. The program will help Cal Fire, and other public agencies comply with CEQA while delivering projects more quickly and affordably on over 20 million acres of land that is the responsibility of the state.

Projects that will benefit from CalVTP include:

Wildland-Urban Interface fuel reduction, including removal of vegetation to prevent or slow the spread of fires between wildlands and buildings.

Fuel breaks that support fire suppression activities by providing emergency responders with strategic staging areas and access to otherwise remote landscapes for fire control.

Restoration in ecosystems where natural fire regimes have been altered due to fire exclusion, including restoring ecological processes, conditions, and resiliency to more closely reflect historic vegetative composition, structure and habitat values.

The CalVTP does not support commercial timber harvest or development.

To further achieve wildfire resilience in California, the state continues to work with federal partners, including the U.S. Forest Service. The federal government owns nearly 58% of California’s forestlands. The state owns 3%, while 40% is privately held.

To protect public safety and

ecology, experts agree 1 million acres of California forest and wildlands must be treated annually across jurisdictions. The federal government is working to match the state’s 500,000-acre annual treatment goals, though it has been hampered by years of federal budget and staffing cuts.

While the CalVTP is a critical tool to responsibly scale up vegetation treatment on state and privately owned land, efforts must simultaneously scale up on federal land.

Newsom has made wildfire prevention and mitigation a top priority since taking office. The governor included \$1 billion in additional funding in the state budget to enhance the state’s preparedness and expand its capacity to respond to emergencies. The budget included funding for 13 new fire engines. He also:

Invested \$127.2 million to expand Cal Fire’s fleet with C-130 air tankers and modified Black Hawk helicopters for nighttime firefighting operations,

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Real Estate Round-Up:
May I have this dance?



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The peak selling season for Fallbrook is coming up. The buyers are abundant. Many are moving from much higher cost areas in search of an affordable home in a less congested place. Many are moving here in search of a friendlier place to live. Sellers in Fallbrook, on the other hand, are leaving to find more affordable places to live, which generally is outside of California. Many seniors are searching for a new place to call home, so they can stretch their retirement savings longer, and take advantage of their newfound time to travel or expand their hobby. Many younger people, with or without children, are seeking a place that they can afford to purchase a home and have a career that is able to financially provide more than just the basics in life. Whatever the reason, there are a few suggestions I'd like to make that in the end will make the selling process much less stressful and enjoyable. Sellers and buyers seem to start from the same place, and that is the price of a property. That's a good starting place, but it should not be the only aspect that matters. Buyers and sellers are on opposite sides of the coin when price is the factor. Sellers want to sell for the highest price possible. Buyers want to pay as little as possible. So how can you approach this initial chasm between the parties? My suggestion is to keep your eye on the prize at the end. Let me explain. If you're working with a well-respected and knowledgeable Fallbrook Realtor, they know the value of the home. They understand that the price is much more than price per square foot, the location, the amenities and the simple existence in Fallbrook, a place that many people are seeking, adds value far beyond the square foot of the home or the size of the parcel. A well respected and knowledgeable Fallbrook Realtor is equally able to share this information with buyers' agents and potential buyers alike. If a seller is contemplating working with a Realtor, not from Fallbrook, there is no way for them to factor in the intangibles for either party, since they're unaware of them.

So, let's assume that a seller is working with a well-respected and knowledgeable Fallbrook Realtor, the only other place that can bring stress and frustration over the process is a lack of focus on the prize at the end. At Murphy and Murphy, we like to explain the process as a dance, rather than a boxing match. In other words, if you're looking for a knock-out punch to win the match, you will feel tension and frustration over the process. If, however, you keep your eye on the prize, you will find that you are willing to be flexible throughout the decision-making items that arise during a transaction. Take for example, repairs. The Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions state that all homes are sold "as is," subject to the buyers' inspection rights. Flexibility means that both sides should take that phrase reasonably and be willing to give up a little to get to the end. We see clients all the time who get it, who understand doing one or two things more than they believe is required, is much more pleasant than negotiating for days so that you can say you "stood your ground." We also see clients all the time who believe that they need to win every point. Trust me, those people feel stress and a lack of joy during the transaction. I think of it this way, if someone cuts in front of you on the freeway, how do you respond? Generally, we let it go. We aren't going to chase the driver down and give them a piece of our mind at the risk of injury just to save a few minutes. Repairs are just one of the places that sellers and buyers can choose to let it go. I don't want you to think I'm going soft, because that is not the case, I'm just saying if a buyer wants you to change out a dripping faucet, add a GFCI or mend a broken fence, isn't the cost of that much less than the anxiety over standing your ground? On the other hand, if a seller does not agree to change out a dripping faucet, add a GFCI or mend a broken fence, isn't it easier in the long run to take that repair on yourself as the new owner to do it your way and move on to the prize, which is worth the compromise? Selling a home is emotionally stressful. Even in the best of scenarios, there are a lot of emotions built into the process. As sellers and buyers, you have the power to let the process flow, like a dance. So, I urge you to work with a well-respected and knowledgeable Fallbrook Realtor and treat it like a dance.

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The quietest range on Camp Pendleton

Lance Cpl. Kerstin Roberts
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

Throughout the many ranges on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, the crack of rifles and the thundering of artillery is a common occurrence.

However, Camp Pendleton is also home to a range that emits little to no sound. This range is known as the Rattlesnake Canyon Archery Range and it provides archers of all backgrounds the opportunity to hone their craft.

“We have our hunters who practice archery so they can be the best they can be,” Michael Tucker, a game warden with Environmental Security Department on Camp Pendleton, said. “We also have archers that focus solely on archery as a sport.”

Rattlesnake Canyon Archery Range promotes safer hunting practices on base by ensuring that bow hunters have every opportunity to be confident with their equipment. Archery is a difficult method to use while hunting game species. Having a range to practice on is vital for ethical hunting.

“I love archery as the head coordinator of the deer hunt,” Tucker said. “We can accommodate more hunters and have a much larger hunting effort through archery.”

For many, archery is a method to ensure spiritual fitness. The intense focus and discipline that is required to become proficient with any form of bow and arrow becomes an escape. Similar to other outdoor activities, the connection to nature and the repetitiveness keeps many grounded and mission ready.

“Archery is a focus activity that promotes resilience much like fishing or meditation,” Tucker said. “Rattlesnake Canyon Range is available all the time and does not conflict with other Marine Corps training ranges.”

The range’s location allows for sunrise to sunset hours of operation and uses a first come first serve system. At the moment this is the only archery range on Camp Pendleton.

However, the Pendleton Sportsman’s Club has been working to have another opened Jan. 27. The new range will be located near the Las Flores Ranch



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Broc Story, a combat graphics specialist from Headquarters and Support Battalion of Marine Corps Installations-West, draws a bow at the Rattlesnake Canyon Archery Range Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Jan. 8.

House and will allow archers closer to the area the same opportunities as the Rattlesnake Canyon Range.

Anyone seeking more information on these ranges may contact the Pendleton Sportsman’s

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Melissa Ugalde Club via email at psc.cpen@gmail.com.

Jackie Heyneman Park reopens



Third grade Fallbrook STEM Academy students learn about science and nature at Jackie Heyneman Park. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Jackie Heyneman Park, a project of the Fallbrook Village Association located at College Street and South Mission Road, is now open after extensive improvements, including making it accessible.

The park is open from 9 a.m. to dark. Its official reopening will take place, Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

In the meantime, third grade students from Fallbrook STEM Academy have already taken a field trip to the park to learn about science and nature. The students also visited the creek along the Pico Promenade for more science learning.

Submitted by Fallbrook Village Association.

FUEL

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authorizing the surge of almost 400 seasonal firefighters to Cal Fire this year,

Began overdue modernization of California’s 911 system,

Supporting local fire operations, including \$2 million for the Butte County Fire Department to maintain its current level of service and continue operation of one year-round fire station through its cooperative agreement with Cal Fire.

Partnered with the federal government to secure state access to remote sensor-based technology to detect wildfire ignitions, including securing delegation of authority from the Secretary of Defense to fly infrared equipped Unmanned Aerial System in support of Cal Fire missions, Invested \$210 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

for forest health and fire prevention projects and programs to enable Cal Fire to complete more fuel reduction projects and increase the pace and scale of fire prevention,

Developed and implemented the Forestry Corps Program, to operate four Forestry Corps crews that will undertake forest health and hazardous fuel reduction projects in areas of high fire risk.

Signed Assembly Bill 38 by Assemblymember Jim Wood, D-Santa Rosa, which develops best practices for communitywide resilience against wildfires through home hardening, defensible space and other measures.

During his State of the State Address, the governor announced the creation of a Strike Force to develop a comprehensive strategy within 60 days to address the destabilizing effects of catastrophic wildfires on California’s energy future.

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Are you a mindful investor?



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FALLBROOK – Recently, we’ve seen an increased interest in mindfulness, although the concept itself is thousands of years old. Essentially, being mindful means living very much in the present, highly conscious of personal thoughts and feelings. However, being mindful doesn’t mean acting on those thoughts and feelings – it’s just the opposite. With mindfulness, decision-

making is based on cognitive skills and a rational perspective, rather than emotions. As such, mindfulness can be quite valuable as people make investment decisions. Two of the most common emotions or tendencies associated with investing are fear and greed. Let’s see how they can affect investors’ behavior.

When investors are fearful
Investors’ biggest fear is losing money. So, how did many of them respond during the steep market decline from late 2007 through early 2009? They began selling off their stocks and stock-based mutual funds and fled for “safer” investments, such as Treasury bills and certificates of deposit. But mindful investors witnessed the same situation and saw something else: a great buying opportunity. By looking past their fear of losing money, they recognized the chance to buy quality investments at bargain prices. And they were rewarded for their patience, long-term perspective and refusal to let fear govern their decisions, because 10 years after the market bottomed out in March 2009, as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average, it had risen about 300%.
When investors are greedy
We only have to go back a few years before the 2007-2009 bear market to see a classic example of greed in the investment world. From 1995 to early 2000,

investors chased after almost any company that had “dot-com” in its name, even companies with no business plans, no assets and, in some cases, no products. Yet, the rising stock prices of these companies led more and more investors to buy shares in them, causing a greed-driven vicious circle – more demand led to higher prices, which led to more demand. But the bubble burst in March 2000, and by October 2002, the technology-dominated Nasdaq stock index had fallen more than 75%. And since some of these companies not only lost value, but went out of business, many investors never recouped their investments. To avoid the dangers of fear and greed, take these steps:
• Know your investments. Make sure you understand what you’re investing in. Know the fundamentals, such as the quality of the product or service, the skill of the management team, the state of the industry, whether the stock is priced fairly or overvalued, and so on. The better informed you are, the less likely you’ll be to chase after “hot” investments or to bail

out on good ones.
• Rebalance when necessary. If you’ve decided your portfolio should contain certain percentages of stocks, bonds and other vehicles, stick to those percentages and rebalance when necessary.
• Keep investing. Ups and downs are a normal feature of the investment landscape. By continuing to invest over time, rather than stopping and starting, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. It’s not always easy to be a mindful investor and to avoid letting emotions drive your decisions – but it’s well worth the effort. Edward Jones financial advisor Brian Schrock is located at 1434 S. Mission Road, Suite B, in Fallbrook. For more information, call (760) 731-3234. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. *Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisers cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney or qualified tax adviser regarding your situation.*

Poll workers needed for March 3 election



Poll workers who speak Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish or Arabic are especially needed. San Diego County/Courtesy photo

Tracy DeFore
San Diego County Communications Office
Poll workers, especially those who are bilingual in any one of six specific languages, are needed for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election. The registrar’s office is required by federal law to provide bilingual speakers and voting materials to voters who speak Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese and Chinese. In addition, a survey conducted by the University of California Berkeley showed a need for Arabic and Korean speakers at nearly 90 precincts across the county, so the registrar’s office is also recruiting poll workers who are bilingual in those languages. To become a poll worker, applicants must be a U.S citizen and registered to vote in California, or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States. Poll workers must have transportation to their assigned polling location, access to the internet to take an online training and attend a two-hour class in person. Poll workers receive a stipend ranging from \$100 to \$175 depending on the assignment and those who are bilingual receive an additional \$15 if they are assigned to provide language assistance to voters. Prospective poll workers can apply online at www.sdvote.com. For more information, call (858) 565-5800 or email pollworker@sdcouny.ca.gov.

New County Emergency Services Director to focus on partnerships, technology




Jeff Toney San Diego County/Courtesy photo is the new director of San Diego County Emergency Services.

Yvette Urrea Moe
San Diego County Communications Office
The San Diego County Office of Emergency Services has a new director at the helm who arrives with experience both in the field and in our region. Jeff Toney served with the state overseeing its response to the deadly Woolsey Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura counties and the Montecito mudslides in Santa Barbara County, both in 2018. He even helped with the recovery phase of San Diego County’s Lilac Fire in 2017. Toney fills the role left open by Holly Porter, who was hired as the deputy chief administrative officer

for the county’s Public Safety Group, replacing Ron Lane after his retirement. Toney, who most recently worked as the southern regional administrator for the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, helped lead the state’s disaster response for 11 counties that included San Diego. He said the overall mission of the agency to help with planning, response and recovery during disasters is what attracted him to this field, and he said Cal OES has done “a lot of good work over the years.” Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci said Toney was a dedicated leader who “greatly contributed to our success and efficiency during the many recent disasters.” Ghilarducci said he looked forward to continuing to work with Toney in his new position at San Diego County to further “enhance public safety in California.” In his role with Cal OES, Toney was at the table when it discussed cutting-edge technology in the field, and he has plans to expand these services to San Diego and upping its capability in a disaster. “I’ve worked with the county (of San Diego) and county OES for many years, and I’ve always been extremely impressed with the office. They’ve already thought three steps ahead of some of the other jurisdictions that I’ve seen so I knew it was a strong office,” Toney said. “The county level

works for me. I’d like to get more local because I think that’s where you can make the most impact.” With the state, Toney has worked alongside and observed other counties during disasters and has made mental notes of lessons learned and best practices, all of which he’ll apply to San Diego County. He plans to help create a model for integrating the private sector and non-governmental organizations more in the response and recovery phase of disasters. Toney said the private sector has so many resources to bring to the table and sometimes they just don’t know how to engage government and what role they can play. He puts an emphasis on communicating with the public and said it’s important in a disaster to have a source of verified information. Toney hopes to look at enhancing the county’s emergency website information, including adding new mapping technology. Toney said the biggest takeaway from assisting with other disasters is that it takes all agencies and the whole community together to respond and recover. He plans to meet with partner agencies in his first few months to help establish solid recovery plans. To learn more about the county Office of Emergency Services, visit www.ReadySanDiego.org.



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Palomar Community College District aligns leadership to address the immediate future

SAN MARCOS – At its regular monthly meeting Jan. 14, the governing board of the Palomar Community College District formalized the appointment of Jack Kahn, Ph.D., as acting superintendent and president of the district. Kahn has been serving in the capacity since Dec. 17, 2019, when former Superintendent and President Joi Lin Blake was placed on nondisciplinary administrative leave. Kahn previously worked as assistant superintendent and vice president of instruction. While Kahn takes on the leadership duties of the district, Shayla Sivert, a former dean of languages and literature division at Palomar College, will return as acting assistant superintendent and vice president of Instruction. “The Office of Instruction has an important role in addressing the current and future needs of the College,” Kahn said. “I am thankful that we will be able to rely on Ms. Sivert to lead our faculty and staff through this transitional period. Having been a dean at Palomar, she brings both perspective and

knowledge at a crucial time and will be able to quickly take on the responsibilities of assistant superintendent and vice president of instruction.” At the Jan. 14 meeting, board vice president Nina Deerfield said, “We are distinctly aware that this is an investment in human resources during a time of fiscal crisis. Please know that we (the board) are committed to supporting our fiscal recovery. This recommendation is one that we do not take lightly but feel is necessary.” Further rounding out the office of instruction is the hire of Dr. Fabienne-Sophie Chauderlot as the dean of languages and literature division, a position that remained vacant since Sivert’s retirement last year. As the dean of languages and literature, Chauderlot will lead faculty and staff in five academic departments. “We are very much looking forward to working with Dr. Chauderlot,” Kahn said. The board also approved the hire of Yulian Ligioso as the acting assistant superintendent and vice president of administrative

services. Ligioso brings more than 11 years of senior level fiscal administration and business service experience to the district and will lead the implementation of the fiscal stewardship plan. The plan is designed to improve the fiscal health of the district in response to the district’s Fiscal Health Risk Analysis report, generated by the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team in mid-November. These administrators join Linda Beam, the interim assistant superintendent and vice president of human resources, who was hired this past December. Beam brings more than 25 years of human resources experience in public education and government service. She is an experienced negotiator with academic and staff employee associations, with extensive knowledge of collective bargaining agreement administration. Submitted by the Palomar Community College District.

Warriors Boys Rugby falls to Mira Costa in hard-fought battle

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Though the Fallbrook High School varsity boys' rugby remains winless on the young season, head coach Steve Hernandez is pleased with the way his young team played against Mira Costa High School (from Manhattan Beach) at Fallbrook High Saturday, Jan. 18.

"The varsity game was the best they have played all year," he said. "Even when they were down by 17 points early in the game, once we scored our first try, our spirits lifted and (the team) put in a great effort to get to 26-31 down."

The Warriors clawed their way back into the game with tries from Damian Medrano, Kyle Lindenmayer, Angel Angulo and Thomas McSheehy with Kian Montgomery kicking two conversions and Kenneth Spring converting one more.

Though the game was close with 10 minutes left, Mira Costa added two more tries to the final score to



Fallbrook Warrior Riley Montgomery attempts to take down a Mira Costa High School opponent during a varsity boy's rugby game, Saturday, Jan. 18.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos

win it 45-26.

"It helped that several JV players were available to play as the JV team had a Friday night game," Hernandez said. "They injected much-needed passion and belief into the team and the varsity players responded with a great performance."

"It was a huge help to the team that we had a very vocal and supportive home crowd that cheered loudly after every Warriors score," he said.

The night before, the junior varsity team traveled to take on San Marcos High School and came away with a big 17-14 win.

The back and forth affair saw several lead changes throughout, but it was the Knights that opened the scoring. The Warriors came right back and scored to make it 7 to 5 on a Kenneth Spring try.

Fallbrook took the lead 12 to 7 on a Thomas McSheehy try

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Warrior Kyle Lindenmeyer attempts to break past Mira Costa opponents.



Fallbrook Warriors tackle a Mira Costa opponent.



Warrior Riley Montgomery picks up the ball and gets possession for Fallbrook.



Warrior Will Ford Jr. carries the ball and flips over Mira Costa defenders.



Warrior Thomas McSheehy attempts to tackle a Mira Costa opponent.



Warrior Nathan Hanson attempts to receive a lineout pass from a Fallbrook teammate.



Warrior Christian Bellamy breaks past Mira Costa defenders.



Warrior Kenneth Spring tackles a Mira Costa opponent.

SPORTS

Warriors girls' rugby runs rampant over Rancho Bernardo

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook High School varsity girls' rugby team scored fast and early in running away from host Rancho Bernardo High School Saturday, Jan. 18, to come away with a 77-0 win.

Senior Abbey Savin scored four tries and made three conversions, and sophomores Jordan Duncan, Julia Tippin and Tiahna Padilla each scored twice in the Warriors win that opened the league season. Tippin also made two conversions.

Duncan was named Rugby Girl for the match.

"(She) ran good running lines from deep and was involved looking for work," head coach Craig Pinnell said after the match.

Captain Shelby Tippin scored

one try, made two conversions and scored a three-point drop-kick goal. Freshman Liberty Benitez also scored a try for the Warriors.

The Warriors junior varsity team was just as successful as the varsity team, shutting out the host Broncos 32-0.

Pinnell said Elaine Jimenez "took ownership of the lineouts, threw in well and was a leader on the field and that Liberty Benitez was kicking well and running good angles and kicked a drop goal."

AJ Haughey scored twice for the Warriors and Grace Gabaldon, Kaylie Diaz and Lucy Powell each scored once.

The Warriors will travel to Torrey Pines High School Saturday to take on the Falcons.

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Tiahna Padilla dots the ball down for a try during the Fallbrook High School Warriors varsity girls' rugby win over Rancho Bernardo High School Saturday, Jan. 18. Village News/Jeff Pack photos



Jordan Duncan looks to make a pass during the Warriors win over Rancho Bernardo High School.



Abbey Savin fends off a defender on her way to one of the four tries she scored against Rancho Bernardo High School



Analiese Dalton spins away from a tackle against Rancho Bernardo High School.



Amanda Ware drives through would-be Rancho Bernardo High School tacklers.

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Olivia Castillo steals second versus Tierra Canyon during the top of the second inning during a tournament in November. Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Registration for Fallbrook Girls Softball spring 2020 season is open until Feb. 1. Games are Wednesday nights for 8U and older, and all age groups play Saturdays. Opening day is Saturday, Feb. 29.

Register online or in person during walk-up registration. The registration link is www.bit.ly/FGSregistration. The league does not accept payment online so payment needs to be made in person during walk-up registration. New Fallbrook Girls Softball players also need to provide a copy of their birth certificate to register for age verification purposes.

Walk-up registration will be at Ingold Sport Park, 2551 Olive Hill Road, in Fallbrook, Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9-11 a.m.

Registration fees per division for spring 2020 are as follows:

- Lil Rookies 3-4 years old: \$80
- 6U: \$130
- 8U-14U: \$200

There is a sibling discount of \$15 for more than one daughter playing and financial assistance available for those who qualify.

Anyone who has a special needs child who would like to play softball, can contact Fallbrook Girls Softball to add their family to the Spirit Division interest list, a program in development for special needs children in the community.

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Submitted by Fallbrook Girls Softball.

Warrior girls begin league soccer season with loss and tie

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

Last year Fallbrook High School’s girls’ soccer team won the Valley League championship; Ramona High School finished fourth in the league standings but won the CIF Division IV championship, and Escondido High School was last in the six-team standings despite winning two games. This year Fallbrook began play by losing a 1-0 match against Escondido and playing Ramona to a 1-1 tie.

“It seems to be a fairly close league,” Fallbrook coach Sergio Garcia said.

Five of the six Valley League games during the first week of the league season were decided by one goal with the Fallbrook-Ramona tie constituting the exception.

The only score in the Warriors’ Jan. 14 home game against Escondido was in the final five minutes when the Cougars scored on a corner kick.

“It was a great play,” Garcia said. “We had our opportunities. They just put that corner kick past us.”

Contingent upon suitable weather, Fallbrook’s league game at Escondido will take place Jan. 30.

“Looking forward to going over there and getting the win there to give us another shot,” Garcia said.

Fallbrook had a 2-1-1 record to begin league play last year before the Warriors won their final game of the first round and then posted a 4-0-1 mark during the second half of league competition.

“I think we’ve got a good opportunity,” Garcia said of winning this year’s league title.

The blemish in the second half of the season was a 1-1 tie at home against Ramona. This year’s Jan. 16 game in Fallbrook was also a 1-1 tie between Fallbrook and Ramona.

“That was quite a battle,” Garcia said.

The game was scoreless at halftime and the Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead with a goal scored from a corner kick. During the second half a scuffle between the two teams included retaliation by a Ramona player in clear view of the referee, who issued a red card ejection.

Not only is a player issued a red card removed from the rest of the game, but the team cannot replace her, so Ramona had 10 players on the field compared to Fallbrook’s 11.

That gave Fallbrook somewhat of an advantage, as the Warriors had two players removed from the game due to injury and four others including three midfielders whose injuries kept them out of the game entirely.

Garcia called up two players from the junior varsity, so the



Fallbrook High School Warrior Adriana Madrigal receives the ball during a varsity girls’ soccer game against Escondido High School, Tuesday, Jan. 14. The Warriors lost 1-0.

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Lady Warrior Jade Kennedy makes a pass to a Fallbrook teammate against Escondido High School.



Fallbrook High School Warrior Panther Espinoza faces off with an Escondido opponent.



Lady Warrior Vanessa Morales kicks the ball against Escondido High School.

Warriors began the game with 13 players.

“We had a couple of injuries in that game so we ended up with zero on the bench,” Garcia said.

Midfielders Jocelyn Gamino, Jade Kennedy and Vanessa Morales did not play at all and defender Porsha Camilli also missed the entirety of the game. Injuries during play removed defender Ariana Cabrera and forward Adriana Madrigal from the pitch.

The Warriors also lost goalkeeper Valery Juarez when her family moved to Vista and Juarez transferred to Vista High School. Sophomore goalkeeper Sara Ferreira was called up from the junior varsity.

Ferreira allowed one goal in each of the Warriors’ first two league games, both of those were from corner kicks. She also allowed a goal in each of her first two games which concluded pre-league play; the Warriors won a 3-1 game Jan. 8 at Oceanside and a 2-1 home contest Jan. 11 against Central High School of El Centro.

“She’s stepped it up,” Garcia said.

Ramona’s 1-0 lead held until the final minute of play when Alexa Sanchez played a through ball to Galilea Medina. Medina’s goal created the tie.

“She had a great shot past the goalie,” Garcia said.

Unless weather dictates otherwise, the game between the Warriors and Bulldogs in Ramona will take place Feb. 4.

“We’re confident we can get the win with our injured players back,” Garcia said.

The tie gave Fallbrook a 4-7-1 overall record and a league figure of 0-1-1.

“We have an uphill battle,” Garcia said. “Hopefully we get those starting players back from injury.”



Lady Warrior Delia Tapia heads the ball against Escondido High School.

Warriors fifth at Mission Hills Varsity Tournament

Five Fallbrook grapplers place

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

Twenty-eight high school wrestling teams competed at the Mission Hills Varsity Tournament, and Fallbrook High School placed ninth as a team while five Warriors were among the top six in their weight class and one other Fallbrook grappler won a consolation championship.

This year the Mission Hills Varsity tournament was held Jan. 4.

“We’ve kind of avoided it in the past because of where it fell,” Fallbrook head coach Cristian Vera said.

The tournament took place three days after New Year’s Day, so the Fallbrook students had not yet returned to school.

“It’s always tough to gather up enough guys to make the expense of the tournament worth going,” Vera said.

Fallbrook had eight scored wrestlers; a school may enter more than one grappler in the same weight class although only one

of those is scored for team point purposes.

“We still managed to crack the top 10,” Vera said. “For us to have done that with a small squad I think is pretty impressive.”

The Warriors accumulated 95 points. Valhalla High School had 106 points for fourth place, Ramona High School took fifth as a team with 102 1/2 points, San Pasqual High School had the sixth-place score of 101 1/2 points, El Camino High School totaled 98 1/2 points for seventh place and Torrey Pines High School placed eighth with 97 points.

Kevin Sanchez and Matthew Kendall were visiting family, Jan. 4, and did not compete, and Javier Montoya was ill. Vera believes that the Warriors could have achieved a top-five finish had one or more of those wrestlers been present.

The team also includes Frank Greenwood, who is out for the season with a shoulder injury.

“We were right there,” Vera said. “A two- or three-point difference is normally one extra win.”

Due to the lack of practice

caused by the holiday along with holiday activities including food, a two-pound weight allowance was granted for each class.

“That definitely did help a lot of our guys be able to make their weight class,” Vera said.

Ethen Ellefsen took second place in the 115-pound division.

“I think this was one of his strongest showings,” Vera said.

Ellefsen was seeded sixth in the weight class. In the second round, Ellefsen defeated second-seeded Domenic Ramer of Guajome Park and in the semifinals, he defeated third-seeded Randy Patros of Valhalla to advance to the final.

Ellefsen is a sophomore.

“I’m happy to see him get to that point,” Vera said.

In the championship match Mitchell Hallmark of Scripps Ranch pinned Ellefsen 1:11 into the third period.

“It was a tough match for him,” Vera said. “He had a phenomenal tournament. He just fell a little

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Emily Wood Schupp Wilson died Jan. 9, 2020, at the age of 93. Emily was born in Phoenix, Dec. 18, 1926, to Alfred Adolph Schupp and Josephine

Schaffer Schupp. She grew up in the Phoenix area and went to William and Mary College before attending the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, in the late 1940s. It was there that she met her future husband, Robert Wilson of Los Angeles. They were married in Tucson, Arizona, in February 1952, and after living at the Goodyear Ranch outside of Phoenix for a while, they moved to California. Their sons, Craig and Britt, were born there. Emily and her family eventually settled in the community of Eagle Rock. After retiring, Emily and her husband, Robert, moved to Fallbrook. They were active in clubs and meeting new friends. Emily volunteered at the Angel Shop in Fallbrook and worked

there until the end. She was active and driving up until her last days including holding memberships in Mayflower Society, Society of Colonial Dames, Delta Gamma and Daughters of the American Revolution. Emily is survived by her husband, Robert, son Craig, his wife and their two children. She is also survived by son Britt and a great granddaughter. Emily was preceded in death by another grandson. She leaves behind numerous relatives including cousins, nieces and nephews in her native Phoenix area. Emily was a remarkable and strong woman, who loved her family and husband dearly. She will be missed not only by her family but all those that she touched.



James Clair "Jim" Russell, born Feb. 1, 1941, died Jan. 17, 2020, in the La Jolla Veterans

Affairs Hospital surrounded by family. He is survived by six children (Tim Russell, Peggie Chilton, Melissa Johnson, Kevin Russell, Latitia Thomas, Eric Russell), their spouses, 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and his sister, JoAnn Heckathorn of Seneca, Pennsylvania. Jim was born and raised on a farm in western Pennsylvania. In 1959, he married Linda Master; they had five children together. During 20 years in the Marine Corps Jim developed some of the initial computer programs for paying Marines, completed two tours of duty in Vietnam and commanded a Marine detachment on board a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser, retiring as

major after serving as enlisted and warrant officer. A motorcycle accident in 1977 left him paralyzed from the waist down. In 1978, Jim married his second wife, Barbara, later earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business and creating Russell Family Farms where they raised macadamias. Jim was president of the California Macadamia Nut Society, founding member of the Art Center of Fallbrook and sat on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group and board of directors of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, both nationally and locally. He was recognized as Volunteer of the Year with the San Diego County Planning and Land Use Department, Citizen of the Year with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Veteran of the Year with the Cal-Diego Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Citizens Leadership Award with the American Planning Association. In 2019, Jim received the highest honor bestowed by the Paralyzed Veterans of America – the Speedy Award, in recognition of his many contributions to improving the lives of America's paralyzed veterans. Funeral services with full military colors will begin at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, at The Grand Tradition, 220 Grand Tradition Way in Fallbrook. A reception will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cal-Diego Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America at (800) 423-2778.

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and Spring conversion, but San Marcos scored again to make the score 14-12. With two minutes remaining in the game, John Downey scored a final try for the Warriors and they held on for the 17-14 win. "Every player contributed to the victory with a passionate and committed defensive effort,"

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short." Carlos Hernandez reached the championship final of the 195-pound division. Three victories to start the tournament placed the senior into the final against Guajome Park senior Nick Pira. The match was the third of the season between Hernandez and Pira. Pira defeated Hernandez by a 5-4 decision at the Jimmy Hamada Classic tournament Dec. 6-7 and pinned Hernandez in the semifinals of the Dec. 13-14 El Cajon Invitational tournament. "They keep running into each other on a regular basis," Vera said. Pira defeated Hernandez by a 10-5 decision to win the Mission Hills Varsity Tournament championship. "That kid from Guajome Park is a better technical wrestler," Vera said. Hernandez began wrestling as a junior, so this is his second season in the sport. "I think it speaks volumes for his capability and his willingness to learn," Vera said of Hernandez reaching the final. "I'm proud of him. He has accomplished so much." Ethan Aguila wrestled in the 154-pound division, and the sophomore took fourth place. Aguila was undefeated until he lost to Orange Glen's Eddie Lopez in the semifinals. Aguila faced Aaron Lopez of Valhalla in the third-place match, and Lopez won a 9-2 decision to take third place and relegate Aguila to fourth. "That Valhalla kid is a very tough guy to beat," Vera said. Both of Aguila's losses were by decision. "He kept from getting pinned," Vera said. "He had a very strong showing." Angel Leon placed fifth in the 108-pound division. "Angel had a formidable tournament," Vera said. Jacob Jones of Rancho Bernardo was the top seed in the 108-pound bracket and would win the division's championship. Leon, who is a sophomore in his first year of wrestling, advanced to the semifinals before losing to Jones. That loss placed Leon in the consolation semifinal against Ivan Arriaga of San Pasqual, who won that match. The tournament had a double elimination format, although the consolation semifinals losers

Hernandez said. "The boys responded to every score that San Marcos made and had a determined attitude that they were not going to be denied the victory. The last two games they have learned that they need to play with intensity and confidence and the rewards will come." The Warriors will play next at St. John Bosco High School starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Jeff Pack can be reached by email at jpack@reedermedia.com.

competed for fifth and sixth place and in some classes the consolation quarterfinals losers had a bout for seventh and eighth place. Ian Janetzke of Rancho Bernardo High School would have wrestled Leon in the fifth-place match, but the CIF limits wrestlers to five matches in one day and Janetzke had reached his limit. Leon was thus given fifth place while Janetzke received sixth-place honors. Uriel Juarez was the sixth-place 140-pound wrestler. The junior lost to Sunniboy Motas of Rancho Bernardo in the quarterfinals but then won his next two matches. In the fifth-place match Blaise Hunt of El Capitan High School won a 5-4 decision over Juarez. The Mission Hills Varsity Tournament had consolation championships for wrestlers who lost early and were deprived of participation in the medal rounds by the CIF limit of five matches in one day. The 122-pound division had a 32-man bracket including byes, so those who lost in the first or second round went to the consolation bracket which included championships but no medals. Fallbrook sophomore Christopher Beltran won the consolation championship for those who lost in the first round. "Definitely very proud of Chris," Vera said. "He was able to return." Beltran only wrestled four matches but won his final three. "All three of his wins were pretty dominant," Vera said. Beltran pinned Ahmed Sohail Ameer Hussain of El Cajon Valley 52 seconds into the consolation championship match. Johnny Bermudez lost in the placing round of the 222-pound bracket; the junior won his first match but then lost his next two. "A couple of critical mistakes cost him," Vera said. A wrestler can compete in the next-highest weight division but cannot compete below his weight class. The absence of Sanchez led Vera to place senior Marco Alejandre in the 134-pound division, which is one level above Alejandre's normal class. Alejandre won one match and lost two. The Warriors did not field wrestlers in the 128-pound, 147-pound, 162-pound, 172-pound or 184-pound classes. "The guys that went did very well," Vera said. "As long as we keep this up, I think we're looking very good."

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Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

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At the very least, it would be fair to say there’s nothing that compares to it within 30 miles, and the chances are good that the swank, but familiar restaurant won’t stay hidden in Bonsall for long.

Located at the former San Luis Rey Downs Golf Club, Harlow’s is the brainchild of the owners of Trademark Venues, a wedding and events company that was part of the team at Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens and Nursery in Fallbrook before its closing.

Diners who ever visited the bar and restaurant when it was operated by San Luis Rey Golf Club will immediately remember the layout of the space.

The difference is the way the Trademark team uses the space and the overall design and decor. It feels like the old SLRD, but with a Roaring Twenties twist with unique usable pieces incorporated into the design and flare dispersed throughout.

Instead of going over the top with period decor, they infused just the right amount to make everywhere you look interesting and inviting.

While dining at night, the restaurant is best observed and the ambiance is at its most effective.

The low light coupled with pops of muted colors in prints and wall murals gives diners a vintage feel that is hard to find these days.

The kitchen is led by Executive Chef Joe Dacy, who serves as chef for all Trademark Venue properties and developed the menu for Harlow’s.

According to Trademark, Dacy is known for his gourmet sauces and use of applewood chip smoker infusing a smoked essence into his dishes.

Once seated, the plentiful and attentive staff, led by general manager Ronald Prestage, are friendly but serious about creating an atmosphere and experience for each guest.

The meal started with a plate of jalapeno cornbread with a dollop of brown sugar and Himalayan salt-infused butter that was not overpowering and complimented the bread well.

Next, the server brought shrimp aguachiles, \$14, shrimp and chorizo egg rolls, \$15, and short rib cornbread, \$13, as starters. The aguachiles lacked a kick and personality, but the egg rolls and short rib were really well presented and delicious to the very last bite.

While waiting for the entrees to arrive, we ordered a myrtle berry martini, which was fruity but didn’t overpower the drink as well. Prestage assured us that the myrtle berry margaritas were just as tasty.

The first entree served was the short rib Provencal, \$28, a red wine braised short rib with three cheese au-gratin potatoes, duck fat roasted rainbow carrots, stewed tomatoes and horseradish gremolata.

The short rib was tender and juicy and the au-gratin potatoes stole the show, doused with chive oil as well.

The second entree was the elk meatloaf, \$24, that was made with ground elk, bison and chuck and a blend of mirepoix fresh herbs and wrapped in bacon. It was served with Harlow’s mashed potatoes and chanterelle gravy with rainbow carrots and roasted tomatoes.

To say the meatloaf was outstanding would be an understatement. The potatoes and garnishments were equally delicious, as well.

For dessert, our server first delivered a bananas Foster cheesecake that was light, fluffy and filled with flavor. It was tremendous and left us wanting more.

Next, the myrtle berry crepe, with fresh berries, sweet cream cheese, myrtle berry sauce and housemade whipped cream and powdered sugar arrived.

Bright and vibrant, it was the most accurate representation of the flavor power that Harlow’s can wield over its guests and ultimately very satisfying.

The menu features a good array of appetizers, called shareables, with everything from truffle fries, \$10, to short rib poutine, \$14, to crispy lobster pot stickers, \$16, and, of course, locally sourced guacamole served with a choice of polenta or taro chips.

During the meal, we sampled Dacy’s New England seafood chowder, offered in either a cup, \$7, or a bowl, \$12, and it lived up to the hype. Flavorful and not overly fishy, it was authentic and filling.

Also, on the soup and salad menu is bison chili, \$7 or \$12, a five-grain baby green salad, \$13, the brown derby cobb reimaged, \$16, and crab Louie, \$26.

In addition to the myrtle berry, you can get green garden, \$15, Nutella, \$13, and free-range chicken and Fallbrook avocado, \$15, crepes.

Sandwiches include the smoked tri tip, \$13, short rib, \$15, crispy buttermilk chicken, \$15, and the lobster grilled cheese, \$19. The smashed avocado and barbeque burgers go for \$17 each.

In addition to the short rib Provencal and elk meatloaf, entrees include chicken Kiev, \$23, and ginger-miso glazed salmon, \$32.

Harlow’s Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant, at 31474 Golf Club Drive in Bonsall, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. Reservations are encouraged by calling (760) 871-4564.

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Short rib cornbread is one of the starters at Harlow’s Cocktails, Bar and Restaurant in Bonsall. Village News/Jeff Pack photo



The short rib Provencal is tender and juicy.



Shrimp and chorizo egg rolls are appetizers.



Elk meatloaf makes a flavorful entree.



Specialty drinks at Harlow’s include the myrtle berry martini.

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Cougar Winery does battle with Italian varietals for the 5th year



Certified sommelier and wine journalist Laura Donadoni participates as one of a panel of expert wine judges during the fifth annual Cougar Meets Italy event at Cougar Vineyard and Winery, Jan. 16. The event puts judges and guests in a blind tasting comparison of Cougar Winery's Italian wines with their counterparts directly from Italy. Those participating blind taste and compare each variety before scoring each wine based on clarity, smell and taste.



Cougar Vineyard and Winery owner Jennifer Buffington compares the clarity of two of the same wines; one is a Cougar variety, and one is its counterpart from Italy during the annual Cougar Meets Italy event.



Guests gather in the barrel room at Cougar Vineyard and Winery to blind taste Cougar and Italian wines in the Cougar Meets Italy event.



Dylan Zuniga compares the clarity of a Cougar white wine with its counterpart from Italy during the annual Cougar Meets Italy event.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

The fifth annual Cougar Meets Italy 2019 featured Cougar Vineyard and Winery varietals against their Italian counterparts in a side-by-side, double-blind tasting event Thursday, Jan. 16.

After having their best-ever scoring results in 2019, winning all three battles in the red wine categories, but losing in the white wine contests, in 2020 Cougar Winery won one of the four competitions, but owners Rick and Jennifer Buffington weren't disappointed.

"The wines taste really similar. That's a good thing for us; we're doing something right, I guess," Rick Buffington said.

In the whites categories, Cougar's 2018 Vermentino lost to its Italian counterpart by a score of 17.2 to 16.5, but won in the people's choice scoring 14.9 to 14.7.

Cougar's 2018 Falanghina lost 18.2 to 15.6 and lost the people's choice vote 15.8 to 14.8.

Cougar's 2014 Sagrantino easily beat its Italian counterpart by a judges' score of 18.4 to 17.1 and won the people's choice as well. Cougar's 2016 Barbera lost 17.7 to 17.3, but won the people's choice 16.8 to 15.3.

According to the more than two dozen, nonprofessional judges, Cougar won three of the four competitions.

"They chose very close to what the judges chose," Jennifer Buffington said. "It was very, very close."

Six professional judges were seated at the head of the room with more than two dozen audience members in front of them. Everyone was handed a 20-point wine score sheet from University of California Davis with a packet containing information about each



Bill Gibbs tastes a white wine variety during the Cougar Meets Italy event.



Ed Taylor compares the clarity of a Cougar white wine with its counterpart from Italy during the annual Cougar Meets Italy event.

variatal and the qualities each should have.

Each wine was judged on clarity, color, bouquet, total acidity, sweetness, body/texture, flavor/taste, bitterness, astringency and overall quality.

While judges and audience members alike tipped, swirled, chewed and spit the wines – to be honest, not many in the audience did any spitting at all – everyone scored along.

There were three new judges this year.

"Three of the people up there were Italian and the other three were Italian sommeliers," Jennifer Buffington said. "It was good to have that kind of credibility."

When the competition was over, everyone enjoyed a four-course dinner prepared by the in-house

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Cougar Vineyard and Winery owner Rick Buffington tastes a variety of white wine before scoring during the Cougar Meets Italy event.

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Carmen Ford and her husband Eric blind taste Cougar Vineyard and Winery's wine comparing it to its counterparts from Italy during the Cougar Meets Italy event.

Murrieta-Wildomar Restaurant Week promotes local eateries



Visitors enjoy a meal at 8Bit Brewing Company in Murrieta.

Valley News/Shane Gibson photos

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Foodies are invited to taste the flavors that restaurants in Murrieta and Wildomar are cooking up or to support locally owned restaurants during Murrieta-Wildomar Restaurant Week, presented by the Murrieta-Wildomar Chamber of Commerce.

The weeklong celebration will take place from Friday, Jan. 24, and continue through Friday, Jan. 31, and features dozens of restaurants in the two cities.

Participants can pick up an official dining passport and head out to visit as many of the participating restaurants they can and receive a stamp. Each stamp represents one entry into a drawing for a gift basket with gift cards from all the participating restaurants.

Last year, Murrieta City Council member Scott Vinton spearheaded a Murrieta Restaurant Week with the chamber's help, but this year, the event is being led by the chamber.

“Obviously, we have a little bit broader scope when it comes to Murrieta and Wildomar, we’re working very closely with Kim Davidson and Wildomar,” Murrieta-Wildomar Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Patrick Ellis said. “So, we’re trying to grow both of those com-

munities as far as the restaurants go. This gave us an opportunity to kind of broaden the scope and it works well then for both communities because the great thing is Murrieta and Wildomar, the cities themselves work really, really well together. They don’t look at each other as competition. They look at each other as very, symbiotic groups working together because one’s not going to steal something from the other, per se.”

Ellis said he was excited to get started.

“Restaurants in this community are really important,” he said. “We don’t have a huge amount of chain type restaurants. It’s a

lot of one-offs, a lot of ‘mom and pop’ type places. So, the more we can support them and give them opportunities to showcase themselves within our area, we’re really excited to do that.”

Some of the restaurants in Murrieta that are participating include: Pokeoli, Ideku, Chef’s Grille, Stadium Pizza, May-Belle’s BBQ, The Cove, The Shamrock Pub & Eatery, RJ’s Sizzlin Steer, MVP, Buffadora Bar & Grill, Denny’s, Jersey Mike’s Subs, Sizzler, Buffalo Wild Wings, French Valley Cafe, Wine Ranch Grill & Cellars, Which Wich, Benny’s Casa Jimenez, 8Bit Brewing, The Mill and more.

Participating Wildomar restaurants include Angelo’s, Finch, The Hive, Tresino’s, Stadium Pizza, Tuscany Grille and more.

“I am very excited about restaurant week,” Kimberly Davidson, director of Wildomar’s economic development, said. “I am excited for all of the restaurants in Wildomar that have signed up and I’m very excited for people to know the kind of quality restaurants that we have in Wildomar and just excited for them to try it out.”

For more information, contact the Murrieta-Wildomar Chamber of Commerce at (951) 677-7916.

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The Chef's Grille is open for Murrieta-Wildomar Restaurant Week in Murrieta.

South Coast Winery designated as “Winery of the Year” by 2019 San Francisco International Wine Competition’s The Tasting Panel Magazine

TEMECULA – Competing at the 39th annual San Francisco International Wine Competition, South Coast Winery, owned by Carter Hospitality, garnered the 2019 “Winery of the Year” award from SFIWC-affiliated The Tasting Panel Magazine. The SFIWC, a member of The Tasting Alliance, is one of the oldest international wine competitions in the world and North America’s largest wine judging event.

In addition to the “Winery of the Year” designation, South Coast Winery was awarded “Best of Class” for its Wild Horse Peak Mountain Vineyards Touriga Nacional, 2016 in the Spanish/Portuguese/Argentine Red category. It also won two Double Gold awards for its Daybreak Muscat and Wild Horse Peak Mountain Vineyards Touriga Nacional, 2016. Gold medals were earned by the vineyard’s 4 Block Blend Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016; Muscat Canelli, 2018; Reservoir Block Petite Sirah, 2016; and Tempranillo Rosé, 2018. South Coast Winery received 29 awards in total.

Also recognized at SFIWC was South Coast Winery’s sister property and member of the Carter Hospitality family, Carter Creek Winery, located in Texas Hill Country. It took home awards for its Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017; Tempranillo, 2016; Tempranillo, 2017; and Sparkling Peach. Additionally, Carter Estate Winery in Temecula received a medal for its Penrose Red Blend, 2016.

“Our impressive achievements recognized by The Tasting Panel and San Francisco International Wine Competition is a testament to our commitment to producing wines that meet The Tasting Alliance’s founding principles of legacy, integrity and experience,” Jeff Carter, president of Carter Hospitality, which owns South Coast Winery, said. “Since our



Competing at the 39th annual San Francisco International Wine Competition, South Coast Winery, owned by Carter Hospitality, is named 2019 “Winery of the Year” by SFIWC-affiliated The Tasting Panel Magazine.

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inception in 2003, we have accumulated over 3,000 important accolades for our wines, but we are particularly proud to be honored as ‘the best of the best’ by the SFIWC.”

Medal winners of SFIWC awards are judged throughout three days of highly controlled blind tastings by experienced judging panels. Each entry is judged on its own merit, not compared to other entries. When an entry receives a Gold medal from all the judges on a panel, then it earns a Double Gold medal. Select Double Gold wines advance to the Sweepstakes Competition where judges deliberate to determine the Best of Class and Best in Show Premium Award winners, recognizing the best of the best.

The only winery among the state’s top wineries to claim the title of California Winery of the Year four times at the California State Fair Wine Competition, South Coast Winery Resort & Spa sets the gold standard for excellence amongst California wineries, earning more than 3,000 awards

since its inception in 2003. Situated on 63 lush acres, the resort offers a breathtaking retreat for wine tours, romantic getaways and group events with 132 rooms and villas, a working winery and tasting room, gift shop, full-service spa and restaurant.

South Coast Winery offers a broad portfolio of 45 wine labels, the majority of which are available for sampling in its main tasting room – from robust reds such as tempranillo, cabernet sauvignon, grenache, petit syrah, merlot and pinot noir to whites including sauvignon blanc, viognier, pinot grigio, chardonnay and riesling. Also available are sparkling wines, dessert wines and other specialty offerings. The winery employs a staff of skilled winemakers, including master winemaker Jon McPherson and winemaker Javier Flores, both with decades of experience in the wine industry.

For more information, visit www.southcoastwinery.com.

Submitted by South Coast Winery.



Finch Restaurant in Wildomar is open for Murrieta-Wildomar Restaurant Week.

Wine Country Events Calendar

FRIDAY, JAN. 24	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Live Music, Scott Thornberg, Cougar Vineyard and Winery
5-9 p.m.	Live Music, Masia de la Vinya
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Josh Rosenblum, Miramonte Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Groov Underground, Lorimar Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Dustin Jake, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Temecula
6-10 p.m.	Live Music, Cheez Whiz, Bel Vino Winery
SATURDAY, JAN. 25	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Rocklane, Bel Vino Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Dustin Jake, Wilson Creek Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Jillian Calkins, Masia de la Vinya
12:30-3 p.m.	Live Music, Charles Sacayan, Carol's Restaurant at Bailly Winery
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Don Johnson, Fazeli Cellars
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Fear of Phobias, Danza del Sol Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, The Counterfeits, Miramonte Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Totally 80's Band, Lorimar Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Alex and Esther, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Temecula
SUNDAY, JAN. 26	
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Brunch Specials at Meritage Restaurant, Callaway Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol's Restaurant at Bailly Winery
Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Cooking Class with Sarah Faherty, Europa Village
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Daring Greatly, Bel Vino Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Billy Watson, Wilson Creek
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Stefano Buttò, Europa Village
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Harmony Road, Lorimar Winery
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Shay Skyler, Avensole Winery
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Justin Paul Sanders, Fazeli Cellars
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, George and Grace, Danza del Sol Winery
2-5 p.m.	Live Music, Don Brennan, Cougar Vineyard and Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery
3-6 p.m.	Live Music, The Troubadour Road, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Temecula
UPCOMING:	
Jan. 25-26 is Temecula Valley Winegrower's Association's annual Barrell Tasting.	
Jan. 29 is Cougar Winery's Charcuterie Workshop from 5-7 p.m.	
Feb. 2 is Cougar Winery's 13th annual Super Chili Bowl from 3-8 p.m.	
Feb. 5 is Cougar Winery's Craft Night from 4-6 p.m.	

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