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A large outdoor patio area of a restaurant, likely a brewery or pub, with many people seated at tables. In the foreground, two women wearing face masks are seated at a small table. The patio is paved and has a yellow curb. The building has large windows and a brick wall. A sign on the left lists "Camping, Hiking, Fishing, Hunting, and more!".

Village News/Julie Reeder photo

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Sherry Lenfers' sixth birthday was held at Live Oak Park in 1952. Lenfers is third from the left on the top row in this picture from the day of her party. The cottage in the background is the original caretaker cottage and still stands today.

Will Fritz
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Some protesters at the corner of Mission Road and Fallbrook Street brought their families out to draw attention to the death of Vanessa Guillén, a 20-year-old Army specialist who was allegedly killed by a fellow soldier at Fort Hood, Texas.

CWA lowers rate increase

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Water Authority approved an increase in the SDCWA's rates and charges, but the increase, approved June 25, was lower than had been proposed the previous month.

The CWA weighted vote to pass the calendar year 2021 rates and charges was 80.175%. The rates received the support of 21 board members and were opposed by six board members. Jack Bebee, general manager of Fallbrook Public Utility District, and Tom Kennedy, general manager of Rainbow Municipal Water District, who are their districts' representatives on the CWA board, both voted against the adopted rates.

The new rates increase the average cost for untreated water by 4.8% from \$1,406 to \$1,474 per acre-foot and the average cost for treated water by 4.9% from \$1,686 to \$1,769 per acre-foot. The rates proposed in May would have resulted in a 6.3% increase to \$1,495 for untreated water and a 6.2% increase to \$1,790

for treated supply. The new rates and charges also include a 15.8% increase in the infrastructure access charge which is used for CWA fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced. The adoption of the rates and charges also allocated the pro-rata shares of total fixed charges to each CWA member agency. The CWA's member agencies have the option of absorbing the rate increase or passing on the additional cost to customers.

The rates are based on a melded rate which melds the cost of water delivered from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the quantification settlement agreement and water produced by the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant. The CWA also has transportation, storage, and customer service charges along with fees and charges for fixed expenditures which are incurred even when water use is reduced. The CWA also incorporates debt coverage targets into its rate structure with

a target debt coverage ratio, or ratio of cash available to debt obligation, of 1.5:1 for senior lien debt – debt secured by collateral in the event of a default – and 1.4:1 for overall debt.

The QSA included scheduled rate increases over the multi-decade period, and the price of IID water is now tied to an inflation index. IID deliveries will increase from 192,500 acre-feet for calendar year 2020 to 205,000 acre-feet during calendar year 2021. One of the reasons for the lower rate increase was an IID inflation indicator which was lower than expected, and the desalination costs were adjusted to reflect an April/May shortfall which allowed dredging to be funded by the shortfall rather than by 2020-2021 rates. The savings were considered to be part of the supply portion of the CWA costs, and due to board policy, the Supply Reliability Charge rather than the supply rate was lowered. Those supply savings also allowed reserve funds to be used for transportation rather than supply, so the transportation rate was also reduced.

The desire to avoid steep increases has led to raising rates over a multi-year period to cover a specific cost, and the CWA also has a rate stabilization fund which allows increases to be spread over multiple years. The CWA will draw \$9.5 million from its rate stabilization fund for fiscal year 2020-2021, which will reduce next year's rates by approximately \$61 per acre-foot. The CWA will also draw 30,000 acre-feet of operational storage which will address seasonal demand patterns.

The CWA rate per acre-foot of untreated water for municipal and industrial customers will increase from \$925 to \$940. The untreated rate was \$894 in 2018 and \$909 during 2019.

The CWA also uses a melded rate for treatment which is based on the cost to purchase treated water from MWD, the cost of desalinated water from the Carlsbad desalination plant and the cost to treat water at the Twin Oaks, Olivenhain and Levy treatment plants. The Levy plant is owned and operated by the Helix Water District, and the CWA purchases treated water from Helix. The cost of treated water from the Twin Oaks plant is less than the cost to purchase such supply from MWD, so an increase in treated production at the Twin Oaks facility allowed for a decrease of the treated water surcharge from \$300 in 2018 to \$276 for 2019. The surcharge increased to \$280 during 2020 and will be \$295 in 2021.

The special agricultural rate for untreated water per acre-foot was increased from \$695 in 2018 to \$731 for 2019 to \$755 in 2020 and will be \$777 in 2021.

The special agricultural rate for treated rate will increase from \$1,035 to \$1,072 and had been \$995 during 2018 and \$1,007 in 2019.

The CWA's transportation rate is a uniform rate set to recover capital, operating and maintenance costs of the CWA's aqueduct system and will increase from \$132 to \$150 per acre-foot rather than to the \$164 proposed in May. The rate had been \$115 in 2018 and \$120 for 2019.

The infrastructure access charge per meter equivalent was \$3.01 both in 2018 and in 2019 and increased to \$3.66 for 2020. The 2021 IAC will be \$4.24 per meter equivalent. A meter under 1 inch has a 1.0-meter equivalent and the rates are multiplied by 1.6 for one-inch meters, by 3.0 for 1.5-inch meters, by 5.2 for two-inch meters, by 9.6 for three-inch meters and by larger factors for meters larger than 3 inches.

The customer service charge is intended to recover costs which support the operations of the CWA and is allocated among member agencies based on a three-year rolling average of all deliveries. The charge had been \$26,400,000 from 2012 to 2018 before dropping to \$25,600,000 for 2019 and 2020, and the 2021 total charge will also be \$25,600,000. The Rainbow Municipal Water District portion of that charge will be \$1,074,480, the Fallbrook Public Utility District will be assessed \$558,036, and U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton will pay \$4,572.

The storage charge recovers costs related to emergency storage programs and is allocated to member agencies based on a pro-rata share of non-agricultural deliveries. The total charge was \$65,000,000 from 2017 to 2020 and will decrease to \$60,000,000 for 2021. Rainbow is responsible for \$1,530,648 of the total amount, FPUD will pay \$1,021,164 and Camp Pendleton will account for \$11,580 of the total.

In March 2015, the CWA approved a revised rate structure intended to avoid a situation where conservation resulting in a decrease in water usage leads to the need to increase rates. The CWA added a supply reliability charge while allocating non-commodity revenues to all rate and charge categories including treatment and applying the debt and equity payments for the Carlsbad desalination plant to the supply rate. The supply reliability charge is a fixed charge to recover a portion of the QSA and Carlsbad desalination plant costs and is set equal to the difference between the supply cost of desalination and the Imperial County purchases, including MWD's wheeling charge, and a like amount of water purchased

at MWD's Tier 1 rate multiplied by 25%. The charge is allocated to CWA member agencies on a pro-rata basis utilizing a five-year rolling average of municipal and industrial deliveries. The charge which was \$28,600,000 in 2018 and \$30,200,000 during 2019 is \$37,430,000 for 2020. It was planned to rise to \$41,300,000 in 2021 until the revision changed the total charge to \$38,900,000. The agency payments will include \$963,059 from Rainbow, \$673,265 by FPUD and \$6,533 from Camp Pendleton.

The CWA also has a standby availability charge of \$10 per acre or \$10 per parcel under 1 acre. That amount will not change.

MWD's readiness to serve charge, which is set on a fiscal year basis and becomes effective July 1, involves credits for the standby charge and administrative costs. The CWA's share is allocated to member agencies based on a ten-year rolling average of demands. The CWA's charge after standby and administrative credits was reduced from \$16,291,858 during 2017-2018 to \$14,870,829 in 2018-2019 to \$12,909,485 for 2019-2020 and will drop to \$11,739,042 for 2020-2021. Rainbow's share will be \$493,806, FPUD will be responsible for \$291,010, and Camp Pendleton will pay \$3,259.

The MWD capacity charge is allocated to CWA member agencies proportionally based on a five-year rolling average of flows during peak periods. The total charge to the CWA decreased from \$9,902,340 for 2018 to \$8,262,020 during 2019 to \$8,019,440 in 2020, but the 2021 charge will be \$9,153,850. Rainbow will be assessed \$443,964, the FPUD payments will be \$245,292 and Camp Pendleton will be charged \$1,152.

The CWA also has a system capacity charge which is a one-time charge for new system connections and recovers the proportionate cost of the existing and planned system serving the new customers. The system capacity charge per meter equivalent was \$5,099 in 2018 and \$5,217 for 2019, is \$5,301 for 2020 new connections and will be \$5,311 next year. A water treatment capacity charge which recovers a portion of the regional water treatment facility expenses but exempts the cities of Del Mar, Escondido and Poway customers who cannot benefit from that service will increase from \$147 to \$148 per meter equivalent after being \$141 in 2018 and \$146 during 2019.

In 2017, the CWA board approved a change in the annexation fee structure from a processing fee and a per-acre annexation fee to a flat annexation application fee after a cost analysis determined that parcel size had little impact on CWA staff time. The annexation fee was \$10,340 in 2018 and \$10,681 in 2019. It is currently \$10,749 and will be \$10,771 in 2021. That fee does not include the CWA member agency and MWD annexation fees or the Local Agency Formation Commission processing fee.

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FPUD approves 2020-2021 budget

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District will adopt its calendar year 2021 rates in December, but the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget has been approved.

A 5-0 FPUD board vote, June 22, approved the 2020-2021 budget. The budget will be used as the base for the 2021 rates and charges when the board considers those during its final scheduled meeting of 2020.

“We managed to hold our operating costs fairly flat,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUD, said. “The increase in the wholesale cost of water is really the driver.”

FPUD projects fiscal year 2020-21 revenues of \$38,102,229 including \$31,789,398 from water sales with the rest being provided by fixed charges, property tax revenue, capacity fees for new development, interest and other investment earnings and sale of surplus assets. The revenue does not include \$31,900,000 from the State Revolving Fund loan for the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project. The \$27,470,440 budgeted operating expenses would create a net operating revenue of \$10,631,790 although the total expenditures of \$70,155,258 include \$39,121,750 for capital expenditures along with \$3,563,049 of debt service during 2020-2021.

Salaries and benefits account for most of FPUD’s operational expenses. Just over a week of fiscal year 2019-2020 remained when FPUD approved the 2020-2021 budget, so the projected operational expenses of \$12,955,244 were used as the 2019-2020 base. The budget calls for \$13,457,556 of 2020-2021 operational expenses, which is a 1.5 % increase over the previous year. The budget is based on 67 employees.

“The district’s overall costs are going up about 1 1/2%, our operating costs. The district’s worked really hard in holding down our costs fairly flat,”

Bebee said.

FPUD projects 8,100 acre-feet of potable water sales for 2020-2021 with municipal and industrial demand accounting for 5,400 acre-feet and agricultural sales totaling 2,700 acre-feet. About 99% of FPUD’s water supply is imported from the San Diego County Water Authority and the other 1% is obtained from a local well. Not all sewage processed is from billable sources, and the district anticipates 478 million gallons of billable sewage flow during 2020-2021. FPUD delivers approximately 600,000 gallons of recycled water a day or approximately 675 acre-feet annually to the district’s 29 recycled water customers.

The district’s water distribution system consists of approximately 270 miles of pipeline, approximately 6,800 valves, five pump stations, a treated water reservoir with a capacity of 300 million gallons, nine steel reservoirs including the Bucknell Reservoir in De Luz which has been taken out of service but is used to house wireless communications facilities and an ultraviolet disinfection water treatment plant. The Conjunctive Use Project will include a groundwater treatment plant, and FPUD’s future plans also include an upgrade of the advanced metering infrastructure system which will allow for real-time meter reading and also provide customers with real-time water use data. The wastewater system is comprised of 78 miles of buried sewer lines and force mains, a water reclamation plant with a capacity of 2.7 million gallons per day, a 1-megawatt solar energy facility and a 23-mile ocean outfall line. The recycled water infrastructure has 10.5 miles of buried pipe.

The projected 2020-2021 water sales consist of \$24,414,828 of potable water purchases, \$1,188,241 from recycled water customers and \$6,186,550 of wastewater bill payments. FPUD, which has a service area

of approximately 44 square miles – equating to about 28,000 acres – has approximately 9,300 potable water customers and 5,000 sewer customers.

FPUD was projected to end 2019-2020 with \$12,778,727 of water purchases costs and expects the 2020-2021 amount to be \$13,810,108. Pumping costs are expected to increase from \$180,000 to \$202,797. FPUD’s water costs are expected to increase by 9%.

“That includes the IAC cost,” Bebee said.

The San Diego County Water Authority has an infrastructure access charge which is used for SDCWA fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced. The CWA rates and charges for calendar year 2021 include a 15.8% increase in the IAC. FPUD has 11,855 meter equivalents, so the total infrastructure access charge the district will pay to the CWA is \$603,180.

In November 1996, the state’s voters passed Proposition 218, which requires a public vote on benefit assessments. Proposition 218 exempts water and sewer rate increases if a cost of service study shows a relationship between the rates and the agency’s cost to provide water or sewer service. A rate setting policy can be in effect for up to five years and must include a rate design and public review. In December 2017, the FPUD board held a Proposition 218 hearing which approved annual rate increases of up to 8.0% through calendar year 2022. That limit will force FPUD to absorb the IAC when the district sets its calendar year 2021 rates.

“Eventually that will catch back up,” Bebee said.

The Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project will enhance groundwater recharge and recovery capability within the lower Santa Margarita River basin and develop a program to increase available water supplies for FPUD and U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. It

is expected to be operational by fall 2021, which would be during fiscal year 2021-2022. The total estimated cost of the conjunctive use project is \$62.9 million. It is currently under construction and approximately 35% complete.

“That continues to be our most substantial capital project,” Bebee said.

Major maintenance of existing infrastructure is also a part of the district’s capital improvement program.

“The largest part of it is valve and pipeline replacement projects,” Bebee said. “We continue to maintain that program. After Santa Margarita is complete, that’s going to be the bulk of our capital program.”

The major potable water pipeline capital projects for 2020-2021 are completion of the first phase of the Winter Haven Road pipeline replacement project which began in fiscal year 2019-2020 and will replace 12-inch pipe relined in 1968 with new pipe between Clearcrest Lane and Havencrest Lane, initiation of the second phase of that project which will involve approximately 2,650 feet of 12-inch water main from Havencrest Lane to Sunnycrest Lane, and replacement of approximately 1,000 feet of 20-inch pipe along the Gum Tree Pipeline which is old enough to have been relined in 1966. The 2020-2021 portion of those three projects has a budget of \$1,298,000. FPUD is targeting the replacement of 100 valves during 2020-2021, and the valve replacement program has a budget of \$500,000.

In 2012, FPUD developed a 10-year program to recoat all of the district’s steel reservoirs to protect the steel from corrosion. The 2020-2021 capital plans include recoating the 2.8 Million Gallon Tank in De Luz, which will complete FPUD’s reservoir recoating program. The 2020-2021 De Luz projects also include a new pressure reducing valve station at Ross Lake, replacement or elimination of the Lynda Lane pressure reducing valve, and

upgrades or replacement of the Donnil Pump Station surge tank.

The district’s Toyon Pump Station which was built in 1982 and serves 63 accounts in the Toyon Service Area near Red Mountain Reservoir has exceeded its useful life, and a replacement will be constructed near the ultraviolet treatment plant to consolidate FPUD facilities at the Red Mountain site. FPUD’s capital projects will also include the fifth year of a six-year program to replace automatic meter reading meters with advanced metering infrastructure meters.

In December 2019, FPUD awarded a construction contract for upgrades to the Overland Trail Lift Station, which will rehabilitate that lift station and also increase capacity to handle the flows currently handled at the Anthony’s Corner Lift Station, and that work also includes the demolition of the Anthony’s Corner Lift Station. Work is scheduled to be completed in December 2020, so that is part of the 2020-2021 wastewater capital budget. Due to procurement delays, the headworks cover replacement at the water reclamation plant will not be completed until 2020-2021, and the reclamation plant capital improvements are also scheduled to include repairs to the secondary and tertiary storage pond liners and supervisory control and data acquisition control improvements. Five aging below-grade – and thus confined space – air release and vacuum valves in the recycled water system will be replaced with new above-grade air valves, and remote pressuring monitoring capabilities will be added in strategic locations.

FPUD’s capital budget also includes \$300,000 to replace a full-size crane.

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Protesters call attention to the death of Vanessa Guillén, the 20-year-old soldier who was allegedly killed by a fellow soldier in Texas after telling her family she was being sexually harassed.

PROTEST

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death to share their own stories of sexual harassment in the military online, using the hashtag #IAmVanessaGuillen.

Guillén had been missing since April when her remains were found on June 30 near the Leon River, which is about 30 miles from Fort Hood.

While Guillén has no connections to Fallbrook, Escudero said he believes her death is very relevant here given the town’s close ties with nearby Camp Pendleton, and he hopes to make more people aware of her death locally.

“Investigations need to happen, and people need to be held accountable,” Escudero said. “That’s all we’re doing here, it’s peaceful, just want to spread the

word out, get some justice if we can.”

Implicated in Guillén’s death is Aaron David Robinson, 20, another soldier at Fort Hood. Investigators believe he used a hammer to bludgeon Guillén to death in armory room. However, he took his own life when law enforcement tried to arrest him.

Robinson’s girlfriend, Cecily Aguilar, allegedly helped in burying Guillén’s remains after the pair tried to burn her body. She was charged with one count of conspiracy to tamper with evidence.

Other protesters in Fallbrook said it was important to them to get some attention for a death they say has flown under the radar for some.

“Things like this tend to get swept under the rug,” said Gaby Zinniger, who said she feared that many of those in Fallbrook may

not be aware of sexual harassment issues in the military despite being next to a major Marine Corps base.

Another protester, Emily Brown, said she had described what happened to Guillén a handful of times to community members who asked.

“I’ve had to explain to people what actually happened,” she said. “It’s like people might not be informed.”

Many passing drivers, though, honked their horns in support of the protest.

“So far, it’s been positive,” one demonstrator, who asked Village News only to use her first name, Julie. “Not a lot of people know, but we’re out here just to spread the word, spread some awareness, and at least if they can read her name they might go and look it up.”

The protesters even attracted one passerby who said he stopped to join them while out running an errand at the post office, right across the street.

“I forgot to put out mail and I saw (the protest) on Friends of Fallbrook and I thought that’s awesome, sweet, I’ll stop, park my car, come down, ask for a sign and I’m just here, just because of solidarity,” Tigre Pickett said. “This is about entrenched toxic masculinity, out of control patriarchy, and I as a white man fully believe that I have a lot of privilege in this current society, in this current culture. And it’s up to me as one of those people who gets extreme privilege and extreme grace to get away with a lot of crap to come out here and share and support people who need to be defended.”

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OPINION

Same statistics, different narratives

Julie Reeder
Publisher

I received a lot of emails, questions and comments questioning the police shooting stats from a previous editorial. People also sent me websites presenting the same stats I used, but the way they were presented was definitely pushing a different narrative, which I believe is a false narrative presented as if Black people are being indiscriminately killed by police.

Here is an example from <https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/>. The stats are the same as what I presented from NIH, Washington Post and statista.com. But here is how a couple of examples presented the statistics differently, or incompletely.

Police have killed 598 people in 2020.

They don’t tell you why 598 people were killed in 2020, or that almost 100% were armed, or that these shootings were as the result of police responding to a crime. It also doesn’t explain that twice as many White people as Black people have been consistently shot by police over the last five years, or that a police officer is 18½ times more likely to be killed by a Black male than an unarmed Black male is to be killed by a police officer.

Here is another bold point on the page between graphs, which is absolutely correct but doesn’t present the whole picture.

Black people have been 28% of those killed by police since 2013 despite being only 13% of the population. It is followed by a graph that shows Blacks are three times more likely to be killed as Whites. Then in small print it states “Police Killings per 1 million population,” so it’s comparing percentages of their respective populations, instead of overall percentage of Blacks (25% of total killed) compared to Whites (50% of total killed).

What is not explained is that the share of Black shooting victims by police is statistically less than what the Black crime rate would predict, since police shootings are a function of how often officers encounter armed and violent suspects.

In 2019, police officers fatally shot 1,004 people, most of whom were armed or otherwise dangerous. African Americans were about a quarter of those killed by cops last year (235), a ratio that has

remained stable since 2015. In 2018, African Americans made up 53% of known homicide offenders in the U.S. and committed about 60% of robberies, though they are 13% of the population, which explains why there are more confrontations that end up deadly between armed suspects and police.

What about unarmed shootings? The police fatally shot 9 unarmed Black suspects (5 were fighting with cops and trying to grab their gun) and 19 unarmed Whites in 2019, according to The Washington Post database, down from 38 and 32, respectively, in 2015 (and closer to 100 in the 70s). The Post defines “unarmed” broadly to include such cases as a suspect in Newark, New Jersey, who had a loaded handgun in his car during a police chase.

Remember there were 235 Black suspects killed in 2018 by police during the course of a police call and there were 7,407 Black homicide victims, mostly killed by other Blacks (Whites are also mostly killed by other Whites). Assuming a comparable number of victims last year, those nine unarmed Black victims of police shootings represent 0.1% of all African Americans killed in 2019.

So, do you see how misleading it is to create a graph that states “Black people are more likely to be killed by police than White people”?

Then there’s a graph stating that 99% of police aren’t held accountable for the killings, characterizing them as murders, rather than police killings of armed suspects in response to a call. Again, one could assume if they weren’t reading other sources that these are random killings. They also don’t take into account that statistically Black officers are more likely to shoot Black suspects than White officers are and don’t take into account that the police are being called into high crime areas where 7400 Black people are murdering each other per year.

It’s all in how the statistics are presented and spun. Again, admitting that things can always be better, while we continue to make things more just, we need to make sure we are working with all the facts and data and not allow people with false narratives to spin us into emotional and dangerous wars between the races.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Learn about Fallbrook’s new park

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County is designing and developing a new local park in Fallbrook. The park will occupy a 6.8-acre parcel on East Fallbrook Street between Golden Road and Morro Road.

Residents can tune in Wednesday, July 22, at 5 p.m. for a Facebook Live event to learn more about the results of the Fallbrook Park community survey and share their thoughts on design concepts for the new park at <http://www.facebook.com/CountyofSanDiegoParksandRecreation>.

Those who are unable to join the event can still participate

online. A pre-recorded version of the presentation will be available on the project website: <http://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/news-events/news-stories/ANewLocalParkinFallbrook.html>.

After viewing the presentation, residents can share their thoughts by filling out the brief survey included by Aug. 5. If anyone would like a paper copy of the survey mailed to them, they can contact the park manager Stephanie Kopplin at Stephanie.Kopplin@sdcounty.ca.gov or call 858-966-1344.

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- 2.) No one is allowed to open bags and remove items that are unwanted – we cannot risk contamination. All food in bags must leave with each family/individual.
- 3.) Asking clients to stand 6 feet apart while standing in line for food.
- 4.) Asking both volunteers and clients to wear gloves at all times while in the pantry.
- 5.) Any new clients will be treated as an “emergency” and will be able to receive food with just an ID (YOU MUST HAVE either a driver’s license, state ID, military, school, etc.).
- 6.) Our hours of operation will remain the same: Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30.
If clients show up early to stand in line – we will begin serving them as soon as possible – even earlier than 9:30 to prevent “loitering” or too much contact with others.
- 7.) As long as staff/volunteers are willing and able to serve, we will not have to change days and/or hours of operation – but in the case of this situation changing due to a variety of possible obstacles, we will keep the public apprised of our decisions and make it known if and when we need EXTRA HELP from the community!

If you are interested in helping, please go to FALLBROOKFOODPANTRY.ORG, for volunteering or to make a donation. Thank you all so very much for your support and concern for our community in-need...your generosity and compassion is beyond philanthropic – it is pure LOVE! – In good health, Shae Gawlak, Executive Director



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OPINION

Small businesses & nonprofits



Supervisor Jim Desmond
Fifth District

I know that the last three months have been extremely difficult for

small businesses and nonprofits. While I’ve advocated to open up businesses in a safe manner, there is still a 15% unemployment rate, and that will rise with the latest round of closures in early July.

In order to cope with these difficult times, San Diego County has created a small business/nonprofit stimulus grant fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide economic assistance to help small businesses and nonprofit entities experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 response.

For the application or other information please go to www.sandiegocounty.gov/stimulusgrant/.

Eligible businesses include private for-profit and nonprofit businesses with fewer than 100 employees including sole

proprietorships and independent contractors, who are headquartered and operating in San Diego County.

District 5 will have \$3.4 million to allocate. The deadline to apply to is Aug. 7 and funding may be exhausted after that time. Funds must be spent by Dec. 30, 2020, per federal CARES Act requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Candyce Yee of the District 5 team at Candyce.Yee@sdcounty.ca.gov.

To the many businesses owners out there who are struggling, I’m fighting for you. I’ve heard from hundreds of San Diegans who aren’t sure how much longer they can get by. I hope this fund will help in the short term and I will continue to advocate for safely reopening.

Saving America

In late October 1962, my classmates and I were in route to our high school water polo match. Our coach, an Ivy League graduate, of Irish descent, and a proud and staunch Kennedy supporter, stood at the front of the bus stone-faced and teary-eyed.

Seemingly he was agonizing over recent world events unfolding with the Soviet’s looming Cuban Missile Crisis. Convinced that the standoff between the Soviets and the United States would result in a nuclear holocaust, he declared the world was coming to an end.

Well, fortunately for us, that did not occur. Like most students, back then, I was apolitical, and the global threats seemed far removed from our studies, our families, and the magical times of high school. Admittedly I was moved by the Democratic President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and his vision for America. To this day, I remember his quote, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

I also remember his address challenging our ingenuity and our resolution to be the first nation to put a man on the moon. Coined NASA’s Apollo program, our race in space captured the imagination of the entire country.

I suppose I would have eagerly voted for Kennedy for President. But then I was only 14, wet behind the ears, especially when I was in the pool, and hopelessly distracted by the young ladies at our school.

President Kennedy, like President Johnson, were both devout capitalists and fervent anti-communists. Both Democratic Presidents tried to contain the spread of communism, Kennedy in the Western Hemisphere and Johnson in Southeast Asia. Both men were so determined to counter communist expansionism that they committed our military to eliminate and diminish the communist’s influence around the world.

But that was a vastly different Democratic Party back then. Now its current leaders no longer represent the ideals once held by Kennedy or Johnson. Today’s Democratic party leaders like Biden, Sanders, Pelosi, AOC, and others enthusiastically embrace the tenets of communism. I guess we now know why the Democratic Party leaders refuse to criticize the Chinese Communist leaders for engineering, releasing, lying and denying any liability for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Still, Pelosi, Schumer, Schiff and others openly criticize our nation’s heritage, while their surrogates, like BLM and ANTIFA, tear down the luminaries and icons of our country’s past. Our children are taught in the Democratically controlled public schools to hate our heritage, to hate their country, their parents and, if not a student of

color, to hate themselves.

The new Democratic Party platforms include ending capitalism, defunding and dismantling police departments and ending the use of fossil fuels. In the name of “Social Justice,” they encourage the ensuing carnage perpetrated by their law-breaking mobs. They openly celebrate the burning and pillaging of private property and the destruction and defacing of monuments that honor our national heritage.

With police officers shackled by Democratic politicians, these social justice thugs go unchallenged and escape any legal consequences for their criminal acts.

So, we have but one choice to make in the next election. If Biden wins the election, the new Democratic party will erase our history and transform our culture. Americans of all ethnic backgrounds will be subject to social justice edicts, such as reparations.

The new Democratic party with Biden as President will encourage and support the continuation of anarchy in our streets. They have promised once in power to defund and, in some cases, dismantle our police departments. And if Bernie Sanders and AOC get their way with the Biden Administration, they will end capitalism, which will devastate our economy and our standard of living.

Overnight the new Democratic Party will transform America into a socialistic country while we watch without redress. Finally, the Biden administration’s policies will destroy the “American Dream” and eliminate all remaining remnants of our national heritage.

Therefore, for the survival of our Republic, the only way forward for reasoned-thinking Americans of all political persuasions is to re-elect President Trump in November and to cast your votes for Republicans, making them the majorities in both the House and Senate. As American originalists, Republicans have the moral authority to reject the Democrat’s assault on our freedoms and liberties.

As the true guardians of the Republic and the custodians of our Democracy, Republicans have an ethical imperative to protect our heritage, preserve our free markets and defend our petroleum driven economy to safeguard our way of life.

Once in power, Republicans will uphold the principals as executed in our founding documents, and they will restore law and order in our cities. By re-electing President Trump and giving Republicans the majorities in the House and the Senate, we will save America from being transformed into a socialistic nation as promised by Joe Biden and the new Democratic Party.

Dave Maynard

Drug treatment equals less crime



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

In California, opioid and heroin use is a major threat to public health and is the leading cause of death for those under 50. It’s a major cause of crime and contributes directly to high recidivism rates in our prison system.

That’s why I’ve introduced Assembly Bill 1304, co-written by state Sen. Tom Umberg,

D-Santa Ana, which will provide medication-assisted treatment for eligible parolees who volunteer to participate. Medication-assisted treatment is an innovative treatment program that uses medications combined with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders. Findings reported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse clearly show that providing criminal offenders with substance use treatment reduces drug abuse, crime and reincarceration. In addition, by following the prescribed medication-assisted treatment regimen, death rates from opioid overdoses can be cut by more than half.

Under AB 1304, incentives to participate in the program will include reductions in length of parole. Parolees will be screened, and only those deemed eligible will be allowed into the program after they’ve served their prison sentences. A similar program was started in Kentucky in 2016, with proven results that include an overall drop in recidivism, along with reduced illegal drug and

alcohol use. California’s costs will be minimal, since the program will be supported through a state opioid response grant, provided by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

The costs associated with drug abuse are incalculable. Crime, homelessness, lost job productivity, broken families and suicides are all part of the massive societal cost of drug abuse in our state and nation. We can help drug-addicted criminal offenders reenter society as productive citizens by removing them from the cycle of addiction and dependency. In this time of huge budget deficits, we can also reduce the costly burden of recidivism on the state’s corrections system.

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

An infrastructure program is what’s needed

On June 25, 2020, after I had submitted my previous letter, the Trump administration petitioned the Supreme Court to void the Affordable Care Act. The date for the subsequent presentations has not been specified but expected before the presidential election.

News analysts have noted that there is no “Plan B.” If the ACA were voided, some 20 million more people would be without coverage because the Republican Party has no alternative available.

For those who believe the foregoing is an acceptable situation, I offer my maxim: “You can lead people to information, but you can’t make them think.”

Moving on, I can’t think of a better time than right now to start planning a nationwide

infrastructure maintenance and upgrade program.

A harsh fact is that many people have lost their jobs. A harsher fact is that many of those jobs are not coming back, and for those just entering the job market, there really isn’t one to enter. But a well-planned infrastructure program can provide as many jobs as we need, at all economic levels, in numerous specialties and with real possibilities for advancement. It is not, or certainly should not be, a partisan issue.

Note that infrastructure includes “hard” and “soft” elements. The hard infrastructure includes transport-related items, like road and bridges, and what are considered physical elements for essential services such as water

treatment facilities, while the soft infrastructure consists of the personnel who operate and maintain the facilities. In short, it is a really big effort.

Some people have bandied about the notion of a guaranteed minimum income. I don’t believe that is consistent with our ethos – maybe in another generation or two. But the infrastructure program would in effect be a guaranteed job plan.

So, let’s get the planning done now and ready to be put into place. Then, as people are able to return to work, those who don’t have a previous job to return to will have a new job waiting for them.

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Real Estate Round-Up: Integrity is important for sellers and buyers



Kim Murphy
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Integrity is a noun that means the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles and moral uprightness, such as “he is known to be a man of integrity.”

It’s synonyms include honesty, uprightness, probity, rectitude, honor, honorableness, upstandingness, good character, principles, ethics, morals, righteousness, morality, nobility, high-mindedness, right-mindedness, noble-mindedness, virtue, decency, fairness, scrupulousness, sincerity, truthfulness and trustworthiness.

Previously I put down my thoughts on motivation and attitude and how those two subjects are

the basis behind how sellers and buyers proceed during a real estate transaction. Motivation is the mover behind why we do what we do. Attitude feeds how we respond based on our life’s body of experiences and the values we have learned.

Nothing, however, compares with integrity. Integrity challenges us every day. Is it easier to tell part of the truth, rather than the whole truth? Is it easier to allow integrity to be a little gray, or is it consistent and steadfast? A real estate transaction intersects many points that test the integrity of people.

Let’s start with buyers. I’m not picking on buyers, it’s just that “B” comes before “S,” so buyers get to go first. One of the first things that a buyer needs to do before shopping for a new home is to get pre-qualified with a lender. That step generally begins with a phone call to the loan officer, where the officer asks the buyer a lot of questions about their income, their assets, their employment, their taxes and their credit.

Many loan officers will provide a pre-qualification based on that phone conversation. The loan officer needs to know the good, the bad and the ugly to determine what kind of a loan program will work best for the buyer. If the integrity of the information provided is not accurate, then the executed purchase contract will be supported by a pre-qualification letter that is not worth the paper it is written on.

Loan officers have many different loan programs based on the strengths or weaknesses of a buyer’s credit.

Start with the truth and then let the loan officer fit you with the right program.

The Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions is a timeline of events that the buyers and sellers agree to abide by.

For example, the default date that the buyer is to remove the contingencies for inspections, reports, disclosures, appraisal and insurance is Day 17. It means that by that date, the buyer should have completed all the inspections they want to do, have read and understood the seller’s disclosures and provided reports, like pest and septic if applicable, reviewed the preliminary title report with plotted easements and CCRs, procured insurance and resolved any request for repairs, so the buyer can execute a Contingency Removal form for those items.

Integrity means working toward meeting that date and abiding by the executed RPA.

The next date, which sometimes is more challenging, is Day 21. On or before that date, the buyer is to remove their loan contingency. This one is tricky, because any lender would tell you that a loan is never fully approved until the loan funds.

However, Day 21 is generally seven days before the loan funds. Despite this incompatibility, by removing the loan contingency, the buyer is assuming the risk. Abiding by the timelines in the RPA, is the essence of maintaining the integrity of the process.

Let’s examine the challenging places for sellers, starting with determining the selling price of

their home. When Realtors meet with sellers, they review the current comparable actives, pendings and solds. They discuss the benefits and detriments of their home. They come up with a sales price that utilizes that information. Next, they write it in the Residential Listing Agreement.

The agreed selling price is not necessarily the list price. Generally, it is not. But it is important that it is written in the RLA, so when multiple offers are made on the property that previously agreed on selling price is the benchmark. If the property can sell for more, because multiple offers push the price higher, that’s great, but if that original benchmark is reached, a seller with integrity will honor that number.

Another challenge for sellers is in completing disclosures. Sellers disclosures are designed for the seller to tell the buyer everything they know about the property. The disclosures go through a series of questions for the seller to answer.

Sometimes there are things about our homes a seller would rather not share with the buyer. Perhaps, the military helicopters flying over the home every day at 4 p.m. is not something they’d like to share, but trust me, a seller should absolutely want to share it, less the buyers discover it the day they are moving in. Or what about that pipe that burst, a few years back, which caused a flood to the entire main floor? Yes, you must tell them. It will be discovered when the buyer looks for insurance, because the insurance companies have a CLUE report that lists all insurance claims for the past five to seven years.

We had a doozy some time ago. We sold a home where the seller had died by suicide in the home. It was a gruesome incident, and all the neighbors knew. Not disclosing this horrific fact was not an option.

A trustee was selling the home, so the required disclosures are minimal, but even on that abbreviated disclosure, it asked the question “did anyone die on the property in the last three years?” The trustee answered it honestly, and we disclosed it to the buyer’s Realtor immediately when they called us to set up an appointment to see the property.

If that was a deal breaker for someone, then better to know it immediately than open escrow and then disclose it. Integrity means, tell the good, the bad and the ugly, all of it. Tell it early and don’t sugar coat it.

There are many other places where the integrity of a buyer or a seller is challenged. Working with a professional, experienced Realtor, who is your fiduciary, can help you identify the pitfalls that could present a challenge.

Remember, motivation and attitude are elevated by integrity. Whether you are disclosing issues about your credit to your loan officer, or disclosing past or current pertinent information on your property, if the question comes to your mind, “should I?” then the answer is always “yes.”

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Seller will entertain offers between \$715,000 & \$785,000

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In Escrow

132 MERCEDES ROAD, FALLBROOK

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A local Fallbrook family is the new owner of The Spoiled Avocado

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

Longtime Fallbrook locals Sharon Robinson and her husband, Derek Bickett, recently became the new owners of The Spoiled Avocado, a home goods store offering a variety of products April 1.

“My husband and I purchased it as something that we could do together as a family in Fallbrook,” Robinson said.

“The business was going to go out of business, and they were having a going out of business sale,” Robinson said. “I was a longtime customer and I didn’t really want to see it go out of business; I actually did not know it was for sale.” Robinson then received a text from a mutual friend asking if she’d be interested in purchasing the shop.

“Within 24 hours it was a done deal,” Robinson said. “It was just something that we knew we had to do. We weren’t trying to do it; I don’t think the owners were planning on selling it – it was just

one of those things, it just came together on its own.”

Working in real estate, Robinson would shop at The Spoiled Avocado to purchase all of her local gifts, and buying the shop was really important to her.

“I have been involved with the community on a lot of levels – we volunteered throughout the community, got to know a lot of the local businesses and also a lot of local families,” Robinson said. “Also just being on the board of a couple different organizations here in town, I used to be a teacher; for me this pulls together a lot of different things.”

Robinson has brought in more local artist products than what was initially there in the shop. “I’m keeping what people are familiar with and they know and they love, but also using my own connections that I have in Fallbrook to bring in additional product lines,” she said.

They have a myriad different products: avocado body products, lotions, soaps, spices and honey, just to name a few. They also have kitchen products related



The Spoiled Avocado offers a variety of avocado products.



The Spoiled Avocado and Mimi's Boutique in Fallbrook are both owned by Sharon Robinson and her husband Derek Bickett.

to avocados, and they also sell prepackaged sweets.

“Our avocado fudge is probably our best-known avocado product,” Robinson said. “So many different kinds of avocado fudge, different



The Spoiled Avocado has a variety of different prepackaged sweets to choose from.

flavors: salted caramel, and then probably 10 different kinds of fudge that we sell in boxes and also in bars.”

They also have soup blends, cookie mixes and souvenir products.

“We have handmade Fallbrook dish towels, they’re all made by local artists, and cutting boards that are made by local Fallbrook woodworkers,” she added.

Due to the pandemic, they didn’t reopen their doors until May 15. During the in-between time of being closed, they focused on some remodeling, reorganizing and putting their own touch on the inside interior.

They’re also considered essential due to selling prepackaged food, so they’ve remained open.

“Anything related to spoiling yourself,” Robinson said, “We (also) have a lot of people that buy gifts when they want to spoil someone else; they come here cause they know they can find what they’re looking for.”

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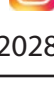




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Singh updates FUESD board, community on plan for reopening in the fall

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Superintendent Candace Singh updated FUESD’s governing board and parents in the district on plans for how to reopen schools this fall.

Singh told the board that at this point, while many things can change in the coming months, the district is continuing to work on two plans for classes in the coming school year: an in-person option with “considerable” safety protocols, as well as an online-only option for parents who are not

comfortable having their children return to physical classrooms.

Singh said district staff have been conducting surveys of parents on what options they would be interested in for their students returning to classes and found overwhelming support in restarting in-person learning if it can be done safely.

“88% of them shared that their interest was hoping that their kids would return to school five days a week,” Singh said. “A majority of parents shared with us that they would be interested in a blending model if we can’t open school full time.”

The superintendent said she believes the district can get to a point where students can be safely educated in an in-person setting, with appropriate health precautions.

“I want to mention here as we get started that we all know, just as in our own daily lives, that there is some level of risk,” Singh said. “When we go to the market or we go out into the community and do the things that we need to do, there is some level of risk when our staff and students come back, and knowing that, our absolute No. 1 priority is the health and well-being of our students and

our staff.”

In planning for a return to classes, Singh said teams of district staff and community members have been working to put together a way to make in-person learning work.

“We have had over 100 people working with us for the last eight weeks or so in all of these different planning teams,” Singh said, “and these teams have included our teachers, our principals, our support staff, parents, members of our community and we have been thinking thoroughly and in what manner we should open our schools.”

Singh said one reason district staff believe they will be able to safely restart in-person learning is they are making a commitment to keep class sizes as low as possible.

Classes will be limited to 24 students in grades K-3, 26 students in grades 4-6 and 28 students in grades 7-8, according to Singh.

“Depending on the number of kids who go to our online program, those numbers might be even lower,” Singh said.

Part of the way the district is going to do that, she said, is by hiring more teachers – FUESD has already committed to about \$1 million more in salary spending for new teachers.

“We’ve added an additional teacher or two to every school in the upper grades, several more at (Potter Jr. High School) because creating a master schedule is different than just creating grade levels of teachers,” Singh said.

She said many of the district’s instructional coaches will go back into classrooms to assist in the effort to teach during the pandemic.

“Almost all of them have gone back to the classroom, in addition to other teachers we have hired or are in the process of hiring to maintain these class sizes,” Singh said.

However, because of the limited class sizes, she said she wanted to come out upfront and let parents know that they may not be able to move their students into in-person classes if they initially choose to have them learn online.

“There would be no guarantee there would be space,” Singh said. “So, we’re not going to over promise the world here.”

Singh said for students whose parents choose the online learning option, teachers will build off of ways they kept their students immersed in their curriculum during distance learning at the end of the last school year.

“(The teachers) were making those personal phone calls every week and we were so grateful for that,” Singh said.


The superintendent also said the district was considering implementing a slightly shortened school day, based on typical early release schedules, in which “we send kids home with their lunch and breakfast (for the next morning) so that we’re minimizing these opportunities for gatherings and how to supervise these kids all spread out.”

She said that plan would likely include something she called a “super snack” – an extended nutritional break and recess for students.

“One of the commitments that we’re making is to minimize movement, minimize large movements, so you can kind of envision what it might look like would be a rotating, or kind of a rolling recess,” Singh said, “where kids in small groups are going – stable groups, right? And then they might have play domes at school, on the playground. They’d be really spread out across the school.”

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County board approves small business stimulus program



Tracy DeFore
San Diego County Communications Office

Local small businesses and restaurants suffering financial losses due to COVID-19 can now apply for a grant from San Diego County.

The board of supervisors approved a new Small Business Stimulus Program Tuesday, July 7, during a board meeting that also included a report on the behavioral health aspects of COVID-19.

Small Business Stimulus Program

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- Documentation of financial hardship because of COVID-19

Board supervisors had approved using \$17 million in coronavirus relief fund from The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act in May to help restaurants and small businesses. The supervisors approved the implementation of the program Tuesday.

Businesses are urged to apply early. Applications are available now through Oct. 16 – subject to available funding.

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Fallbrook and Rainbow water district leaders take part in LAFCO committee’s first meeting on detachment proposals



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Tom Kennedy

FALLBROOK – Leaders from the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts participated in this week’s initial meeting of a committee that will advise the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission on the two districts’ desire to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and join a nearby water district where they can purchase water at a big savings to ratepayers.

“This was a good, productive first meeting,” said Jack Bebee, general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District of Monday’s

virtual online discussion. “Through the guidance of LAFCO staff, a clear path was established about how we get from point A to point B when the LAFCO board votes on our proposals next year.”

Among other things, LAFCO staff indicated that, based on their initial assessment, the environmental review process should be fairly straightforward.

“We agree with their initial assessment that completing an Environmental Impact Report does not appear appropriate in this case,” said Bebee. “We aren’t

making any physical changes to the environment and will be receiving the same water from the same pipeline. The California Environmental Quality Act does not require an EIR under the circumstances presented.”

Prompted by rising water costs from the Water Authority and the fact that the districts do not need the Authority’s facilities, FPUD and the Rainbow Municipal Water District are seeking to leave the Water Authority and instead purchase their water from the Eastern Municipal Water District in Riverside County.

By joining Eastern, the two districts estimate they could save ratepayers between \$8-10 million a year collectively. Right now, the Authority charges its member districts more than \$1,700 per acre-foot for water. By contrast, Eastern would charge FPUD and Rainbow only around \$1,200 per acre-foot. A significant number of ratepayers in the districts are agricultural users for whom the price of water is critical to the viability of their businesses.

At next month’s meeting, the committee will take up two important issues – cost allocation and water reliability.

“We’ve analyzed both of these issues,” said Tom Kennedy, general manager of Rainbow. “And the detailed technical analysis concluded that our leaving the Authority would have only a minuscule financial impact on the remaining ratepayers – just pennies a month – and will not increase reliance on the Bay-Delta.”

“We look forward to sharing the results of our analysis with the committee and hearing from the Authority about the specific concerns they have,” said Kennedy.

In March, both FPUD and Rainbow submitted their detachment applications to LAFCO, which is comprised of local elected and appointed officials and is responsible for overseeing the establishment, expansion, and boundary changes of cities and special districts, including water districts.

Kennedy says FPUD and

Rainbow have become “donor districts” in which they pay for the Authority’s infrastructure and facilities that serve agencies to the south, but don’t receive the same benefit from them.

“Due to our unique location in North County, we can serve our customers without using the Authority’s pipelines and other infrastructure, so subsidizing those facilities at the expense of our customers should not continue,” said Kennedy.

The 10-person committee, which was formed by LAFCO last month, includes representatives from the County of San Diego, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego County Water Authority, as well as the two districts seeking detachment, FPUD and Rainbow.

LAFCO is expected to vote on the matter sometime next year. If approved, a vote of registered voters in the Fallbrook and Rainbow districts would then take place.

Submitted by Fallbrook Public Utilities District and Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Scammers exploit California’s COVID-19 contact tracing program

During the COVID-19 pandemic, fraudsters are using this opportunity to create fear amongst residents across California.

Many traditional financial crimes and schemes are now orchestrated through electronics. Now, more than ever people of all ages, including older adults can be victimized by these criminals.

The newest plot line in these online crimes include California’s contact tracers.

What is a contact tracer?

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Gavin Newsom launched “California Connected,” the state’s comprehensive contact tracing program and public awareness campaign. A contact tracer from the local health department might call if you’ve

been exposed to COVID-19. Under this program, public health representatives will telephonically interact with those who have tested positive, alert anyone that may have been exposed and keep personally identifiable information confidential.

How to spot a scammer?

Real contact tracers won’t ask you for money. Only scammers insist on payment by gift card, money transfer or cryptocurrency.

Contact tracing doesn’t require your bank account or credit card number. Never share account information with anybody who contacts you asking for it.

Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number. Never give any part of your Social Security number to

anyone who contacts you.

Your immigration status doesn’t matter for contact tracing, so real tracers won’t ask. If they do, you can bet it’s a scam.

Do not click on a link in a text or email. Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Be wary of suspicious emails, phone calls and text messages. Contact your local health department to verify that the call or messages are valid, think before clicking on any links and be aware of suspicious attachments.

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COVID UPDATE

Gyms, houses of worship, other indoor activities ordered to close

Fallbrook reports 22 new coronavirus cases, lower than increases in previous weeks

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Starting at midnight July 14, indoor operations at various businesses throughout San Diego County were ordered to cease in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 cases.

Following Gov. Gavin Newsom’s updated health order July 13, all indoor operations were ordered to halt at midnight Tuesday in gyms, houses of worship, noncritical office businesses, hair salons and barber shops, indoor malls and personal care services, such as massage businesses and tattoo parlors.

County health officials reported 419 new positive COVID-19 cases July 13, bringing the county case total to 20,348 while the death toll remains at 422. Of the 6,542 tests reported July 13, 6% returned positive, in line with the 14-day rolling average.

In Fallbrook, the number of positive coronavirus cases has

increased in the last week, but not as drastically as in previous weeks. A total of 181 coronavirus cases, or 374.9 cases per 100,000, have been recorded in Fallbrook’s 92028 ZIP code as of press time July 14, an increase of 22 actual cases and a case rate increase of about 45 per 100,000 since a week prior.

The Fallbrook area had the 14th-lowest infection rate in the county just three weeks ago, with only 63 recorded cases, but its infection rate more than doubled between June 23 and July 7

As of July 14, the 92028 ZIP code was roughly in the middle of the county’s distribution of coronavirus infection rates – it has the 40th-highest number of cases per 100,000, and the 38th-lowest.

Bonsall’s 92003 ZIP code also saw an increase in coronavirus cases. It is now reporting 19 positive cases, up from 13 a week ago. The county still cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the low number of cases and low population.

Smoke from the fire on the USS Bonhomme Richard at Naval Base San Diego, though not a significant problem in North County, could cause potential health problems for those living further south who are most susceptible to COVID-19, including the elderly and those with heart or lung conditions, health officials said. Supervisor Nathan Fletcher asked residents who smell smoke or experience eye irritation to remain indoors with doors and windows closed and to avoid strenuous exercise.

Nick Macchione, San Diego County’s director of the Health and Human Services Agency, offered some more bad news July 13 when he reported the county’s COVID-19 testing capacity was stretched to its limit. Local biotechnology company Helix did announce a partnership with the county to provide 2,000 tests a day with a 24-hour turnaround for the foreseeable future, but supplies both locally and nationally remain critically low.

“I’ll be clear and frank, it’s not a testing windfall,” Macchione said of the partnership.

Although the county has averaged more than 8,000 tests per day over the last week, a shortage in testing supplies has stretched supply lines to the limit, County Supervisor Greg Cox said Monday.

Before the partnership with Helix, Macchione said the county was seriously considering doing what some other jurisdictions in the country have done and close state- or county-run testing sites to better consolidate resources.

For now, the county can keep all testing sites open and honor all existing appointments for tests, but both Macchione and San Diego County Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten explained the county would shift testing priorities back to those showing symptoms and those most at risk for the illness – including the elderly, first responders and those with underlying health conditions.

Of the total positive cases, 2,052 or 10.1% have been hospitalized and 538 or 2.6% of cases have been admitted to an intensive care unit.

No new community outbreaks were reported July 13, but the weekly total – 17 – is still well above the county’s metric of no more than seven in a one-week span.

About 137 of every 100,000 San Diegans are testing positive for the illness, well above the state’s criterion of 100 per 100,000. Total COVID-19 hospitalizations have inched up over the last several weeks and now sit at 467,159 of which 159 are in intensive care units.

“The pandemic is not over,” Wooten reminded county residents last week. “The disease is still widespread in our community, as evidenced by the rising cases.”

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FUHSD gives update on reopening schools for 2020-2021

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

On the same day that California’s two largest school districts announced they would be online-only in the fall, Fallbrook Union High School District’s superintendent presented the district’s plan on how to safely resume in-person classes, though she acknowledged there was no guarantee of what the situation will actually be when classes are set to begin again next month.

“What’s in place today may change next week, may change in August, may change again in October,” Fallbrook Union High School District Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez, said at FUHSD’s July 13 Board of Trustees meeting.

Garza-Gonzalez said the information she was presenting at the meeting “will facilitate either our ability to open traditionally once it is safe and we’re allowed to do so, or the ability to smoothly move into 100% online learning while still maintaining instruction,” Garza-Gonzalez said.

The superintendent said district staff had created a framework that she called “the big four,” that is based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health as well as the California Department of Education’s “guidebook” on reopening schools.

The “big four,” she said, are four pillars that must be adhered to for in-person education to safely resume: temperature and symptoms screening; physical

distancing; face-coverings; and increased sanitation.

Temperature and symptom screening

Temperature and symptom screening will be required for all staff and students entering classrooms, Garza-Gonzalez said. The district is currently planning for temperature screenings to take place at parent drop-off zones, at the bus stop drop off at the Fallbrook Union High School campus, and before the start of the first period of the day with a no-touch thermometer.

She said a symptom questionnaire will also be sent electronically, on a daily basis, to all staff and students.

Current guidance is to provide room for 6 feet of physical distancing between individuals whenever possible. Garza-Gonzalez said FUHSD is currently conducting classroom walk-throughs, and staff so far believe they can guarantee 6 feet of distance in most programs.

Face Coverings

Garza-Gonzalez said given that guidance recommends face coverings for staff and students, the district has ensured that staff will have both face shields and masks. Students will be required to wear masks and face coverings if they return to classrooms, she said.

Increased Sanitation

Guidance calls for schools to

intensify cleaning, disinfection and ventilation; limit the use of shared objects and equipment; and reinforce the practices of frequent hand washing, covering coughs, and avoiding contact with one’s eyes, nose and mouth.

According to Garza-Gonzalez, FUHSD has lessons in place on these subjects for both students and parents, as well as signage that they are preparing to post around the FUHS school site.

Learning plans

With Oasis High School, the schedule and learning model will remain the same; Oasis had the least amount of trouble moving to an online program, since it is an

see *FUHSD*, page A-15

Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery takes care of history and the future

FALLBROOK – The newest statue erected in Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery is called the Queen of Angels Guardian of Children statue. It is located within the newest section of the cemetery, Hiram Gardens, in a lovely park-like setting.

The garden offers a single pillar for one interment, the companion boulder is ideal for two interments and the multi-niche option for a family memorial. The cemetery gardens provide peaceful resting places as well as a place for family and friends to remember and reflect for generations to come.

Over the years, the cemetery has grown and provided options for such important remembrance. It is still one of the few cemeteries in Southern California to offer vertical as well as horizontal headstones with six locations for cremated remains to be interred.

This new section of the cemetery features the installation of granite columbarium niches that are for above ground interment of cremation urns. In continuing with the concept of giving options to the community, the cemetery made sure that the light gray granite monuments are accompanied by

black engravable panels so every memorial can be customized to represent the loved one’s history.

Since 1917, the residents of Fallbrook have understood the need for a better future. From the moment the Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery opened to the public, it has maintained the principles of promoting the community by humbly remembering the loved ones that shaped the past.

Just like the beautiful natural landscape that flows through town, the monuments and markers at the cemetery are done in a manner that all the community can enjoy.

For anyone who has not visited the cemetery before or just have not been there in a while, it is well worth the stop. The history of Fallbrook rests within its gates, and it is open to the public. In a time when peace and quiet reflection seem so far away, this serene spot nestled in the heart of Fallbrook could be a great place to make plans for the future and beyond.

For more information, call the Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery office at 760-980-0013 or email info@fbmcemetery.com.

Submitted by Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery.



The new Queen of Angels Guardian of Children statue is surrounded by granite columbarium niches of various sizes in Hiram Gardens at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery. Village News/Courtesy photo

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NATIONAL

White House campaign to help jobless ‘find something new’

Darlene Superville
The Associated Press

A new White House-backed ad campaign aims to encourage people who are unemployed or unhappy in their jobs or careers to “find something new.”

The opening ad in the “Find Something New” campaign, beginning Tuesday, July 14, features ordinary people sharing their stories. A companion website provides links to training and other resources.

The initiative was swiftly criticized on social media, with some suggesting the effort is insensitive during a pandemic and the widespread unemployment it has caused. Others criticized the involvement of Ivanka Trump, President Donald Trump’s daughter and White House adviser.

The Trump administration has long emphasized skills-based job and vocational training as an alternative to two- or four-year college degree programs, arguing that college isn’t for everyone and

that many jobs don’t require a degree.

But the long-in-the-works effort has taken on a new sense of urgency after the coronavirus outbreak cost millions of people their jobs, many of which may be lost forever.

The campaign is a product of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, which Trump created in 2018. The board is co-chaired by Ivanka Trump and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

“There has never been a more critical time for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to be aware of the multiple pathways to career success and gain the vocational training and skills they need to fill jobs in a changing economy,” Ivanka Trump, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, said.

On Tuesday, the nonprofit Ad Council was announcing “Find Something New,” which it created in collaboration with IBM, Apple and members of the Business Roundtable, along with the White House and the workforce policy



Roger Stone, former adviser to President Donald Trump, leaves the federal court after a sentencing hearing in Washington, Feb. 20. The Epoch Times/Samira Bouaou photo

advisory board.

The initial 30-second spot features ordinary people talking about their experiences with career challenges and transitions. Among them are a fitness instructor who completed an apprenticeship program and became a welder after her gym went under, and a man who lost his job twice in one year, took online certification courses and now works as a tech consultant.

“I got laid off twice, but you got to keep going,” the man said,

adding later on in the ad: “I’m now a consultant in the tech space.”

Another woman says she had no career plan after finishing high school, but “I found a medical course online” and became a phlebotomist.

“You will find something,” she said.

The companion website offers links to education and training options, including online and virtual learning.

Additional ads are expected

to be produced. All will appear nationwide across TV, digital and print platforms in time and space donated by various media companies, the Ad Council said.

Funding was provided by more than 20 corporations and organizations, including Apple, IBM and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Ad Council declined to disclose the cost of the campaign, which will run at least through the end of the year.

Roger Stone: Wasn’t willing to lie about Trump for leniency

Zachary Stieber
The Epoch Times

Former Donald Trump adviser Roger Stone said he did not trade his silence for the grant of clemency he received from the president.

One of the prosecutors on Robert Mueller’s team told Stone that if he could “re-remember certain phone conversations” with Trump, then she would recommend leniency to the judge, Stone told Fox News’s “Hannity” Monday night, July 13.

“I didn’t have to think about it very long. I said absolutely not,” Stone, 67, said. “There was no circumstance under which I would bear false witness against the president. I was just not willing to lie.”

The prosecutor in question was Jeannie Rhee, according to Stone.

“Now, in the last two days when

I said that, people said, ‘oh, you see, Stone had the goods on Trump and he traded his silence for a commutation.’ That is patently false. I never said that. I never implied that,” he said. “What I said has been consistent, that I would not lie against my friend of 40 years so they could use it for impeachment.”

Commutations reduce prison sentences or completely erase them. Stone was convicted in 2019 of seven counts, including obstruction, witness tampering and making false statements to Congress.

He had been scheduled to report to prison Tuesday, July 14, until Trump commuted the sentence Friday.

Stone told ABC News Trump “was very kind,” describing the phone call between them during which Stone learned of the commutation as “a normal conversation.”

“He asked how my wife was doing; he told me he signed an act of clemency which was a full commutation. He also said that it was a commutation rather than a pardon because Trump believes I did not get a fair trial, and he believes I have a good chance of being exonerated in an appeal – in other words, vacate my conviction, then it’s up to Justice Department if they want to retry the case,” Stone said. “I am grateful for the commutation of my sentence and that the president, in an act of both justice and mercy, has recognized that I did not receive a fair trial as well as recognizing the imminent danger of sending me, at age 67 and with a history of asthma, to a correctional facility that now has 60 confirmed cases of COVID-19 virus.”

The Florida resident was sentenced to 40 months in prison.

The commutation order, published Monday, said Trump commuted the entirety of the prison sentence, the term of supervised release and the unpaid remainder of the imposed fine.

The commutation came as “an enormous relief,” but Stone said he knew beforehand because he prayed about it.

Stone’s prosecution stemmed from special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into alleged collusion between Trump’s campaign and Russian actors. Mueller’s team could not establish collusion.

Investigators said Stone lied to a congressional committee that was probing alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election and tried persuading a witness to give false testimony to lawmakers.

Trump told reporters over the

weekend that he commuted Stone’s sentence because his former adviser “was treated horribly.”

“Roger Stone was brought into this witch hunt, this whole political witch hunt and the Mueller scam – it’s a scam, because it’s been proven false. And he was treated very unfairly,” he said.

Trump pointed to the forewoman of Stone’s jury making anti-Trump posts on social media. The revelation prompted Stone to request a new trial. The request was denied by Judge Amy Berman Jackson, an Obama-appointed.

Stone told ABC that he plans to pursue his appeal and write a book zeroing in on Andrew Weissmann, a former member of Mueller’s team who was close to Hillary Clinton. He also plans on helping Trump get reelected.



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PARK

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celebrate its birthday Friday, July 17 – and in true Live Oak Park fashion, it will be a subdued affair because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The original centennial celebration plan was to host a two-day special event starting with a movie in the park event on Friday and culminating with family fun and interpretive activities on Saturday.

However, like so many events that were planned, the virus has put such celebrations on hold. Though the virus has quelled the celebration, which centennial celebration committee members promise to go forward with anyway once it is safe to do so, it seems almost appropriate that the park turns 100 in the midst of a pandemic.

When Live Oak Park was officially created in July of 1920, the world was emerging from the Spanish Flu pandemic that captured the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

According to a press release issued by the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation, “In 1919, the Chamber of Commerce of Northern San Diego County, led by President Ben Thorpe, voted to formally establish a park at Fallbrook’s Reche Grove, in memory of George W. Houk.”

Houk, a past president of the chamber and philanthropist, helped finance purchasing the first seven acres of the park with donors providing additional funds. Denver O. Lamb and his wife Lucy also wanted to save the magnificent oak trees, so they deeded the land between the two creeks to the Northern Chamber of Commerce, making a total of 10 acres suitable as parkland, which they said was “for the people.”

After making improvements to the park, a dedication was held Saturday, July 17, 1920, complete with patriotic music, speeches, poetry and flag-raising. During the dedication, the park was named, with Live Oak Park coming out on top over choices such as Houk Memorial, Reche Grove, Fallbrook Grove and El Encino.

“Parks are the heartbeat of each community and Live Oak embodies this. The park is also the heritage gateway into Fallbrook,” Brian Albright, County Parks and Recreation Director, said in a press release. “Live Oak Park is a place where citizens can find strength and natural rejuvenation.”

In anticipation of this year’s celebration, the county made many improvements to the park. Some of the improvements included replacing walkways, adding exercise equipment, new benches, restroom improvements and restoring two 1920 concrete tables.

One of the goals this year was to plant 100 trees and shrubs in the park with the Fallbrook Save Our Forest Committee, which began in January but has been put on hold, again, due to the coronavirus.

The county said that when temperatures drop in the fall the remainder of the trees will be planted with the help of community volunteers, including planting the 100th tree at a rescheduled centennial event that will include other local organizations such as the Fallbrook Historical Society.

Jackie Heyneman, a founder of Save our Oaks founded in 1972 and re-energized in order to save oak trees marked for destruction in 1992, has been out at the park planting some of the 100 oaks planned to replenish the park.

“My involvement with the park itself has been long,” Heyneman said.

Over the years, Heyneman can tell you stories about saving trees and fighting the county to replace trees wiped out by floods in the early 1990s.

Mostly she remembers the moments when the community came together to maintain the park.

“It was on the television news, we had hundreds of people come, they painted tables, they painted benches, they painted walls,” Heyneman recalled fondly. “They planted; we did a ton of work that day. It was the best thing ever because it was community people coming together to work on that park. And it was just terrific.”

Sherri Lenfers is a member of the Live Oak Park Coalition and the centennial committee who grew up in Fallbrook and remembers having birthday parties and picnics at the park.

“I’ve been going there since I was a child, of course,” Lenfers said. “I was born in Fallbrook, raised in Fallbrook. It’s just always been a place to go for entertainment and summertime picnics.”

Over the years, you could find Lenfers out giving tours to local school children as a docent.

“The trees are just gorgeous and there are so many things I’ve done – docenting for the coalition for the third grade students,” she said. “There’s just so many interesting things to tell the kids. That’s always been enjoyable for me.

“When the kids come to the park, they don’t know anything about what’s there – like, there’s a cork tree that the Reches imported from Spain. There’s the scorpion trail. You can show them where the scorpions come out at night and try to teach them about those things. Poison oak, of course, is down there and then there are the trees where the woodpeckers put the acorns. There’s just so much history there.”

From the ancient oaks and mortar stones to memorial plaques and monuments, from old stone tables and a time capsule to a native plant garden and a marked walking course, the park has something for everyone.

There are yearly events like Arts in the Park and Bark in the Park that have educated and served thousands of children and pets over the years.

Going back in time, the area’s oak trees were once a food source for the Luiseño Indians, who are believed to have spent time here as much as 1,000 to 1,500 years ago.

Inside the park, there are display boards detailing the history and describing the use of the “Indian kitchen” in making their food near an 18-foot-long mortar where the Luiseños ground the acorns from the oak trees.

Brothers Vital and Anthony Reche were the first permanent residents of the area and the 160-acre settlement, where they lived back in 1869, surrounds the park area. Known as Reche Grove, the brothers named the town that emerged as Fall Brook.

Later, when the town moved west to its current location, the grove was still a place for the community to gather for town celebrations.

That still rings true today, according to Brian Ek, Supervising Park Ranger at Live Oak Park.

“When it was first established 100 years ago, it kind of served as the cornerstone of the Fallbrook community and I still feel that is true to this day,” he said. “It’s a place for families to gather and for the community to come together.”

While it is a time for celebration, Ek recognizes that preserving the park is so very important.

“This existing, old growth oak grove is rare,” he said. “A lot of the trees that were here 100 years ago when the park was established, are still here today. We’re working to preserve those trees as well as foster the new generation of oak trees to replace them.

“They are said to live for a hundred years and die for a hundred years. They all have a lifespan and once they, they go. By doing a lot of tree planting over the years and we’ve done a lot, especially this year, and we’re really hoping to keep this park going for the same reasons I listed that were prevalent a hundred years ago.”

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The photo above, provided by the Margaret Ray collection, is from the July 17, 1920, dedication of Live Oak Park. The park will celebrate its 100th birthday Friday, July 17. A true celebration of the centennial birthday will happen when it is deemed safe for the public to participate.



Live Oak Park in 1956.



Jackie Heyneman helps to trim an oak tree at Live Oak Park. Heyneman and other volunteers have been planting 100 new trees inside the park to commemorate the park’s 100th birthday.



A Live Oak Park monument recognizes George W. Houk who helped finance the purchasing the first 7 acres of the park back in 1919.



This postcard shows Reche Grove as it looked when Vital and Anthony Reche owned the property in 1909.

SHERRIF'S LOG		
July 3		
200 block Potter St	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia	
July 4		
200 block W. Clemmens Ln	Vandalism	
1000 block Old Stage Rd	Vehicle burglary	
500 block E. Fallbrook St	Threat with a weapon	
July 5		
2000 block E. Mission Rd	Stolen vehicle	
July 6		
200 block W. Clemmens Ln	Vehicle burglary	
4700 block Via Belmonte	Arrest: Petty theft	
July 7		
600 block Golden Rd	Suspicious person	
600 block E. Elder St	Battery	
Horse Ranch Creek Rd @ Friesian Wy	Burglary	
3200 block E. Tulare St	Fraud	
100 block Gardenside Ct	Vehicle burglary	
500 block Ammunition Rd	Stolen vehicle	
July 8		
800 block Del Valle Dr	Missing person	
1100 block Old Stage Rd	Petty theft	
200 block W. Kalmia St	Battery	
1100 block S. Main Ave	Arrest: Public intoxication	
600 block Ammunition Rd	Arrest: Domestic battery	
1200 block Palomino Rd	Child abuse	
1400 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia	
July 9		
100 block E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Public intoxication	
4700 block Oak Crest Rd	Arrest: Battery	
200 block N. Stage Coach Ln	Possession of controlled substance	
Arrest:		
July 10		
600 block Palomino Rd	Rape	
2200 block Creekview Ln	Vehicle burglary	
300 block Red Mountain Heights Dr	Violation of court order	
100 block Beech St	Battery	
5600 block Via Montellano	Grand theft	
1300 block S. Mission Rd	Petty theft	
July 11		
1400 block Los Amigos	Battery	
400 block Galician Ct	Arrest:	
	Domestic abuse with minor injury	
July 12		
300 block E. Alvarado St	Missing person	
700 block Alturas Ln	Vehicle burglary	
500 block Teran Dr	Vandalism	
July 13		
3100 block Via de Todos Santos	Vehicle burglary	
200 block W. Ash St	Armed robbery	

OBITUARIES



Oscar L. Escudero passed away peacefully June 20, 2020. He was 93.

He was born Aug. 10, 1926 in a small town high in the Andes Mountains of Peru.

Oscar’s radiant smile and charisma will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his daughters, Eileen and Maryann, son James, daughter-in-law Roxy and grandchildren Ricky, Emery Anais and Joshua.

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and was a lifelong member of the Association of Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.).

Upon her retirement in 1984, she and her husband continued their world traveling adventures. Many memories will forever be cherished of Genevieve’s favorite family vacation spots, Hawaii and Carlsbad. Her husband, Lt. Col. William Sparks preceded her in death in April 1993.

Genevieve is survived by her children: William Sidney Sparks (Gretchen) Bellaire, Texas, and Janet Elizabeth Sparks of Capitola, California. She was preceded in death by her two sons: James Willard Sparks and Theodore Jeffrey Sparks of Fallbrook and brother Sidney Small of Cary, North Carolina.

She leaves her brother, Frank Small (Leslie) of Pismo Beach, California; grandchildren, Sarah Louise Sparks Duran (Tony) of Denison, Texas; Kristen Wolf (Alex) of Neuhofen an der Krems, Austria; Claire Genevieve Osborne (Justin) of Houston, Texas; Nicole Elizabeth Hanks of San Francisco; great-grandchildren, Diego, Lucia, Emily, Evelyn and Joanna; nieces, Wendy Small Caglia (Kelly) of Fresno, California and Dianne Small of Cary, North Carolina; and nephews, Douglas Small (Brigette) of Whitestone, Virginia; Andrew Small of North Carolina; and Frank Small of Clovis, California.

She will be laid to rest in a private ceremony beside her late husband at Riverside National Cemetery. Kind acts of charity can be made in her memory to Fallbrook United Methodist Church.

She volunteered for Fallbrook Library’s Bottom Shelf Bookstore

A private committal will be held in Riverside National Cemetery for **Genevieve Nancy Sparks** who passed away June 29, 2020, in Santa Cruz, at the age of 94.

Born March 31, 1926, in Altadena, California, Genevieve graduated from George Washington High School in Los Angeles in 1942 and received degrees in English and philosophy from the University of Southern California, where she was president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Gamma.

She married Lt. Col William Franklin Sparks in 1946 and traveled to many distant places in her life. In Fallbrook, she was a beloved schoolteacher for many years. She was a charter member of the California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA), lifelong supporter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), American Field Service (AFS) and the Fallbrook United Methodist Church.

She volunteered for Fallbrook Library’s Bottom Shelf Bookstore

FUHSD
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online high school.

FUHSD is currently looking at implementing minor changes to the physical layout of Oasis classrooms to allow 6 feet of distance between students, and students and staff. There will be minor changes to science labs, which may result in a lower number of students in the labs at any given time; and the number of students that can stay in the building.

Students in Oasis are required to meet with their instructor for one hour once a week; students have been allowed to stay longer if they need a quiet place to learn; in order to guarantee 6 feet that may not always be allowed.

When it comes to temperature and symptoms check at Oasis, this will happen outside of the building before they come in, or in the lobby if they are able to install a barrier between the lobby and the classrooms.

Ivy High School’s learning model is still being developed – a complicating factor is that Ivy depends on the transportation schedule for Fallbrook Union High School.

FUHSD is looking to provide daily face-to-face instruction for Ivy, Monday through Thursday. The class sizes at Ivy are considerably smaller, allowing them to do this.

Current plans call for online support and advisory on Fridays with no one physically present on the campus; a reduced

instructional day; possible a.m. and p.m. sessions; and a possible online independent study option.

Temperature and symptom checks will happen at school gates before a student enters the campus for Ivy High School.

FUHSD also needs a separate online study model for FUHS.

District staff currently don’t see schools headed in the direction of a traditional learning model that will keep everyone safe and healthy.

They are looking to offer two options to families; parents will be asked to choose during registration between a hybrid online/in-person schedule and an online independent study.

When parents choose, they should commit to a semester at a time. If a parent chooses online independent studies in August, there will be another opportunity before the start of second semester to reevaluate.

As soon as they can open up their campuses to a traditional model, all students in the hybrid schedule will transition; students in online independent studies will have the option of transitioning to the traditional schedule as soon as it is allowed, or to remain in the independent study for the rest of the semester.

For information on the hybrid schedule, the online independent studies or to stay up-to-date on the information presented during the July 13 board meeting, as the situation is fluid and may change, visit <https://www.fuhsd.net/>.

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REGIONAL

More businesses required to move activities outdoors or close

RIVERSIDE COUNTY – Effective Tuesday, July 13, more businesses in Riverside County are now required to move their activities outdoors as part of statewide actions to slow the spread of coronavirus.

The Gov. Gavin Newsom’s announcement impacted 30 counties, including Riverside County, that are on the state’s monitoring list. Newsom said the order to move activities outdoors was necessary to reduce the spread of coronavirus and curb the recent increase in hospitalizations. Riverside County has experienced a steady rise in confirmed cases, hospitalizations and patients requiring intensive care dating back to Memorial Day.

Those businesses that cannot move activities outside must close, he said.

The new restrictions include: fitness centers and gyms, worship services, offices for non-critical sectors, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops and malls.

These businesses may still do curbside retail, so long as there are no indoor operations.

“As we struggle with national laboratory issues artificially depressing new case counts, people need to realize we’re far from being out of the woods,” Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County public health officer, said. “Summer heat isn’t stopping COVID-19, but for some of these sectors, the heat means there may be no good way to do them outdoors. We need to reduce the impact on our hospitals by reducing transmission, and as long as the numbers keep rising, the state’s need to reimpose restrictions will keep rising too.”

Riverside County health officials remind all residents that in addition to these new restrictions, there is still a statewide stay-at-home order in effect, and residents should not gather with family and friends who live in different households, attend parties or join social gatherings. These are known places where the disease is spread.

Riverside County officials also remind residents to get screened at one of the many coronavirus testing sites located throughout the region. More than 270,000 tests have been conducted in Riverside County so far. For more information on testing, visit <http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing>.

Submitted by Riverside County.

Automatic aid compact between Riverside, San Diego counties approved

City News Service
Special to Valley News

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved an inaugural automatic aid agreement between the Riverside County Fire Department and the San Diego County Fire Authority, Tuesday, July 7, under which each agency will be expected to lend a hand during wildfires and other emergencies within a few miles of the county line.

In a 5-0 vote without comment, the board authorized the compact until June 30, 2025, when it will expire or the parties will decide to continue it.

“Riverside County and the San Diego County Fire Authority will benefit with the automatic aid agreement by securing automatic aid in fire protection, in the protection of life and property from fire, and in firefighting for the residents and visitors of both areas,” according to a county fire statement posted to the board’s policy agenda. “With the increased fire potential, which is predominantly due to the water drought, both parties will be better prepared for the fire season, or any emergency each party may potentially face.”

Riverside County maintains automatic aid agreements with several jurisdictions, but it is the first such compact with San Diego County.

The agreement specifies that either fire agency could be called upon to send resources to wildfires on both sides of the county line -- up to five miles inside their respective jurisdictions.

“However, neither party shall be required to reduce its own fire protection resources, personnel, services and facilities to the detriment of its normal fire protection capability,” according to the compact.

Aid requests will have to be mutually acknowledged before crews and firefighting equipment are dispatched, officials said. In Riverside County, the Perris Emergency Command Center will be the controlling authority. In San Diego County, it will be the Monte Vista Inter-Agency Emergency Command Center.

Generally, neither fire agency will be responsible for costs incurred by the other in meeting obligations established by the accord, but there may be exceptions, including when specialized equipment is put to use and some maintenance is required during extended deployments, according to the terms.

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HENRY'S TREE SERVICE
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Name of Business
a. MCCANN DANCE
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1759 S. Oceanside Blvd, Suite A, Oceanside, CA 92054
Mailing address: 514 Greenbrier Dr. Apt. 14, Oceanside, CA 92054
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ARO I ICE CREAM
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Mailing address: 412 W. 2nd Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009748
Name of Business
a. THE SPOILED AVOCADO
b. MIMI'S BOUTIQUE SOCIAL
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County: San Diego
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009319
Name of Business
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County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Dane Austin Rodriguez, 1905 Avowood Ct, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009958
Name of Business
a. YORK PACIFIC
b. HALSHAN
7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Carrie F. York, 7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
b. Sharon F. York, 7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 4/1/20
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010353
Name of Business
a. PRISMA USA LLC
b. CBD SAMPLES CLUB
c. PRISMA USA
7925 Silvertown Ave Ste 504, San Diego, CA 92126
Mailing address: 4653 Carmel Mountain Rd Ste. 308-306, San Diego, CA 92130
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Prisma USA LLC, 7925 Silvertown Ave Ste 504, San Diego, CA 92126
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the State of Delaware
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 6/29/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 29, 2020
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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010353
Name of Business
IRON WOLF MOTORCYCLES & COFFEE
4015 Via Alden, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Iron Wolf Motorcycles & Coffee LLC, 4015 Via Alden, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the State of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/15/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 19, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009293
Name of Business
GREEN CLOUD ACCOUNTING
4653 Pescadero Ave, San Diego, CA 92107
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Misty Leigh Dragon, 4653 Pescadero Ave, San Diego, CA 92107
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 07/28/2014
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9008661
Name of Business
a. GLUTEN-LESS
b. HEART ALWAYS
560 Industrial Way, Unit D, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Heart Always, Inc., 560 Industrial Way, Unit D, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the State of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 12/01/2016
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 20, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009970
Name of Business
AAA JUNK REMOVAL & CLEAN UP SERVICES
11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059
Mailing address: PO Box 39, Pala, CA 92059
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Jose Luis Montoya-Hernandez, 11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059
b. Gabriella Alicia Villa, 11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059
This business is conducted by a Co-Partners
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/01/2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010862
Name of Business
a. ZOXY AND ME
b. LOVE MRS FINE
1787 Turnberry Dr, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
Danielle Y. Johnston, 1787 Turnberry Dr, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by an Individual
This business is registered by the following:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9011555
Name of Business
a. BLUSH SLIME SHOPPE
b. BONFIRE BRAND
c. BONFIRE FARMS
215 Pippin Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Kathryn Renee Casey, 215 Pippin Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 06/23/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 07, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9011429
Name of Business
a. HEALING MATRIX
b. HEALING MATRIX COACHING
211 Vista Village Dr. #109, Vista, CA 92083
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Patience Noel Ulstad, 211 Vista Village Dr. #109, Vista, CA 92083
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 01, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9011608
Name of Business
a. FALLBROOK BONSTALL VILLAGE NEWS
b. VILLAGE NEWS
c. FALLBROOK VILLAGE NEWS
d. GREATER FALLBROOK AREA SOURCEBOOK
e. SOURCEBOOK
f. VILLAGE NEWS
g. MECECULA VALLEY NEWS
h. DISCOVERFALLBROOK.COM
i. ANZA VALLEY OUTLOOK
j. GREATER SOUTHWEST VALLEY SOURCEBOOK
k. SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY CANCER RESOURCE GUIDE
l. NUESTRA VIDA HOY
m. REEDER MEDIA
n. REEDER MEDIA DIGITAL AGENCY
o. OPENDOORMALL.COM
111 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Village News, Inc., 111 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 2/14/1998
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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010265
Name of Business
a. PLANET OF ONE
b. ATTITUDE OF ALTITUDE
1201 Juliette Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Rima Aboulhosen, 1201 Juliette Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 11/01/2018
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 18, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010168
Name of Business
REYES EXPRESS MAIL
1234 N. Santa Fe Ave #118, Vista, CA 92083
County: San Diego
a. Erika Linan, 716 Hackberry Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Sergio H. Reyes-Lopez, 716 Hackberry Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 6/1/20
This business is registered by the following:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9009946
Name of Business
BOBBIE'S HAIR DESIGN
1818 Peacock Blvd., Suite C, Oceanside, CA 92056
Mailing address: 29995 White Wake Drive, Canyon Lake, CA 92587
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Robert Lee Sherman, 29995 White Wake Drive, Canyon Lake, CA 92587
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 06/01/1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010038
Name of Business
a. GREEN AIR BOTANICALS
b. PATEL NURSERY
155 N. Old Hill Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Surplus Computer Books Inc, 155 N. Old Hill Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9010213
Name of Business
CHAMPELLO COLLECTIVE
593 Iona Court, Escondido, CA 92027
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Gerald Christopher Layug, 593 Iona Court, Escondido, CA 92027
b. Mark G. Lopez, 8023 Alava Cir, San Diego, CA 92126
c. Timoteo Perez, 1007 Iowa St, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 18, 2020
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PETITION FOR PROBATE ESTATE OF EDWARD ALDEN CHARETTE
CASE NO. 37-2020-00022400-PR-PW-CTL

Petitioners: DEBORAH CHARETTE and ABBIE CHARETTE request that decedent's will and codicil, if any, be admitted to probate; that DEBORAH CHARETTE and ABBIE CHARETTE be appointed executor and Letters issue upon qualification; that full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act; and that bond not be required for the reasons stated in item 3e.
Decedent died on March 4, 2019, at Washington, District of Columbia, a nonresident of California and left an estate in the county named above located at 465 E. Dougherty Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 10/7/20 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 502
Address of court: 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Central Probate
Attorney for petitioner: Pamela Kleinkauf, 16776 Bernardo Center Drive 203, San Diego CA 92128, (858) 675-1105

LEGAL: 5283
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T.S. No. 19-21093-SP-CA Title No. 191170087-CA-VOI A.P.N. 104-144-07-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/02/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Stephen S Halverson, Sr, a married man as his sole and separate property.. Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Received 05/11/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0324213 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Diego County, CA. Date of Sale: 08/10/2020 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$805,582.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 701 E Fallbrook St Fallbrook, CA 92028-3443 A.P.N.: 104-144-07-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2923.55(c)) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 19-21093-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/26/2020 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 07/09/2020, 07/16/2020, 07/23/2020 CPP 350618

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
And
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting
Monday 20 July 2020, 7:00 PM, ONLINE: www.zoom.us. See log-in information below

AGENDA as of 07/06/2020
NOTES: Seat # 15 is open on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. Interested individuals should contact the chair (see below) to receive an application.

In keeping with San Diego County Board of Supervisors Guidelines, the Fallbrook Community Planning Group will conduct the July committee and full Planning Group meetings using the online meeting site: Zoom. Please download the app from www.zoom.us and log into the below meeting "room" at least ten minutes prior to the 7PM start.

Topic: July Fallbrook Community Planning Group
Time: 20 July 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623488233?pwd=eER4TkYwQWlPaG5YbmtKcTlZNW50Zz09

Meeting ID: 856 2348 8233
Password: 609459
One tap mobile
+1.669.900.6833, Meeting ID: 85623488233# PWD: 609459# US (San Jose)

Please sign in at least 10 minutes before

1. Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. **Non-discussion and Non-voting item.**
2. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of 15 June 2020. **Voting item.**
3. PDS 2020-TM-5642 Reversion to acreage of 34 parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 103-102-01 to 103-102-18 and 103-103-01 to 103-103-16 that consists of 28 residential lots, three private street lots and three open space lots) on 22 acres of land located at 420 West Dougherty in the vicinity of Shady Lane that was TM 5339-1. Reversion will remove the subdivision and replace it with one lot in Fallbrook. The project was originally proposed in 2003 and modified in 2005. The applicant is Dougherty Citrus, P.W. Dooley, pwooley@att.net, 760-846-2154; Engineer is Ronald Holloway, rholloway@bhaincsd.com 760-931-8700 ext. 226. County Planner: John Leavitt john.leavitt@sdcounty.ca.gov 858-895-5448. **Land Use Committee. Community input. Voting item. (06/17)**
4. Presentation by Stephanie Kopplin, San Diego County Parks and Recreation planner on the proposed park on East Fallbrook Street. This will be an update following the County's presentation of preliminary plans in June when the park was first announced. Stephanie Kopplin, Stephanie.kopplin@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-966-1344. **Parks and Recreation Committee. Community Input. Voting item (6/26)**
5. Waiver of B Designator for a site plan for design and modifications to an outdoor patio for La Cucina Restaurant, 1415 S. Mission Rd., APN 105-200-76. Owner is Rajesh Patel, 310-462-6411. Representing the applicant is Sacuin Parlarak, designinrk@yahoo.com, 760-685-1807. County planner: Vanessa Pash, vanessa.pash@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-694-3291. **Design Review Committee. Community input. Voting item. (2/3)**
6. TM5354R Pardee Homes APN: 108-120-52.53.54; 108-122-03.08.09.15.19; 125-061-04.07; 125-062-07 in the Horse Creek Ranch development. Application for a Revised Tentative Map to modify a condition related to the original Tentative Resolution dated January 11, 2012. The applicant proposes to change condition 1.g. as part of the road construction related to that condition that is not on property owned by the applicant. The applicant has coordinated with the North County Fire Protection District in order to arrange an agreement related to the timing of the construction of the offsite road improvements for specific conditions for the Meadowood Project. Applicant is Jimmy Ayala, jimmy.ayala@pardeehomes.com, 858-794-2500. County Planner: Sean Oberbauer sean.oberbauer@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-495-5747. **Community input. Voting item. (7/2)**

NOTE: The Planning Group occasionally has openings on its **Land Use** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-888), **Circulation** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), **Parks & Recreation** (Jim Loge 760-712-2773), **Public Facilities** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), and **Design Review** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-8888) committees for non-elected citizens. Interested persons please contact the Chairman. This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the North County Fire District, 315 E. Ivy Street, Fallbrook, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
Jack Wood, Chair, 760-715-3359

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KENNETH ALFRED COX (aka KENNETH COX and KENNETH A. COX)
CASE NO. 37-2020-00022589-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:
KENNETH ALFRED COX (aka KENNETH COX and KENNETH A. COX)

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **JEFFREY BRIAN COX** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

The Petition for Probate requests that **JEFFREY BRIAN COX** 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: October 1, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 503
If you want to appear at the hearing, you must make arrangements to appear by telephone or video by contacting CourtCall at (858) 882-6878, or www.courtcall.com. Please make your arrangements with CourtCall as soon as possible, before the hearing date. If you wait to contact CourtCall until the date and time of the hearing, CourtCall will be unable to process your request in time and you will not be able to appear at this hearing. CourtCall charges a fee for making arrangements. If you have previously obtained an approved Order on Court Fee Waiver (FW003/FW-003-GC), CourtCall may not require a fee. It is your responsibility to inform CourtCall that you have an approved Order to avoid being charged the fee. If you do not have an approved Order, but believe that you may be eligible for one, you should immediately file a Request to Waive Court Fees (FW-001/FW-001-GC) with the Probate Business Office.

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.

Attorney for petitioner: Jennifer E. Dean / Shoup Legal, A Professional Law Corporation, 39755 Date Street, Suite 203, Murrieta, California 92563, (951) 445-4144

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Advocacy group helps revitalize Fallbrook Community Garden



Celebrating the revitalization of the Fallbrook Community Garden are, from left, Jennifer DeMeo, Judy Mitchell, Roger Boddart, Darcy Cook, Ricardo Favela, Marisela Lopez, Leslie Ortiz, Jasmine Ortiz, Karla Standridge, Jackie Heyneman and David Herrera, July 8. The community garden is at the south end of Alturas Road.

Nancy Heins Glaser
Special to Village News

Many of the Fallbrook Community Garden's advocates, residents, stakeholders and governmental agency personnel got together July 8 to have a brief face-to-face "masked and socially distanced" meetup to celebrate the garden's revitalization.

Among the many people present were the following advocates: Davide Herrera, Ricardo Favela. Stephanie, Jasmine and Leslie Ortiz (sisters and all members of VOCES/human rights advocates), Marisela Lopez and Ely Ortiz (their parents) and other community advocates who have been deeply involved in making the garden flourish again.

They told two friends, and through word-of-mouth and social media, propelled the garden to its current actively blooming green status.

As described by Stephanie Ortiz, the community garden activist group itself is made up of a community organizing core which has been around for several generations. VOCES de Fallbrook (Voices of Fallbrook) is an intergenerational, multicultural grassroots organizing group which has worked with the Fallbrook Human Rights Committee and includes people from many walks of life and countries of origin who see Fallbrook as their beloved home.

Some members of VOCES are teachers, parents and community members. Ortiz said, "The aim was to rescue and sustain the garden since it is nestled in a predominantly low-income neighborhood which is caring and residents have been recently affected by many difficult circumstances in our world."

"It is a good opportunity to begin (and continue) our multicultural and appreciative dialogue through food, customs, conservation, reverence for the land and cultural exchange. As members of a long line of agricultural growers we are the first to not follow that tradition. We must embrace, retain and carry on those traditions to honor our family. We are looking forward to creating and sustaining a green space for and by us which is safe and clean and healthful."

Ortiz also saw this as an opportunity to continue the necessary work allowing us to work for the goodness of Fallbrook.

Ricardo Favela has been a stakeholder in VOCES de Fallbrook who said they wrote a book titled "The Hand That Feeds You" which is available in Spanish and English. Favela is also an appointed member of the County Service Area 81 Local Parks Advisory Committee.

It took some time to generate genuine interest and raise awareness to bring back the garden. Ortiz's parents have been organizing and advocating for Fallbrook's Latino population for several years. Stephanie learned from both parents. Her mother got a petition together for signatures

showing a commitment to rescue the garden for its fullest use. Others learned how to request the community garden applications be made available in Spanish too. The hoped-for goal of having all be part of the organizing of the garden's use is very important.

Though the property on which the garden exists is managed by staff members of Mission Resource Conservation District, the property is actually owned by Fallbrook Public Utility District. The garden was established with the goal of residents dwelling in apartments and condos having space to grow their own healthy foods.

Current MRCD regional director Darcy Cook was happy to meet so many people at one location. The State of California's MRCD is a nonregulatory state-funded entity responsible for assisting landowners in how to best use their land, improve the quality and integrity of their land and soil, and judicious use of water as a precious and limited commodity.

The Fallbrook Public Utility District, as the owner of the property, has expressed that it is grateful it is going to good use too. FPUD was well represented by Noelle Denke and Jennifer DeMeo both on hand for the gathering of stakeholders.

"We were more than happy to help, and provide this to the community," said DeMeo, vice president of the FPUD board, who lives in the subdistrict where the garden is located.

"The board made the policy decision and it's a win-win, an easy way to give back since we have the land and it is going to good use — helping to provide the local people's healthy food needs," DeMeo added.

This could have been the first time Fallbrook Community Garden founders from 2007 till current days had a chance to meet residents who have embraced a full tilt desire to rescue the garden. It is not exactly clear how this got fully charged, but it is clear that a Fallbrook English As A Second Language class was the catalyst for bringing the community garden back in 2019.

The ESL class told the FPUD board that they would love to rescue the garden and give it new life, but that those who would benefit most and be most likely to be fully responsible could not afford the \$50 per month fee for garden use to cover the cost of water. (The Village News featured an article on the ESL students who had taken action to revitalize the garden in December 2019.)

Arborist, horticulturist and landscape designer Roger Boddart, The Tree Man of Fallbrook, showed up to share how he created his "garden plot designs" in 2007.

The resident gardeners are happy to report the nearly 30 plots in varying sizes maintain their functional structure in different sizes based on the needs of the user. Due to a recent uptick in demand



Each raised garden bed at the Fallbrook Community garden is controlled and maintained by individuals and families who don't have the space to grow produce where they live.



A variety of produce is grown and maintained in the raised garden beds at the Fallbrook community garden along Alturas Road.



Community advocate and members of VOCES de Fallbrook, who help maintain the community garden, include, from left, Ricardo Favela, Stephanie Ortiz, Jasmine Ortiz, new garden applicants Juan Castillo and Esperanza Rodriguez, along with Lorena Albino, Marisela Lopez, Ely Ortiz, Leslie Ortiz and David Herrera.

there are few plots available, but one can be put on a waiting list.

Also, there for the July 8 meeting was Judy Mitchell, who back in 2007 saw a need. There are founders and builders to every major ongoing project. Mitchell, at that time already a director of the MRCD for nearly 20+ years, was first on our list of introductions as she was the founder of the Fallbrook Community Garden project. Mitchell said she was pleased to see so many invested partners since the space was first provided.

Members of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and two of its committees, Save Our Forest and The Native Plant Team, are grateful

to leaders at FPUD, MRCD and FLC for identifying this garden space and then making it available for the environmental plantings on premises which allow them to continue their environmental education program in Fallbrook schools.

Save Our Forest founder Jackie Heyneman said during introductions, "We at SOF are grateful that FPUD and MRCD have both been willing to work with us and have supplied a location for our plantings which we will use to teach our area school kids. We began in 2004 and it is wonderful to have watched it grow. It is wonderful to meet Fallbrook's community garden enthusiasts in

person."

The meeting broke up and yet the informal conversations continued on for some time afterward. Those who were representative of the Latino/Latina community had many people asking for information and to saying thank you for reinvigorating the community garden concept. There was also an opportunity for those who are primarily English speakers to have translation help.

It was clear that everyone there was focused on making Fallbrook's Community Garden a sustainable success for some time to come.

To check for garden plot availability, contact Cook at 760-728-1332.

HEALTH

Michelle’s Place opens satellite office in Fallbrook

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Michelle’s Place Cancer Resource Center celebrated the opening of its satellite office in Fallbrook, located at the Fallbrook Regional Health District offices, Tuesday, July 7.

“Michelle’s Place is thrilled to open their first satellite office and we look forward to better serving the community of Fallbrook,” Kim Gerrish, executive director of Michelle’s Place, which is based in Temecula, said. “Michelle’s Place has provided resources to Fallbrook and surrounding areas for the last four years. We know there is a need for resources there. Having a physical presence in Fallbrook for North County cancer patients has been a priority for several years.”

Michelle’s Place was created as a dying wish of Michelle Watson, a 26-year-old victim of breast cancer. As a Temecula resident, Watson was frustrated with the lack of local resources available to her while facing the challenges of cancer treatment. She died July 23, 2000.

Watson’s mother and father founded the organization in her memory, and today Michelle’s Place provides over 10,000 free services a year to individuals and families impacted by all types of cancers.

According to Gerrish, Fallbrook doesn’t currently have any cancer support resources. An official grand opening was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 14.

Gerrish also said that the Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District has provided the funding and the office space for the satellite office.

“Our partnership with the Fallbrook Regional Health District

has blossomed into us being able to bring navigation services to the communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow,” Michelle’s Place shared in a Facebook post. “Thank you to (FRHD Executive Director Rachel Mason) and the team of FRHD for welcoming us into your space, we are so excited to bring cancer support services to this beautiful community.”

“We have had a long-standing partnership with the Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District,” Gerrish said. “They voiced an interest in having Michelle’s Place resources more accessible to their community so we started talking about having a satellite office.”

According to Gerrish, the satellite office will be open one day a month for in-person navigation services.

“Someone in the Fallbrook area can meet with a patient navigator and ask questions, get resources and support,” Gerrish said. “We hope to start a support group there once we understand the need. We will also be in the Fallbrook community presenting information on early detection and cancer screenings. We will start slow and potentially build our way up to providing more direct resources such as wigs, prostheses, classes and more.

“For now, clients in need of direct services can visit Michelle’s Place in Temecula.”

The Michelle’s Place satellite office is located at 138 S. Brandon Road in Fallbrook. For more information, visit <http://www.michellesplace.org> or call 951-699-5455.

For more information on how to schedule an appointment, email info@michellesplace.org.

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The Fallbrook satellite office for Michelle’s Place Cancer Resource Center will be open Tuesdays only for the time being.

Village News/Michelle’s Place photos



Kim Gerrish, executive director of Michelle’s Place Cancer Resource Center; patient navigator Mercedes Ruiz and Rachel Mason, executive director of Fallbrook Regional Health District, stand inside the new Michelle’s Place satellite office in Fallbrook.



FTC order stops the marketer of “Thrive” supplement from making baseless claims

WASHINGTON — The California-based marketer of a supplement called Thrive, which consists mainly of vitamin C and herbal extracts, is barred from continuing to make baseless claims that it can treat, prevent or reduce the risk of COVID-19, under an administrative settlement with the Federal Trade Commission announced Friday, July 10.

The FTC proposed order also bars the marketer of Thrive, Marc Ching, from making similarly unsupported cancer treatment or prevention claims for products containing CBD. The case against Ching is the FTC’s first against a marketer of a supposed COVID-19-related health product. In April, the FTC announced that Ching agreed to a preliminary federal court order that imposed similar terms.

“There’s no proof that this product will prevent or treat COVID-19, and no proof that any CBD product will treat cancer,” Andrew Smith, director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, said. “This case, and the hundreds of warning letters we’ve sent, demonstrate that we will remain vigilant against companies that lack the scientific proof to back up their claims.”

To date, the FTC has sent more than 275 letters to other

companies warning them against falsely promoting or advertising COVID-19 products or therapies as effective treatments.

According to the FTC’s administrative complaint, since at least December 2018, Ching has advertised and sold Thrive online, through his Whole Leaf Organics website, and in March 2020 he began marketing it as an “antiviral wellness booster” that treats, prevents or reduces the risk of COVID-19. In addition, the FTC alleged Ching falsely stated that these benefits of Thrive were clinically proven.

The complaint also alleged that Ching used his Whole Leaf Organics website to advertise and sell three CBD-containing products, CBD-EX, CBD-RX and CBD-Max, falsely claiming they were effective cancer treatments. CBD-EX is an ingestible capsule consisting mainly of a combination of cannabidiol and herbal extracts. CBD-RX and CBD-Max are oils composed primarily of CBD and hemp extract.

In addition to barring Ching’s false and unsubstantiated health claims, the order also requires Ching to send written notices to customers and retailers of Thrive, clearly explaining that it will not treat, prevent or reduce the risk of COVID-19. Ching also must

tell customers and retailers that CBD-EX, CBD-RX and CBD-Max will not treat cancer. Finally, the letters must inform customers and retailers of Ching’s settlement with the commission.

The commission vote to accept the proposed consent agreement was 3-1-1, with Commissioner Rohit Chopra voting “no” and Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter not participating. The FTC published a description of it in the Federal Register at https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/cases/d09394_whole_leaf_acco.pdf.

The agreement will be subject to

public comment for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register after which the commission will decide whether to make the proposed consent order final. Instructions for filing comments are in the published notice. Once processed, comments will be posted on <http://Regulations.gov>.

Note: The commission issues an administrative complaint when it has “reason to believe” that the law has been or is being violated and it appears to the commission that a proceeding is in the public interest. When the commission issues a consent order on a final basis, it carries the force of law

with respect to future actions. Each violation of such an order may result in a civil penalty of up to \$43,280.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, and protect and educate consumers. Learn more about consumer topics and file a consumer complaint online at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crmt&panel1-1> or by calling 877-382-4357.

Submitted by the Federal Trade Commission

County parks offer ‘Tour Our Trails’ challenge

SAN DIEGO – San Diego supervisors Kristin Gaspar and Jim Desmond and County Parks and Recreation staff unveiled the “Tour Our Trails” challenge, July 1. It is designed to encourage county residents to visit county parks and explore different trails.

The challenge was launched before the July Fourth holiday weekend to encourage safe, socially distant, outdoor recreation. There are 15 trails that range from easy, moderate, to tough and can be accessed on foot, bike and on horseback.

Residents can snap a selfie at each landmark and track their progress in their challenge passport. There is a prize for completing each category and completing all 15 trails will earn a special limited-edition patch.

“The county has so many unique parks, from San Elijo Lagoon on the coast to the breathtaking peaks of the Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve,” Gaspar said. “I hope the healthy competition will motivate people to try something new.”



Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, left, and park ranger Tim Leon walk through Los Penasquitos County Preserve on the first day of the Tour Our Trails challenge.

“During these unprecedented times, outdoor recreation remains a safe way to spend time with family and friends,” Desmond said. “We hope this new challenge can be fun for the whole family to enjoy.”

The unveiling of this challenge coincides with National Parks and Recreation month. The passport

will be available at park locations throughout San Diego County and online soon.

For more information, visit <http://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/news-events/news-stories/AWinningWaytoTourTrails.html>.

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New jobs, new faces at Foundation for Senior Care

FALLBROOK – Longtime Fallbrook resident Lougene Williams was elected as the latest addition to the 14-member board of directors for the Foundation for Senior Care, foundation president Dr. Robert Pace announced Friday, July 10.

Three new officers were also named, joining Pace and Mark Haskell, secretary, as officers of the nonprofit that serves the senior community in the region.

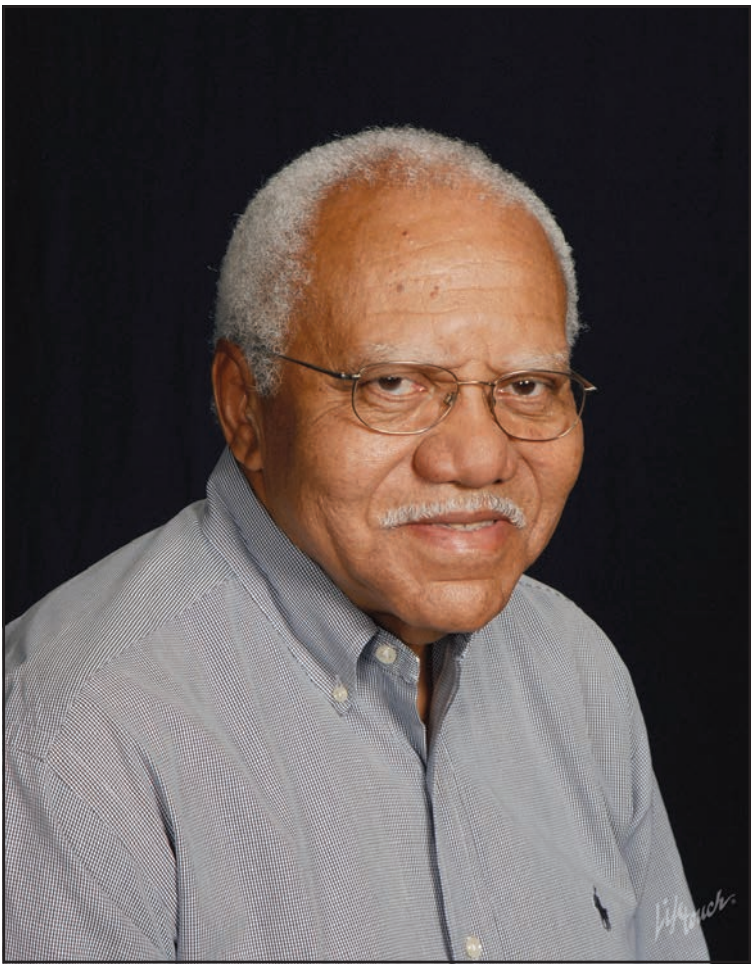
Before joining the board, Williams was a senior manufacturing executive in the medical device industry with operations in the United States and Mexico. At his retirement, Williams served as senior vice president of operations for Hudson Respiratory Care in Temecula, a position he held since 1996. Before that he was a vice president of manufacturing for Respiratory Care Inc., a division of Kendall Company, a company he joined in the 1970s following a tour with the U.S. Air Force.

Active in community activities, he helped young African American men and women move into corporate positions, was a SCORE volunteer and is an elder at his church in Fallbrook.

New Foundation for Senior Care officers

Barbara Creech was named treasurer for the foundation, a term of office that continues for two years. She has more than three decades of work in state government, most recently as director of operations for the Ohio Finance Agency for human services, marketing and communications and technology services. She and her family relocated to the Fallbrook area four years ago and, according to Pace, she has been a valuable member of the board since 2017, chairing its strategic planning activities.

Roger Shaver, named as the first vice president, is a navy veteran who served 23 years in the Navy's



Lougene Williams is the latest addition to the Foundation for Senior Care Board of Directors. Village News/Courtesy photo

Medical Service Corps. He is currently a pharmacy director at Menifee Valley Medical Center as well as a former pharmacy director at the Fallbrook Hospital. He has been a board member at the foundation since 2007.

Jerry Kalman, a Realtor with HomeSmart Legends in Fallbrook, was named as second vice president. Also active in local activities, Kalman is currently a member of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group, serving for the past two years as that county organization's secretary. He has been a resident in the area since 1999 and has been on the board for the foundation for a year, serving as the nonprofit organization's

marketing committee chair since joining the board.

Pace, a longtime Fallbrook resident and orthopedic surgeon, said that the senior community derives a wealth of benefits from the talent-base and diverse set of professionals on the board. Those professionals include members of the health care delivery and medical fields, finance, government relations, the legal community and real estate.

The Foundation for Senior Care is a provider of multiple services for seniors and their families with headquarters at 1120 S. Mission Road in Fallbrook.

Submitted by Foundation for Senior Care.

Fallbrook Community Center opens as cool zone to help residents beat the heat

San Diego County News Center

Special to Village News

The San Diego County Cool Zone location at Fallbrook Community Center is now open to provide relief from soaring temperatures. The location, which is air-conditioned, is one of seven located throughout the hottest areas of San Diego County.

All sites will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Animals, except service animals, are not permitted at any of these Cool Zone locations.

Due to COVID-19, safety measures will be in place to protect the health of Cool Zone visitors and staff. Anyone entering a county Cool Zone will have their temperature taken. All visitors and staff must also wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

"Although we need to take steps to keep seniors safe, it still remains important to also keep them cool," Supervisor Dianne Jacob said. "Cool Zones provide a refuge during the hot summer months, so it's helpful the county has developed a plan to get them open."

The Cool Zones program is offered in partnership with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Aging and Independence Services and San Diego Gas and Electric. It was started by Jacob in 2001 to allow seniors and people with disabilities to escape extreme heat during the summer.

Homebound individuals, those lacking transportation and those who decide to stay home due to the risk of COVID-19 may be eligible to receive a free electric fan. The county, in partnership with SDG&E, provides fans to San Diegans who are living on limited incomes.

To be eligible for a free fan, a resident must not have access to an air-conditioned space at their home or apartment building. To learn more about the fan program or to request a fan, call county Aging and Independence Services at 800-339-4661.

"We want to thank our SDG&E community partner for making this program available to give some relief from the heat to our more vulnerable residents," Supervisor Jim Desmond, whose district covers parts of North County out to the desert, said.

"SDG&E appreciates and supports the county of San Diego for initiating the Cool Zones program back in 2001 and for making it such a success," Jessica Packard, SDG&E communications manager, said. "The county's leadership has benefited our region for almost 20 years, and SDG&E is proud to be a part of this program since its inception."

For more information about the Cool Zones program, visit <http://www.CoolZones.org>.

More tips to beat the heat

San Diego County Aging and Independence Services offers Cool Zones to help older adults keep cool during hot summer days. But there are other things people can do to beat the heat:

Slow down. Be your most physically active during the coolest part of the day, usually between 4-7 a.m. Pace yourself when engaging in physical activity.

Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not being used, stay on the lowest floor. Keep shades down and blinds closed, but windows slightly open.

- Electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help sweat evaporate, which cools your body.
- Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath.

- Avoid using the oven.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's heat.
- Air out hot cars before getting into them.
- Never leave children or pets inside vehicles at any time, even with the windows cracked. Temperatures inside a vehicle can reach lethal levels no matter what the weather is like.
- Drink more fluids than usual even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine; they make the heat's effects on your body worse.
- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increases metabolic heat.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- If you take diuretics, ask your physician about a lower dosage during hot weather.
- If it is safe to do so, leave windows open at night. Open windows on two sides to create cross ventilation.
- Place a piece of cardboard covered with aluminum foil in sunny windows to reflect sunlight and heat away from the house.
- Vacuum, clean or replace air filters regularly for maximum cooling efficiency.
- If affordable, install outdoor awnings or sunscreens.
- Call your physician, if you feel you may be experiencing a heat-related illness.

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Jones appointed to California Commission on Disability Access

SACRAMENTO - State Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Brian Jones, R-Santee, was recently appointed by the Senate Rules Committee to serve on the California Commission on Disability Access.

The California Commission on Disability Access works with a variety of stakeholder groups, including disability rights advocates, the business community, nonprofits, government agencies, landscape architects, engineers, contractors, building inspectors and others to ensure that persons with disabilities have full access to businesses and public facilities in California. The goal is to achieve this access proactively through education, inspections and compliance rather than through citations or litigation.

"Our neighbors, friends and family members with disabilities have a right to access private and public facilities," Jones said. "I look forward to helping provide that access by working in a productive, collaborative manner with all the parties involved. It's good for our community and it's the right thing to do."

Jones replaces former Sen. Jeff Stone, R-Temecula, who resigned from the Senate and the Commission in 2019 to take a federal administration position.

For more information about the Commission, visit <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/CCDA>.

Submitted by the office of Sen. Brian Jones.

Thinking About Health: Health insurance law is under siege again

Trudy Lieberman

Community Health News Service

At the height of the pandemic, many Americans are experiencing firsthand the flaws in the Affordable Care Act and the health insurance it guaranteed. They are also facing the possibility that even the protection it does afford may be stripped away.

The fate of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," is again uncertain. The 2010 law that began to whittle down the large number of uninsured Americans is back at the U.S. Supreme Court awaiting a decision – most likely next year – about whether it is constitutional. The court has upheld the law against court challenges twice before.

In June, the Justice Department filed a brief asking the court to overturn the act. The administration argued that the entire law is invalid because Congress eliminated the individual mandate in 2017, which had required almost all Americans to carry health insurance. Therefore, the ACA can no longer be considered a "tax," which was the basis on which the court found it constitutional in 2012.

The administration also argued that two other provisions make the law unconstitutional. One calls for insurance companies to sell coverage to people who have preexisting conditions, so-called guaranteed issue policies. The other requires community rating.

Community rating prevents insurers from varying premiums based on geography, age and other factors. The administration said in its legal brief that without those three provisions the Affordable Care Act cannot survive.

If the court sides with the group of Republican attorneys general who brought the case and strikes down the law, it means the millions of Americans with preexisting health conditions will be in the same pickle they were in before the law took effect in 2013.

They will have trouble buying new insurance that covers medical conditions they already have since insurers would no longer be required to offer them coverage. People with common ailments like diabetes, heart disease, mental illness and cancer would be out of luck once again. But so would people with more minor problems like recurrent ear or sinus infections.

A new group of Americans may also find it impossible to get coverage. Those who have recovered from COVID-19 may face long-lasting health challenges resulting from their illness.

Reports are coming in that detail such problems as blood clots, strokes, heart and lung damage and neurological problems such as

numbness and muscle weakness. It's unlikely any insurance company would voluntarily issue coverage to people with those medical problems.

Like sick people before the Affordable Care Act took effect, COVID-19 survivors will be uninsured.

Do Americans really want to go back to the days when sick people, the very ones who need insurance coverage, are thrown out of the marketplace?

I would argue they don't. The last four months have taught people that everyone is vulnerable to the possibility of long-lasting medical harm from the coronavirus. Insurance to help cover whatever ills show up is essential.

The Affordable Care Act, however, was not a perfect solution for uninsured Americans. Millions of people who turned to the ACA because they lost their employer-provided coverage during the pandemic shutdown are learning about its shortcomings, which were given short shrift for years by politicians and the media advocates for the law.

"With health insurance in particular, we have a social support system that really isn't very functional when you have job loss," Ben Zipperer, an economist with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, told Bloomberg News.

That's a problem in the best of times, he said.

"It's a real disaster when you have tens of millions of workers suddenly lose their jobs," Zipperer said.

Some 27 million workers may have lost their job-based coverage as of the first of May.

Many of those newly uninsured have experienced the weaknesses that were baked into the law. Policies with cheaper premiums come with high deductibles, often \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year or more. Paying that much out of pocket is a heavy lift for those out of work.

The trade-off is paying higher premiums. That's hard, too. Some people who've lost coverage might qualify for Medicaid, or they may qualify for subsidies under the ACA that help pay premiums or required cost sharing. Those are options people in that predicament should investigate, but many people won't qualify.

If the ACA survives this latest challenge and everyone sick or well can still buy insurance, maybe the country can begin to make sure no American goes without coverage when another disaster strikes.

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When it feels as though Mother Nature is out to get gardeners living in the Temecula Valley and other regions that predictably experience hot summers and the wind parches our skin, people have the luxury of going indoors.

Meanwhile, their roses have to just stay put. Roses don't like intense heat any more than most people do. Their priority is to live. The plant will conserve its resources for roots, canes, leaves and bloom – in that order. When it's hot, roses want lots of water and heat relief rather than food.

Blooms will be smaller with sunburned petals and lessened fragrance. Leaves will turn yellow as chlorophyll is depleted, reducing photosynthesis, then brown just attempting to keep hydrated because their root system can't keep up with transpiration. Do not remove desiccated leaves in hot weather: They provide some shade to protect the cane from sunburn. Remember, if a leaf dies it is easily replaced; if a cane dies,

it is gone.

That is why I advocate a conservative style of summer rose care from July to September.

1. Do not prune away spent blossoms – just the petals, leaving the rest to form rose hips.
2. To avoid stressing the plant, reduce or discontinue fertilizing until mid-September; if you do feed, use lower nitrogen and diluted,
3. Extreme heat can burn the roots of a stressed plant: continue irrigation schedule or increase according to temperature.
4. If not mulched, consider adding some mulch to a minimum of 3 inches.
5. Keep the ground clear of debris to help control diseases and pests.

Hot dry summer days and cool nights create perfect conditions for powdery mildew. Examine daily and begin treatment at the first indication of any problem. Start with trying a strong blast of water early in the day to top and under sides of the leaves to knock it off. It has to be done early in the stage of development before the spore



Heat blasted roses are sunburned.

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embeds into the leaf. The treatment is likely only temporary and gives gardeners some extra time.

Summer heat is also perfect weather for rust, the spores that form on the undersides of leaves and it looks like rust on metal. Since it begins on the lower leaves, it can go undetected before you discover it is present. Remove each leaf by cutting it off close to the cane to minimize the spores falling onto other leaves and the ground. Spores on the ground can easily be splashed back upon the leaves if irrigating with other than a drip system.

Western thrips continue to be a terrible problem. These tiny insects love to get inside the blooms and suck the juice out of the petals, beginning on the outside petals, causing them to lose substance and preventing blooms from opening.

Damage is easy to see on light-colored roses: small brown spots on petals and/or edges. Open an affected blossom: thrips look like tiny hopping fleas running around inside. Clip off and promptly dispose of infested and spent blooms, as well as litter on the ground.

The dreaded Chilean thrip is even smaller and more damaging. This species attacks blooms and tender foliage. They have been detected on other plants as well.

Immediately cut out distorted and bronzed new foliage, scorched and deformed buds and blooms, and fallen leaves. There are products available for treating, read the labels and buy the product needed for the specific problem.

As if all the above challenges aren't enough, spider mites are a major destructive pest. They are not insects but more closely related to spiders. They are hard to see because they live on the underside of leaves and rasp the tissue. Left alone they can quickly defoliate a bush. Heat increases their reproduction. Look for loss of color on tender green leaves in the middle part of the leaf and purplish yellow on more mature leaves and in severe cases, webbing on the leaves.

Because spider mites overwinter in soil and migrate to the undersides of the lower leaves, an infestation may often go unnoticed until significant damage has been done. A quick light brushing of the underside of the leaf with your finger will readily support your suspicions. The surface will feel like it's covered with a fine grit.

If discovered early, a strong spray of water from underneath and a water shower from above to rinse off the dislodged mites may be sufficient to correct



Hot, dry days and cool nights can cause powdery mildew to grow on the leaves of rose bushes.



Chili thrip damage can be seen on this rose bush.

the problem. To help prevent a complete infestation, remove all leaves within 8-10 inches of the soil surface.

It goes without saying that water needs increase dramatically in hot weather, perhaps requiring daily watering. It is essential that you check soil dampness frequently during hot days. Use a water probe or stick your finger to a depth of 4-6 inches. That is, if you have fluffy soil or unnaturally long fingers. If your soil is too compacted to do it, use a small garden trowel to scratch down to that depth and check the moisture content. A minimum of 4 inches of good composted mulch over the entire bed will help conserve moisture.

Potted roses are even more susceptible to heat and drying because soil in a container will heat up rapidly, virtually cooking the roots. In addition, the soil

contracts and pulls away from the container's sides, causing water to run through rapidly, washing away soil and wasting water. Here are a few remedies to help struggling containerized plants:

- Move potted plants to a cooler area under a patio cover or shade tree.
- Never place containers on concrete or other surfaces that readily absorb heat from the sun, but if you must, use pot feet or other methods to provide an air space between the container and the surface.
- Position light-colored umbrellas and/or shade cloth over the plants.
- Be sure you provide plenty of air circulation around the plants to allow cooling.
- Apply 3-4 inches of composted mulch, but not against the plant itself.

Roses enjoy a good shower, just as gardeners do. The difference? Give roses an early morning shower before the sun gets too high and the temperatures are hot for long periods.

Jets of water can blast off dirt, dust and tiny pests, such as mites, mildew spores, aphids, etc., and hydrate your roses in preparation for a hot day. If you use a water wand aimed upward to spray the underside of the lower leaves you can dislodge spider mites. Because they reproduce so quickly, you must do this every few days.

Visit <http://www.TemeculaValleyRoseSociety.org> regularly for more information and a schedule of events.

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Buyers and sellers can both survive the home inspection

ESCONDIDO – It’s very important for both a home seller and buyer that the property fare well on the inspection, because it means no serious issues have been discovered. But what exactly are the things to watch out for?

What’s in the home inspector’s checklist?

It depends on the inspector, but in general, reports will include the condition of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, plumbing and electrical wiring, roof and attic, structural elements, walls and insulation.

Let’s dig into some specifics and the most common reasons to conduct a home inspection.

Moisture intrusion

Many things can cause dampness. Moisture can cause unpleasant odors, damage belongings and activate mold growth and mildew – both are dangerous organisms that can cause allergies and worsen existing respiratory problems such as asthma. If a seller is planning to list a home that might have a moisture issue, it is a good idea to get that addressed before selling the home.

HVAC issues

Lack of wiring to handle the demands of the heating and cooling equipment, faulty thermostats or gas-fired furnaces not having enough exhaust systems in place are common problems uncovered by home inspectors.

Roofing problems

Due to weathering, lack of maintenance or the design itself, roofing problems are one of the more expensive problems to fix and can be a deal-breaker for potential buyers.

Electrical issues

Overfusing or a mismatch between the wire and the

overcurrent protection is the most common problem a home inspector encounters. It needs to be fixed immediately as it is a fire hazard. A home’s electrical should meet current standards.

Problems with the structure and/or foundation

Structural problems make a house unsafe. The inspector will check the footing and foundation of the home. Cracks in walls and doors that fail to latch or that jam are things to watch out for.

Plumbing problems

An inspector will almost always find at least one plumbing problem in a home whether it be dripping faucets or slow drains. Luckily, these issues are usually easy and cheap to fix.

The most important thing is both the buyer and the seller should be prepared. Think of a failed inspection like discovering something bad during a physical exam. And just like a doctor, the home inspector will point out all the things that need to be repaired or replaced.

For sellers, it is recommended to address all the possible issues that might arise during a home inspection before putting the home on the market. Looking to buy, sell or need a home inspection? The Broadpoint Properties team can refer the right people for the job if that happens.

This article first appeared on Broadpoint Properties’ website, <https://servingsandiegocounty.com>.

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Rainbow MWD awards North River Road Land Outfall rehabilitation contract

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District will be rehabilitating its North River Road Land Outfall pipeline, and Hoch Consulting will be preparing the bidding documents and providing engineering support to the Rainbow district.

A 5-0 Rainbow board vote June 23 approved a \$151,180 contract with Hoch Consulting, which is headquartered in San Diego. The contract does not have a specific end period, although construction is anticipated to begin in early 2021 and take approximately eight weeks.

“It’s an important project to maintain a critical part of our wastewater infrastructure,” Tom Kennedy, Rainbow general manager, said.

The North River Road Land Outfall conveys wastewater to Oceanside’s San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility. The pipeline is nearly 3 miles in length, from just west of state Route 76 to the intersection of Stallion Drive, and 58 manholes provide access to various parts of the infrastructure.

The vitrified clay pipe is 15 inches in diameter, and the sewer relies on gravity for its flow.

The rainfall during weather year 2018-2019 caused wastewater flows at the Stallion Drive and North River Road flow metering stations to exceed capacities. The increased flow is believed to be due to significant infiltration and intrusion of rainwater into the wastewater collection system.

In June 2019, Rainbow staff began an evaluation of the vitrified clay pipe which involved clearing the line and then conducting a video and photographic inspection of nearly 1 mile of pipeline and 15 manholes. The video inspection revealed multiple repair needs. Another section was inspected in October 2019.

Rainbow staff began developing the logistics of repair efforts. The plans and specifications would be addressing broken or badly cracked sections of pipe, infiltration and intrusion, raising manholes to finish grade, lining existing manholes and providing cast in place pipe at the worst sections.

“The pipeline’s almost 50 years old,” Kennedy said. “It needs attention.”

The March 2020 rains caused another overflow of the pipeline. Rainbow staff conducted video and photographic inspections and

observed two sections which are in imminent danger of collapsing.

Kennedy declared an emergency April 17, so that repair work could commence before the next Rainbow board meeting. The April 28 board vote ratified Kennedy’s action and appropriated additional funding for the repair work.

Kennedy issued a contract to SCW Contracting Corporation, which is based in the town of Rainbow, and SCW began the repair work, April 19.

Rainbow had planned to repair the North River Road Land Outfall over a multiyear period, but the immediate risk led to the decision to repair the entire three-mile pipeline as soon as possible.

During the emergency Hoch Consulting was retained to assist Rainbow staff in finalizing the plans and specifications. As the inspections and research were being conducted, Rainbow staff decided that Hoch was best suited to expand and expedite the plans and specifications needed for the repair work to be advertised for bid.

Rainbow staff and Hoch worked together to prepare a phased construction approach which will allow the sections with the worst conditions to be addressed first and remaining phases to follow.

“They’re going to be doing the design,” Kennedy said.

The first phase will excavate and make repairs to the pipeline, replacing the vitrified clay pipe with polyvinyl chloride pipe. The second phase will line high-priority sections with cast in place pipes. The third phase will rehabilitate manholes.

“It will be a couple of miles that we’ll be relining,” Kennedy said. “It will be short segments that will be replaced. The full line will be relined.”

Access issues, both for repair crews and for motorists along North River Road, led to the decision to reline rather than to replace the majority of the pipeline.

“It’s a very small road and there’s a lot of traffic on it,” Kennedy said. “The pipeline’s also very deep.”

The minimized traffic control and excavation measures will also allow for a shorter construction period.

“We want to get all the work done hopefully in under a year,” Kennedy said.

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North County Fire Marshal explains weed abatement policies

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Every year, the North County Fire Protection District inspects thousands of properties in Fallbrook to ensure owners are creating defensible spaces around their homes and taking other steps to reduce the risk of fires in populated areas.

It's a task that is especially important in Fallbrook which, surrounded by wildlands, remains one of the most fire-prone areas in San Diego County.

NCFPD Fire Marshal Dominic Fieri said the fire district inspects 5,914 individual properties in its local responsibility area in central Fallbrook; Cal Fire San Diego handles areas further out, though they remain in the North County fire district.

Fieri said the local responsibility area includes the area east of Camp Pendleton roughly spanning from Winter Haven Road in the south, to Live Oak Park Road in the east, to the edge of De Luz in the north, though property owners should check with NCFPD if they are unsure whether their area is in the local responsibility area.

Property owners had until June 1 to clear dead brush and create defensible spaces around structures, which was an extension from the original May 15 deadline this year.

The original deadline was a full month ahead of 2019's weed abatement deadline, in anticipation of dry weather leading to high levels of fire fuel. However, higher-than-expected rainfall has mitigated some of this risk, allowing the fire district to feel comfortable moving back the weed abatement deadline by two weeks.

Fieri said property owners are required to clear all dead, annual grasses and weeds on properties that are under five acres, which account for the majority of the properties in NCFPD's local responsibility area, though green grasses are not required to be cleared. Dead grass and brush, Fieri said, is extremely vulnerable to embers spreading from whatever nearby wildfires may occur.

Larger properties, he said, are allowed to use fuel breaks in place of eliminating all dry grasses.

"But most of the stuff we have is (under) five acres, so it's easier to say your property needs to be maintained," Fieri said.

Fieri said NCFPD has just one inspector to look at the almost 6,000 properties in the fire district's local responsibility area.

"He pre-identifies, but we can't do anything until June 1, and that's when we started posting (notices) on the properties," Fieri said.

Fieri said, of the properties in NCFPD's local responsibility area, the vast majority were compliant this year, with around 500 being noncompliant.

He said the fire district does its best to work with owners who are noncompliant, though fire officials will send out a contractor themselves if owners won't clear their properties.

"It goes up to three inspections and, if they don't clean it or get someone to clean it themselves, we send out a contractor, and there's a \$600 fine on top of getting the contractor," Fieri said.

He said it's never NCFPD's intention to enforce weed abatement requirements in that manner, but the requirements are necessary for community safety.

"We don't want to be in that enforcement, it's not our choice," Fieri said. "It's more like this is a community issue."

Fieri said many property owners who are fined do pay as soon as possible, but the fire district can put liens on properties whose owners refuse to pay.

NCFPD's requirements for residential properties, listed online, are as follows:

- Parcel fronting on a public street or alley shall be abated to the edge of the public street or alley.
- Trees shall be limbed no less than 6 feet from ground level within 30 feet of buildings.
- Brush and combustible vegetation (excluding landscaping) must be cleared 100 feet around all buildings.
- Remove that portion of any tree extending within 10 feet of the chimney outlet.
- Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead wood.
- Maintain by removing all debris, leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth from roof structures and rain gutters.
- Remove any/all flammable dead debris from underneath/around all bushes, plants, and/or landscaping structures including stairs, decks, patios, carports, etc.
- Post address in visible area in numbers not less than 3" high, 3/8" wide and in a contrasting color. If your address cannot be seen from the roadway and/or if your driveway serves multiple residences, post your address (same specifications above) on a 4' post at the driveway entrance so that it is visible from both ways of travel.
- Maintain driveway access clear 12 feet wide and 15 feet high.

The fire district's requirements for large lots and unimproved properties are as follows:

- The parcel shall be cleared to grade of all combustible weeds and debris. EXCEPTION: When cutting is used as the method of abatement, the remaining stubble shall not exceed 2 inches in height.
- Dry pastures (fenced land used for the purpose of grazing livestock) and dry croplands (land used to produce grain or hay) shall have a firebreak around the entire perimeter of the parcel.
- Firebreaks shall be no less than 16 feet minimum width and completely cleared of all combustible weeds, debris, hay and grain. NOTE: Combustible weeds and debris shall not be removed by burning. Firebreaks shall be tilled, disked, or scraped.
- Parcels which experience a "second growth" shall be re-cut, if it is determined to be a fire hazard.

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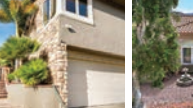
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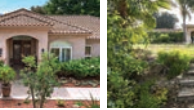
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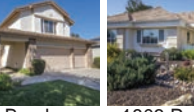
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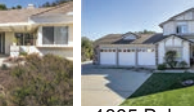
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Design trends provide a cool palette



A living room with the warm gray of Muslin provides warmth without leaning back in time to the placidity of browns and tans.

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Mari Shields
MLS Interiors

As people live with the coronavirus pandemic, their stay at home status impels them to update, redesign or renovate their home environments. So, what are the color trends as homeowners move forward in 2020 and into 2021?

The Pantone Color of the year for 2020 is Classic Blue. Trends in the grays, layered grays and whites have held the spotlight in the past seven years. Classic Blue is a well-suited match with the grays and creates a soothing cool palette.

Another emerging trend is toward warmer tones, which also coordinate with the classic blue.

Warm grays are a gentle blend of grays with a slight turn in hue toward earth tones. It provides warmth without leaning back in time to the placidity of browns and tans.

One of the most favored warm gray shades: Dunn Edwards Muslin DE6227 or the slightly warmer Dunn Edwards Fine Grain DE6213. Both of these warmer neutral selections provide a light, clean background for any color palette of furniture and decor.

One recommendation is to add color to the gray palettes by selecting one of the grays infused with color; the neutrals enhanced with blues, greens and reds. By folding color into the grays, a

homeowner can have color in a room without making it a bold choice.

A soft blue encased in gray is beautiful when using Dunn Edwards Bay of Hope DE6331. If they prefer a blue green shade, try Haze Blue Dunn Edwards DE 6311. If their tastes run more to a pure green, try the Granite, another favorite which is a silvery green, DE6283. Any of these shades gives a light and beautiful feeling of the seaside.

If a homeowner tends toward the red/purples, but wants subtlety, try one of the grays with a slight red-violet infusion as in Clouded Vision DE6380, or Eagles View DE6394. Both are delicate versions



Classic blues are a well-suited match with grays and creates a soothing cool palette as shown in this newly remodeled bathroom painted with Clouded Vision.



Don't be afraid to experiment with color to liven your grays, such as a soft blue encased in gray like Bay of Hope.

of gray with subtle tones of red or purple.

Always purchase a sample of the choice color and paint it in several locations in the room to see it in the light effect of the room. A homeowner may want to adjust the color in the hue line to one shade lighter or one shade darker, depending on the light in the room.

Don't be afraid to experiment with color to liven those grays. The colors suggested provide a subtle, soft infusion of the bolder colors homeowners love.

Coldwell Banker names its top agents for June



Coldwell Banker Village Properties' top agents for June are, from left, Janice Shannon, Tom Van Wie, Don Bennetts and Geri Sides.

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BONSALL – Coldwell Banker Village Properties has announced its top agents for the month of June. The top listing honor was achieved by three agents, Tom Van Wie, Janice Shannon and Don Bennetts. Van Wie and Bennetts were also named top selling agents as well as top producing agents along with Geri Sides.

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As part of recognizing employee graduates, from left, Northgate ASTL Agustin Hernandez poses with graduate Elia Vargas and fellow employees Erika Mota and Tatiane Avalos.

Northgate HRL Tatiane Avalos, front left, and Northgate STL Erika Mota recognize graduate Deisy Vargas on her high school graduation, with a cake, lei and gift card.

Village News/Courtesy Photos

FALLBROOK – The family at Northgate González Market wanted their associates to know how proud they were of those who were graduating from high school by hosting a special celebration in their honor. California’s leading Latino grocery store cheered on 151 graduates at various locations June 24 and gifted each one with a \$100 VISA gift card, a customized lei and a complimentary cake for them to take home to their families.

In addition, there was a virtual celebration bringing together all the company’s graduates with a special message from the owners and former Dodger Adrian González, who shared a few inspiring words for the students.

In the video, Gonzalez reminded the class of 2020 they are a “unique and strong generation for having overcome many challenges to get here.”

This year, Northgate Market also had four college graduates

and one student graduating with an Master’s Degree from USC.

“The virus could not diminish the pride we have in these students,” Oscar Gonzalez, co-president of Northgate Market, said. “We see our associates as part of our extended family, and we were happy to share in the excitement of their graduation.”

Submitted by Northgate Market.

Celebrating high school graduations are, from left, graduate Daniela Guzman, Northgate HRL Tatiane Avalos, graduate Jimmy Guevarra, graduate Marvin Castaneda and Northgate STL Erika Mota.

Mallory Sehnert given FFA reserve champion for both steers and goats



Mallory Sehnert prepares her steer Gizmo for a competition in Porterville in January.

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Joe Naiman
Village News reporter

Mallory Sehnert entered one steer and two goats in this year’s San Diego County Fair livestock show, which was a virtual show rather than a physical show due to the county fair being canceled on account of the coronavirus outbreak. Sehnert’s steer and one of her goats were given National FFA Organization reserve champion honors.

“I was very proud of the outcome,” Sehnert said. “I was really proud of myself for ending this year the way I did. It was

kind of unexpected, but it was a blessing in disguise.”

Sehnert is now 15. She first participated in the San Diego County Fair as a market livestock exhibitor in 2015.

After the 2020 San Diego County Fair was canceled the county fair board made the decision to hold a virtual market livestock show to allow exhibitors to earn awards, and the decision also included an online auction for animals.

“I was definitely impressed with how it came out in the end, and it was an overall great experience,” Sehnert said.

The virtual livestock show

eliminated the long hours at the San Diego County Fairgrounds in Del Mar, but that was not a consolation for Sehnert. “I love fairs,” she said.

The physical fair allows the exhibitors to interact with the public and provide information on livestock, and members of different FFA and 4-H chapters socialize with each other at a market livestock show at the fairgrounds.

“I definitely miss it,” Sehnert said. “I would rather get the full experience.”

FFA and 4-H projects include a business plan which addresses the financial expenses of raising the animals and the revenue from the sale at auction or a barn sale. The business plan includes finding buyers for the animals, both at the auction if the recruited buyer is not outbid and in the event of a barn sale. All three animals Sehnert showed this year were pre-sold.

Sehnert named her steer Gizmo. The Charolais cross was born in February 2019. The Sehnert family acquired the steer from Burke Show Cattle in Nebraska in October 2019. Sehnert raised Gizmo for eight months, and he was scaled at 1,150 pounds.

Each species of large animal is divided into weight classes. The classes are based on the number of entrants rather than by pre-determined weights. The market beef lightweight class was for steers from 1,089 to 1,217 pounds.

A steer raised by Allyson Jones of El Capitan FFA was the FFA lightweight champion. Gizmo took second in the FFA lightweight class.

The FFA weight class champions and reserve champions compete for FFA grand champion and FFA reserve champion honors. Jones’ steer was selected as the FFA grand champion and Gizmo was chosen as the FFA reserve champion.

“I couldn’t have done it without my family. Steers are definitely a family animal,” Sehnert said.

Sehnert is the daughter of Doug and Trisha Sehnert. She is the youngest of three sisters; Delana Sehnert graduated from Fallbrook High School this year and Taryn Sehnert in 2016. Taryn Sehnert was not able to help her sisters this year, as the University of Nebraska agricultural communications major has an internship in a marketing and communications capacity with the university’s College of Agriculture Sciences and National Resources. Family friend Dale Fullerton also helped to raise Gizmo.

Normally, any animal which is a 4-H or FFA grand champion or reserve champion must go to auction. Due to the circumstances this year a pre-sold animal was still eligible to win those awards. The Knox family and the Scott family agreed to purchase Gizmo.

Brem Show Goats, which is in the Tulare County town of Strathmore, bred two male Boer

goats Sehnert acquired in February. The goats, who are not siblings, were both born in December and were approximately two months old when Sehnert began caring for them.

Chandler was scaled at 75 pounds and was in the class for FFA goats from 67 to 76 pounds. He won that class.

“It was almost expected. He was definitely the better goat, and I was happy that he won a class,” Sehnert said. The judges gave reserve champion honors to Sehnert and Chandler.

“I was very happy,” Sehnert said. “He was just an overall good goat.”

Joey weighed 80 pounds, which placed him in the class for FFA goats between 77 and 89 pounds. He placed fourth in that class. Bello Lei Salon purchased both goats.

“I would like to thank all my buyers and supporters throughout my showing season this year,” Sehnert said.

One of the supporters is allowing Sehnert to continue to raise and show goats this year. “I also would like to thank Miss Toni Crisell,” Sehnert said.

Sehnert is raising two goats for Crisell’s family. She will show those goats at the California Youth Ag Expo which will take place Aug. 5-9 in Tulare.

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Fallbrook Quilt Guild awards scholarship


FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Quilt Guild recently awarded their \$1500 annual scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year to Hannah Russell, a 2020 graduate of El Camino High School in Oceanside. Russell received early acceptance to California State University Long Beach where she will begin her studies in August. She plans to pursue a bachelor of fine arts degree in art illustration/animation or fine arts/murals.

The Fallbrook Quilt Guild annually awards a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating senior planning to enter college in the fall. The scholarship is offered to high school seniors attending school in Fallbrook, Vista, Oceanside, Temecula, Escondido, Lake Elsinore, Valley Center and Bonsall.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Quilt Guild.

Hannah Russell is the recipient of the 2020-2021 Fallbrook Quilt Guild Scholarship.

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SPORTS

High school fall sports looking more likely to start in 2021

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

When two of the largest school districts in the state announced Monday, July 13, that they would begin the 2020-21 school year with online learning only in schools – two of the biggest dominoes fell pertaining to whether high school athletics will return with fall competition in late August.

More and more, it is looking likely that the California Interscholastic Federation will decide July 20 to push fall sports back to at least January.

If they do so, it would likely closely mirror the move made by the California Community College Athletic Association which announced July 9 that fall sports will not be played until February, at the earliest.

The Los Angeles Times reported Monday that Dr. Barbara Ferrer, director of the Los Angeles County Health Department, said “Team sports that don’t allow for physical distancing aren’t permitted to start up again.”

Considering Fallbrook Union High School and schools in southwest Riverside County belong to the CIF Southern Section, that means as of Monday, teams from LAUSD will not be available for competition in the fall. Period.

At Fallbrook Union High School, a CIF San Diego Section member, Superintendent Dr. Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez presented the district’s plan on how to safely resume in-person classes on Monday night, though she acknowledged there was no guarantee of what the situation will actually be when classes are set to begin again next month.

“What’s in place today may change next week, may change in August, may change again in

October,” Garza-Gonzalez said at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Garza-Gonzalez said the information she was presenting at the meeting “will facilitate either our ability to open traditionally once it is safe and we’re allowed to do so or the ability to smoothly move into 100% online learning while still maintaining instruction,” Garza-Gonzalez said.

Again, even if Fallbrook High moves forward with in-person learning at the school, it’s unlikely that sports would resume on schedule, given SDUSD’s decision to close campuses when school is scheduled to begin.

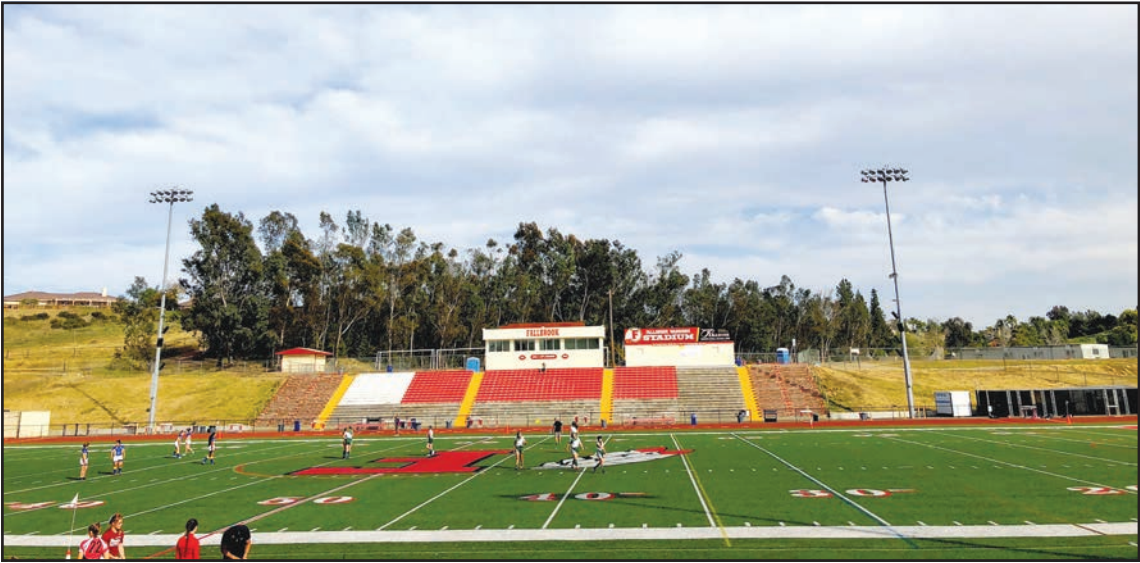
Scripps Ranch High School football coach Marlon Gardinera hopes that parents will be given the opportunity to decide whether their kids will play sports in the fall in San Diego County.

Gardinera’s Let Families Decide (<https://www.letfamiliesdecide.org>) says, “Our state, our school boards, superintendents, and principals have tough decisions to make, and we know they have our children’s best interests in mind. However, when schools reopen, we want to let families decide if our children can return to high school sports. Help us send a clear message to officials and shift responsibility and the assumption of risk to the people who know what’s best for our kids’ physical and mental health.”

Gardinera said as the parent of two athletes and a coach, he thinks it’s time to let kids compete.

“I understand the amazing lessons high school sports offer our kids,” he said. “So, the idea of my kids, my team and 800K+ other kids being sidelined was making me crazy.

“My thought was simple. If I get to decide whether or not my sons’ go back to school when they reopen, why don’t I get a say in whether or



More and more people think that stadiums like this one at Fallbrook High School will likely remain empty this fall when the California Interscholastic Federation makes a decision on how to move forward with high school athletics July 20. Since several large school districts have decided to start the 2020-21 school year with virtual learning only, some people believe CIF will follow suit and delay sports competition until early 2021.

not they play high school sports?”

Even if Gardinera’s movement gets traction, the decision on whether or not to start high school sports on time will still land in the laps of state CIF commissioners.

According to LAUSD and SDUSD, their decision to go to distance learning surrounded the recent uptick in new COVID-19 cases in the state.

“One fact is clear – those countries that have managed to safely reopen schools have done so with declining infection rates and on-demand testing available. California has neither,” according to the statement issued by LAUSD and SDUSD. “The skyrocketing infection rates of the past few weeks make it clear the pandemic is not under control.”

However, the Orange County Board of Education recommended on Monday that school districts in the county — which also are

part of CIFSS — reopen in the fall without mask or social distancing requirements.

But the 4-1 vote by the Orange County board flies in the face of guidelines set by the county’s Department of Education and “aren’t binding on the county’s 27 school districts, which have their own leaders,” according to the Orange County Register.

A week earlier, Orange County high schools were told by the Orange County Department of Education to postpone summer athletic programs.

With San Diego and Los Angeles high school districts taking themselves out of the mix as far as athletics go, it leaves Riverside County and local school districts to decide how they will proceed in the fall.

Perris Union High School District, which oversees Paloma Valley and Heritage high schools,

has already announced they would also start the school year in virtual classrooms. Thus far, the Temecula and Murrieta school districts have discussed hybrid models of learning, with students on campus at varying levels and numbers. There has been little discussion about athletics, other than restrictions regarding on-campus training.

According to various sources, if the CIF decides to move sports to 2021, they would likely resume with fall sports from January to March, winter sports from February to April, and spring sports from April to June.

Athletic directors at Fallbrook and southwest Riverside County high schools were contacted for this story but did not respond before press time.

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Four San Luis Rey horses win on Opening Day at Del Mar

Joe Naiman
Village News reporter

Four horses stabled at the San Luis Rey Training Center won races on opening day of this year’s Del Mar Thoroughbred Club summer meet July 10.

Aqua Seaform Shame was the winner of the second race; Polar Wind won the fifth race; Righteously finished first in the sixth race, and the 10-race card concluded with Julius defeating the rest of the competition.

The second race was a five-furlong turf race for fillies and mares 3 years old and upward. Aqua Seaform Shame, who is trained by Richard Baltas, was one of six horses in the race. Aqua Seaform Shame and jockey Ruben Fuentes broke fourth.

Two San Luis Rey fillies trained by Peter Miller were also in that race. Three-year-old Mean Sophia, one of Miller’s horses, had the lead 3/16 of a mile into the race. Aqua Seaform Shame was fourth, five lengths behind Mean Sophia; Miller’s other horse, 4-year-old Seaside Dancer, was at the back of the pack although only 6 1/2 lengths behind Mean Sophia.

Mean Sophia still led 3/8 of a mile into the race Aqua Seaform Shame had moved up to third, two lengths in back of Mean Sophia and a length behind second-place Samskara.

Rakassah, who is trained by Richard Baltas but is not one of Baltas’ San Luis Rey horses, had the lead entering the stretch She led Mean Sophia by a head Aqua Seaform Shame was in third, a head in back of Mean Sophia and a length in front of fourth-place Seaside Dancer.

Aqua Seaform Shame passed both Mean Sophia and Rakassah in the stretch She finished 1 3/4 lengths ahead of Rakassah and

had a winning time of 56.67 seconds Seaside Dancer was third, a neck behind Rakassah Mean Sophia was the fifth horse across the finish line and was 3 3/4 lengths behind Aqua Seaform Shame.

Calvin Nguyen owns Aqua Seaform Shame, who was sired by Kantharos out of Chandeleur Aqua Seaform Shame was foaled in Florida Jan. 28, 2017.

The race was the first for Aqua Seaform Shame since Nov. 15, when she broke her maiden by winning a five-furlong turf race during the Del Mar fall meet The July 10 race was her fourth career race, and the \$30,600 first-place share of the total \$51,500 purse brought her career winnings to \$75,960.

Polar Wind, who is trained by Clifford Sise, ran a one-mile dirt race. The colt and jockey Evin Roman broke fourth among the nine horses. A quarter of a mile into the race, Polar Wind was fourth, 1 1/2 lengths in back of leader Mongolian Legend and half a length in back of Zorich.

The top four horses (including second-place Bud Knight) maintained their same margins at the half-mile point, although Polar Wind had expanded his lead over fifth-place Show Business from one length to 1 1/2 lengths. Ronamo and jockey Flavien Prat moved from seventh at half a mile to first three-quarters of a mile past the starting gate while Zorich had moved into second and Mongolian Legend had dropped to third. Polar Wind was still fourth, 2 1/2 lengths behind Ronamo and a length behind Zorich.

When the horses entered the stretch, Ronamo had a two-length lead over Zorich, who was a head in front of Polar Wind. The distance between Polar Wind and fourth-place Claim of

Passion was 3 1/2 lengths.

Ronamo and Polar Wind bumped while in the stretch, although a stewards’ inquiry determined that both horses were responsible for the contact and upheld the final on-track result. Polar Wind finished three-quarters of a length ahead of Ronamo and six lengths in front of Zorich, who crossed the finish line in third place. The winning time was 1:38.67.

Polar Wind was foaled in Kentucky April 5, 2017. He was sired by Super Saver out of Wind Gust. Martin and Pam Wygod own Polar Wind and were also his breeders.

The victory was the second in three career races for Polar Wind. He won a 6 1/2-furlong dirt race May 24 at Santa Anita Park and made his racing debut March 7 at Santa Anita. The Del Mar race had a total purse of \$33,000 including \$18,600 for first place which brought Polar Wind’s career earnings to \$33,950.

Ed Freeman is the trainer of Righteously, who was ridden by Mario Gutierrez in the five-furlong dirt race for 2-year-old California-bred fillies who had not previously won a race. The 10-horse field included two other San Luis Rey fillies; Miller trains Taming the Tigress and Dan Dunham is the trainer of Valentine Ghost.

Righteously and Gutierrez broke fourth, and after 3/16 of a mile they were in fourth 1 1/2 lengths in back of leader Smoothlikebuttah and half a length behind third-place Big Andy. Taming the Tigress was fifth at that point, half a length behind Righteously and a length in front of Valentine Ghost. Taming the Tigress and Prat passed Righteously and Gutierrez and, with 3/8 of a mile completed, Righteously was in

fifth place, two lengths behind Smoothlikebuttah and a head in back of Taming the Tigress.

Smoothlikebuttah still held the lead as the horses entered the stretch, but Righteously was in second at that point, a head behind Smoothlikebuttah and a head in front of third-place Miz Lola La Dare. Righteously took the lead in the stretch and won the race by a half-length margin over Big Andy. His winning time was 1:00.26.

Taming the Tigress finished fourth, 1 3/4 lengths behind Righteously and half a length in back of third-place Luxury Liner. Valentine Ghost was the seventh finisher and was 9 1/2 lengths behind Righteously.

Freeman and Reddam Racing, LLC, are the owners and breeders of Righteously, who was foaled in California March 3, 2018; Ocean Breeze Ranch stallion Square Eddie sired Righteously out of Gypsy Friday, who was sired by the late Vessels Stallion Farm horse In Excess.

Righteously also ran five furlongs July 2 at Los Alamitos Race Course and finished eighth among the 10 horses in her only race before breaking her maiden at Del Mar. The Del Mar total purse was \$52,500 and first place was worth \$30,000.

Julius ran in a 6 1/2-furlong dirt race and was one of 11 horses in that contest. He was ridden by Heriberto Figueroa and was trained by Doug O’Neill. Julius led throughout the race and finished six lengths ahead of second-place Tobacco Road with a winning time of 1:16.69.

Castle Gate was in second when Julius completed the first quarter of a mile 22.29 seconds after the starting gate was opened. Julius held a lead of 1 1/2 lengths over Castle Gate. After half a mile, which took Julius 45.07 seconds, Julius held a two-length lead over second-place Dark Hedges. Julius entered the stretch 1:10.16 after the race began and was four lengths in front of Castle Gate, who had temporarily retaken second place.

The race was a claiming race, and Julius was claimed for \$20,000 and will now be part of Miller’s barn. Julius was foaled May 24, 2015, in Kentucky and sired by Tapit out of Amen Hallelujah.

The win was the third in 14 career starts for Julius and his first victory since a one-mile dirt race at Del Mar in July 2019. The July 10 race had a \$23,000 total purse including a first-place share of \$12,000 which brought his total earnings to \$94,170.

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BUSINESS

Smokin’ Bird BBQ replaces Oink and Moo in Fallbrook

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

According to chef Daniel Elliot, it was just time for him to open his own restaurant.

Elliot has been a chef in and around San Diego for about 15 years, working at places such as Rancho Valencia Resort in Rancho Santa Fe, later taking over at Local Tap House in Oceanside.

“With COVID-19 and all that stuff going on, I was grinding over there and doing everything, and I just said, ‘You know what, I can do this on my own if I find a place,’” he said. “I looked at it just as a good opportunity.”

When he found out that Jonathan and Jennifer Arbelle, owners of Oink and Moo Burgers & BBQ, were getting out of the restaurant business, Elliot said he reached out.

“(We) worked out a deal with them ... I have a business partner and he purchased the building and I have the lease and the rest was history,” Elliot said. “Now I’m here. I’m still a part of LTH kind of helping them transition, without me there, but I’m trying to just be here and run my own restaurant.”

The restaurant, called Smokin’ Bird BBQ, just opened recently, serving dinner starting at 4 p.m. for the time being.

“We’re doing Texas barbecue, all served fresh right now,” Elliot said. “We will open for lunch

eventually and brunch on the weekends. We’re going to do like a bottomless mimosa, fried chicken, brunch kind of deal.

“We just want to feed the community. I try to keep prices super affordable and make it so you can come here more than once a week and grab some food real quick. It’s a quick service.

“You walk up and order and grab your beer. You get a number; it buzzes when your food’s ready to come back and get it. It’s real casual. We’re allowing dogs in there, and we want families. The whole patio is COVID-19 friendly, 6 feet apart. It’s all an open patio, so it’s pretty cool,” Elliot said.

When the food is ready, diners will grab a big metal tray and head back to their spot to sit, so essentially, it’s a little like a food truck/food hall vibe.

Elliot said it was also important for his restaurant to use as many local vendors as possible in the food.

“Most of the vegetables are from Cyclops farms,” he said. “They are a farm that is located in Fallbrook and Oceanside. Right now, we have his dragon tongue beans and his carrots on our menu.”

Elliot said the menu would be seasonal.

“We’re going to keep it seasonal – it’s all barbecue style, so, sides and meat – but as the seasons change, we’re going to change those things up,” he said. “We plan

to grow the menu as we grow the staff. And right now, it’s my wife and me, you might see my kids running around with masks on in the restaurant. We’re trying to just start a business and do something simple.”

Elliot, his wife and children have lived in Fallbrook for some time now.

“We looked out here. I have two kids and we’re family-oriented, and we were looking for a family community, a little more laid back,” he said. “I was working in Oceanside and it was stressful, working in Oceanside and living there. It’s just hustle and bustle over there by the beach. And we knew that we wanted to live like closer to a mountain or the hills or something like that.

“We have a lot of friends out here in Fallbrook, and we just started reaching out to them. They’re like, ‘Yeah, move out here and look at a house on our street.’ The next thing we knew we were moving to Fallbrook and we love it. It’s a great little community. It’s a cool little town and I’m hoping that it’ll only grow as far as the culinary side of things go,” he said.

Smokin’ Bird BBQ is at 121 N. Pico Ave. in Fallbrook. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Smokinbirdbbq/> for more information as the business opens more and more.

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The owners of the new Smokin Bird BBQ restaurant in Fallbrook are Dan Pundik, right, and his wife, Jillian, seen with son Noah, 11. Not pictured is their youngest son, Dylan, 8.

Air traffic control keeps aircraft flying, landing safely aboard Camp Pendleton

Lance Cpl. Drake Nickels
U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton

The air traffic control tower on Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton coordinates all incoming and outgoing flights from the air station to ensure safety

and efficient flight operations while Marines conduct training.

“Communication with the aircraft landing and on the ground is very important,” Lance Cpl. Sean Carter, an air traffic controller with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron at Camp Pendleton, said. “My job is to give



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Yearick, the air traffic control chief with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, looks out over the flight line while observing flight operations on the air station Tuesday, June 30.

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clearance to pilots while they are taxiing across the air station.”

The air traffic control tower on the air station typically handles the coordination of rotary wing aircraft from tenant units with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, but it also can land, guide and coordinate cargo transportation from larger aircraft such as the C-5 Super Galaxy and the KC-130J Hercules.

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Whether it is strategic lift capabilities, daily flight operations or wildfire relief, the Marines with the air traffic control tower have their hands full and are a vital piece of the mission of Camp Pendleton.

“We train for relief,” Cpl. Kareem Hitt, the air traffic control supervisor at Camp Pendleton, said. “I’m not going to be here forever so I must ensure that the Marine that replaces me can fill my shoes.”

A task that also differs from the mission of other air stations is firefighting coordination. Being located in Southern California wildfires are no stranger, on multiple occasions the Marines with the air traffic control tower has coordinated refueling and water drops for aircraft assisting in extinguishing fires on the installation.

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Cyan Insurance Solutions handles clients from their out-of-state office



April and Ken Finster visit Burgess Falls in Tennessee for a hike.

Rick Monroe
Special to Village News

In a time of social distancing and working remotely, longtime Fallbrook residents Ken and April Finster recently moved their business Cyan Insurance Solutions to Tennessee.

Established as Fallbrook Health Insurances 21 years ago by April Finster and another agent, she retained the firm when the partner left.

“I married into the insurance business when April and I married in 2008,” Ken Finster said. “We changed the name to Cyan Insurance Solutions Inc. when we incorporated in 2010.”

The couple decided to plan ahead for their retirement.

“A few years ago we decided we’d eventually retire somewhere with lots of fresh water,” Ken Finster said. “It’s a long trek from Fallbrook to the Colorado River and back.

“We have some family just west of Knoxville, and we fell in love with the area, deciding this would be where we’d retire. We opened a second office outside Knoxville and ping-ponged between California and Tennessee. Eventually, we found that with online video conferences, email and electronic quoting and applications, we could handle all business from Tennessee, so that’s what we’re doing now.

“We’ve recently added Arizona, Georgia, Virginia and Florida to the states we’re licensed in. We have no plans on retiring in the near future, as we still love helping clients navigate these insurance areas,” he said.

Ken Finster said he is a young 70-year-old who enjoys water skiing and other activities. He described April Finster as a spry 65-year-old who loves boating and hiking.

“We enjoy our current ages, and we feel it makes us all the more receptive to the concerns

and needs of our clients, many of whom are our age,” he said. “We let go of the physical Bonsall office a few months back and have had no problem working from Tennessee. We have deep knowledge of San Diego and Riverside insurance plans, doctors and hospitals and continue to enjoy working with our California clients.”

April and Ken Finster are both licensed insurance agents, ready to handle the various needs of clients. They also employ an office administrator.

“In recent years, we’ve focused more and more on Medicare (health insurance for those 65 and over), life insurance and long-term care insurance,” Ken Finster said. “We still offer health insurance plans for clients in California under age 65.”

They also are Covered California certified agents, he said.

“We represent many companies, which allows the client to design the best plan for their individual needs,” Ken Finster said. “There

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April Finster

are two types of insurance agents: Captive agents work for a single company, and they can only offer a client the financial products from that company. Independent agents, like Cyan, have dozens of companies to choose from, so we can fit the company to the client, not the other way around.”

He said the firm anticipates changes are possible in the industry.

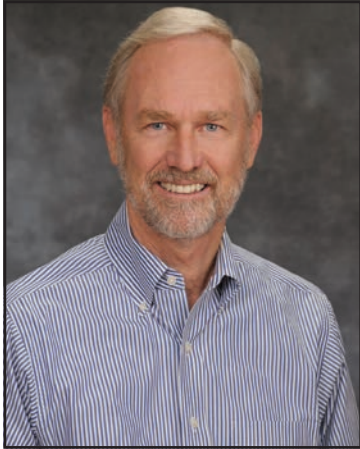
“Health plans for clients under 65 has been a political football for many years,” Ken said. “Due to that, it’s almost impossible to predict what will happen year-to-year. Medicare, life and long-term care are much more stable markets. Prices will continue to go up, as the medical services that underlie these plans continue to go up. Especially with life and long-term care plans, a client can lock in a lower rate by acquiring a plan as early as possible.”

The couple said there is satisfaction in being able to save people money.

“We’re educators, so we explain how these plans work,” Ken Finster said. “The plans can be complicated, but in the end, we love the fact that our clients have confidence in knowing that the decisions they’ve made are best for them.”

As Christians, they believe they are called to serve.

“That helps focus us on our clients, not on ourselves. April



Ken Finster

is Catholic and I’m Presbyterian, and since we started dating, we’ve fully supported each other’s traditions and learned a lot in the process. We’ve settled into a Sunday schedule that we truly enjoy: Mass at April’s church, a breakfast out, then the service at my church. We’ve continued to keep that schedule during this time of streaming church services. Thank God nobody is around to hear us standing and singing in our living room,” Ken Finster said.

They said they have great memories of Fallbrook/Bonsall, citing “the people, the weather, the geography.”

“April graduated from Fallbrook High School, so there’s lots of history there,” Ken Finster said. “I grew up a bit further south in San Diego. So greater San Diego is a beloved area for us.

“We’re huge Chamber of Commerce supporters. Fallbrook is especially lucky to have such a strong, well-managed chamber. We’ve served on its board and as treasurer. We also support a number of local charities,” he said.

The Finsters combined family has seven grown children.

“We’re empty nesters now. Hiking, boating and skiing are big with us. And visiting family across the States and in France,” he said.

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Cross Creek’s rolling green hills provide a beautiful spot for outdoor weddings

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

For couples looking for beautiful outdoor scenes and greenery for their wedding, look no further than Cross Creek Golf Club in Temecula.

Cross Creek Golf Club, located at 43860 Glen Meadows Road, has been hosting weddings for seven years.

“We have a brand-new venue under a big oak tree,” Dave Garner, general manager of Cross Creek, said. “Natural settings all around with trees everywhere, so anybody that’s looking for that kind of setting we certainly fit very well.”

Garner has been managing the course for the past eight years. They recently reopened April 23 and are currently booking for weddings.

“It’s mostly for 2021,” Garner said. “Pretty much all the weddings that were booked for spring or early summer have been moved to 2021 just because of all the indecision on certain things.

“Right now, I’m able to do ceremonies, kind of a cocktail hour type, so anyone who at this moment is looking to have a ceremony, kind of a simple cocktail hour we can do that now,” he said. “But at this point we can’t do any kind of official receptions or anything like that.”

The course has been taking extra precautions with sanitation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“I think it’s the one place right now where people, obviously you’ve got to like golf, but it’s kind of a place where you can go and have some sense of normalcy,” Garner said. “Maybe it’s an escape for a lot of people.”

They’ve been receiving quite a bit of traffic regarding the wedding venue aspect of the course, he said.

“I think right now a lot of the brides and grooms are kind of accepting this current state, so instead of keeping on wondering whether they’re going to do it, I think a lot of them are moving their weddings back to 2021,” Garner said.

The maximum number the venue can hold is 300, though the



Cross Creek Golf Club in Temecula can host up to 300 guests on-site for outdoor weddings.

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Cross Creek Golf Club is located among the hillsides of De Luz and has been hosting weddings for the past seven years.

average booking is around 150, Garner said.

“We have one site a few 100 yards from the clubhouse that we use for our wedding ceremony venue,” Garner said. “The people that really do like our site are people that like to kind of customize weddings, and we have a lot of flexibility on that customization, so they can take some control on how it actually turns out.”

Cross Creek Golf Club is nestled among the hillsides of De Luz.

“The area that the golf course is in is called the De Luz area of Temecula, which is about 7 miles into the hills to the west toward the ocean from Temecula or from downtown,” Garner said.

Garner said he thinks Cross Creek is one of the most beautiful golf venues in Southern California.

“It’s very unique,” Garner said. “If you’re interested in having your wedding as well in this kind of outdoor, beautiful setting with the stars above you everywhere and beautiful evenings when the sun sets out to the west, we have a brand-new ceremony site and beautiful reception area; we’d love to have you come take a tour.”

For more information on Cross Creek Golf Club or their wedding venue, visit <https://www.crosscreekgolfclub.com/>.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Another art bench to go on the road

Nancy Heins Glaser
Special to Village News

Save Our Forest’s “Take A Seat” project along with the buying patrons’ and artists’ lives have changed significantly since the amazing art benches were auctioned off November 2019. We wanted to follow the benches during this transition.

Artist Leslie Sweetland’s, of The Green Art House, created “Take A Seat in The Meadow” which is a vibrantly painted canvas attached as a full sling back which features iconic California poppies dotted across rolling hills of green. The bench indeed does honor to our veterans; Sweetland accomplished her goal beautifully.

The person whose yard has been graced by this powerful statement bench is Temecula RN hero LeAnn

Gerst who volunteered to go to New York on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis early by signing up to work with veterans – many of them old. She left to come home June 2 as the protests began.

As an ER nurse previously working at Temecula Valley Hospital, Gerst said she “was driven to volunteer “ to help out having heard the urgent call for nurses on the radio. Her husband admitted he knew it was coming because he knows her heart. It was a matter of when, not if.

During the interim in New York, she received a gift of masks from Julie Compton, artist and co-president of Fallbrook Art Association and of The Gallery with wishes of thanks “heartfelt from the homefront.”

When contacted recently Gerst said, “I’m not back to work yet.



Artist Leslie Sweetland begins painting the background on the canvas that will be attached to her art bench, “Take A Seat in The Meadow.”



LeAnn Gerst, with Great Dane Eddie, enjoys her art bench, titled “Take A Seat in The Meadow,” in her Temecula backyard.

I’ve been super busy at home spending time with my family.... I appreciate the masks that the ladies made that were sent. Please tell them thanks. “

Gerst got a great “welcome home” hug from her Great Dane, Eddie, upon returning from the Manhattan Veterans Hospital ICU.

Everyone in the family is happy she’s back, but she is leaving again –this time for her husband’s new job assignment. The bench will grace another yard at her new home in the fall.

“We will be sure to send a photo of Ms. Sweetland’s bench “Take A Walk in The Meadow,” so you can update everyone on the perfect “meadow” spot from our new home in Texas,” Gerst said.

Temecula RN LeAnn Gerst gets a great “welcome home” from her Great Dane Eddie after returning home from New York.

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Summer tribute series adds new shows at Pala Casino

PALA – Pala Casino Spa Resort announced the Superstar Imposters Weekend with Safety Orange Friday, July 17, and The Spazmatics with special guest Jazmine Rogers Band Saturday, July 18. General admission tickets are on sale now for \$10.

The Superstar Imposters – Summer Tribute Series is one of three outdoor concert series in the Starlight Theater at Pala Casino. It will feature some of the nation’s top tribute bands and artists recreating some of rock’s most iconic bands and performances onstage on select Friday nights.

The other outdoor concert series are Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves and Domingos de Musica y Baile. Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves will feature top funk, soul and rhythm and blues bands on select Saturday

nights. Domingos de Musica y Baile will feature both headline Latin entertainment, as well up and coming stars on select Sunday afternoons.

The health and safety of the valued guests and team members is paramount to Pala Casino Spa Resort. Pala Casino is committed to following the guidelines and recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control for businesses. Guests will be asked to wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing throughout each of these events. Seats will be sanitized and pre-set to enforce proper social distancing. Additionally, all guests will have their temperature screened at the entrance to the casino.

For a full list of the property updates and safety protocols at Pala Casino, visit <https://www.palacasino.com>.

- Concert series information**
- All shows will be held outdoors at the Starlight Theater.
 - Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend.
 - Guests who sign up for or have a players card will receive \$5 back in Added Play valid the day of event only.
 - Doors open one hour before start of show.
 - Guests will be asked to wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing.
- Full schedule**
- Superstar Imposters – Summer Tribute Series
- Select Fridays at 8 p.m.**
- July 10 – Queen Nation (Tribute to Queen)

- July 17 – Safety Orange (Sublime Tribute)
 - July 18 – The Spazmatics with special guest Jazmine Rogers Band
 - July 24 – Elton: The Early Years (Tribute to Elton John)
 - Aug. 7 – DSB (Tribute to Journey)
 - Aug. 21 – Yachtly Crew (Titans of Soft Rock)
 - Aug. 28 – Wayward Sons (80s Rock Tribute)
 - Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves
- Select Saturdays at 8 p.m.**
- Aug. 15 – Family Stone
 - Sept. 5 – Rose Royce
 - Sept. 19 – W A R
 - Domingos de Musica y Baile
 - Select Sundays at 4 p.m.

- Aug. 16 – Dreaming of You (Selena Tribute)
 - Aug. 23 – Viva Santana (Santana Tribute)
 - Sept. 6 – Mariachi Divas
- Tickets are on sale now, with no service charge, at the Pala Box Office, <http://www.palacasino.com> and 877-946-7252. Tickets also are available at <http://www.startickets.com> and 800-585-3737.
- All events and promotions are subject to cancellation without notice. Learn more about the upcoming events at Pala Casino Spa Resort by visiting <https://www.palacasino.com/entertainment/all-entertainment/>.
- Submitted by Pala Casino Spa Resort.

There’s lots of free stuff to do in July

Gig Conaughton
County of San Diego
Communications Office

It’s the summer of coronavirus – and to keep it from spreading we’re staying home more, foregoing big vacations and looking for new ways to entertain and educate kids who have been home for months.

Well, here’s some good news. There are still some great, fun, free/or inexpensive things that kids, families and adults can do in July. And we’ve got a list!

For example, you can join the County Library’s summer learning challenge, check out great e-books – or call to check out actual books and material and pick them up at your library’s front door. Virtually tour cool museums, watch science experiments, or learn how to grow stuff, or make stuff.

Here’s just some of the cool things from the County Library you can do in July:

Take the library’s summer Learning Challenge at www.sdcl.org/summer. Register and track your reading progress; write book reviews for the community to enjoy; and complete learning challenges that will bring local art, culture, and recreation opportunities directly to you online. There are nine challenge tracks in English and six in Spanish, with something special for each age group. Challenges include virtual hikes, poetry writing, online tours of local museums, and much more.

Physically pick up books, movies and CDs by appointment right at your library’s front door. Door-side pickup is now available by appointment at all 33 County library branches. Customers can check out available materials and set up a time to come pick them up. Call your branch library for more information. Visit <https://www.sdcl.org/covid19-services.html> for more information.

Go digital: eBooks and audiobooks are available 24/7 with special collections curated for various ages, genres and hot

topics.

Storytime Shorts: Watch and listen as your favorite library staff read books and sing songs. We’ve got dozens of them!

Book Shorts: Love to read but not sure which book, novel, kids’ or young adult’s books to turn to next? Listen as our librarians give you short synopses of books and novels they recommend!

Learn something new on Lynda.com: Use your County library card to tap into Lynda.com, which brings the best in online learning directly to you.

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WINE

It’s smooth gliding in Wine Country with Temecula Wine Country E-Bikes



Michelle and Dirk Uys are a few weeks away from launching their e-bike business in Temecula’s Wine Country.

Valley News/Courtesy photo

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

Soon visitors touring wineries can do it on two wheels with Temecula Wine Country E-Bikes, a local bike rental business starting up in the next couple of weeks.

Michelle and Dirk Uys came to Temecula from Cape Town, South Africa, in 2003. They moved out to Temecula’s Wine Country in 2010 and decided to plant a vineyard.

“We’ve always been wine enthusiasts, and that’s how the whole wine country experience started,” Michelle Uys said. “I’m a pretty active cyclist so I do a lot of cycling in wine country.”

They have an Airbnb experience where they do tours of their vineyard and winery.

“We’re not a commercial winery – we call ourselves Garagiste winemakers so we’re basically really small,” she said.

Garagiste winemakers essentially started off as a French movement where people used to make wine in their garage, Michelle Uys said, and they share that experience as a tour with Airbnb guests.

“One day we had two girls show up, and they were about 10 minutes late,” Michelle Uys said. “They rented bicycles to tour the wine country and the hills really got to them, so on the last hill they ended up having to push the bikes.”

Her husband Dirk Uys came up with the idea of e-bikes.

“We had already experienced (them) with friends who have e-bikes just a few weeks before that; we went out to Palm Springs and rode around on the e-bikes with them,” Michelle Uys said. “That’s where the whole idea started. It was to make it easier for people to

do something where you can ride around on your own. The e-bikes make it really effortless, so that’s where the idea was born.”

They researched the various options looking for an e-bike for any age rider.

“One of the things we noticed when we got on our friends’ bikes is they were sort of difficult,” Michelle Uys said. “An e-bike is generally a lot heavier than a normal bike because it has to be sturdy enough for the motor, and then also the battery as well adds weight to it.

“I’m not very tall so for me to get on the bikes was sort of a problem, and when you stopped you sort of fell off it, so we started our research into something that would be easy for everyone,” she said.

They decided on Rad Power E-Bikes, she said.

“They have more than one step-through, which is really easy to get on and that means any age can do it,” Michelle Uys said. “A step-through bike just means it’s got a much lower distance from the ground to where the frame starts.”

At this stage, they have the Radcity Step-Thru and the RadRover Fat Bike Step-Thru available to rent.

Their company website isn’t up yet for the public; however, Michelle Uys said they are about two weeks away from having everything up online.

“We want to have everything automated so that people can get all the information they want online and do the booking online, payment and everything, so that’s why we don’t really get going without having all of that resources available to the public,” she said. “We’re just in the final stage of finalizing some software for the

actual rental site.”

They’ll also be launching some other ideas with their e-bike rentals, some other experiences on the wine side, and those will launch at the same time, she said.

“I’m going to start reaching out to people on Instagram to actually just take out the bikes and leave us some reviews,” Michelle Uys said.

Once the business is up and running, the bikes will be available for full day rentals.

“We will basically do a delivery – you’ll book the bike, and we’ll deliver the bike to wherever you’re staying or will be staying that evening around 5 or 6 o’clock in the evening, and then we’ll pick it up again the next day at about the same time,” she said.

On weekends, she said they will have pickups available in the morning if people want to come by instead of having it delivered.

Since Dirk Uys is a mechanical engineer, if any repairs are needed, Michelle Uys said he will be able to make those repairs, and if it is more extensive, they can take it to a local bike shop.

The Uys said they just want people to have fun getting around with the e-bikes.

“Some people are early risers; they might want to get up in the morning and go for a ride while everything is quiet, and some are specifically wanting to just do a tour of the wineries,” Michelle Uys said. “I think it provides you with more opportunities to do what you want to do.”

For more information, find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/temeculawinecountryebikes>.

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Supervisors approve Sirah Vineyard development

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The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved a Temecula Valley Wine Country development which will subdivide 290 acres into 14 parcels.

The supervisors voted 5-0, Tuesday, July 7, to approve the tentative parcel map and a zoning change from Citrus/Vineyard – 5 Acre Minimum to Wine Country – Winery. Although the land use designation remains as Agriculture: Agriculture a general plan amendment involving the plan’s circulation element changed La Serena Way from a secondary highway to a collector. The supervisors’ action also removed 43.27 acres from an agricultural preserve and disestablished a second agricultural preserve which had been 82.73 acres.

Sirah Vineyard Development Corporation owns the land south and west of La Serena Way, north of Rancho California Road and east of Butterfield Stage Road. The

14 lots will have a minimum size of 20 acres. The tentative parcel map is for the subdivision of land only; future land uses will be specific to each parcel although they will be consistent with land uses permitted by the Wine Country – Winery zoning classification.

Rancho California Agricultural Preserve No. 3 was established in August 1970 and was originally 138.85 acres. In September 2008, the preserve was diminished by 84.04 acres, and the removal of the 43.27 acres reduces the remaining amount to 10.54 acres. Rancho California Agricultural Preserve No. 35 was established in April 1982 and was originally 152.3 acres. In September 2008, 70.17 acres were removed from that preserve. The Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area was established to protect the region’s viticulture activities, wineries and incidental commercial uses, large residential estates and equestrian uses and the encouragement of incidental commercial uses maintains agricultural character without

having the limits of an agricultural preserve. The Southwest Area Plan allows for subdivisions with minimum lot sizes of 10 acres.

Had La Serena Way retained its secondary highway classification, it would have been slated for expansion to four lanes. Anza Road is the only street in the Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area which is not a two-lane road, and the reclassification of La Serena Way to a collector allows it to remain as a rural road. Although La Serena Way after buildout would be approximately 5% above the level of Service D capacity for a collector, the planned improvements for La Serena Way include a traffic signal at its intersection with Butterfield Stage Road and a roundabout at its intersection with Rancho California Road.

The county’s planning commission heard the proposed changes May 6 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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Wine Country Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JULY 17	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	WoodFire Pizza Wagon + Shay Skylar, Peltzer Winery
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Live Music, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Live Music, Adrian Gaylish, Avensole Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Endeavor, Lorimar Winery
SATURDAY, JULY 18	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Late Nights Under the Lights, Paul and Tawnie, Old School, Peltzer Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, It’s Never 2L8 Band, Bel Vino Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Dustin Jake and Tim Cash, Wilson Creek Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Jason Weber, Fazeli Cellars
12:30-3 p.m.	Live Music, Charles Sacayan, Carol’s Restaurant at Baily Winery
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Sophisticados, Ponte Winery
2-5 p.m.	Live Music, Robert Simon, Bolero at Europa Village
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Live Music, Shay Skylar, Avensole Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Big Truth, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, JULY 19	
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 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Baja Eats + Dani Arribere, Peltzer Winery
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol’s Restaurant at Baily Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Entouraj, Bel Vino Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Jimmy Patton, Fazeli Cellars
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Electric Ash, Lorimar Winery
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Astra Kelly, C’est la Vie at Europa Village
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, Robert Chini, Ponte Winery
2-5 p.m.	Live Music, Joe Baldino, Bolero at Europa Village
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery

UPCOMING:

July 20-23 features Al & Brad, George & Grace, Kenny Rice and Alex & Esther, respectively from 12:30- 3:30 p.m. at Lorimar Winery.

July 26 is Akash Winery’s Sunday Yoga and Wine Class from 9-10 a.m.

July 23 see The Ortega Highway Band at Bel Vino Winery, and Cheez Whiz, July 24, both from noon to 4 p.m.

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