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Rainbow
MWD sets
March 26
hearing for
rate increases

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The Rainbow Municipal Water District is expected to adopt new water rates at the March 26 board meeting.

Rainbow's board voted 4-0, Jan. 22, with Michael Mack absent, to set the March 26 hearing date including the 1 p.m. starting time. If the new rates are adopted, they will take effect April 1.

"This is our annual rate increase hearing," Rainbow Municipal Water District General Manager Tom Kennedy said.

In November 1996, the state's voters passed Proposition 218, which requires a public vote on benefit assessments. Proposition 218 exempts water agencies from raising rates if a cost of service study shows a relationship between the rates and the agency's cost to provide water. A rate setting policy can be in effect for up to five years and must include a rate design and public review.

Rainbow approved cost of service studies in 2010 and 2015. Although an update was not legally needed until 2020, the 2015 rate study was based on an estimated annual demand of 18,000 acre-feet and recent actual demand figures are closer to 16,000 acre-feet. The

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Community input well-received by
Fallbrook Regional Health District
*Mapping process continues for revised health
district election zones*



From left, Ricardo Favela, chair of Fallbrook's Human Rights Committee, speaks at the Fallbrook Regional Health District public forum Wednesday, March 6, attended by other community members, Tom Frew and Edith Guerrero, far right. Cari Hachmann photo

Cari Hachmann
Staff Writer

While there wasn't a huge turnout at the Fallbrook Regional Health District's public forum Wednesday, March 6, the board's directors gained input from those who did show up.

The forum was held for the public to bring their own maps and opinions on how the health district should go about dividing its election system into five new zones.

Fallbrook Regional Health District is voluntarily moving away from an at-large election system for the 2020 election to avoid potential litigation based on the California Voting Rights Act and to ensure the board's makeup better represents its diverse communities.

Signed into law in 2002, the voting rights act prohibits the use of any election system "that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election."

Jurisdictions can be sued if they elect their governing body using an at-large, from-districts or mixed election system.

Latinos make up the highest protected class group in the Fallbrook area.

Latinos are particularly concentrated in the core of Fallbrook, with other clusters in Rainbow, Bonsall, along I-15 and in the northwest.

Latinos also make up 35 percent of the area's total population and 23 percent of the eligible voters, according to the 2010 decennial census and the 2012-

2016 American Community Survey. Asian-Americans are 4 percent of eligible voters, while African-Americans are 2 percent. The local regional health district is working with a population of 50,958 people.

"Our goal is to divide the district into five equal districts," Shalice Tilton, a senior consultant with the National Demographics Corporation who was hired to facilitate the mapping process according to California law at Wednesday's public forum, said. "Not equal in size, but in total population."

Tilton's job was to take notes from residents on what they saw as communities of interest, which are defined as neighborhoods or communities that share interests,

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Bonsall High
School may
co-locate
at Palomar
College

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The Fallbrook campus of Palomar College is within the Bonsall Unified School District, and the Bonsall district and the Palomar Community College District will be analyzing the possibility of an arrangement for Bonsall High School to operate on part of Palomar College's Fallbrook site.

A joint meeting of the Bonsall Unified School District and Palomar Community College District boards was held March 5 at the Fallbrook branch of Palomar College. Although no vote was taken, both boards along with the public speakers favored further investigation to determine if it would be feasible for Bonsall High School to be on the Fallbrook community college campus.

"It was an opportunity for both the boards to have a conversation," Joi Lin Blake, superintendent of Palomar Community College District, said.

"The meeting was just to talk and discuss whether this could be a feasible idea," Jones said.

If both boards subsequently approve the arrangement Bonsall High School would be on the Palomar Campus through

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County
to address
Fallbrook
homeless
issue

Cari Hachmann
Staff Writer

San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond of District 5 plans to address the growing homeless population in Fallbrook, posing increased watch by law enforcement and continued engagement with local leaders, he said.

In an interview with the Village News, March 6, at Desmond's North County office in Vista, the former San Marcos mayor discussed some of his top priorities. Among them was the issue of homelessness, which has become a hot topic for downtown business owners and some residents.

Desmond said he is aware of the issue and hopes to confront it in both Fallbrook and Oceanside. Because Fallbrook is an unincorporated area, unlike the city of Oceanside, Desmond said he understands that Fallbrook demands the county's help and resources.

Desmond said he wishes he could fix the homeless problem, but it's going to be a process.

"We are working on trying to get services out there," Desmond said, "So we can help get (these people) off the streets."

Desmond's office sent a letter to Fallbrook's Chamber of Commerce, March 4, and attached a copy of the Sheriff Department's "Trespass Arrest Authorization" form.

The form allows law enforcement to act on the behalf of merchants to move trespassers off their property. By signing the form, a property owner authorizes the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to advise trespassers

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Prosecution rests its case against
Chase Merritt, defense next up

Jeff Pack
Writer

San Bernardino County prosecutors rested their case against Charles "Chase" Ray Merritt, Monday, March 4. Merritt is accused of killing the McStay family, Joseph, Summer and their two young boys who lived in the Lake Rancho Viejo housing development east of Interstate 15 in Fallbrook.

Merritt's defense team motioned the court for a judgment of acquittal after the prosecution closed its case.

"At this time the defense would make a 1118.1 motion," Merritt's defense team said. "As the court has heard the evidence in this case, the people have presented a lot of information that goes to motive, they have presented a lot of information saying, 'Well, we don't know where he was at this exact time, so he had an opportunity.' And the defense position would be that's not of a solid value. There's no evidence of a murder occurring inside the home, there's no evidence of clean up, there's nothing in the home that supports the theory that the people are presenting that the family was killed inside the home on the night of the fourth. If it happened any other day, they can't put our client anywhere near the home."

The prosecution had the opportunity to argue the motion.

"Your honor, the people believe that there is more than sufficient evidence for the court to deny the motion and allow a jury to make a decision on whether or not the people have proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant



Chase Merritt, seated at left, looks at his defense team as it makes its case for a motion of acquittal in the murder of the McStay family of Fallbrook in 2010.



San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith dismisses the motion by Chase Merritt's defense team for a motion of acquittal. Courtesy of Law & Crime

is the one responsible for the brutal murders of the McStay family," the prosecution countered. "Not only is there strong circumstantial evidence of motive, there's strong circumstantial evidence of means to carry out that crime as well as dispose of the evidence and bury

the victims in the grave sites out in the desert. As well as substantial evidence of his opportunity to do so.

"We'd ask the court to deny that motion," the prosecution said.

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FAA to welcome watercolor artist Craig Anderson at March meeting



The guest artist for the March Fallbrook Art Association meeting will be watercolor artist Craig Anderson.

FALLBROOK – Watercolor artist Craig Anderson will be the guest demonstrator Saturday, March 16, at the Fallbrook Art Association meeting at the Fallbrook Woman’s Club, 238 W Mission Road.

The association meets every third Saturday of the month. It begins at 8:45 a.m. with a 9:15 a.m. critique session done by the guest artist. Members are encouraged to bring one piece of their artwork to be critiqued by the guest artist.

A 10:15 business meeting is followed by the guest artist demonstration, lunch and an optional workshop from 1-4 p.m. The public is invited to join with member artists at these meetings.

Craig Anderson was born and raised in upstate New York before moving to San Diego in 1988. He works exclusively in transparent watercolor. Anderson said he

believes that art is a timeless expression of the beauty that surrounds people: a fossil of some piece of real life that existed in time and space is a real, living, breathing thing. His trademark is his use of vibrant color and bold value patterns to reveal and discover the majesty hidden within his subjects. Anderson is an award-winning artist whose work is represented by private and corporate collections nationwide. He is a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society and has served as a juror in a number of art exhibitions and is in demand for live demonstrations and workshops.

After Anderson’s demonstration, he will conduct a watercolor painting workshop from 1-4 p.m. The workshop is open to both beginners and advanced painters, members and non-members. The cost for members is \$40 with \$35 going to the artist and \$5 to the association, and the cost for non-members is \$50 with \$45 going to the artist and \$5 to the association. To register, call Carol Reardon at (760) 731-6677. Participants need to register in advance by sending in checks to reserve a spot. Reardon will email participants a list of supplies to bring and the class agenda.

The Fallbrook Art Association is dedicated to supporting art in the community by sponsoring demonstrations, workshops, festivals, exhibits, opportunities, scholarships and two shows in Fallbrook.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Association.



This watercolor by Craig Anderson shows his skill in transparent watercolor. Courtesy photos

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FGMS meeting to feature two speakers



Cal and Kerith Graeber tend to their home garden of rocks.



This manganoan adamite is from Ojuela Mine in Mapimi, Durango, Mexico.

Jeff Scovill photo



Kerith Graeber's Mexican minerals on display at the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum.



This amethyst is from Las Vigas Mi



This calcite twin is from Santa Eulalia Mine in Chihuahua, Mexico.

FALLBROOK – Visitors to the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society meeting Thursday, March 14, will be treated to “a two-fer.” Fallbrook mineral dealers, Kerith and Cal Graeber, will be co-guest speakers, and their program, “The Minerals of Mexico,” will showcase Kerith Graeber’s award-winning collection of over 45 years.

Kerith Graeber’s introduction to minerals came from a Fallbrook school classmate, Bill Larson, who became her mentor and a world-renowned mineral dealer and owner of The Collector and Pala International in Fallbrook. Larson subsequently introduced Kerith Graeber to his mentor, Josephine “Josie” Scripps, who was San Diego County’s premier mineral collector.

Through Scripps’s association with the Museum of Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, Kerith Graeber volunteered there and met Harry Miller, a collector of Mexican minerals. When he died, the museum bought his collection, placing some pieces in their once a month basement sale. Having seen the collection before his death, Kerith Graeber said she was drawn to an amethyst and calcite specimen from Guanajuato, and with that single purchase she was hooked on collecting Mexican minerals. Even when Scripps told her that she could never have a great collection with just Mexican minerals, she was not deterred. Today “The Kerith Graeber Mexican Collection” contains over 1,000 specimens.

Over the years she built a fine personal collection that has won numerous awards, such as “Best of Show” at the San Diego County Fair, and at the Tucson Mineral and Gem Show, Kerith Graeber has received the highest recognition, winning the Lidstrom trophy for the best single specimen in a competitive exhibit and the Desautels trophy for the best display case of crystalized mineral specimens.

Cal Graeber met Kerith Graeber when he went to work for Bill Larson in 1972, after graduating from the Colorado School of Mines. In 1980 he left to form his own business, Cal Graeber Fine Minerals, dealing in fine mineral specimens, appraising collections and providing professional cleaning and trimming services. Kerith Graeber joined her husband’s mineral business in 1983, leaving a position as a Fallbrook Elementary School art school teacher.

Together, they created several specialized collections of San Diego County minerals, of quartz with inclusions and of general worldwide minerals. Cal Graber encouraged Kerith Graeber to pursue her interest in collecting Mexican minerals when they were first married, and over the years he, too, became fascinated with their forms and colors and is now an avid Mexican mineral collector with his wife. Come hear them share their 40-year journey together in the world of minerals.

The public is invited to attend this free presentation. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the FGMS building, 123 W. Alvarado Street, in Fallbrook. Free parking is available in the lot across from the building. An opportunity raffle will be held with earth science prizes, and mineral specimens will be offered for sale at 20 percent discount. Light refreshments will be served. For inquiries, call (760) 728-1130.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.

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BONSALL – The Bonsall Woman's Club March meeting introduced the Volunteer of the Year award and announced the winners in the Palomar Art Festival.

York joined the Bonsall Woman's Club in 2011 and began serving as third vice president of programs. In subsequent years, she served as first vice president and dean of chairmen and as the club's parliamentarian. She accepted when the Palomar District, which is part of the California and General Federation of Women's Clubs, asked for her help to serve on their board.

When York's announcement was made to the general membership, she received a standing ovation.

To cap off the meeting, the

Julie Van Loon won three Best of Show awards for “Quiet Meadow” in Advanced Scenic/Oil, “Gentle Love” in Advanced Portrait/Oil and “Juan’s Guacamole” in Advanced Still Life/Oil.

In the photography show, for black and white living things, Lisa Hasvold won Best of Show for "Lady with Hand on Cheek," and Mary Jane Poulter won second place for "Baby Sleeping."

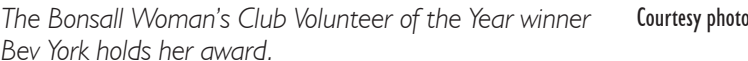
In black and white still life, Barbara Chahbazian won Best in Show for "Building in Water," and Marleen DuBona won second place for "Walls Italy."

In color photography of living things, Best of Show went to Barbara Chahbazian for "Two Old

In still life, Marleen DuBona received Best of Show for "Cork Bicycle."

The program will feature Dan Damon who will play and sing “fun songs with personality.” Lunch will be a salad bar with all the fixings. The cost is \$23, all inclusive. The deadline for reservations is March 27.

Questions? Contact hospitality chair Barbara Hartloff at (760) 731-2250. Send checks, payable to BWC, to P.O. Box 545, Bonsall, CA 92003. Visit www.bonsallwomensclub.org.



SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County Public Defender's Office wants residents' help celebrating the region's "Remarkable Teens." Do you know a teen who is phenomenal at something they do? Perhaps, they are a great artist, photographer, actor, dancer or musician – or someone who excels at nontraditional sports such as skateboarding, surfing or snowboarding.

Maybe, the nominee applies their creativity to inventions, entrepreneurship, technology or fashion design. Or they are an activist, a campus leader, is civically involved, does public speaking or is engaged in community service. Possibly, it is more about a physical act of bravery, courage to overcome adversity or having personal determination.

If you know anyone ages 12 through 19 who might fit the bill, nominate them. The Public Defender Youth Council will consider and interview the nominees for each of the 25 categories. The Youth Council is made up of high school students who are interested in civic engagement, and members work with Public Defender's Office to develop projects that make a difference in the community.

"The aim of the program is to provide an opportunity for youth in San Diego to be celebrated for their positive accomplishments and showcase the many ways that they are valuable community assets," public defender Randy Mize said.

The teens who are nominated will receive a certificate of recognition. The 25 teens selected will be celebrated at a special ceremony and presentation at the San Diego Central Library and will also be featured on County News Center.

The Remarkable Teen program is new to San Diego County but started in Riverside in 2004 and is now an annual program in three countries: the United States; Basserterre, St. Kitts in Eastern Caribbean; and Tofol, Kosrae of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The nomination form is available online at www.sandiegocounty.gov/.

Nominations are open until April 1 and can be emailed to connie.howard@sdcounty.ca.gov or can be mailed to Connie Howard at San Diego County Public Defender Youth Council, 450 B Street, Suite 1210, San Diego, CA 92101.

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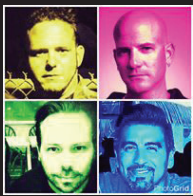
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decreased sales created a revenue shortfall for Rainbow, and in July 2017 the Rainbow board approved a contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants for a new cost of service study. The new cost of service study also included funding approximately \$3 million in capital improvement or major maintenance needs.

The Proposition 218 exemption process requires mailed notice of the new rates and includes a protest provision; if more than half of the district’s property owners or account holders submit a protest letter the planned rate

increase is rescinded. Last year Rainbow adopted new rates based on a cost of service study. The rate increase was for one year only, so a new notice and a protest process precedes this year’s rate increase.

The Jan. 22 date to set the March 26 hearing exceeds the minimum notice time of 45 days before the hearing.

“We’re giving two months,” Kennedy said.

Some of Rainbow’s costs are for infrastructure and operations, but Rainbow does not have a local water supply at this time so water is purchased from the San Diego County Water Authority and the Rainbow rates reflect SDCWA rates and charges. The commodity charge equates one unit to 100

cubic feet or 748 gallons.

For the first 10 units each month the rates for single-family residential accounts or agricultural accounts with a residence will increase from \$3.64 to \$3.73 per unit. The 11th through 26th units will have rates of \$3.99 per unit, which is an increase from \$3.86. Each unit beyond the 26th unit will have a rate of \$4.48 for single-family residential accounts, which is currently \$4.27, while the per-unit rate beyond 26 units for an agricultural property with a residence will increase from \$3.56 to \$3.63. The commodity charge for all units will increase from \$3.76 to \$3.87 for multi-family residential accounts and from \$3.89 to \$4.03 for commercial

accounts. Customers using the Transitional Special Agriculture Water Rate will be billed \$3.94 instead of \$3.70 for the month’s first 10 units, \$4.21 instead of \$3.92 for the 11th through 26th units and \$3.15 rather than \$3.04 for each unit beyond the 26th. All institutional units will be billed at \$4.14 rather than \$3.98 while the increase for all construction water units will be from \$4.87 to \$5.20.

The monthly fixed operation and maintenance charges for single-family or multi-family residential, commercial or institutional accounts will increase from \$61.46 to \$65.56 for a half-inch or 3/4-inch meter, from \$99.37 to \$105.59 for a 1-inch meter, from \$194.12 to \$205.62 for a 1 1/2-inch

meter, from \$307.82 to \$325.67 for a 2-inch meter, from \$667.85 to \$705.81 for a 3-inch meter, from \$1,198.46 to \$1,266.04 for a 4-inch meter and from \$2,468.09 to \$2,606.55 for a 6-inch meter.

For agricultural accounts the monthly increase will be from \$85.37 to \$94.25 for a half-inch or 3/4-inch meter, from \$139.18 to \$153.36 for a 1-inch meter, from \$273.77 to \$301.20 for a 1 1/2-inch meter, from \$435.27 to \$478.61 for a 2-inch meter, from \$946.65 to \$1,040.37 for a 3-inch meter, from \$1,700.30 to \$1,868.25 for a 4-inch meter and from \$3,503.62 to \$3,849.18 for a 6-inch meter.

Those amounts include the SDCWA pass-through charge.

SCHOOL

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modular rather than permanent structures although the campus would be separated from the Palomar College classrooms. That separation would create distinct schools, but the Bonsall students would be close enough that they could take Palomar College classes.

“I’m real excited about the idea,” BUSD superintendent David Jones said. “I think it would give our kids a tremendous opportunity to be better prepared.”

Students would receive both credit toward their high school graduation requirements and college credit for classes taken at Palomar College.

“It’s a tremendous opportunity for students who are ready and willing to take on higher-level courses and opportunities at the college level, and they will be right there on campus to do so,” Jones said.

“It also creates an affordable option for parents,” Blake said.

Palomar College would waive fees for the Bonsall High School students.

“The students can complete their associate degree before they graduate from high school, and it would be absolutely free,” Blake said. “They could get some of that freshman and sophomore year coursework done at Fallbrook at no cost to them.”

Educational administrators refer to an early middle college school model for a situation in which high school students take college general education courses while still in high school.

“We would be following and

implementing that model if this were to come to fruition,” Blake said.

The arrangement would also give Bonsall High School students an opportunity to take courses other than the basic requirements for an associate degree.

“It’s going to open up for students who are truly gifted at being able to handle higher-level college courses,” Jones said. “I very much like having the opportunity for advanced students to be able to walk into a class.”

Community colleges often have more foreign language options than high schools. Bonsall High School offers some Spanish classes, and Jones said that students who desire to learn Spanish at a more advanced level would have that opportunity from Palomar College courses.

“You can get better classes where there’s more of a fluency or conversational level,” he said. “That’s another example of how it can be an absolutely wonderful thing for a child.”

That would also apply to other foreign languages taught at Palomar College.

The Fallbrook campus of Palomar College also has pre-nursing and business programs the high school does not offer.

Palomar College has degrees for 250 programs.

“If they don’t have it in Fallbrook, they can take it at the main campus,” Blake said. “They can take lessons online as well.”

Jones said that for classes offered at the Fallbrook campus the personal interaction of a classroom provides advantages over online courses.

“The collaboration and communication is very different,”

he said.

The career technical education programs offered on the San Marcos campus include cabinet making, automotive technology, welding and water and wastewater technology.

“There will be opportunities for those students as well,” Jones said of Palomar College’s industrial arts offerings.

“It provides them with an opportunity,” Blake said. “They’ll be able to complete their degree there.”

Bonsall High School utilizes the New Technology education model which includes internships. In 1996 the Federal Communications Commission had a regulation limiting an ownership to four radio stations in the same market. When PAR Broadcasting obtained a higher-powered radio station PAR maintained its limit by donating 1320-AM to Palomar College. KKSM operates from the Palomar College campus in San Marcos.

“That’s another opportunity for that type of career or intern,” Jones said.

“It’s an affordable option that the college is offering,” Blake said.

Palomar College has a fire technology program whose instructors include former North County Fire Protection District deputy fire chief Ed Sprague. One of the issues the Bonsall school board will determine if Bonsall High School moves to the Palomar College campus will be which Palomar classes will count toward the science requirement for Bonsall High School graduation.

“We haven’t done any of the details of that,” Jones said.

Only full-time Palomar College students can play for the Comets’ athletic teams, and one of the

issues to be determined is physical education and athletics for Bonsall High School students. Although the Comets’ sports facilities are at the San Marcos main campus, some athletic-related courses may be available in Fallbrook.

“We’re looking at offering some form of kinesiology,” Blake said.

Kinesiology lecture courses are already on the Fallbrook campus.

“We’re just trying to figure out how to offer the lab,” Blake said.

“There could be a lot of opportunities that could be developed over time,” Jones said. “That’s exciting to think about what new opportunities will be. They can open up all kinds of doors for classes.”

The Bonsall school district would lease rather than acquire the Palomar land.

“It would be long-term, but it would be a lease agreement,” Blake said.

Since the arrangement with Palomar College would be a lease and the community college might need that space in the future, the Bonsall district will likely retain the 50-acre property off Gird Road which has been planned for a high school. Although the classrooms would be on the Palomar College campus in Fallbrook, the Gird Road site might be used for Bonsall High School athletic facilities or for Future Farmers of America barns, and the Gird Road site could also be used for an elementary school or for a continuation school.

“It certainly could be used for that,” Jones said.

The use of the Gird Road property will be a separate discussion.

“The board is not at all discussing that as an option at this point,” Jones said. “But there’s a potential for that.”

Also to be determined is whether Bonsall High School would have a split campus with juniors and seniors attending the Palomar campus while freshmen and sophomores stay at the Sullivan middle school site.

“There are still details to work out,” Blake said.

Both boards would collaborate on which years of Bonsall High School students would attend classes on the Palomar College campus. The Bonsall district would also take the lead on matters related to transporting Bonsall students to the community college although parking and loading-unloading issues will require Palomar involvement.

“It’s a work to become a reality,” Jones said. “There are things we still need to work out.”

Addressing specific issues and developing a memorandum of understanding and an implementation plan will be subsequent actions if both districts find the arrangement to be feasible.

“If it looks like it is feasible, we would begin drafting an MOU and a schematic design,” Jones said.

The Bonsall High School students could be attending classes on the Palomar College campus as early as 2019-2020, especially if a phased approach starting with juniors and seniors is used.

“I’m hopeful and excited,” Jones said.

“I think this is an excellent opportunity for the community,” Blake said.

“It’s a win-win for Palomar. It’s a win-win for Bonsall High School students,” Jones said. “These are just opportunities and possibilities at this time. They’re all tremendous exciting opportunities to think about and work out.”

MCSTAY

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San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith ultimately denied the defense’s motion.

“As pointed out by both sides, this is strictly circumstantial evidence case and so I did spend a fair amount of time going through the testimony and the exhibits,” Judge Smith said. “To thoroughly examine the evidence that was presented.

“If there is any substantial evidence to support a jury’s finding of guilt then the motion to dismiss should be denied,” the judge said.

Earlier in the day, the prosecution showed the jury a clip from the CNN interview that Merritt did with news channel about the case.

In the clip, the interviewer suggested, “You were the last person (McStay) saw.”

“I am definitely the last person he saw,” Merritt said.

Following the video, the prosecution rested its case, with the condition they can reopen to

interview one more witness for analysis that it was Merritt’s truck seen on a home video security camera Feb. 4, on the McStay’s street in Fallbrook.

The jury was dismissed and ordered to return to court March 12 to resume the trial at which point the defense will present its case.

The McStay family was last seen alive Feb. 4, 2010, and relatives reported them missing a few days later.

The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department and FBI handled the investigation into the family’s

disappearance in the early years with no resolution.

In November 2013, the skeletal remains of the four family members were discovered in shallow graves by a motorcyclist in the Mojave Desert. Records show that all four were beaten to death, most likely with a sledgehammer. At that point, the investigation was taken over by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department.

Prosecutors maintain that greed was the basis for Merritt committing the murders and have stated they will be seeking the

death penalty in the case.

Defense attorneys have said that investigators zeroed in on Merritt early on the case and never looked at anything or anyone else.

It is expected that the defense will continue to point the finger at another business associate of Joseph McStay, Daniel Kavanaugh, who the defense said was overlooked by investigators.

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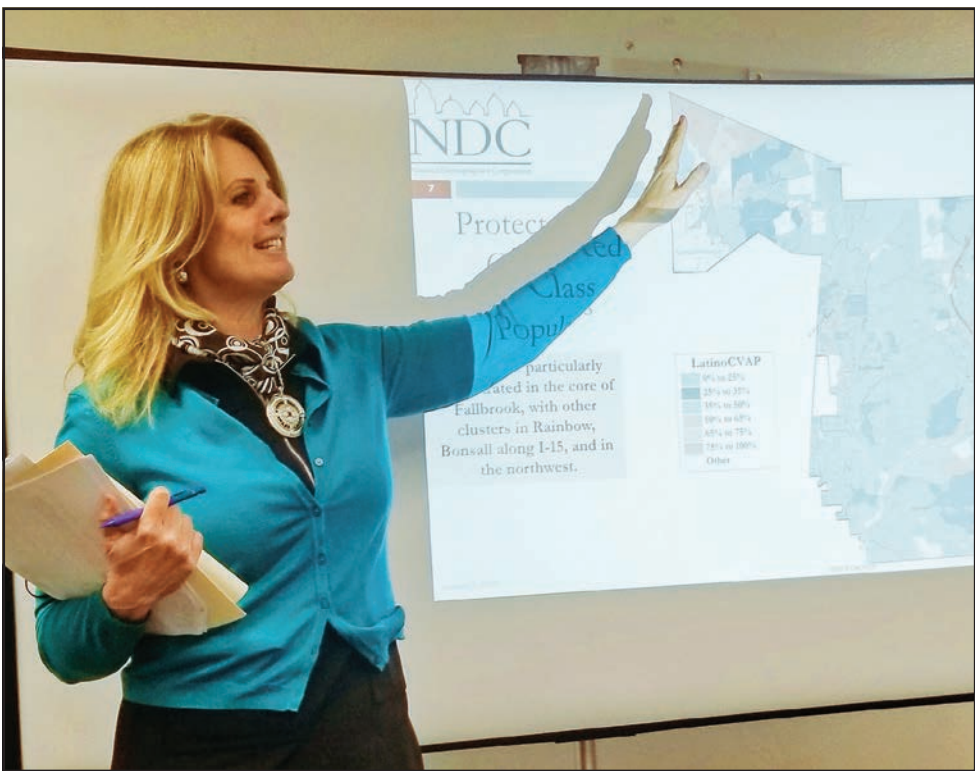
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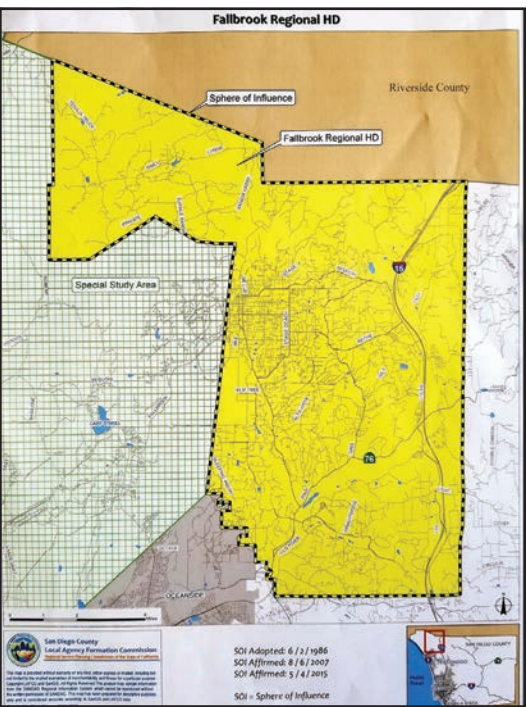
DISTRICT

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views, problems or characteristics. “We are trying to not split up neighborhoods, as to not dilute their voting strength,” Tilton said. In 2021, the process will have to be redone using new data from the 2020 decennial census. On a large projector screen, a color-coded map detailed the perimeters of the Fallbrook Regional Health District, which borders Riverside County to the north, Camp Pendleton to the west, Vista and Oceanside to the south and just east of the I-15. A few members of Fallbrook’s Human Rights Committee attended the public forum and brought with them maps they helped compose for Fallbrook’s recent high school and elementary school redistricting. Ricardo Favela, local resident and chairman of Fallbrook’s Human Rights Committee, said he thought the meeting went very well. “I’m encouraged by the process here,” Favela said. “I see genuine interest to approach this as thoughtfully and as respectfully as possible. It’s a very important issue and it deserves our best efforts.” Tom Frew, a Fallbrook resident and Human Rights Committee member, said it was gratifying to share their maps with the board, as the group had spent lots of time and effort in making them. They also drew advice from the Mexican-American Legal Defense Foundation. “That’s all we really wanted, was to have it fair and understandable,”



Shalice Tilton, a senior consultant with the National Demographics Corporation, helps facilitate the mapping process according to California law at Wednesday’s public forum. Cari Hachmann photos



A basic map details the perimeters of the Fallbrook Regional Health District in yellow. Borders include Riverside County to the north, Camp Pendleton to the west, Vista and Oceanside to the south and just east of the I-15.

Frew said. The difference between the school districts maps and the ones to be drawn for the health and fire districts are the latter don’t include Camp Pendleton and parts of Bonsall, Frew said. One zone Frew and Favela helped to identify for the board is what they call the “downtown district.” It runs from Alturas Road to Old Stage Road to East Mission and down to O’hearn Road but doesn’t include Poet’s Square. “This is a contiguous community,” Frew said. “You can

walk from one end to the other without going through another district. California Voters Right Act requires they be contiguous communities.” Favela explained further that their map of the downtown district shows a solid population district of about 12,000 people with maximum voting potential and a strong multigenerational Latino presence. “This could be a good starting point,” Favela said. Before a final map is drawn up, the health district’s board of directors will meet again to discuss

options for the actual drawing of the map, which may include a \$4,000 toolkit to assist with the process. Board director Kate Schwartz-Frates said, “I think we are making a great start in engaging the community to participate and provide input and suggestions in order to voice their concerns and priorities for the redistricting process.” The board plans to hold one or two additional public meetings as needed. “The advantage is, we have plenty of time and no strict

deadlines,” Kate Schwartz-Frates said. The board’s interim director Wendy Lyon said, “I’m pleased with the interaction and the collaboration of the community. We really want to inform, educate and empower the community to be part of the process.” Linda Bannerman, office manager and board secretary, said she was happy with who showed up. “They brought their own maps with them. They’ve done their research, and that’s what we need,” Bannerman said.



Jim Desmond, county supervisor for District 5, discusses his priorities for Fallbrook in a meeting with the Village News Wednesday, March 6. Julie Reeder photo

HOMELESS

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to leave a property or risk being arrested. Should trespassers proceed to violate the current California trespass laws, deputies will act on behalf of a property owner’s behalf in their absence. It means, during or after store hours, a sheriff’s deputy can escort unwanted persons off a property, or if a business owner has a chronic problem with an unwanted person, they can call the sheriff and have that person removed. Lila MacDonald, CEO of Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber passed out the sheriff’s authorization forms to all of its member businesses. Anyone can obtain a form from the chamber by stopping by or requesting one be sent to them, she said. MacDonald’s store owners can post no loitering or no trespassing signs, but there are no California laws against vagrancy.

County-led Revitalization Committee Desmond also plans to bring county resources to Fallbrook by establishing its own Revitalization Committee in Fallbrook, in addition to the unincorporated areas of Valley Center and Borrego Springs. The goal is to streamline communication, prioritize issues and drive existing community efforts forward. Desmond said he wants to bring county staff in to work together with Fallbrook citizens who are already putting forth efforts to revitalize the community. The first county Revitalization Committee will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Fallbrook Public Utilities Department, confirmed Miles Himmels, communications director for Desmond’s office. Roy Moosa, local Realtor and head of Fallbrook’s Revitalization Committee, addressed the homeless issue at the committee’s morning meeting, March 7, and heard input from other members. Currently, it seems downtown merchants are at a bit of odds with the faith community who have been helping to provide services to the

homeless people they encounter in fallbrook. Business owners feel providing services to homeless people in the downtown area isn’t the solution because it enables those people to stay in the area. A letter signed by over 90 merchants was presented to the Fallbrook Homeless Advocacy group detailing their concerns. Brad Fox, a member of the advocacy group, has stopped attending Revitalization Committee meetings, citing differences in attitudes toward the homeless. He feels his time can be better spent acting on behalf of the homeless, instead of against them. Moosa said his solution would be to provide homeless people a place to stay, give them a job and make them pay for it. “I’ve offered several jobs to the homeless,” he said, but ultimately none of them worked out. Folks at the meeting were concerned that Heyneman Park, which has undergone expensive upgrades, is now being overtaken by the homeless. Some ideas mentioned were closing the park for at least one month, so those who are staying there could be asked to leave. One idea posed was to turn the park’s sprinklers on to ward off unwanted visitors. Fox said the church’s stand strong on a non-punitive approach. “Frankly, the homeless are used to a punishing lifestyle. More punishment simply isn’t productive,” he said. As for the sheriff’s enforcement of trespassers, Fox said, “This is a punitive measure which has been shown not to work in many other cities. Homeless pile up citation after citation, fail to respond, get jailed and released and the cycle starts over again. In the meantime they create a rap sheet that precludes receiving important services that would help to rehabilitate them.” If anyone at the meeting could agree on one thing, it was that action needed to be taken. Moosa said the homeless issue sets the committee back on its revitalization efforts. “It has to be handled and taken care of, otherwise we can’t move forward as a community or as a town,” Moosa said.

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Dr. Pace to retire after more than 40 years

Jeff Pack
Writer

The impact that Dr. Robert C. Pace has had on the lives of thousands of people in the Fallbrook and southwest Riverside County area can't be measured with any tangible value associated with it.

But for those that have experienced the expertise and care that Dr. Pace provided firsthand, there's no doubting what his worth has been to the Fallbrook community.

This year, after more than 40 years as a practicing orthopedic surgeon out of his Fallbrook and Murrieta offices, Dr. Pace will retire his practice next week.

Starting in 1977, Dr. Pace was a fixture on the sidelines at Fallbrook High School football games. He was a big football fan, having played freshman football during his freshman year at the University of Utah.

And if you were a football player from the late '70s on, it was both a curse and blessing to be instructed by your coaches to "Go see Dr. Pace." On the one hand, you were likely pretty injured, but on the other hand, Dr. Pace was going to take very good care of you.

"He was a guy that touched so many kids lives throughout all the years that he's been with and worked with Fallbrook High School students and athletes," said Tom Pack, who worked with Dr. Pace while serving as the school's head football coach for more than 27 years. "I can't tell you how many kids he cared about and cared for over the years. What he has done for this school and this community — he went above and beyond for everyone."

Dr. Pace grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, and graduated from the University of Utah with an undergraduate degree in 1965 before moving on to medical school at The George Washington University through 1969.

He then served with the Navy assigned to the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton from 1971 to 1973. That's when he and wife Eileen got their first taste of life in Fallbrook.

He then returned to finish orthopedics at the University of Southern California.

"So, we were never going to come back to Fallbrook because it was too small," Dr. Pace said. "Then the four years we were in L.A., Fallbrook was growing. So, we came back and that's where we stayed."

According to Dr. Pace, there was a major malpractice crisis in Fallbrook at that point in time in town.

"Fallbrook (football team) was having trouble getting a doctor to cover them because the lawsuits were going every which way," Dr. Pace said. "Dr. Wayne Miller said, 'You know they're having trouble getting a doc down there and they can't start a home game without a physician there.'"

Dr. Pace offered to help, and the rest is history.

"I thought, this was really great," Dr. Pace said. "Sports medicine back then meant if you were a doctor and had an interest in sports, you were a sports medicine doctor. Since then, obviously, it's become a very respected specialty."

Working with the young athletes at Fallbrook High, he said, was never meant to improve his professional practice in town but admits that it likely did.

"I guess in retrospect, I got to meet a lot of people that I otherwise wouldn't have," Dr. Pace said. "The coaches and all those guys."

Dr. Pace's generosity and demeanor with his patients, young and old, endeared him to the community and his colleagues.

He served as the Chief of Surgery at Fallbrook Hospital from 2008 until the hospital's closing as well as Chief of Surgery at Rancho Springs Medical Center in



Dr. Robert C. Pace sits in his Murrieta office just a few weeks before he's set to retire after more than 40 years as an orthopedic surgeon with practices in Fallbrook and Murrieta. Jeff Pack photo

Murrieta in 1998 and was the Chief of Staff of Fallbrook Hospital in 1984 and 2013.

He was affiliated with Fallbrook Hospital, Golden Triangle Surgicenter, Loma Linda Hospital, and Rancho Springs Hospital during his career.

He said he will miss the office most of all.

"A lot," Dr. Pace said. "The people in the operating room too, but the office. Most people when you see them in the office, they're

being level with you, they tell you what they think, and I am going to miss that."

He won't miss the digital medical billing and things like that, but he will miss the people and the patients that he still runs into from time to time.

"It's a very grounding place, the office," Dr. Pace said. "You see patients that have been through some rough times and you've been through the rough times with them and you get very close. I realize

that I am going to miss that very much."

Dr. Pace will continue to stay active in the community and this July he will begin his term as the president of Foundation for Senior Care.

The foundation's Care Van program is a by-donation service providing door to door transportation for seniors and the disabled to medical appointments, physical therapy, pharmacies, grocery stores and more.

He and Eileen raised their children, Erin, Meredith and Scott, in Fallbrook and each attended Fallbrook High School. These days and during his impending retirement, you will find them chasing around his grandchildren, watching ballgames and — knowing Dr. Pace — probably taking a look at a young athlete's bumps and bruises and offering them support.

That's just who he is.

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CASINO RESORT

Lane shares her art with the Village News



Fallbrook artist BJ Lane stands in front of her self-portrait.

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

Among the many artists who make Fallbrook home is Betty Jean “BJ” Lane. She grew up in Phoenix, where her interest in art started in second grade. Her parents were not artistic but encouraged her to be observant in learning how to draw.

Her first formal art classes were in high school in Prescott, Arizona. She took art classes at colleges over the years from Prescott, to several in Southern California. While living in the Los Angeles area, she painted with watercolors in plein air style.

Lane married her husband, Steve, in the 70s and worked as a technician for Pacific Bell for a short time before staying at home with the first of their three

daughters. As the girls grew up, Lane helped with art projects at their schools and designed over 100 pieces of Christmas displays for their community in Duarte over the 20 years they lived there.

During those years, she said, she spent a lot of time in the car taking her daughters to different activities. While waiting for them, she would sketch streets scenes on canvas balanced on the steering wheel. She would also get out of the car and take photos at different angles so she could expand the pictured scene at home.

Her youngest daughter has autism spectrum disorder and went through a rough adolescence and spent four years in crisis homes. It was a hard time for Lane, who said she healed with art, taking classes at Citrus College.

As part of a course requirement,



This two-panel painting by BJ Lane depicts her youngest daughter’s birthday party several years ago. It can be seen at the Village News office, 111 W. Alvarado St. in Fallbrook. Lucette Moramarco photos



These car paintings were popular with Village News customers; they have replaced with other paintings for display. All but the upper left car were seen at Fallbrook car shows.

she served as a docent at the Millard Sheets Gallery. That experience led her to being one of many demonstration artists at the Los Angeles County Fair every September for nine years, until 2015.

Lane, her husband and youngest daughter moved to Fallbrook “for the peaceful surroundings,” she said, when he retired in 2013.

She now also uses mixed media to create a variety of landscapes, portraits and still life scenes, among others. Her paints include

acrylics, paint sticks and hot wax. The wax is used in the encaustic method which she said is how the Egyptians painted colors on a sarcophagus.

Lane describes the paint sticks as “oil paint in a solid form that looks like a crayon but is wet oil paint. I paint on canvas and, as with tube oils, the pieces take two to six weeks to dry. I use gloved hands and paint with my fingers. Not much brushwork.”

Some of her oil paintings as well as a few encaustic paintings can be

seen at the Village News office, 111 W. Alvarado St., in Fallbrook. Lane was the resident artist at the newspaper office for the summer Wine & a Bite Art Walks in 2018. Her paintings were hung in several rooms at the office and remained there until March 7 when she and her husband replaced them with different ones.

Everyone is welcome to come see them or view more at www.Bjlane.com.



Smaller paintings of cars by BJ Lane can now be seen at the Village News office.



This nighttime plein air painting shows the carousel at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. BJ Lane painted it when she was a demonstration artist at the fair.

HEALTH

Summer camp applications are being accepted for ‘California Experience’

VISTA – This summer, Aug. 5-17, at Green Oak Ranch in Vista, boys and girls from the West Coast can spend a week at the “California Experience.” Experience Camps provide free, one-week camps for children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. Along with swimming, arts, crafts and team sports, the children take part in bereavement activities including sharing circles where they are encouraged to talk about their grief.

The camp is currently accepting referrals and applications for boys and girls entering grades 4-12 in the 2019-2020 school year.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 1.5 million children are living in a single-family household because of the death of one parent. Grieving children are at higher risk than their non-grieving peers for depression, anxiety, poor school attendance or

dropping out, isolation, behavior problems, lowered academic achievement, drug or alcohol abuse, incarceration or suicide.

The California girls camp runs Aug. 5-10, and the California boys camp is Aug. 12-17 at Green Oak Ranch in Vista. It’s a place where children can laugh, cry, play, create, remember the person who died or forget the grief that weighs them down. It’s a place where they can feel “normal,” because everyone there has been through something similar and understands what it’s like to lose someone important to them. In 2019, Experience Camps will have more than 700 campers at camps in Maine, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. For more information about Experience Camps, visit www.experience.camp.

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Right to Try Act and saving lives

Dr. James D. Veltmeyer
Special to Village News

Although it has drawn far less public attention than the battle over illegal immigration, trade wars, North Korea or Supreme Court appointments, the Trump administration is quietly initiating a revolution in health care. The administration’s more decentralized approach to this issue will result in better care at lower costs and many more lives saved.

The reforms at Department of Veterans Affairs are one example. Veterans are now being given a choice in doctors, allowing them to escape the inefficient bureaucracy to receive care from private physicians on a timely basis.

Likewise, the Department of Health and Human Services under President Donald Trump is granting waiver after waiver to the states to give Medicaid patients more choices in health

care. Association health insurance is being encouraged by executive order, and the direct primary care model is looked on more favorably.

One other development is the president’s signature on the Right to Try Act of 2018.

Formally known as the “Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2018,” this legislation amended existing federal law to permit certain unapproved, experimental drugs to be administered to terminally ill patients who have exhausted all other approved treatment options and are unable to participate in clinical drug trials. These drugs are not snake oil cures; they must have completed an FDA-approved Phase I clinical trial and be in an active clinical trial as well as being in ongoing active development or production.

For years before the passage of the Right to Try Act, thousands of Americans have been forced

to go abroad in search of possible life-saving treatments for terminal illnesses. The Food and Drug Administration – which was created for the purpose of ensuring that only safe drugs and medications enter the U.S. market – has often been an obstacle in the way of fast-tracking life-saving medications. Like most government bureaucracies, the FDA has constructed an archaic complex of regulations and compliance costs that result in long delays in drug approval and massively increased research costs in health care.

The foot-dragging on the part of the FDA became even more serious after 1962, as a result of the Kefauver-Harris legislation which dramatically increased the agency’s power. Enacted as a result of some unfortunate tragedies associated mainly with two drugs, including thalidomide, these amendments led to a steep drop in the number of new drugs entering the market each year.

The reason for the decline was due to the hugely expensive and restrictive regulations imposed on the pharmaceutical companies, causing research and development costs to soar.

Thanks to FDA regulations over the last half-century, the United States fell behind the rest of the world in gaining access to important medications. It is estimated that if they calculated the number of premature deaths caused by drug delays, deaths due to loss of innovation and deaths due to the FDA’s suppression of life-saving information, nearly half of the people who have died since 1962 had their lives shortened by 11 years.

Just the application process alone can take up to 100 hours, according to the FDA’s own estimates. If someone is dying, 100 hours is a lifetime and they can’t wait.

As a physician who faces life and death decisions every day and whose wife is battling stage IV breast cancer, I am angered by the FDA’s policies. It is one thing to prevent dangerous, adulterated drugs from flooding the American market, it is something else to prolong the approval process to the point that terminally ill patients actually die or are forced to go overseas where these drugs have existed safely for years. And, no one can say that the FDA has had a perfect record in protecting American consumers. In 1999, the agency approved a drug called Vioxx which killed 60,000 people and triggered 140,000 heart attacks. The agency has also looked the other way as cheap generics manufactured in highly questionable drug factories in China and India were permitted to enter the U.S. market.

With the Right to Try legislation, however, Congress and the Trump administration are making an end-

run around the red-tape bureaucrats at the FDA and some fellow citizens are already benefiting.

Bloomberg News said in January that a California man diagnosed with glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer that is usually fatal within two years, had been granted access to a therapy called Gliovac, produced by a Belgian pharmaceutical. This individual is one of approximately two dozen or so people currently taking Gliovac. He is paying nothing for the drug, and there have been no side effects in the trial so far.

In another case, Matt Bellina – a former Navy pilot who suffers from ALS, also known as “Lou Gehrig’s disease” and one of the individuals the law was named for – has been receiving the experimental therapy NurOwn which is in phase III clinical trials.

Before Right to Try, the process for obtaining experimental drugs was so challenging that fewer than 1,000 people sought and received federal approval to take such drugs in 2013. That’s what led to similar legislation being enacted in 40 states over the last several years, with bipartisan support. Trump’s signature to the federal law has been a long overdue gift to the terminally ill.

Immunotherapies and other promising treatments are offering a realistic vision – in the near future – of a world without cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and others. It’s time for big government to get out of the way and let the scientists, researchers and innovators do what they do best – find ways to make people live longer, healthier and happier lives.

Dr. James Veltmeyer is a prominent La Jolla physician voted “Top Doctor” in San Diego County in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017. Veltmeyer can be reached at dr.jamesveltmeier@yahoo.com.



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Bird disease may be headed this way



Virulent Newcastle disease can affect chickens and other kinds of birds. Marshall Jordan photo

Marshall Jordan
Special to the Village News

The Virulent Newcastle disease is spreading. It now has been spotted as close as Riverside County.

If a bird in Fallbrook is infected with the disease, it will have respiratory distress, such as coughing, sneezing, gurgling, rattling or a gaping beak.

It also will have nervous signs characterized by tremors, paralysis or twisting of the neck. It will

have an unusually watery feces or diarrhea that is yellowish-green in color and a loss of appetite.

Some ways of preventing this disease are getting the birds vaccinated; talk to a local vet. It is suggested that bird owners keep their birds indoors, wash the gear and clothes that they take in and out of the pen thoroughly. Don't take birds out of town or bring in other birds.

Marshall Jordan raises poultry with Fallbrook 4-H Club.

Recognizing depression in seniors

American Counseling Association
Special to Village News

Everyone feels sad at times. Numerous things in life can leave people feeling blue. For most people, this feeling is usually a passing emotion that diminishes with time but for some people this sadness can be severe, long-lasting and life-affecting. That's when feeling blue can cross the line into depression, a mental health issue affecting many of the older population.

It's not difficult to understand why feelings of sadness can be more common or frequent for seniors. As people age their lives change in a variety of ways, often not for the better. There may be more health problems that are often more severe. An older person's physical abilities have also begun to diminish, and many find their memory isn't quite as sharp as it once was.

A common cause for sadness among the elderly is the loss of someone close. Feelings of grief over the loss of a spouse, relative or a close friend are strong and most likely more frequent with the passing of time.

While everyday feelings of sadness are not depression, there are some signs that can indicate when common sadness is turning into a more serious mental health issue. The most noticeable is when the sadness and grief someone is

experiencing doesn't diminish with the passage of time.

Other signs of depression are when the joy in a person's life seems to be gone. Laughter is rare; favorite activities are no longer enjoyed and things that used to bring pleasure, like a pretty sunset or a young grandchild, no longer provide happiness for the person.

Someone suffering from depression may also be tired all the time, lose interest in friends and withdraw socially. Eating and sleeping problems are common, and in some cases there is an increased use of alcohol or drugs.

When someone close to you, or even you yourself, has experienced a painful loss and is beginning to exhibit signs of hopelessness, it's vital to get help quickly. Depression not only has a negative effect on health, but it is a common cause of suicide.

A family physician or professional counselor has access to a number of tests that can help pinpoint depression, along with a variety of methods for treating it. Depression is a mental health issue that does not cure itself, but it's a treatable problem. Seek help quickly.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@ counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Parkinson Support Group learns about choosing a home care agency

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Parkinson Support group will hold their monthly meeting, Friday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane, in Fallbrook. The meetings are held the fourth Friday of each month.

This month's speakers, Jeani Groesbeck and Jon Izzo will speak on "Recognizing When You Need Help – What to look for in an agency." Groesbeck and Izzo are co-owners of Care Choice Home Care; Izzo is also a physical therapist.

Parkinson's disease progresses differently in every person. As the disease changes, so do the needs of the patient and their family caregivers. Daily care tasks can escalate requiring a day care center or a home health aide for a few hours at a time. Eventually the family may need to consider full-time home care

or a skilled nursing facility.

The support group meeting will help families identify when is the right time to explore home care as a support option and a clear knowledge of what services are included, costs and how to evaluate agencies effectively.

Izzo will discuss assistive devices and how to safely prepare the home environment to meet the changing physical and emotional needs of loved ones.

A time of sharing, coffee and refreshments will follow the program. The meeting is held in support of persons with Parkinson's disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson's disease.

For more information, call Irene at (760) 731-0171 or Vicki at (760) 728-7117.

Submitted by Fallbrook Parkinson Support Group.

Thinking about health



Trudy Lieberman
Rural Health News Service

Association health insurance is back. Perhaps residents remember those policies that were offered as a member of a local business or social group or trade association. The policies were usually marketed as "affordable" – whatever that meant in those days. Sometimes, though, certain kinds of organizations that offered association insurance became insolvent or engaged in fraudulent activities and left policyholders with few options.

When the former President Barack Obama's healthcare law came along, association policies had to conform to the new "Obamacare" rules. For one thing, they could no longer consider gender when setting the price of a policy. In the old days insurers could charge women more because they said they were more likely than men to file claims.

"Obamacare" also outlawed occupational underwriting; that is, considering a person's job in deciding to issue a policy.

Last year, however, the Trump administration changed the rules to allow more employer groups and associations based on common industries or geography to offer health insurance plans. The goal is to provide a cheaper option than an "Obamacare" policy, at least for some people.

According to Kevin Coleman who founded www.associationhealthplans.com to provide facts and figures about the new market, 28 plans are now being offered in 13 states. Coleman said if there are 50 in 16 states by the end

of the year, he would consider that a successful result.

Time will tell in the next few years whether the updated versions of association health insurance will actually have solved the problems the old ones presented and, indeed, offer policyholders a cheaper option.

Coleman said so far plan sponsors claim they typically pay between 23 and 29 percent less to cover those insured than before.

How do sponsors achieve the savings they are claiming?

The new association plans don't have to offer the same benefits as "Obamacare" plans. Coleman said he is finding that while many plans do offer mental health coverage like the "Obamacare" policies, they do not cover pediatric dental and vision services that are found in an "Obamacare" plan.

While "Obamacare" plans can use only a few of the so-called rating factors like smoking, age, and where a person applying for coverage lives, association plans have much more leeway. They can use occupation in determining whether to insure someone and what a policy costs.

If an insurer doesn't want to insure rodeo performers, for instance, they can refuse to insure them.

By excluding certain people who are likely to generate lots of claims – like ballet dancers or young women who have babies – the sponsor can save money and, theoretically, pass the savings on to policyholders.

One of the things that Coleman found in his survey is that the deductibles are still very high. As an example, Coleman noted that in one plan deductibles ranged from \$4,500 to \$10,000 for a family

plan and from \$1,500 to \$5,000 for individual coverage. That's the amount of medical bills the insured person will have to pay in a year before the insurance even kicks in.

A shopper might expect to find those kinds of deductibles in many of the "Obamacare" policies and in other individual market insurance as well.

Remember, it's the interplay among four factors that determines how much health insurance really costs: the deductible; coinsurance, the percentage of the price of a medical service residents pay; copayment, a flat amount they pay for a service and the premium. Too often people look only at the premium.

Sellers of the newly fashioned association policies also have more opportunity to charge higher premiums for some people, Sabrina Corlette, a research professor at Georgetown University's Center on Health Insurance Reforms, said.

Federal law does not prohibit using age as a factor in determining premiums, although some state laws might.

"Promoting easy fixes is creating new winners and losers without addressing the real problem," Corlette said. "I caution policymakers there's no magic bullet to affordability. AHPs do nothing to tackle the core problem of hospital costs, doctor and drug costs. The price of health care is too damn high."

What has been your experience in choosing health insurance for this year? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



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ENTERTAINMENT

‘Chaps’ or Get Along Little Doggie

Elizabeth Youngman
Special to The Village News

While still a week away from opening night, the cast at Lamb’s Players Theatre performed at 100 percent at last Friday night’s preview, March 8. Because it is not “officially open,” it is not ready for the official review.

However, I can say, whether ready for prime time or not, I do expect this production to be a runaway hit show for Lamb’s Players Theatre. It is hilarious. Terrific music sung by a talented cast of characters.

Directed by Robert Smyth, this refreshed production of Monty Python’s “Chaps” is hysterical as performed with perfect comedic-timing by an outstanding cast of pros.

The actors are Charles Evans Jr., Manny Fernandes, Steve Gouveia, Caitie Grady, Ross Hellwig and Arusi Santi. They play guitar, bass and mandolin while singing and performing madcap choreography.

Set in London’s BBC radio studio at the height of World War II the much-publicized broadcast featuring Tex Riley and his American cowboy band is due to go on air any minute.

The BBC staff is ready to get started. Producer Miles Shadwell, played by Charles Evans Jr. is frantically pacing while announcer Briggs Stratton, played by Ross Hellwig, is backstage getting sloshed.

Sound engineer Archie Leitch, played by Steve Gouveia, is waiting to test the mics while Foley artist Stan, played by Arusi Santi, is setting up his apparatuses for the background sound. Stan coordinates with the station’s commercial actor Clive Cooper, played by Manny Fernandes, while he practices the sponsor’s commercial “Salty’s Fish ‘n’



Cast of “Monty Python’s ‘Chaps’” sings “Come ‘n Get It.”

Ken Jacques photo

Chips.”

Meanwhile Tex’s road manager Mabel Halliday, played by Caitie Grady, arrives with a trunk full of costumes expecting to find the cowboy singers tuning up their instruments for the live broadcast.

It seems everybody is ready except Tex Riley’s cowboy band. Where could they be?

With thousands of troops waiting for the broadcast, the producer laments that if something doesn’t happen soon, they will all be fired.

Reminiscent of an old Mickey Rooney-Judy Garland black and

white movie, Mabel pulls out the radio script just in time for the show to air. She saves the day. In the spirit of “the show must go on,” Mabel organizes the motley crew of misfits just in time to air live from London.

Most of the songs are familiar tunes from the early days of singing cowboys, but the real heart pull is when Mabel performs the “White Cliffs of Dover” in a duo with the boys.

“Chaps” contains some iconic cowboy songs like “I’m An Old Cowhand,” “Cattle Call,” “Cool, Clear Water” and “Ragtime

Cowboy Joe” plus lots more.

Keep in mind, this production is like a live radio show where the audience is in the middle of the action. It is witty, musically brilliant and outrageously choreographed by Deborah Gilmore Smyth.

A musical masterpiece, there are lots of surprises in what feels like a spontaneous production with the audience a part of it.

Great fun to be had for ages 12 and up. It is a good time to rustle up friends and family and head on down the trail.

Book now because you’ll have a jolly good time on the road

to “Chaps” at Lamb’s Players Theatre in the heart of Coronado until April 20. Lots of free street parking although harder to find on weekends. Contact the box office at (619) 437-6000 or www.lambslplayers.org. They offer senior discounts.

Up next is “Babette’s Feast,” the West Coast premiere, opening May 3. Book early, and savings can be had by seeing the preview shows.

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal can be reached at eyoungman@reedermedia.com.

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Kostelas to perform concert at the library

FALLBROOK – A special event designed to help people build personal resilience will held at the Fallbrook Library Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. when composer, flutist and author Maria Kostelas will perform an interactive literary concert, “The Gift of the Singing Stick: Through Healing Your Worst Tragedy You Can Discover Your Greatest Gift.”

Kostelas founded Flutes of the World Music to express her love of world cultures through the voices of her 100-piece international collection. She has released her inspirational book, “The Gift of the Singing Stick” and seven solo compact discs of original music. Additionally, Kostelas has composed several commissioned

works, including a CD for the World Presidents Organization Mind/Body Health Conference and a meditation CD, “Aligning Chakras” with Shirley MacLaine.

Developing her signature style, a blend of classical and world influences, Kostelas’ music was heralded by renowned authors and celebrities, including Shirley MacLaine and Dr. Judith Orloff for its ability to unite body, mind and spirit. Publications across the nation from the L.A. Times to Vision Magazine recommend her music.

The library is located at 124 S. Mission Road.

Submitted by Fallbrook Library.



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Circus Vargas is back in Temecula with ‘The Greatest of Ease’



Circus Vargas’ new 2019 production highlights their cast of world-renowned performers, death-defying acrobats, daredevils, aerialists, jugglers, contortionists, clowns, motorcycles and more.

Courtesy photo

TEMECULA – Circus Vargas’ 50th anniversary extravaganza is an homage to the golden era of circus in America, making their Temecula debut March 21 and running through April 1, as “The Greatest of Ease” brings acrobats, daredevils and flying trapeze.

All are welcome aboard the circus steam engine that rides the railways back in time, reliving the nostalgia of yesteryear. Audiences will marvel at the sights and sounds from the big top, just as audiences did decades ago to the hypnotic call of the calliope, the sawdust, the sequins and the spangles.

Run away with the circus for two hours of nonstop action and adventure at Promenade Temecula, 40820 Winchester Road, as Circus Vargas transports audiences back through the ages of circus history

and tradition. Always fun for the entire family, Circus Vargas’ new 2019 production highlights their cast of world-renowned performers, death-defying acrobats, daredevils, aerialists, jugglers, contortionists, clowns, motorcycles and more.

Arrive 30 minutes early for an interactive pre-show celebration, where children can create their own magic under the big top, learning circus skills such as juggling, balancing and more. Meet and mingle with the entire cast after each performance. Capture the fun by posing for pictures with cast members.

For Circus Vargas performance dates, times and to purchase tickets, visit www.circusvargas.com, call (877) 468-3861 or visit the box office at each location.

Submitted by Circus Vargas.



Fallbrook Chorale to host WWII USO Canteen Dinner Show

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Chorale announced their annual fundraiser is a World War II USO Canteen Dinner Show at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at SonRise Christian Fellowship Church, 463 S. Stage Coach Lane, in Fallbrook.

Attendees can wear their old military uniforms or other nostalgic fashions from the 40s as this show is a good chance to show them off.

Guests will enjoy dinner and

hear some wonderful tunes from the 1940s, including “I’ll Be Seeing You,” “Swinging on a Star,” “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree,” “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” and more. Audience participation is encouraged.

Ticket sales are limited. Tickets, \$50, are available at www.fallbrookchorale.org, from chorale members or by calling Carol at (760) 728-9494 for more information.

Submitted by Fallbrook Chorale.

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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. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **LAURA KATHERINE SALINAS, TRUSTEE OF THE LAURA KATHERINE SALINAS TRUST DATED JANUARY 22, 2001** Recorded: **3/16/2006** as Instrument No. **2006-0181280** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SAN DIEGO** County, California; Date of Sale: **3/29/2019** at **9:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Entrance of the East County Regional Center, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$744,253.91** The purported property address is: **602 BRAEMAR TERRACE, FALLBROOK, CA 92028** Assessor's Parcel No.: **106-561-18-00 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. 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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 **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-18-830665-JB**. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-18-830665-JB** IDSPub #0150204 2/28/2019 3/7/2019 3/14/2019

APN: 228-312-11-36 TS No: CA05000596-18-1 TO No: 18-218251 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 June 10, 2003. 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 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM, at the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statute, 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 July 17, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003-0715157, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by DANIEL D DAWSON, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION 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: 1219 BARHAM DR #36, SAN MARCOS, CA 92078 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 \$67,953.24 (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 endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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Date: February 7, 2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000596-18-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, 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.ISL Number 56477, Pub Dates: 02/28/2019, 03/07/2019, 03/14/2019, VILLAGE NEWS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING
AND MEETING ON PROPOSED WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGES
FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, Sections 54954.6 of the Government Code provides for public hearings prior to adoption of new or increased taxes or assessments; and

WHEREAS, Section 71630 of the Water Code authorizes the Board of Rainbow Municipal Water District to establish in each fiscal year water standby assessments or water availability charges in any portion of the District to which water is made available by the District, whether water is actually used or not; and

WHEREAS, Section 71631.5 of the Water Code provides that the standby assessment of availability charge for an improvement district shall not exceed \$30 per acre per year for each acre of land on which the charge is levied or \$30 per year for a parcel less than one acre; and

WHEREAS, Section 71632 of the Water Code provides that the ordinance fixing a standby assessment or availability charge may be adopted by the Board only after adoption of a resolution setting forth the particular schedule or schedules of charges or assessments proposed to be established by the ordinance and after hearing on said resolution; and

WHEREAS, information and matters have been presented to, and considered by, the Board of Directors regarding the existence, location and financial requirements of the system making water available to lands within Improvement District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and desirable by the Board of Directors that water availability charges be levied on lands within Improvement District No. 1, and that said water availability charges shall be uniform through said areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District as follows:

1.

That the schedule of water availability charges proposed to be established for all areas within Improvement District No. 1 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 shall be as follows:

For each separately assessed parcel of land of one acre or more in size: \$10.54 for each acre and for each fractional part of an acre.

For each separately assessed parcel of land less than one acre in size: \$10.54.

2.

That the Charges shall be fixed in said amounts for parcels of land as shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County of San Diego, State of California. Said charges shall be collected in the same form and manner as county taxes are collected for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Said charges shall be a lien upon the property and shall be of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes and their collection, may be enforced by the same means as provided for the enforcement of liens for state and county taxes.

3.

That a public hearing before the Board of Directors of Rainbow Municipal Water District shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the office of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook California, 92028 for the purpose of considering the adoption of an Ordinance which will fix and establish said water availability charges.

4.

That the Secretary shall cause a notice of the time and place of the hearing to be given by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published within the county, once a week for two successive weeks. Such publication shall occur once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day.

5.

That the Secretary has caused written notice of the hearing to be mailed, as required by law, to each person to whom a parcel of real property described in the proposed charge is assessed on the last equalized assessment roll. Such notice shall be mailed to the address shown on the last equalized assessment roll or such other address known to the Secretary.

6.

That at the time stated in the notice, the Board of Directors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to this Resolution and may continue the hearing from time to time. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Directors may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify an assessment or charge, or overrule any or all objections.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District held on the 26th day of February 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Brazier, Gasca, Hamilton, Mack, and Rindfleisch

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Helene Brazier, Board President

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary

This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 18-04 passed and adopted on February 27, 2018.

Published March 14, 21, 2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ROSA MARTHA TORRES
CASE NO. 37-2019-00012428-PR-PW-CTL

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
ROSA MARTHA TORRES

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **IRMA V TORRES** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

The Petition for Probate requests that **IRMA V TORRES** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 4/17/2019 Time: 1:30 P.m. Dept. 502
Address of court: 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Central Courthouse

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Irma V Torres, 2526 E Honeysuckle Drive, Oak Creek, WI 53154

Legal: 4956
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Feb. 22	
200 block Old Hill Road	Grand Theft: Dog: Over \$900
Feb. 27	
700 block E. Elder St.	Fraud: Theft by use of card information: Over \$900
March 1	
Fraud: Petty theft from vehicle	
2000 block Via Del Aguacate	Fraud: Miscellaneous incidents
March 2	
1000 block Scooter Lane	Petty Theft from vehicle
March 3	
1000 block Winterhaven Road	Missing/ Runaway juvenile
300 block N. Mission Road	Found Property: Knife
3000 block Oak Cliff Road	Burglary Vehicle: Petty theft
900 block Alturas Road	Simple Battery
300 block Skyline Circle	Contempt of Court: Violate protective order
March 4	
1000 block S. Mission Road	Shoplift: Grand theft
400 block N. Vine St.	Burglary residential
March 5	
1000 block Alturas Road	Domestic Violence: Threat with a Weapon
300 block Ivy St.	Arrest: Simple Battery
7000 block W. Lilac Road	Gang/Terrorist: Miscellaneous incidents
2000 block Alta Vista Drive	51/50: Mental Disorder: 72-hour observation
600 block E. Elder St.	Arrest: Spousal abuse: Carry concealed: dirk or dagger
3000 block Olive Hill Road	Arrest: Spousal abuse
300 block E. Alvarado St.	Found property
700 block S. Stage Coach Lane	Traffic Stop: Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia
700 block Driftwood Lane	Petty Theft from vehicle
March 6	
2000 block S. Stage Coach Lane	51/50: Mental disorder with 72-hour observation
2000 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Fraud: Obstruct/ Resist Peace officer
400 block Ammunition Road	Arrest: Simple battery
4000 block Pala Road	Shoplift
2000 block S. Old Highway 395	Burglary for purpose of fraud/forgery
March 7	
600 block Oak Glade Drive	Missing adult



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Fallbrook residents dedicate mini park on California Arbor Day

Nancy Heins-Glaser
Special to the Village News

Roger Boddaert and Jackie Heyneman joined forces through the years with other tree fans to save some of Fallbrook's most noted oaks on Live Oak Park Road. They began Save Our Oaks in 1972 and moved on to begin Save Live Oak Park. They did it the old-fashioned way, by gathering like-minded residents and speaking out to help craft, build and maintain the landscape into beautiful wooded spaces.

Boddaert became known as "The Tree Man of Fallbrook," while Heyneman is known as "Mother Trees-a" and together they have changed the landscape of the community through strength of character – and the strength of "their backs" too.

A shared recommitment event in honor of Arbor Day was held March 9, down at the "Big Bench Parquette" on Alvarado Street, just east of Main Avenue. The owners of the new Fallbrook business "Meternet" agreed to let the land be used for a parquette or mini park with the Save Our Forests and Fallbrook Land Conservancy

agreeing to maintain the trees in that little respite spot.

A "Big Bench" planned for the spot was designed by Boddaert from a large log of a tree which had to be taken down; it will be installed March 14. The stone and slab pathway to the bench were designed and laid by Heyneman.

Over 35 Fallbrook residents, visitors and tree lovers showed up.

Fallbrook Treescape Program, Save Our Forest and the Fallbrook Land Conservancy planted 2,700 trees since 1995, mostly three varieties of cersis or flowering redbuds.

This year the Fallbrook Climate Action Team will share its meeting night April 30, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Fallbrook Library to honor the value of trees in maintaining healthful living conditions, air exchange and protecting the community by showing the 1995 film "Necklace of Leaves."

The event was produced with funds from California RELEAF as part of their Urban Forestry Program.

New volunteers signed up to maintain the landscape by becoming stewards of Fallbrook trees.



Jackie Heyneman and Roger Boddaert take a break on the temporary chair in the parquette. The new log bench was to be installed March 14.

Nancy Heins-Glaser photos



Jackie Heyneman and Roger Boddaert look for the best size rocks to use while planning the new parquette on Alvarado Street.



[above] Three new redbud trees are planted in the new parquette designed to be a quiet place of respite in a hidden little gem of a spot on Alvarado Street at the corner of Vine Street.



[right] Jackie Heyneman has designed the path to the bench, digging in the ground and placing the rocks and pavers.



National Charity League volunteer tree stewards include, from left, Kara Mings, Jackie Heyneman, Liz Schmeierer, Tracey Ewig, Cadi Ewig and Monica Powell.



Residents, from left, Sheri and Steve Cully, Margie Beebe and Parker Mahnke are part of the crowd that gathered at the parquette on California Arbor Day.



Attending the dedication of the new parquette are, from left, Roger Boddaert, Save Our Forests members Terri Garner and Tim O'Leary, Save Our Forests Chair Jackie Heyneman and Mark Wisniewski, a tree researcher/investigator.

REAL ESTATE & HOME AND GARDEN

Spring forward and improve household safety

Yvette Urrea Moe
County of San Diego
Communications Office

Since daylight saving time just started, now is a good time to check to make sure all the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the house are working.

“It really only takes 10 minutes at most to check your smoke alarms,” James Pine, deputy fire marshal for San Diego County Fire Authority, said. “Families stake their lives on those devices in case a fire breaks out in the middle of the night, so it really is important to ensure they are all functioning properly.”

Typically, people just need to press a button to hear the alarm activate. If it beeps, the battery is still good. Safety experts suggested checking the battery in smoke alarm on a monthly basis and replacing the battery annually.

Some newer smoke alarms have a special battery that has a 10-year service life that is not replaceable. In this case, continue to test the battery monthly and replace the entire unit after 10 years.

Generally, all smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years

to ensure that continued protection is in place. This simple step can save lives. More than half of fatal home fires occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., and the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half by having a working smoke alarm installed, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

“Fire fatalities are extremely rare in homes that are equipped with working smoke alarms,” Pine said. “Unfortunately, some people forget the smoke alarms are there and let the batteries go dead, or they never get around to installing smoke alarms at all. So, it’s a good idea to use the time change as a reminder.”

For older adults who may not be able to evacuate as quickly or who may need assistance, smoke alarms are particularly critical. National safety statistics indicate that people 65 or older are two times more likely to die in a house, and that quadruples for those older than 75, according to the Burn Institute.

Seniors whose homes are without working smoke alarms, the Burn Institute wants to help with its Senior Smoke Alarm Program, which offers people



Now is a good time to check batteries in home smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Courtesy photo

over 62 who own their homes free smoke alarms and installation in San Diego County.

Get more details at www.burninstitute.org/fire-and-burn-prevention or call (858) 541-2277.

For extra credit in home safety, use the time change as a reminder to check the emergency supplies kit and replace the stored water so it doesn’t go stale. Also check the batteries in the kit and the food and medication items to make sure those items have not expired. Emergency officials recommended that people rotate water and food out of their emergency supplies kits every six months.

How to control crabgrass before it appears

FALLBROOK – Homeowners who enjoy tending to their lawns know that grass is vulnerable to a host of problems, many of which appear at a time of year when lawn enthusiasts want to showcase the fruits of their lawn-and-garden labors.

Crabgrass is a common problem that appears in summer. According to Lowe’s, crabgrass plants produce thousands of seeds between midsummer and early fall. While the first frosts of late-fall or early winter kill the crabgrass plants, the seeds produced by the plants remain dormant throughout winter and then begin to grow as the ground temperature warms up with the spring and summer thaw. As a result, controlling germination, which is the development of a plant from a seed or spore after a period of dormancy, is the key to preventing crabgrass from becoming an unsightly blemish that can harm the lawn in summer.

A proactive approach to crabgrass can save homeowners the headaches of dealing with this unwanted guest taking over their

grass. The following tips, courtesy of Lowe’s, can help homeowners reduce the likelihood of their lawns being overcome by crabgrass as summer hits full swing.

Recognize that routine lawn maintenance may not be enough. Even lawns that receive sufficient care can fall victim to crabgrass. A proactive, crabgrass-specific approach to lawn maintenance is the most effective way to control the problem before it pops up.

Apply a pre-emergent herbicide. Pre-emergent herbicides kill crabgrass seedlings as they germinate. While these herbicides are highly effective, they must be applied at precisely the right time. The right time to apply them depends on weather patterns. For example, Lowe’s said that homeowners who live in regions that might have experienced warmer than usual winters will probably need to apply the herbicides earlier than usual. While the manufacturer instructions should always be followed when applying herbicides, it’s essential that homeowners take weather



Homeowners can reduce the likelihood of the lawn being overcome by crabgrass as summer hits full swing with a proactive approach. Courtesy photo

patterns into consideration as well.

Wait until the ground temperature rises above 60 F. Applying herbicides when the ground temperature is below 60 F might render the products ineffective. Gauging soil temperature can be tricky, but Lowe’s advises monitoring shrubs and trees on the property. Once shrubs begin to bloom and trees bud, herbicide can be applied.

Wait when treating newly seeded lawns. Pre-emergent herbicides might kill new grass seedlings, so homeowners with newly seeded lawns should wait until they have mowed their lawns three times before applying a herbicide.

Emphasize uniform application. If a herbicide is not applied uniformly across the lawn, crabgrass can establish itself and ultimately spread to the rest of the lawn.

Do not dethatch or aerate after applying a herbicide. Dethatching or aerating a lawn after applying a herbicide might break the product’s chemical barrier, thereby rendering it ineffective.

Crabgrass can quickly spread on an untreated lawn. A proactive approach that prevents its growth can keep lawns looking great through summer.

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Real Estate Round-Up: Jobs and housing should go together



Kim Murphy
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A jobs-housing balanced
community is one in which
residents can both live and work
without having to leave the area.
Implicit in the concept is a mix
of housing types to accommodate
households and workers of a broad
range of income categories that
reflect the community.

Jobs-housing balance also refers
to the distribution of employment
relative to the distribution of
workers within a given geographic
area. A community is considered
balanced when these distributions
are approximately equal and
when available housing choices
complement the earning potential
of available jobs, all within a
limited geographic area.

In Fallbrook, we have a mix of
housing that supports many of the
employment opportunities that
exist. Fallbrook does not have
industry or business in the way
that most people think of it. We
have an agricultural heritage that
is supported by workers who do
live in the community.

Other areas of employment
would come from our schools,
fire district, retail, restaurants,
and some medium sized businesses
like Axelgaard Manufacturing.
Camp Pendleton is the largest area
employer. Unfortunately, many
of these employees are not able
to live in Fallbrook because we
do not have housing available to
match the incomes of these jobs.

California's general plan
already requires that the Housing
Element consider population and
employment trends in developing
projections for new housing.
Despite this requirement, planners

and local governments struggle
to approve the housing needed to
accommodate job growth.

The General Plan also includes
a mandate to tie together housing
and regional transportation
planning. This mandate is related
to the goal to reduce greenhouse
gas emissions from motor vehicle
trips, but ultimately speaks to the
need to reduce commuting through
better community planning.

If affordable housing were
available near jobs it is reasoned
that workers would not have
to commute so far and traffic
congestion would correspondingly
decrease.

Whether houses are built near
jobs or jobs are created near
existing housing centers, changes
in zoning and the adaptive reuse
of existing developments could
support complimentary resources
such as schools, daycare centers
and senior housing to be located in
the same areas. All these resources
would put a community in a jobs-
housing balance.

There are opponents to
mandating a jobs-housing balance.
They believe that is a regional issue
and that local governments should
decide what, if any, kinds of homes
should be built. They believe that
the market should control the
housing, not the legislature.

The only problem with this
view point, is that this is what
we currently have, and the result
has been too few homes close to
where the jobs are, or too few jobs
close to where the houses are. The
result is congestion across all our
freeways and loss of quality life
for the many who have no choice
but to endure it.

This will not be an easy or
comfortable journey to take, but
without smart and expedient
advances in housing, our traffic
congestion will increase, our
children and seniors will leave the
area, because they can't afford to
live here, and the overall quality of
life as well as the sustained health
of California's economy will
decline. Join in the conversation.

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California helps lead the charge on National Battery Day

ATLANTA, Ga. – Call2Recycle, the country’s first and largest consumer battery recycling program, applauded Californians for leading the charge on National Battery Day and ranking as one of the nation’s Top 10 battery recycling states by collecting more than 1,261,000 pounds of batteries. Overall, U.S. consumers recycled 7.2 million pounds of batteries last year through the Call2Recycle program.

“Since the inception of the Call2Recycle program, Californians have diverted more than 15,577,000 pounds of batteries from landfills and helped make the environment of California cleaner and safer,” Linda Gabor, executive vice president of external relations for Call2Recycle, said. “With consumers relying more and more on battery-powered devices, National Battery Day is the perfect reminder that batteries and other electronics are an important part of the recycling picture.”

Before recycling, consumers should review tips on how to safely prepare their batteries. It’s a three-step process.

Batteries can be bagged or taped to provide protection. Tape the positive terminal with non-conductive electrical, duct or clear packing tape or individually place batteries in plastic non-grocery bags.

Keep batteries in a cool place, avoiding metal containers, and try to recycle them within six months.

Use the Call2Recycle locator to find a nearby drop-off location; 95 percent of California residents live within 10 miles of a drop-off site.

Since 1994, the Call2Recycle program has diverted and recycled more than 115 million pounds of batteries from U.S. landfills.

“We are proud of the residents of California for their commitment to responsibly manage batteries once they no longer power their devices,” Tracie Onstad Bills, interim executive director of the California Resource Recovery Association, said. “Battery fires are on the rise in recycling facilities, and local agencies and private industry within California and nationally are working hard to provide the right messaging for residents to know how to manage these important materials. We look forward to our continued partnerships with organizations such as Call2Recycle to recycle all batteries in the near future.”

Call2Recycle Inc. is committed to protecting and preserving the environment through collecting and recycling consumer batteries and cell phones. Founded in 1994, the not-for-profit organization works on behalf of stakeholders to provide its consumer battery recycling program to consumers across the U.S. Visit www.call2recycle.org for more information.

Submitted by Call2Recycle.

Monthly home sales improve, yearly real estate numbers still bearish

City News Service
Special to Village News

Sales of previously owned single-family homes and attached properties like condominiums and townhomes ticked up last month after three straight months of double-digit losses, according to data released by the Greater San Diego Association of Realtors.

Monthly sales of single-family homes jumped 4.4 percent from 1,193 in January to 1,246 in February. Month-over-month sales of attached properties increased even more, a 14 percent jump from 559 in January to 637 in February.

Home sale numbers increased last month for the first time since October 2018.

Month-over-month median home prices continued to hover around where they’ve been over the last year. Single-family home prices increased 2.4 percent from \$615,000 in January to \$630,000 last month. Median attached property prices only rose \$1,500 and 0.4 percent, from \$413,500 to \$415,000 last month.

“The housing market has proven to be resilient despite predictions of a tougher year for the industry,” SDGAR President Kevin Burke said. “I’m particularly encouraged by the double-digit increase in the number of homes on the market in San Diego compared to last year.”

While the number of homes on the market is up, year-over-year home prices remain more than 10 percent under last year’s sales figures. Local Realtors sold 1,434 single-family homes in February 2018 and 1,246 last month, a 13.1 percent drop. Attached property sales fell by 18.1 percent, from 778 in February 2018 to 637 last month.

Year-over-year median pricing for single-family homes ticked up while attached property prices dipped slightly. Single-family home prices rose 3.1 percent from \$610,999 last year to \$630,000 last month while attached property prices fell 1.9 percent from \$423,250 in February 2018 to \$415,000 last month.

Local Realtors sold 36 single-family homes in southern San Marcos last month, the most of any ZIP code in the county.

Registration begins for county’s 39th annual property auction

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced bidder registration has started for the 2019 online property tax auction, featuring 723 properties. Bidders must register by April 18 to participate.

“It’s easier than ever to own a piece of heaven here in San Diego County, whether that be a timeshare, land or home,” McAllister said. “I encourage everyone to sign up for our e-notifications at www.sdttc.com to get important deadline reminders and updates about the auction.”

Anyone around the world can bid on properties during the online property tax auction from April 26 to May 1. But to participate, bidders must register between March 8 and April 18 at the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s tax auction website, www.sdttc.mytaxsale.com. They must also submit a refundable \$1,000 deposit and a non-refundable \$35 processing fee.

This year’s auction includes 525 timeshares, 78 improved properties, homes or businesses and 120 unimproved properties or plots of land.

All sales are final in this “buyer beware” sale. The TTC recommended beginning the research process at its website. Prospective bidders can also sign up for email reminders.

“Bidders love the ease and convenience that our online auction brings,” McAllister said. “Last year, we had 1,134 registered bidders and sold 701 properties for \$7.5 million.”

Owners of the auctioned properties can still avoid going to sale; they have until 5 p.m., April 25, to redeem their parcel and pay all taxes and fees owed.

Before the sale, every effort is made to contact the owners of these properties to notify them about the impending sale.

Submitted by the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s office.

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Don Montgomery, born May 14, 1930, passed away Feb. 18, 2019. His parents were James Dane and Muriel P. Montgomery. After the early death of his father, Muriel's second husband, Herbert E. Blasier II, raised him as his own son.

Don graduated from the University of Southern California and was co-owner of an electronics manufacturing business. He was

also active in drag racing and street rods and was an author of books on hot rod history.

Don married Claire Van Wye in 1951. They had three children and lived in La Canada-Flintridge until moving the family to Fallbrook in 1974. Don was a family man in the truest sense – he always said that marrying Claire and having his children was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Don will be missed by all who knew him and those he influenced with his writings and stories. He is survived by his wife, Claire; son Bill Montgomery (Angela); daughter Sue Ellingson (Paul); daughter Sandy Montgomery; grandchildren Erica and Caitlin Ellingson, Jeffrey, Michael and Kimberly Montgomery; brothers John W. Blasier and Herbert Blasier III and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life planned at a later date. Visit <https://www.berry-bellandhall.com/obituary/donald-montgomery00>.



Lee Bentley Byrd bid farewell to a long and happy life Feb. 22, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee, May 15, 1930. His predeceased parents were Lindsey and Juanita Fortner Byrd of Arkansas.

Lee grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Henderson State College. He obtained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the

Air Force Institute of Technology, a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration at California State University Dominguez Hills.

Lee was a member of the United States Air Force for 22 years, retiring from his last post at the Pentagon in 1973 as a colonel. During his service, he received multiple decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Following his retirement, Lee began a long career in research and development in the aerospace industry in California and Virginia, culminating with 14 years at Magnavox Electronics.

Never one to take it easy, Lee began a third career, in politics, in Rancho Palos Verdes. He served on the planning commission and city council and as the city's mayor in the 1990s.

Much of Lee's later years were spent in Fallbrook, where he continued to follow local and national politics and enjoyed restoring antique scales. Along

with his wife Elaine, Lee was known to be a kind and generous neighbor, serving on numerous neighborhood associations and sharing lively conversation over a glass of merlot. He leaves behind friends, colleagues and admirers in each of the many posts and residences he took up over his lifetime.

He is survived by his best friend, life's partner and love of his life, wife of 67 years Helen Elaine Byrd; his loving children, Gary Byrd and his wife Aileen, Susan Pfingst and her husband Craig McCurdy, Leslie Saeta and her husband Dave, Rick Byrd and his wife Shellie and Jeni Reedy and her husband Tom; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lee's family will receive visitors at a celebration of life reception Saturday, March 16, from 1-3 p.m. at South Hills Country Club, 2655 Citrus Street, in West Covina. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lee's name to his favorite charity, the Wounded Warrior Project, at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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On March 19, 1935, **Leeland "Lee" Morris Lovaas** was born in Long Beach to Arnold and Wilma Lovaas. At the age of 2, Lee's family moved to Santa Ana, where Lee attended grammar and junior high schools. Upon graduation from junior high school in 1950, the family moved to Las Vegas where Lee graduated from Las

Vegas High School in 1953.

Lee enjoyed competing in various sports but favored football the most. He was selected as the Nevada All State Quarterback in 1953. He attended Arizona State University and Denver University receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Denver University in 1957. In 1963 Lee received his DDS degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry.

Following graduation from dental school, the family returned to Las Vegas where he practiced dentistry for over 30 years.

In 1956 Lee and Sybil Jones of Las Vegas were married and blessed with four wonderful children: Daniel, Laurinda, Katharine and Christine.

In 1982 Lee and Helen Bartlett Hudson of Bonsall were married and spent the following 31 years enjoying family, good friends, travel and actively supporting the

communities of Fallbrook and Bonsall.

Lee is survived by his children Daniel (Laura) Lovaas, Katharine (Troy) Johnson, Christine Lovaas; eight grandchildren Eric, Julia, Drew and Grace Lovaas, Christian, Dylan and Audrey Gunter and Annalee Johnson; a brother Phil Lovaas (Gayle) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Helen, daughter Laurinda Lovaas and his brother Dean Lovaas.

Lee was rarely idle. Over the ensuing years, he was involved in many projects and hobbies such as hunting, fishing, golf, skiing, woodworking and restoring old automobiles. Some of his favorite times were playing golf with his son and grandsons.

Lee was constantly pursuing his ambitious bucket list which included parachuting from an airplane, soloing three different airplanes on his 16th birthday and playing some of the fine golf courses in the United States – the most coveted being two rounds with his son Daniel at Augusta National.

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TS# 1811-139 (Via Ladera Lot)

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EDUCATION

Senior projects progress at Bonsall High School

Heather Holdo and Sara Barclay
Intern

The students of Bonsall High School’s 2019 graduating class have been working throughout the year on their senior projects, which allow them to express their personal, career and community interests.

“The Senior Project is designed to be the culmination of a student’s experience at Bonsall High School, highlighting the skills they have learned and their ability to engage in and manage their own learning,” teacher Karina Calderon said. “It is an opportunity for students to explore an interest, passion or career-related topic.”

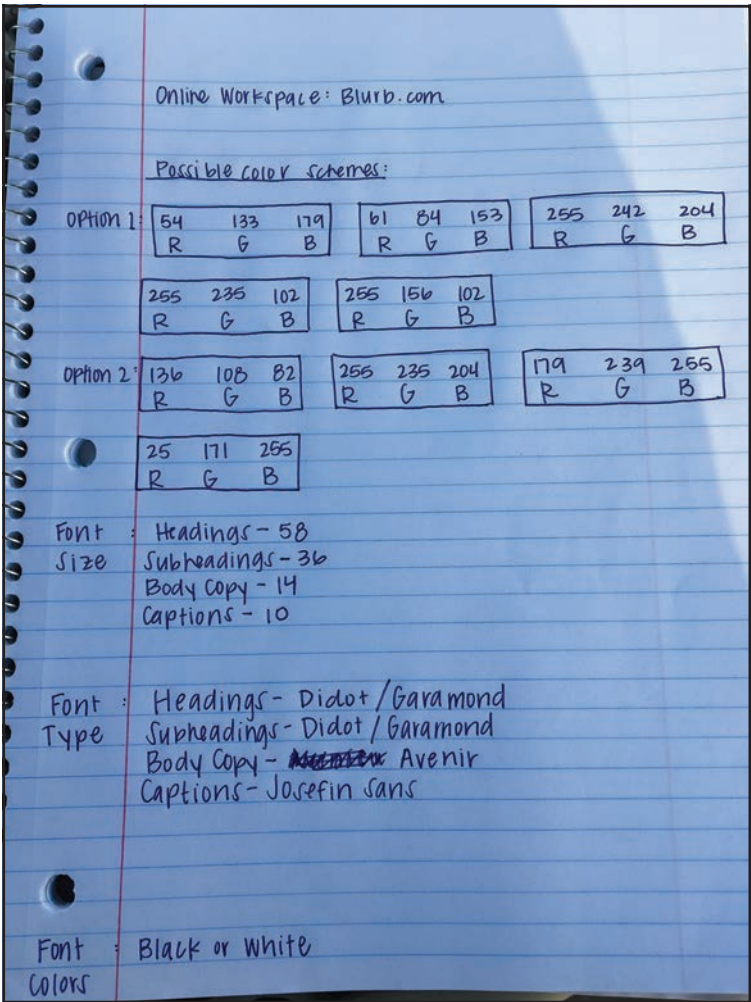
As a requirement, these students have sought out designated mentors to help advise them through the 10 hours of planning. In May, these seniors must present their final products, motivations, challenges, collaboration with their mentor and their project’s impact to a panel of community members.

Student Tanner Dugas has chosen to build a brushless electric motor and has faced multiple setbacks, he said.

“So far, everything about my project has been altered due to unknown problems that have occurred,” Dugas said. “Attaining resources has been rather difficult, causing for improvisation. Furthermore, all my planning with my mentor has been affected by the fact that they are moving. I now have little more than four weeks to complete my project rather than having until April. In all, most of my planning has gone awry, and I am going to have to play by ear on how everything will work out.”

A brushless motor doesn’t use brushes to transfer charge to its coils rather it uses magnets on the center wheel, which allows it to function more efficiently. Dugas said he is dedicated to overcoming these obstacles and creating a quality product to exhibit.

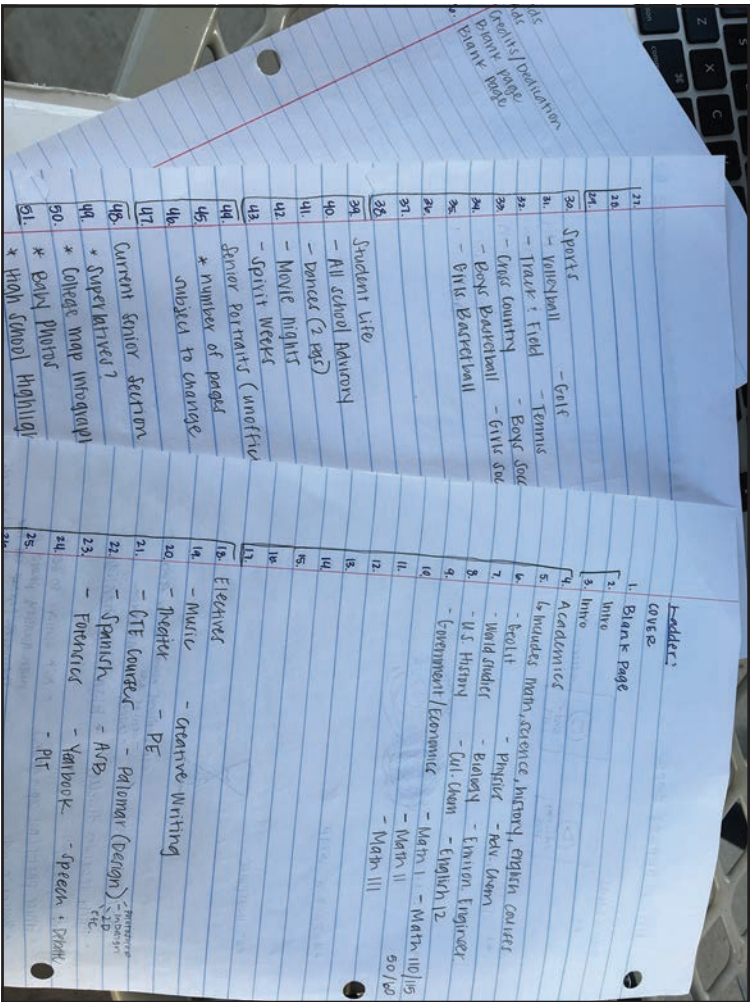
Other students, such as Casimelia Mendiola and Jilian Burnett, have chosen their project based on skills they



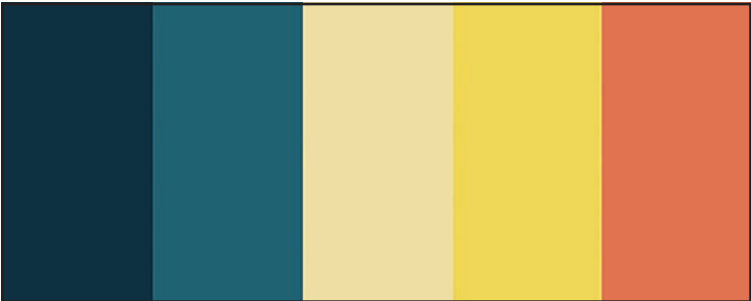
In constructing their Senior Memory Book, Jilian Burnett and Casimelia Mendiola think about a possible color scheme, making sure to write down every idea.

acquired in school. Burnett said, “As previous yearbook editors, there are quite a bit of photos that get left out of the actual yearbook, and we (Mendiola and I) want to compile everything from the past four years into a Senior Memory Book. After presenting and sharing my final product, I hope it can serve as a memento for the senior class. We started with choosing a book publishing company to go through and calculated the estimated costs. Then, we focused on what fonts, colors, design and theme we wanted to go with. Now, we are working on template designs and inputting photos into the memory book. For the most part, planning has been on track. We started with a timeline, and we always refer to

it when dates and deadlines near to check our progress.” Delainy Reinard chose to work with Safe and Strong Bonsall Schools to contribute to the effort of passing Measure EE. Despite the bond not having passed, Reinard’s dedication and commitment did not waver or go unnoticed. “I volunteered as a student advocate to inform the Bonsall/Fallbrook community about the bond, and how it would affect our students,” Reinard said. “I advertised, informed and helped input bills and donations into an online banking system. Because I sat in on a handful of the committee meetings, I learned about every detail of planning that went into passing this bond. I had to create a schedule of when the appropriate



Jilian Burnett and Casimelia Mendiola put together an organization ladder of their Senior Memory Book pages.



After much thought and consideration, Jilian Burnett and Casimelia Mendiola decide on a color scheme for their Senior Memory Book consisting of blues and yellows.

times were to advertise, and when to work on the financial aspects of the bond. This taught me a lot about how school bonds work and how to manage my time.” With monthly progress check-ins, the students have been staying on top of their work and learning skills that they can implement into

their future projects and careers. Many students said the senior projects were educational and a worthwhile experience, despite the extra time and dedication it added to their schedules. In only a few months, the senior projects will be ready to display their yearlong efforts.

Students receive awards



School Chairman Sarah Schiller of the Monserate Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and Fallbrook STEM Academy first-grade teacher Dee Jarvis award first place to Kenneth Mose, second place to Lorelei Voss and third place Josue Espinoza for their essays on “If I were president...”

FALLBROOK – The Monserate Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented awards to essay contest winners at the Fallbrook STEM Academy at their Leadership Rally Thursday, Feb. 28. Monserate Chapter’s Schools Chairman Sarah Schiller designed a contest for first-graders in recognition of Presidents Day. Students wrote an essay on “If I were president...” The first-grade students presented thoughtful comments, Schiller said, stating that they want to take care of the homeless, provide jobs for everyone, help veterans, improve medical care and help everyone become more thoughtful and kind

by using “The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.” Kenneth Mose received a blue ribbon for the first-place award and a framed copy of his essay. Lorelei Voss received a red ribbon for the second-place award, and Josue Espinoza received a white ribbon for the third-place award. All three students are from Dee Jarvis’s first-grade class. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. The Monserate Chapter was founded in 1972. Submitted by Daughter of the American Revolution’s Monserate Chapter.

Library collecting ball gowns for wannabe Cinderellas



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For many teenage girls, their prom, their quinceanera or their big night out – it’s all about the dress. But special occasion dresses are expensive, so the County Library is playing fairy godmother. All 33 county library branches are collecting gently used gowns now through April 15. The dresses must be dry-cleaned, no more than 5 years old and come on a hanger. The apparel

can be any style, size and length but must be stylish and appropriate for young women. Accessories like jewelry, evening clutches and bags are welcome, too. Shoes, however, are not being accepted. The County Library works with the nonprofit organization The Princess Project to collect the gowns. Teens can sign up to attend the giveaway events by visiting www.princessprojectsd.org. In North County, the library’s giveaway will take place at the Vista library branch, but teens

from any high school in the county can sign up. For hundreds of teens, these giveaway events help make their dreams come true. They pick and choose from racks of gowns, try them on and twirl in front of full-length mirrors to see which dreamy confection is “the one.” The giveaway is set for Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Vista Library Branch, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., in Vista. Contact the library at (760) 643-5100.

Castellanos is accepted into SDSU’s Weber Honors college

SAN DIEGO – Suzetty Castellanos, former American Association of University Women mentee, 2018 Fallbrook High School graduate and student of the month and a current freshman at San Diego State University,

has been accepted to participate in the Weber Honors College at the university. The admissions committee members said they were impressed with her excellent academic record along with her commitment to the mission and

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Fallbrook volleyball scores 3-0 home win over Del Lago Academy



Fallbrook High School Warrior Sean Wenzel jumps for a shot against Del Lago Academy, March 7. Shane Gibson photos



Fallbrook High School's Tommy Pestolis digs the ball against Del Lago Academy.



Warriors Logan Sim, left, and Sean Wenzel attempt to block a Del Lago Academy shot attempt.



Warrior Eythan Gonzalez knocks a shot over at the net against Del Lago academy.



Fallbrook High School's Tommy Pestolis serves to Del Lago Academy.



Fallbrook High School's Eric Leon prepares to set the ball for a Fallbrook teammate against Del Lago Academy.



Warrior Leonel Ceja keeps the ball in play for Fallbrook against Del Lago Academy.



Warrior Dominik Torrescano makes a shot against Del Lago Academy.



Warriors celebrate a scored point by their teammate Eric Leon, March 7. Fallbrook High School won the varsity boys' volleyball game against Del Lago Academy, 3-0.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week: Vazzana led Warriors to CIF title game

Jeff Pack
Writer

The Fallbrook High School girls' water polo team was disappointed last month when the Warriors came up short in the CIF Division II Girls Water Polo Championship, losing 4-2 to the Poway High School Titans.

But having claimed the Valley League title with a perfect 5-0 record, the Warriors had plenty of which to be proud, boasting a 17-9 season overall.

One of the leaders of that team, senior Gabriela "Gabby" Vazzana, was chosen Athlete of the Week for her four-year contribution to the Warriors' varsity team.

"Gabby was a leader in the pool for the team," coach Sean Redmond said. "She played in one of the most difficult positions, set defense. Gabby leads the team in steals and in assists. She played tough and smart in all our games."

Vazzana said she started playing water polo at age 11 after watching her brother play.

"It looked pretty intense, but I wanted to try it out," she said. "I love playing water polo because it is a fast and exciting sport. As long as both teams have good sportsmanship, it's a fun game. Every game is like a new opportunity to try something new and put what you've learned in practice to use."

Vazzana is also a swimmer for the Warriors, and this past fall, she completed her final varsity season for the Warriors volleyball team.

She's been playing volleyball since she was 12 years old. But water polo still has her heart.

"Water polo is my favorite sport because you can never predict what will happen in a game," she said. "The entire game everyone works so hard, and my teammates are all so talented they make this game look easy."

Even though she and her water polo teammates fell short of bringing home the title, she said the season was still a big success.

"My goal for my team this season would be to make this year memorable," she said. "We each have goals for ourselves, and I think everyone met those by the end of the season."

Her favorite water polo memories include a big one from four years ago.

"Being able to attend the CIF Finals with my water polo team as a freshman," she said. "Receiving the 'Most Inspirational' award my freshman year on water polo and getting accepted to my top choice college."

Her favorite memory in the sport included her brother.

"Playing on a coed team with my brother and his friends when I was 12, and I got hurt just about every practice," Vazzana said. "But now I'm thankful because that definitely toughened me up for my high school years."

With the swim season just getting underway, Vazzana said she has an eye on what's next for her.

"I plan to be studying communications and or child development at college next fall," she said. "I have a couple of options open so we will see what the future brings."



Gabby Vazzana is a four-year varsity player for the Fallbrook High School Warriors girls' water polo team, leading Fallbrook to the Valley League championship and CIF Division II championship game this past season. Shane Gibson photo

Get to know Gabby Vazzana

- Favorite subject:**
"English because I like to write."
- Favorite team:**
"University of Hawaii women's water polo would probably be my favorite college team. They're a very athletic team."
- Favorite band/musical artist:**
Billie Eilish
- Favorite TV show?**
"That 70s Show"

Traut signs with Ottawa University

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

Fallbrook High School senior Skyler Traut has signed a letter of intent to play collegiate volleyball at Ottawa University in Arizona.

"I'm really excited about it, excited to go to a new state," Traut said.

"I'm extremely proud of Skyler," Chip Patterson, who coached Traut at Fallbrook High School, said. "I think she's going to be a true impact player in that program."

Ottawa University is in Surprise, Arizona, which is about 35 miles northwest of Phoenix. The school is in the Golden State Athletic Conference which also includes Arizona Christian University in the Phoenix area and eight California schools. San Diego Christian College is in Santee, Hope International University is in Fullerton, Vanguard University is in Costa Mesa, Life Pacific College is in San Dimas, The Masters University plays its home matches in Newhall, Westmont

College is in Santa Barbara, Menlo College is in Atherton in San Mateo County and William Jessup University is in Rocklin in Placer County. Ottawa University also frequently plays nonconference matches against the University of St. Katherine in San Marcos, so those road competitions will also bring Traut back to Southern California.

"I'm excited to be able to see my family and friends," Traut said.

Traut chose Ottawa University over California Lutheran



Skyler Traut, right, with her teammates, from left, Emma Doherty, Maile Goss and Ellie Alden, at SoCal Volleyball Club prepare to sign their letters of intent. Courtesy photos



Skyler Traut signs a letter of intent to play volleyball for Ottawa University in Surprise, Arizona. Courtesy photos

University in Thousand Oaks.

"I just like the location better," she said.

Patterson, whose son plays mens' volleyball for Menlo College, said he looked forward to seeing Traut play at Ottawa.

"I think it's going to be a great fit for her to go to that school," he said.

Traut was born in Inland Valley Hospital in Wildomar and lived in Murrieta until her family moved to Fallbrook when she was two. Her father, Lee Traut, is a 1987 Fallbrook High School graduate. Her mother, who was known as Gwen Clark when she taught and coached tennis at Fallbrook High School, attended Borger High School in Borger, Texas. Traut also has a brother; Cole is now 16 years old and is a Fallbrook High School sophomore. Traut's brother played junior varsity lacrosse in 2018 and is on this year's varsity lacrosse team. Traut began her scholastic years at Live Oak Elementary School.

Although both of Traut's parents played tennis in high school, girls' volleyball and girls' tennis are both CIF fall sports. Traut took up club volleyball as a seventh-grader and spent a year with the Coast organization before spending the most recent five years with the SoCal club.

The 5-foot-10 Traut played both middle blocker and outside hitter for the Warriors and thus could play either position at Ottawa University.

"I have both options open," she said.

"I think she's going to make a great addition to that program," Patterson said.

Traut did not play any other sports at Fallbrook High School, instead she is involved in community service with the National Charity League.

Patterson assigned Traut to the Warriors' junior varsity team for her freshman year, but she moved up to varsity for her final three high school seasons.

"My best friends were on the team, so I just got to spend a lot of time with my best friends," she said.

The Valley League girls' volleyball coaches gave Traut honorable mention all-league recognition for her 2016 sophomore season. She was a Valley League first-team selection both in 2017 and for 2018.

"She's got a tremendous attitude," Patterson said. "She makes adjustments very quickly."

Traut said she is leaning toward a business degree and has not yet determined a preference for her professional plans.

Traut noted the impact of her friends, coaches, and family members who also include grandparents Lee and Linda Traut of Fallbrook and Lynn Clark of Escondido.

"I'm just grateful for their support," Traut said.

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Hughes deprived of Demo Cross win on final turn



Weston Hughes of Fallbrook has the lead in the Demo Cross main event at the 2019 Perris Auto Speedway, Feb. 23, before being passed on the final turn. Doug Allen photos

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The 2019 Perris Auto Speedway season began Feb. 23, and 2006 Fallbrook High School graduate Weston Hughes had the lead in the Demo Cross main event before being passed on the final turn.

“It was pretty frustrating because I was doing so well,” Hughes said.

Hughes led for 19 laps in the 20-lap main event before settling for second place with J.D. Wilson achieving the win in the season’s initial Demo Cross feature. Kyle Cox was the third-place finisher.

The previous Demo Cross race was held Oct. 14. Hughes, who drove a 1985 Jeep Grand Cherokee last year while putting family members behind the wheel of the 1992 Jeep Grand Cherokee he drove in 2016 and 2017 races, was third in the 2018 season standings and won his first career main event June 16.

His satisfaction with the vehicles’ performance limited his offseason work.

“I hadn’t done much to the cars,” Hughes said.

Some matters needed to be fixed.

“I knew I had some cooling

issues from last year,” Hughes said.

Hughes, crew chief Crystal Tapia, and crew members Tod Hughes, Tracy Hughes, Dan Drowns and Fiona Drowns began preparing the car for the 2019 season Feb. 21, two days before the first race.

“I hadn’t really touched the car,” Hughes said.

Tod Hughes is Weston Hughes’ father, and Dan Drowns and Weston Hughes are cousins. Tod Hughes and Drowns drove the 1992 vehicle during the 2018 season. Back problems prevented Tod Hughes from driving Feb. 23, so Weston Hughes put Ryan Kinnett, who normally drives in the Figure 8 races but not in Demo Cross competition, in the car. Kinnett was eighth in the Demo Cross main event.

Other than adding air to the tires and gas to the car, the only change Hughes and his crew made to the 1985 Grand Cherokee was to lower fuel pressure from about 70 pounds to about 50 pounds.

“It actually gave me a little bit more power,” he said. “There are a lot of changes that I have in mind, but my paycheck doesn’t really allow it.”

Hughes works for the Fallbrook Land Conservancy.

Heat races in the Demo Cross class are six laps on the half-mile dirt oval. Many drivers treat heat races as an evaluation of the car in competition with gaining positions being considered a matter of passing capability rather than the final finishing place itself.

“I took it out for the heat race, and it was handling pretty good. It was fast,” Hughes said.

That was the case before Hughes’ front right tire blew out.

“It took off my brake,” Hughes said. “Between the heat race and the main event I had to pinch off the brakes.”

Hughes thought he had brakes for all of his tires other than the right front, but during the main event any cars in front of him were more functional as brakes than the ones in his car.

“I was barely getting any brakes at all,” he said. “It would slow a little bit, but if anybody got in front of me they were in trouble.”

Hughes began the race on the outside of the seventh row but took the lead during the first lap.

“Going from 14th to first is pretty good,” Hughes said. “The car was taking off great. The car



Fallbrook High School alumni Weston Hughes takes second in the Demo Cross season opener at Perris Auto Speedway.

was handling really good. My Jeep was really grabbing, really holding up well.”

The first race of the season is often an opportunity for drivers to test the changes they made during the offseason, and not all of those are successful. Many of the 21 cars which began the main event did not finish.

“It was pretty nasty out there. A lot of cars didn’t make it,” Hughes said.

For the most part Hughes avoided the carnage.

“I had a clean race,” he said. “I only got held up one time when I slid into another car sideways.”

That contact occurred midway through the race. The back of Hughes’ Jeep hit the front of another car.

“I lost the momentum,” Hughes said.

Hughes also lost his right rear tire, and Wilson began making up ground.

“I had actually put a full lap on J.D.,” Hughes said.

Hughes ran the remaining 10 laps with three tires.

“The car would have actually gone faster,” he said. “I was having some minor cooling issues, and I didn’t want to mess up the motor the first race.”

Hughes is sponsored by Fallbrook Equipment Rental and by Inland Empire 4x4 Recovery. He hopes to add a tire sponsor.

“If I had decent tires I would have been in first,” he said.

Other than replacing tires, minimal work on the car will be needed before the next race, which will be April 27 if weather permits.

“I had a little bit of a cooling issue, but I think I figured it out for the next race,” Hughes said.

Pop Warner Football and Cheer Registration opens for 2019

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Pop Warner and Cheer is gearing up for the 2019 season; registration opened March 8. The 2018 Junior Varsity Cheer Squad and the Junior Varsity Football teams won their conference championships, Fallbrook Pop Warner Football/Cheer board members said they are focused on preparing for another season.

The Fallbrook Pop Warner board has a new president this season, Rolando Uresti. He comes to the board after serving 20 years in the Marine Corps. Now retired, he calls Fallbrook home with his

wife and five children. Uresti spent last year shadowing the exiting board president Erik Benitez, who represented the league for seven years.

“I wanted the transition to be smooth for the families and returning board members,” Uresti said. “I’m just so proud of what these kids accomplished last year, and I want to continue giving them the best local youth Football and Cheer leagues available in Palomar Conference.”

There are volunteer positions open for football and cheer coaches, additional board



Fallbrook Warrior Nehemiah Brunson (3) makes a break for it while Victor Falcon (1) helps hold the line as the Junior Pee Wee plays against the Murrieta A Team last year.



The flag football team Fallbrook Force, including Gordon Hansen (12) and Dominick Blackman (23), plays against the Temecula Mighty Cubs last season. Courtesy photos

positions, assistance setting up home games, fundraising and so on. There are several levels of sponsorships open for families and businesses who wish to help finance the season.

The next board meeting will be

held at the FPUd business offices March 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for more information. Familias de habla hispana, contacte a Uresti por correo electronico president@fallbrookpopwarner.org: el habla espanol.

For more information on registration, volunteering, sponsorships or upcoming registration events, visit <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/fallbrookpw> for details.

Injuries cost Warriors in first round of girls soccer playoffs

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

A couple of factors contributed to Fallbrook High School’s loss in the play-in round of the CIF Division II girls soccer playoffs Feb. 11.

The play-in round was developed so that a higher-ranked team wouldn’t be deprived of a playoff berth due to a lower-ranked league champion who is guaranteed a home playoff game. Although Fallbrook was the official No. 12 seed and the game was at Fallbrook High School, the actual higher-ranked team was Olympian High School. Injuries to Fallbrook players were also a factor in the Eagles’ 2-1 victory

which finalized Fallbrook’s season record at 10-7-4.

“Disappointed to lose,” Fallbrook coach Sergio Garcia. “I thought we were a stronger team, and I felt like we dominated the game.”

Power rankings are the primary factor in playoff selection and seeding. If a league champion is not ranked high enough to receive a playoff seed based on the team’s true ranking, a play-in game is held, or multiple play-in contests are held if more than one league champion would not have participated in the playoffs based on rankings alone. The higher-ranked team has a road game, which is also the case if a higher-ranked team faces a league

champion whose seed was lower but sufficient for playoff selection without a play-in game.

Fallbrook had a Valley League record of 7-1-2 to win the league championship, and the Warriors finished the regular season with a 10-6-4 overall mark. The power rankings use strength of schedule as well as win, loss and draw results, and Fallbrook was actually 14th among Division II teams in the power rankings. Olympian, whose 5-3-4 Mesa League record placed the Eagles third in the standings, was ranked 11th. Francis Parker High School was 12th, but Coastal League champion so the Lancers were given the 11th seed while Olympian received the 12th seed

and the play-in game at Fallbrook.

Olympian scored the only goal of the first half, and 30 minutes into the game Fallbrook stopper Delia Tapia was injured and did not play for the remainder of the contest. The Warriors adjusted to the removal of Tapia from the field by positioning offensive players Karina Bulli, Galilea Medina and Nikel Villa further back.

“They had to switch to a defensive role,” Garcia said. “We definitely lost some offensive power by doing that and then breaking up the chemistry of the back.”

Three other players were also injured.

“That left our bench short,” Garcia said.

The Eagles took a 2-0 lead before Audrey Petersen scored the Warriors’ lone goal midway in the second half.

“No complaints. I think the girls left it all on the field,” Garcia said. “I’m happy with the way they played. They worked hard. They represented themselves and their families, their town and their school well.”

Last year Fallbrook was in Division III for CIF playoff purposes. The Warriors were moved up to Division II for the 2018-2019 season.

“Even though we didn’t make it deep into the playoffs, I think it was a great accomplishment getting there their first year,” Garcia said.

DINING

Rustic corned beef and potato bake

FALLBROOK – Need to use up last night’s corned beef brisket? Try this rustic potato bake topped with corned beef brisket and cheese, courtesy of www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com. It takes one hour to make and serves four people.

Ingredients

12 ounces corned beef brisket, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon butter, divided
1/2 cup chopped onions
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

Horseradish butter

1 tablespoon grated, jarred horseradish
1 tablespoon butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Potato wedges

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
2 cups potato wedges

Optional garnish

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Directions

Heat oven to 375 F. Prepare horseradish butter; set aside. In

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large nonstick skillet over medium heat, melt 2 teaspoons butter. Add onion and thyme; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until onion is tender. Remove from heat; stir in corned beef and horseradish-butter mixture. Meanwhile, coat bottom and sides of 9-inch glass pie plate with remaining 1 teaspoon butter; set aside.

Arrange half the potato wedges in single layer over the bottom of pie plate; stick remaining potato wedges upright around the edge of the pie plate. Combine cheeses in small bowl. Sprinkle potatoes with half of the cheese mixture. Top with corned beef mixture and remaining cheese mixture. Press



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firmly with spatula to compact layers; cover with aluminum foil.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Uncover;

continue baking 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges.

If using deli corned beef and frozen prepared roasted potatoes, increase the covered baking time to 35 minutes.

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at Fallbrook Cafe

Michele Howard
Special to the Village News

St. Patrick’s Day is around the corner, and people love the Irish tradition of eating piping hot corned beef and cabbage on a cool winter’s days. Celebrating each year with this traditional dish prepared from scratch is Fallbrook Cafe.

Chef Gomez makes the corned beef melt in the mouth tender, with the cabbage, small red potatoes and carrots. This St. Patrick’s Day is Sunday, March 17, so bring the whole family or make an order to go.

Breakfast is served all day as usual, along with daily specials, homemade soup, and so much more. All-You-Eat-Fish n Chips (Icelandic Cod), is served every Friday, and Saturday’s special is their tender and juicy Prime Rib. Dinners are served with soup or salad, potato, vegetables, roll and dessert starting at 2:30 p.m.

Fallbrook Cafe is located at 739 E. Mission Road, in Fallbrook. Contact them at (760) 728-1898. Dine inside or on the patio.

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Fallbrook Cafe serves a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.
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Fire Chief’s report for February

Chief Stephen Abbott
North County Fire Protection District

Like most people, the North County Fire Protection District is truly thankful for the rainy weather, which may have a positive impact on both short-term drought and fire hazard challenges. That said, with the persistent rains the district has also experienced flooding that have created hazardous road conditions.

In fact, last month North County Fire and surrounding agencies responded to several water rescues for stranded motorists that had attempted to cross flooded roadways. These water rescues are resource intensive as it is necessary to assemble regional water rescue teams from surrounding agencies.

February 2019	
CALL TYPE	Count of CALL TYPE
Cancel	49
EMS	308
False Alarm	10
Fire	13
Other	3
Public Service	57
Rescue	3
Special Incident	1
TC	40
Grand Total	484
% increase from 2018	

Consequently, it can easily take an hour or more to reach a stranded vehicle, which

may be too long to wait with rising floodwaters. In years past, March has delivered

February 2018	
CALL TYPE	Count of CALL TYPE
Cancel	73
EMS	271
False Alarm	6
Fire	10
Other	6
Public Service	35
Rescue	1
TC	51
Grand Total	453
	6.84%

substantial flooding, so the threat of flooding has yet to pass. When drivers encounter

flooded roadways, I strongly encourage you to turn around; don’t drown.

Voting for a president next year?
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Tracy DeFore
County of San Diego
Communications Office

California’s presidential primary election is one year away. But it’s not too early to give residents a heads up – political parties decide who is able to vote for their presidential candidates. A voter may need to change their voter registration party status with the Registrar of Voters to vote for who they want March 3, 2020.

Register with a political party.

If a voter is registered with a political party, their ballot will list that party’s presidential candidates. They can only vote for that party’s presidential candidates.

Or, register with no party

preference or nonpartisan.

If a voter is registered “No Party Preference,” also known as nonpartisan, no presidential candidates will be listed on their ballot. As of Feb. 28, just over 580,000 voters in San Diego County were registered as “No Party Preference.”

“No Party Preference” voters who want to vote for a presidential candidate do have options, however.

They can vote for a presidential candidate from only one of the political parties that allows nonpartisan voters to cross over to that party’s ballot. Political parties have until Oct. 20 to decide whether to allow nonpartisan voters to take part in their presidential primaries.

If a voter is registered as “No Party Preference,” but they want to vote for a presidential candidate in one of the parties that does not allow nonpartisan voters to cross over, they must re-register with that party. For example, in 2016’s presidential primary, the Green, Peace and Freedom and Republican parties allowed only registered members to vote for presidential candidates in their primaries.

If someone is not sure how they’re registered or if they’re still registered to vote? They can check their current registration status or register at www.sdvote.com. For more information, call (858) 565-5800.

County unemployment rate rises
to 3.8 percent in January

City News Service
Special to Valley News

San Diego County’s unadjusted unemployment rate rose to 3.8 percent in January, the highest point in more than a year, the California Employment Development Department reported Friday, March 8.

Unemployment hadn’t been above 3.5 percent countywide since August, according to the EDD, which is scheduled to release February data later this month.

The revised unemployment rate for the region was 3.1 percent in December and 3.6 percent in January 2018.

Nonfarm industries shed 23,700 jobs from December to January, while total farm employment remained unchanged from December’s revised total of 8,100.

The trade, transportation and utilities industry lost the most jobs of any industry in the county between December and January, with a net loss of 9,800. The construction and leisure and hospitality industries both lost more than 2,000 jobs, while

government jobs decreased by an even 2,000. The mining and logging industry was the only one that held steady at its December jobs total, with 300.

Year-over-year nonfarm employment in January increased by 22,300, from 1,459,900 to 1,482,200, according to the EDD. The educational and health services industry and the leisure and hospitality industry both showed gains of more than 6,000 jobs from January 2018 to January 2019.

Construction, information and trade, transportation and utilities

jobs all showed year-over-year losses. Total farm employment also lost 300 jobs from 8,400 in January 2018 to 8,100 in January 2019, according to EDD data.

The state’s unemployment rate sat at an unadjusted 4.8 percent in January 2019, one percentage point above the state’s January 2018 rate.

National unemployment rose to an unadjusted 4.5 percent in January.

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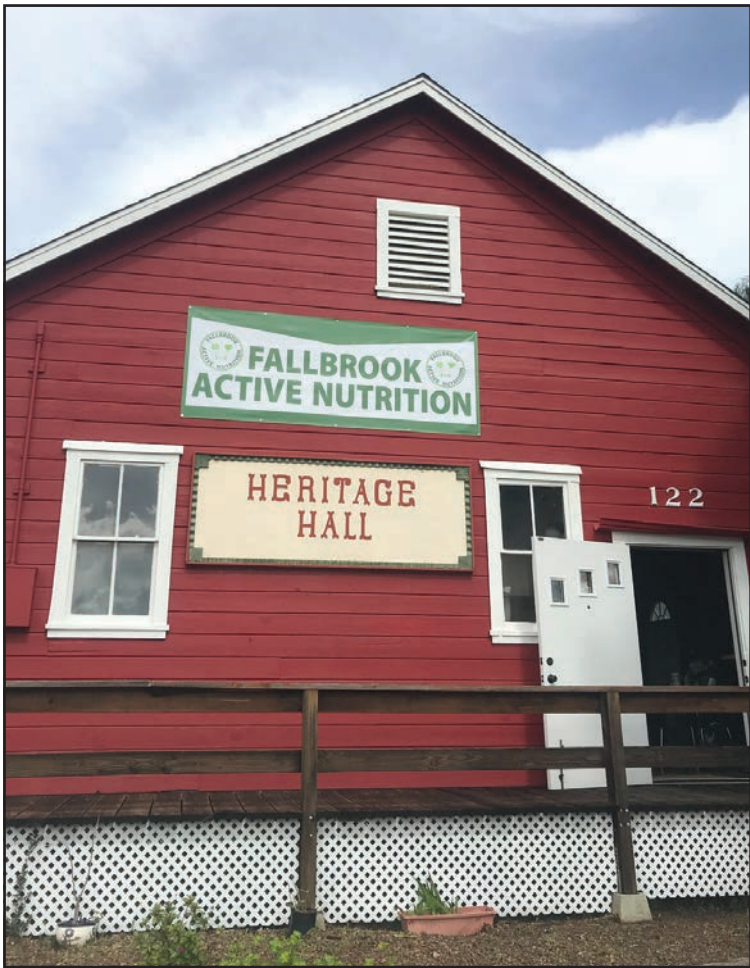
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Fallbrook Active Nutrition is in its new location on Ash Street. Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Active Nutrition recently moved to a new location at the historic Heritage Hall, 122 W. Ash St., in Fallbrook. The new space now provides several workouts including circuit boot camps, Zumba, yoga, stretch, hula dancing, tai chi and more.

Fallbrook Active Nutrition is having its grand opening March 27, from 4-6:30 p.m., with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce. They will have the hula group perform and tai chi, along with Zumba and yoga instructors for demonstrations.

Fallbrook Active Nutrition provides protein shakes, metabolism boosting teas – hot or cold, supplements, protein bars and healthy snacks. It also provides nutritional coaching to support people in reaching their goals.

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Wine Country

Maurice Car'rie Gewurztraminer named Grand Champion at New World International Wine Competition

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Maurice Car'rie winery has another feather to add to their awards cap after its estate grown 2018 Gewurztraminer, was named Grand Champion at the recent New World International Wine Competition.

The often difficult to pronounce Gewurztraminer (ga-'vürt-, stra-ma-ner) beat out California's Alexander Valley Vineyards, British Columbia wineries Crescent Hill Winery and Mt. Boucherie and Washington State's Tsillan Cellars and Westport Winery, among others for the award in the over \$12.01 a bottle class.

Maurice Car'rie winery General Manager Gary Van Roekel said it was exciting to win such a prestigious award.

"It's always been a strong product here for us," he said. "If you can take a gold medal, double gold, best of show, grand champion, it's really a pleasure."

Van Roekel said his likens winning awards to a second report card where the wines are judged by professionals.

"We get a report card every day, seven days a week having a tasting room, so we get that interaction from the guests who come through the winery," he said. "But it's really nice reinforcement when you can enter a competition and get that kind of recognition."

In a double blind competition, such as the New World International Wine Competition, the pourer is not told what he is pouring and the judge has no idea what he is tasting.

"It really is the best type of judging out there because of that factor," he said. "The big players and the small guys get a chance to go head to head in the competition."

Barefoot Wines, J. Lohr and Sutter Home also competed in the New World International Wine Competition, all being beat out by Maurice Car'rie in the Gewurztraminer, over \$12.01 a bottle class.

Van Roekel said the international competition is open to anyone willing to register and send in samples of wine for the judges to taste.

"There are other competitions that are larger, but this is prestigious due to that double blind judging," he said. "Just knowing we are in good company. These competitions bring in the best and anytime you compete against the best, it just gives you a good reading of where you stand."

Van Roekel said that is important to him that when the winery wins an award that the consumer can easily find the wine for purchasing so they can see for themselves, something that the 2018 Gewurztraminer offers. The 2018 Gewurztraminer is available in limited quantities due to the heat damage suffered by the grapes throughout the Temecula Valley last year.

"Our white grapes this year suffered tremendously from heat damage," Maurice Car'rie winemaker David Raffaele said. "The Gewurztraminer was not an exception we probably got 50 percent of our yield compared to last year so it was a very small lot of handcrafted wine."

So, what is it that makes this award-winning wine so special?



Maurice Car'rie Winery's winemaker David Raffaele checks the clarity of the winery's 2018 Gewurztraminer. The wine was named Grand Champion at the New World International Wine Competition in February.

According to Raffaele the question is can be a hard one to answer.

"I don't think there is really an easy answer," Raffaele said. "My goal this past harvest was to really work to achieve varietal expression in the whites and what I mean by that is Gewurztraminer is a very high turpin variety of grape and I wanted to use whatever techniques I had available to retain those turpins, to give it that distinct flowery aroma the kind of lychee nut flavor that distinguishes Gewurztraminer amongst other white wines."

Raffaele said his goal was to maintain all of that while creating a white wine that was very drinkable with a correct level of sugar for the winery and to attain that kind of varietal expression the Gewurztraminer should have.

"People like it," he said.

Raffaele said the Gewurztraminer is a unique varietal which is a bit of an "anomaly" in the Temecula Valley.

"It's a cold climate grape from Germany," he explained. "It was evolved in a much cooler climate than we have here in Temecula and Gary's father, Bud, planted Gewurztraminer with a handful of other grapes that he had selected and maybe wasn't sure if it was going to succeed or not."

Raffaele said the really interesting thing about the success of the Gewurztraminer and the winery's resiliency is that they are not supposed to do well in Temecula's hot climate.

"The climate is technically too warm for these varieties and yet, it's just a strange anomaly that keeps me going every day to know that not everything is known about wine or farming grapes and that there are some really interesting facets that you have to make wine to really realize," he said. "That's the kind of angle with the Gewurztraminer, it's not a very widely planted grape and probably for good reason."

"Ours expresses itself pretty well here, and I am pretty proud of that," Raffaele said.

Van Roekel agreed.

"It's about best farming practices, and as long as you have a good fruit, you have a good chance to make a good wine," Van Roekel said.

The winery also won silver for its estate grown 2017 Moscato, Tem-



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Callaway and Mount Palomar celebrating 50 years in 2019

Jeff Pack
WRITER

Vincenzo and Audrey Cilurzo got it all started in 1967 when they purchased 40 acres of property in what would become Temecula Wine Country.

It was Ely Callaway who commercialized winemaking in Temecula when Callaway Vineyard and Winery began farming grapes in 1969 and opened the first Temecula Winery in 1974.

John H. Poole started Mount Palomar’s vineyards, also in 1969, and opened the winery to the public in 1975.

Try to imagine it back then – long, dusty dirt roads leading to acres and acres of freshly planted grape vines – with all three owners wondering if this whole winemaking idea was going to work.

Fifty years later and those wineries that were born in 1969 on what used to be called Long Valley Road and is now Rancho California Road are celebrating the milestone.

“This year we are proud to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mount Palomar Winery in Temecula, the second oldest winery in Southern California Wine Country,” Kris May, director of operations at Mount Palomar Winery, said. “It’s been an incredible journey that’s spanned a half-century of growth and improvement in wine country, starting with John H. Poole’s small plantings in 1969 and expanding up to 55 acres of vineyards today, and we’re grateful to have been a part of it. We could not have gotten here without the support and appreciation of our wine club members and other wine-loving customers, and we are looking forward to a bright and successful future at Mount Palomar Winery.”

Heather Davis said Mount Palomar is planning a couple of special events to celebrate this year.

“We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with two events, one a wine club exclusive and one that is open for everyone who purchases a ticket,” Davis said. “For our wine club members, we are celebrating with Sunhats & Sangria, a new event coming up this April that is complimentary for our Estate and Chateau wine club members. We will be serving a selection of house-made sangrias and other wines with food pairings, and offering library wines for our club members to purchase that day only. Invitations for this spring-themed club event will be going out in the next two weeks.”

The 50th Anniversary Celebration is a ticketed event planned for June, with ticket sales available soon.

“We are offering a food and wine pairing event featuring exclusive wines, carefully chosen food pairings, and house sparkling wine,” Davis said. “This anniversary cocktail party will only be open to ticket holders, with an exclusive discount for wine club members.”

When Poole started the vineyards 1969, the radio electronics engineer and station owner wanted to establish a new agricultural business and enjoy life in the country.

It wasn’t long until he opened a tasting room while serving as the winemaker, inviting guests to visit one of the most expansive properties in Temecula Wine Country today.

A decade later, his son, Peter Poole, took over operation of the winery and claimed at the time to be the first to introduce the Mediterranean grape varieties to the region.

Today, the winery is owned by Louidar LLC and uses two brands: Mount Palomar and Castelletto. The Castelletto name, which means Little Castle in Italian, comes from Poole’s wife, Olivia de Reya Poole.

For more information about Mount Palomar and upcoming anniversary events and tickets for sale, visit www.mountpalomarwinery.com.

Callaway Vineyard and Winery was one of a few Temecula wineries producing and selling wine and many credit founder Ely Callaway for establishing Temecula Valley as a serious wine producing region.

Along with veteran viticulturist, John Moramarco, Callaway found what he believed to be the perfect spot to plant his vines, and the rest is history.



Mount Palomar Winery is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.



Callaway Vineyard and Winery is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Jeff Pack photos



The vines at Mount Palomar Winery were planted by John H. Poole 50 years ago.



Viticulturist John Moramarco planted the vines at Callaway Vineyard and Winery 50 years ago.



Mount Palomar Winery is a SIP Temecula Passport participant.

In 1981, the entrepreneur sold the business to Hiram Walker and settled into retirement for a short period of time before getting involved in the golf industry. Callaway is one of the leading names in the golf industry today.

Callaway has enjoyed several achievements during its 50-year history including Callaway’s estate bottled 1974 White Riesling being the only wine served during a visit by Queen Elizabeth II, and his Royal Highness, The Prince Duke of Edinburgh, at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

It marked the first time in U.S. viticultural history that a dry table wine from Southern California was chosen to be served on the East Coast at an international diplomatic event, according to the winery.

The Lin family of San Diego purchased the winery in 2005 and still own it today. Callaway Vineyard & Winery wines are only available at the winery and are not available in any retail stores.

Callaway is expected to get back to the Valley News regarding any special events the winery has planned to celebrate the anniversary in the coming week.

SIP Temecula Passport continues

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The passports must be purchased online in advance, can be used on multiple days, but cannot be used for groups larger than eight people. Excluded holidays include Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For more information, to view the list of participating wineries and to purchase tickets, visit www.temeculawines.org, call (800) 801-9463 or email info@temeculawines.org.

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Wine Country Events Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 15	
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
5-7 p.m.	Live Music, John Carlson and Patrick Clark, Meritage Restaurant, Callaway Winery
5-8 p.m.	Live Music, Jerry Gontag, Cougar Vinyard and Winery
5-9 p.m.	Live Music, Jessica Jones, Masia de la Vinya
5:30-8:30 p.m.	Live Music, Brian Stodart, Ponte Winery
6-8 p.m.	Camaval, Europa Village
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Shea Givens, Avensole Winery
SATURDAY, MARCH 16	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Gil Guillen, Masia de la Vinya
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Michael LeClerc, Avensole Winery
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, JD Priest, Danza del Sol
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Gabriela Aparicio, Fazeli Cellars
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5:30-8:30 p.m.	Live Music, Jeff Brinkman, Ponte Winery
SUNDAY, MARCH 17	
7-10 a.m.	St. Patty’s 5K/15K, Cougar Vineyard and Winery
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 3 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol’s Restaurant at Bailly Winery
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Dustin Jake, Europa Village
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Gil Guillen, Avensole Winery Tasting Room
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, StereoFlux, Danza del Sol
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Ben Bostick, Fazeli Cellars
2-5 p.m.	Live Music, Carlson and Clark, Cougar Vineyard & Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery

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March 21- March 30 - Shakespeare in the Vines presents “The 39 Steps” at Bailly Winery.

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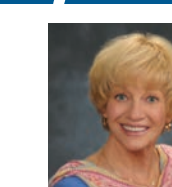
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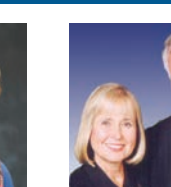
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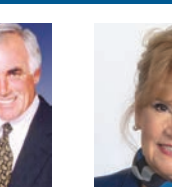
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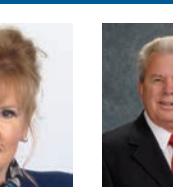
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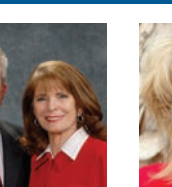
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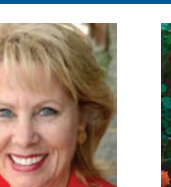
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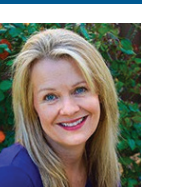
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