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Health district puts tax dollars back into community

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

It's something that all but the best-informed Fallbrook residents may be unaware of. But the Fallbrook Regional Health District has been giving grant money – close to a million dollars of it annually in recent years – to local nonprofits and some businesses to help improve the quality of life for residents of not only Fallbrook, but Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz as well.

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Fallbrook High becomes an IB World School

FALLBROOK – After a three-year journey, Fallbrook High School was approved by International Baccalaureate to be officially named an IB World School.

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Fallbrook residents peacefully protest death of George Floyd



Desiree Salomone, a protester speaks into a microphone rallying support in Fallbrook against racial injustice and discrimination. Story on page A-9 Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Fallbrook High holds virtual ceremony, graduates to pick up diplomas in person

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union High School seniors and their families were able to watch a virtual graduation ceremony Wednesday, June 3, but received news Tuesday that there will be another series of events to celebrate seniors, this time in person. Within the next two weeks, the school will welcome seniors back for a drive-thru ceremony to hand each student their diploma. The diploma ceremonies will be done alphabetically, as determined by the school. It is a small victory for the school, which has been encouraged by parents to find a way to do some sort of in-person celebration.

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Fallbrook Union High School's 2019-20 Valedictorian Emiliano Corona films his speech which was broadcast online Wednesday, June 3. Village News/Courtesy photo

Hundreds attend vigil for George Floyd at Temecula City Hall

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

Hundreds of people turned out to Old Town Temecula Sunday evening, May 31, to join a candlelight vigil for George Floyd, the man who died Monday, May 25, after having his neck pinned down by a Minneapolis police officer for more than eight minutes. The vigil, which was peaceful, was held on the front steps of Temecula City Hall just one day after a protest at the Temecula Duck Pond which was declared an unlawful assembly by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Six people were arrested at that protest, the sheriff's department said Monday, June 1, though the majority of the



People gather at Temecula City Hall to honor George Floyd of Minnesota during a vigil organized by the Temecula Valley Democrats Club, May 31. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo

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OPINION

Will rioters listen to George Floyd’s brother?

Julie Reeder
Publisher

This week has been horrific and unforgettable for everyone, starting with George Floyd’s family.

With the nation in upheaval over the wrongful and murderous death of Floyd by a Minneapolis policeman, tensions and emotions are high. Very sadly, people have used this man’s death as an excuse to murder, loot, destroy and set their cities on fire, hurt local business owners and beat up senior citizens. Nine people have died so far. Those being hurt are not to blame, even if they are white people, unless they are participating in the criminal behavior too. Let’s have the courage to speak that truth.

George Floyd’s brother spoke to a crowd recently asking for peaceful protest and to put an end to the violence.

“If I’m not blowing up stuff, messing up my community, then what are ‘yall doin?” he said. “You’re doing nothing, because that is not going to bring my brother back. My family is a peaceful family, a God fearing family.

“Let’s do this another way. Let’s stop thinking our voice doesn’t matter and vote! Educate yourself. Don’t wait for someone to tell you who is who, educate yourself and know who you are voting for. It’s a lot of us, and we still are going to do this peacefully,” he said.

They ended the protest by chanting, “Peace on the left, justice on the right.”

On behalf of the Floyd family, thank you for the love and the flowers.

While it seems that many just want a peaceful protest, activist groups are fueling the violence with organizing race-baiting, looting, rioting and blaming riots on anyone but the looters who are actually committing the crimes. And we wonder why lawlessness grows?

The truth remains that this country has made terrible mistakes in the past, which it has paid dearly for, and we continue to make mistakes for we are human. History is full of people

mistreating others. People of all races have enslaved and mistreated each other, including Europeans, Irish, Chinese, etc. Even African slavery at the hands of other African people. It’s all abhorrent, and our country has gone to deadly ends to right the wrongs of slavery, including thousands of white people who fought and died in the Civil War. People of all colors stood side by side with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

African Americans have prospered as leaders in America, becoming mayors, police chiefs, congressmen, judges, Supreme Court Justices, top paid entertainers, sports figures, business owners, and we voted for President Barack Obama twice!

If we were a racist nation, millions of white people would not have voted for Obama. We have tried to right the wrongs with affirmative action and the abolition of Jim Crow laws. If anyone is fired or suffers a crime and racism is suspected, there is a zero tolerance. If you doubt it, how do you explain all the reactions across the nation this week?

We are a nation of free people, no matter our skin color, with inalienable rights given to us by God alone and justice for all. We hate injustice as a culture.

Does that mean racism doesn’t exist? No. Are we finished? No. But should we riot and loot and hurt people? No.

The answer is tolerance, kindness, supporting the rule of law and transparency. We need to keep listening to each other and keep moving forward. And we need to root out the wrongs and have the courage to call it out when we see it.

Whether it is bad cops in Minneapolis or elsewhere in the country, the rule of law has to be upheld from our communities all the way to the leadership in our top law enforcement agencies.

Why didn’t one of the cops near George Floyd stop what was happening? We will likely not know the answer to that question until these officers appear in court, but the only way our democratic republic can continue to work is with the participation of good people at all levels who are honest and willing to confront wrongs at every level. We need good mothers, fathers, teachers, cops, judges, journalists, business leaders, pastors and honest politicians.

Criminal anarchy by political groups does not help the situation, it only hurts everyone involved. My hope is that people listen to George Floyd’s brother. Their voices and their votes are powerful.

Julie Reeder can be reached by email at jreeder@reedermedia.com.

Re: ‘National news in the Village News’ [Village News, Letters, 5/28/20]

Dear Julie,

I have also been a Fallbrook resident for over 20 years and have supported your newspaper, recognizing it as part of our responsibility to local community and events. I also enjoy reading the letters in the opinion section and both letters from Maggie Rogan and yourself found resonance with me for different reasons.

As you mentioned, there is a need for national news but I find it increasingly difficult to form an opinion due to the many-sided perspectives that it can evoke. Is that necessarily bad? Probably not because it makes me think and reconsider, something that we perhaps all need to do more of.

Opinions are just that – not facts – and, even facts can be interpreted in multiple ways. Where am I going with this?

My final read was the opinion piece from Dr. James Veltmeyer, and I was fairly open to considering what he was saying until he brought politics into the picture as he did the week before by not so subtly stating that everything was a Democratic conspiracy – at least, in his opinion, regarding the restriction of many freedoms we

all treasure. As a teacher, that’s when I said he sounds like one of my students in the seventh grade.

For goodness’ sake, if you want intelligent readers to buy your newspaper, can we please ask for intelligent discussion without blaming a political party for all the ills of society? As we all know there is plenty of blame to go around and, if we truly want the freedoms we think we deserve, we must be willing to take equal responsibility for ourselves and for our fellow human beings because we are all flawed.

You cannot have freedom without the necessary recognition and practice of individual morality.

That is developed in our children through good parenting and an education which recognizes the innate goodness of a teacher who can then be a genuine authority. By citing ‘conspiracy theories’ as an argument in favor of promoting one idea over another is something, as a teacher, I would definitely have commented on as a poor example for a particular point of view. Certainly,

any respect I had for this doctor’s views was sadly diminished by his obvious angst toward a particular

political party that he finds too easy to blame for society’s ills.

As you say, there are many sources for news, and so I read The Epoch Times you enclosed, even though I found myself wanting to dispute some of the opinions it reaches. I conclude by copying an opening paragraph from another news source that also touts their reputation for independent journalism. I also find this news source sometimes difficult to digest but think it might be good to include to add another perspective to our current events.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, independent news is more important than ever. You turn to Democracy Now! because you trust that when we’re reporting on this global crisis, our coverage is not brought to you by the fossil fuel, insurance or weapons industries or Big Pharma. We’re bringing you stories from the front lines, and voices you simply won’t hear anywhere else,” from Democracy Now!

Thank you for encouraging me to respond to this ongoing conversation.

Warmly,

Jacqueline Develle

Re: ‘National news in the Village News’ [Village News Letters, 5/28/20]

My reaction to Maggie Rogan’s criticism of The Village News and Julie Reeder’s response is simply this. We could not have a more honest, objective, creative, resourceful and enlightened publisher and journalist than Julie Reeder.

I have lived in Fallbrook for 53 years, and the quality of our local newspaper could not be more professional. It strives to include every aspect of village life, and now strives to include important aspects of regional,

state, national and international news, particularly for those who read no other newspaper and/or only watch FOX News or KUSI-TV news.

Financially, The Village News operates on a “shoestring” with a minimal profit margin or none at all. Often, I wonder how Julie and her staff keep it going. But I know she has pride, integrity, purpose and character. Quite often, she reacts to her critics with measured, personal responses. She is completely open to new ideas.

If her critics want to enlarge the size of the paper and want to enhance and diversify its content, they should help her sign up 5,000 more new subscribers and 100 more new advertisers. Remember, the paper is a business, not a club newsletter.

I have nothing but admiration for this rare lady and the local forum of information she provides. Thank you, Julie – please, keep up your good work. I and many, many others appreciate you.

Walt Parry

Re: The Coronavirus: who’s really at fault? [Village News, S. Jones Letter, 5/28/20]

You want to play the blame game, Sue? The federal medical supply was under stocked when former President Barack Obama left office, so that’s Obama’s fault. Two and half years into President Donald Trump’s presidency, the stockpile was still under stocked. Whose fault might that be?

Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico hard, Sept. 16, 2017, less than a year into Trump’s presidency. From the “under stocked” stockpile, the U.S. was able to provide Puerto Rico “213,634 N95 respirators, 299,706 gloves, 143,723 face shields and 344,275 surgical masks,” according to Federal Emergency Management Administration, May 22, 2020. It would have been an opportune time to restock. But Trump didn’t.

How did Obama know a pandemic was coming? Because leading virologists said so. And, having overseen the U.S. response

to the swine flu, he was aware of how important rapid response is. See these other insights as well in an article from Keith Davies, Ph.D., “Blinking Red: 25 Missed Pandemic Warning Signs,” on Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News, <http://www.genengnews.com>.

I find it laughable to think I would – or could – follow Trump’s “plan;” first of all because he doesn’t have one. As a result, he is guilty of three epic fails, so far: failure to plan; failure to act preemptively and failure to take responsibility.

The search and research for a vaccine is in progress, finally, better late than never, and can profit from Trump’s non-participation. But Trump’s interest now is getting states to reopen sooner than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends. While that’s up to

the states, Trump has threatened to punish states financially if they don’t meet his schedule. Breaking news: Lassen County, which reopened in early May, has closed again, owing to a resurgence of COVID-19 infections. And, while the virologists say a “second wave” of the pandemic should be expected, Trump has not pre-planned for that.

In short, my plan includes having a plan, an action plan based on Obama’s template that would have precluded all of Trump’s failures to act.

Also, enduring business relationships are based on mutual respect. Trump’s desire to “win” by any means possible has alienated all of our trading partners. There is a global market and they are seriously considering alternatives to U.S. trade.

John H. Terrell

Questions on placing a childrens’ park near seniors

Why?

Why put an active park, with ballfields for children, with the drive thru-in a senior citizen community? Rancho Monserate has about 230 active elders driving their golf carts across Dulin Road to get to their golf course, tennis courts, pool (pre-COVID-19), clubhouse and other amenities.

Why?

Why not put an active park where the children are? Rancho

Monserate is on the east side of I-15. The kids are on the west side. How many children are in Lake Rancho Viejo? How many in the new construction in Horse Creek?

Why?

Wouldn’t it be safer for all concerned, the older and the younger, to put the active park where the children are?

Why?

Why put the entrance on Dulin Road at all? A passive park may

have horse trailers, RVs, other heavy traffic. Dulin Road is an old road, not structurally designed for heavy traffic. Why not off Route 76?

Dulin Road, east of Old 395, has been maintained by RMCC for years. Our entrance gardens are beautiful, thanks to our volunteers. We walk our dogs along Dulin Road.

Elisabeth Estes

Pick up your dog’s poop

It’s a disgusting habit to leave those little green gift bags behind; they have littered Los Jilgueros Preserve, Dinwiddie Park, Santa Margarita River trails. Picking up your dog’s poop is part of ownership. I and many others,

do not appreciate having to walk around those little green baggies. Be responsible, throw them in the trash.

To the guy jogging with the large white German shepherd in Los Jilgueros Preserve, thank you

for leaving the fresh pile of dog poop on the trail. You and I were the only ones there, and your dog was off leash. Shameful behavior.

J.A.S. Sholes

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OPINION

What we know about the Chinese government

In December 2019, while most of the world was unaware of the impending virus that was about to sweep across seven continents, Beijing was busy trying to expand China’s national powers in Hong Kong. For years, the Chinese Communist government has been encroaching on the rights of the Hong Kong people with the full intent of abandoning the one nation two systems treaty mutually signed in 1997.

Outraged by these authoritarian actions, hundreds of thousands of “Freedom Seeking Hong Kongers” took to the streets to resist the overreach of the Chinese government. Their dispute was over an extradition law enacted by Beijing, called the “Fugitive Offenders Amendment,” that would have eliminated an individual’s right to due process.

Today Beijing continues to challenge Hong Kong’s autonomy imposing its new “Security Laws” that threaten Hong Kong’s sovereignty. Despite the crackdown by Beijing’s People’s Armed Police Force and elements of the People’s Liberation Army, the pro-democracy protesters remain undeterred amid the chaos. Protesters wave American flags barely seen above the clouds of smoke from the hundreds of tear gas canisters fired on them. Still, others carry banners reading “President Trump, please ‘Liberate Hong Kong.’”

Meanwhile, 1,810 miles northwest of Beijing in the Western Region of Xinjian, over a million Uighur Muslims are living in internment camps and are being reeducated in the doctrines of the Chinese Communist Party. Forced to abandon their traditional religion, language and customs, life for the Muslim detainees in the labor camps is harsh while they must transition to the CCP orthodoxy.

This process, the CCP calls “being reborn.” Using the Christian “reborn” reference is particularly ironic when you consider the Chinese Communist Party members are stalwart atheists. Sadly, what is happening to the Uighurs is not unique, as

the subjugation and oppression of all China’s ethnic minorities is happening every day.

Treatment of their ethnic minorities is despicable, but so is their treatment of Chinese citizens who are repressed by their authoritarian government as well.

Although the Chinese Communist Party members only represent 6.4 % of the 1.393 billion Chinese population, the CCP runs every aspect of life in China, including commerce, the military and the government.

China is a top-down government-run command and control society where individual rights simply do not exist. To ensure their citizens can never protest again like the 1989 protests in Tiananmen Square, the CCP has installed more than 600 million surveillance cameras that monitor every action and every movement of the Chinese people.

China’s leader, Xi Jinping, now enjoys the leader for life title, like the Chinese emperors of the past. With the complete and unchallenged support of the Communist Party hardliners, Xi’s power is omnipotent, not unlike the Golden Age of the Han dynasty.

A fact not widely known is Xi is a student and devotee of the Third Reich. He especially admires the Nazi socialistic orthodoxy and Hitler’s control over his population. Today Xi openly boasts that China’s transformation is attributable to its unique version of communism/socialism with elements of Nazis, Maoists and Leninists mixed in. In the absence of moral judgment, Xi and the Chinese Communist Parties’ philosophy is not governed or restrained by laws or morality and is without ethical boundaries.

So, knowing these facts, it is inexplicable to me why House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Kamala Harris continue to coddle and cajole Xi and the Chinese government when they repress and abridge the civil liberties of their citizens and the ethnic minorities.

There was a time when the Democrats claimed to be human rights advocates. Indeed, that

was then; for now, Harris seeks to initiate legislation that will sanction persons for using the term “Wuhan virus.” She claims the Wuhan virus is a racist term. Now that seems absurd to me when you consider the coronavirus was birthed and most likely biologically altered in a PLA lab located in Wuhan, China. I suppose we will need to rename the West Nile virus or Ebola virus lest they face the same legislative fate as the Wuhan virus.

Then there’s Speaker Pelosi who spends her time boasting about her double-wide stainless-steel freezer loaded with socially conscious flavored ice cream. That is, of course, when she is not acting in her primary role as the President’s most strident antagonist. Maybe in place of her relentless attacks on the President, the country and her constituents would be better served by denouncing the Chinese Government for their despicable actions?

Perhaps she could spearhead legislation punishing the Chinese government for modifying, releasing and then concealing the coronavirus pandemic from the world? Or maybe she could seek financial retribution for the monetary damages of the Chinese Government’s loathsome and deceitful actions?

It strikes me as un-American when Democratic leaders are comfortable with facilitating the rise of the Chinese Empire. Especially considering the Chinese government just brought down our economy, destroyed millions of American livelihoods, and is solely responsible for the deaths of more than 100 thousand Americans.

Perhaps a word or two of condemnation from the Democratic Party might be appropriate? But then, for me, the absolute best solution for avenging Beijing’s malicious wrongdoings would be to reelect President Donald J. Trump. Then we can resume our journey with a renewed determination to “Make America Great Again.”

Dave Maynard

Committee of the whole?



Assemblymember Marie Waldron AD-75 (R)

The California Assembly convened a historic meeting recently; one that has not happened in 25 years. Called the “Committee of the Whole,” the entire Assembly came together to serve as an 80-member budget committee to address this deficit budget cycle.

Committee of the Whole meetings are rare and only occur during a crisis. In 1995, the last time it happened, the legislature was considering the financial fallout from Orange County’s bankruptcy. This time of course, we are facing a huge budget shortfall caused by the coronavirus-induced recession.

With tax revenues falling and spending for programs like unemployment insurance increasing, our \$21 billion surplus of just three months ago is now a projected \$54.3 billion deficit.

Our constitution requires

passage of a balanced budget by June 15. Normally, there would be months of Budget Committee hearings to go over spending for every state agency and program. Though we had endless Zoom and conference calls during the recess, we couldn’t conduct official hearings.

Since the new budget projections include massive spending cuts to many vital state programs, the Committee of the Whole was called to quickly get the facts out to all lawmakers and to allow each member a chance to make a brief statement.

Obviously, a speedy recovery that generates jobs and more tax revenues would go a long way toward solving our current budget problems. But future budget shortfalls are likely, and the legislature will need to seriously reevaluate some of its spending priorities.

My takeaway from all this is simple. We can get through this time, but we’ll need to prioritize funding that supports essential services for our communities including public safety, care for the disabled, the sick, the elderly and education. There’s no alternative – we must get our economy back on track.

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.

Protecting our most vulnerable



Supervisor Jim Desmond 5th District

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I’ve been led by facts and data. While I’m pleased to see more businesses open, like hair salons and restaurants, there are many more that need to open. During this opening process we need to continue to be safe and smart about protecting our most vulnerable.

As of May 27, 2020, 43% of the COVID-19 deaths in the United States occurred at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In Minnesota, for example, a staggering 81% of all COVID-19 deaths have been at nursing homes. In Ohio, people in congregate care facilities represent an astronomical

70% of COVID-19 deaths and in Pennsylvania, 69%.

In San Diego County, the story is much the same. As of last week, out of the 230 deaths from the coronavirus, 108 of them have occurred at congregate care facilities. That is nearly 47%.

The median age of these deaths in San Diego County is 78 years old.

So, the picture is clear. We must protect our most vulnerable including our elderly and those with underlying conditions.

We should allow, safely, younger people and those without underlying health conditions back to work to build back our economy. Let’s be smart and sensible as we reopen businesses. And we should, safely, get San Diegans back to work.

The latest numbers show San Diego County with a 30.1% unemployment rate, which could create other public health issues brought on through financial stress and idle minds and bodies.

Targeted protection of our vulnerable and a safe, smart and swift reopening of our economy. Let’s get our children back to school, our youth sports open and our economy up and running while protecting our most vulnerable.

That should be our near-term plan and long-term future. I will continue to advocate strongly for that now and for the future.

A call for Americans to get a backbone and stand up

This is the time to stand up and say enough with the constant attacks on our American way of life and our president. It is time the left stops with their hateful attacks on our president and support everything he has done for this country.

We have taken their bold lies, their crap, fake news, their corruption, their belligerence, their bullying, their insane political correctness and everything A to Z for years now. We are now watching President Donald Trump being bullied hourly.

I was told I was racist because I didn’t agree with former President Barack Obama’s socialist policies. Just recently I was told I was racist because I do not agree with the lame argument of a living wage when I have more family members with color than most people.

If you stand up with your voice to be heard, they attack you from every direction. That’s what radicals do.

Now we have a president who takes on every single one of them, every minute of every day. I’m now seeing Congress starting to get a backbone to stand up against the bullying because now they have a leader who calls them out on all their (expletive).

I could care less about Trump’s lack of charm and the charisma that Obama had. I liked Obama but hated his policies that were

socialist and damaged our country.

I do not care for Trump’s personality, but I love his policies that have been awesome for our country. It is all about “Making America Great Again” and “Keeping America Great.”

I have never seen so much hate for another human being, and you guys got it bad! Your hate is venomous and will eat away at you and rob you of your joy in life.

Now with all the insanity of destroying our economy to rid them of Trump, the American people are standing up against the tyranny plaguing us from the radical left.

I do not trust our government for one minute with all the scandals from the Obama administration with the IRS, Department of Justice, CIA, etc. There are so many anti-Trump people in government right now who want to destroy him to get what they want.

I’m now skeptical of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We can’t get an accurate count of COVID-19 deaths because they want to cook the books on the number of deaths with people who died of something else, being counted as COVID-19. Just like cooking the books with global man-made climate change.

Dr. James Veltemeyer was personally attacked when he stood up and asked, “Are we willing to destroy our way of life for a

serious virus/flu strain?”

I salute your courage, sir. Those of you who suffer with the media driven fear, stay at home until you feel safe to leave. Wearing masks or social distancing is workable.

If I can go to the grocery store, why not church? You can have an abortion, but not an overdue needed knee surgery. Why is pot essential, but opening my restaurant is not?

Those who want our way of life back before we are bankrupted in our businesses, our mortgage foreclosed and our autos repossessed, let us open up the country, and we’ll send you food and essentials when you need them. Folks, get a backbone and stand up. Be a leader, not a follower.

I accept Mr. Walker’s challenge to donate my \$1,200, and I challenge him to put his money where his mouth is and donate his. We will both bring our money to The Village News, so that they can verify the donations. What do you say, Mr. Walker?

Diana Miller

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CWA approves detachment conditions resolution

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Water Authority will oppose the detachment of the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District from the SDCWA unless certain findings can be made.

A May 28 SDCWA board vote approved a resolution that the CWA will oppose the detachment unless it can be demonstrated that FPUD and Rainbow can guarantee that all obligations promised to their own ratepayers are met, that the detachment will not adversely affect the other 22 CWA member agencies or the county as a region, that the detachment and annexation into the Eastern Municipal Water District will not increase reliance on the Bay-

Delta, and that the detachment will not reduce the CWA's voting power at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board meetings.

"This resolution does not oppose these detachment applications. It lays out a process to thoroughly review," Sandra Kerl, general manager of CWA, said. "Today's resolution is intended to get the ball rolling."

FPUD general manager Jack Bebee and Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy, who are also their district's representatives on the CWA board, cast the only votes against the resolution. Two city of San Diego representatives on the CWA board recused themselves: Jimmy Ayala is an executive for Pardee Homes, whose Meadowood project will be served by Rainbow, and Chris Cate is the San Diego City Council alternate

on the Local Agency Formation Commission board.

FPUD has been part of the San Diego County Water Authority since the SDCWA was formed in 1944. Rainbow was formed in 1953 and received CWA membership in 1954. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California began delivering water to San Diego County in 1947.

MWD's San Diego Aqueduct conveys water to a delivery point 6 miles south of the Riverside County line, which allowed MWD and the CWA to provide equal contributions for the connection between MWD's Colorado River Aqueduct and the San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside.

The CWA northern boundary is the county line. All but one of FPUD's connections are from MWD pipelines rather than from CWA

pipelines and four of Rainbow's eight connections are to the MWD portion of the pipeline.

The CWA's supply rate is a melded rate which melds the cost of water delivered from MWD, water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the Quantification Settlement Agreement, and water produced by the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant in Carlsbad.

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.

FPUD and Rainbow believe they can reduce their cost of purchasing water – and thus their rates – by detaching from the CWA and becoming part of another MWD

member agency.

"They would be completely dependent upon MWD water. Their customers would no longer have access to Water Authority supplies," Kerl said.

Before the 1991 drought, approximately 95% of the CWA supply was purchased from MWD. Over nearly three decades the CWA has worked to diversify its supply and only 40% of the 2018 supply was from MWD. Additional projects along with a QSA schedule which provides for quantity increases are expected to reduce the MWD amount to 2% of the CWA's supply by 2035.

MWD supply is obtained either through the State Water Project, which transports water from Northern California including through the Bay-Delta, or from the Colorado River Aqueduct which runs from Parker to Lake Mathews.

Although the "March Miracle" in 1991 provided enough rainfall to cancel plans for mandatory water cutbacks, MWD had planned to cut back deliveries to the CWA by 50% including deliveries to customers with the agricultural discount by 90%.

MWD phased out its Interim Agricultural Water Program during a subsequent drought and the CWA responded with its Special Agricultural Water Rate program which provides a discount with the condition of cutbacks in a drought.

FPUD and Rainbow have filed applications with LAFCO to detach from the CWA and annex to the Eastern Municipal Water District, which is a member of MWD and purchases imported water directly from MWD. The Western Municipal Water District is also a member of MWD and provides retail water sales of MWD supply to the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and to the Rancho California Water District.

If FPUD and Rainbow detach from the CWA and join Eastern, their status would be similar to that of the two water districts which obtain MWD water from Western. The Eastern Municipal Water District currently covers 555 square miles and includes Hemet, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Romoland, San Jacinto, Temecula and Winchester. Eastern has more than 140,000 water customers.

The CWA at one time had wholesale districts selling water to non-CWA retail district members, and that was responsible for the Lakeside Water District becoming the first member to leave the CWA in 1957. Lakeside was an original member but partnered with two other water districts to create the wholesale district which eventually became the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and Lakeside turned over its CWA membership to the wholesale district.

In 2006, the two remaining retail districts merged while detaching from Padre Dam, and Lakeside once again became a CWA member. That is also the most recent change in CWA membership. Mergers have also led to some agencies being eliminated from CWA membership; the most recent of those was the De Luz Heights Municipal Water District, which merged with FPUD in 1990.

In no previous case has territory been removed from the CWA boundaries when an agency ceased to be a CWA member.

"It's a landmark effort and it needs to be very thought out," Kerl said. "I believe that LAFCO would be benefited by guidance from this board."

Although Bebee and Kennedy opposed the resolution, they believe that the list of issues will facilitate discussion regarding the detachment conditions.

"It's helpful to have all this," Bebee said.

"We look forward to talking with the Water Authority about that," Kennedy said. "We are happy to sit down and talk."

LAFCO staff analyzes any proposed reorganization both for service impacts and for financial impacts. The analysis will conclude with the preparation of a report and a staff recommendation. The LAFCO board will hold a public hearing and may or may not adopt the staff recommendation.

The analysis will include the economic impacts not only for FPUD and Rainbow but also to the CWA and the other member agencies. The LAFCO board and staff members prefer that FPUD and Rainbow work out financial terms to compensate the CWA and the 22 remaining agencies, although LAFCO would consider financial terms if no agreement is reached.

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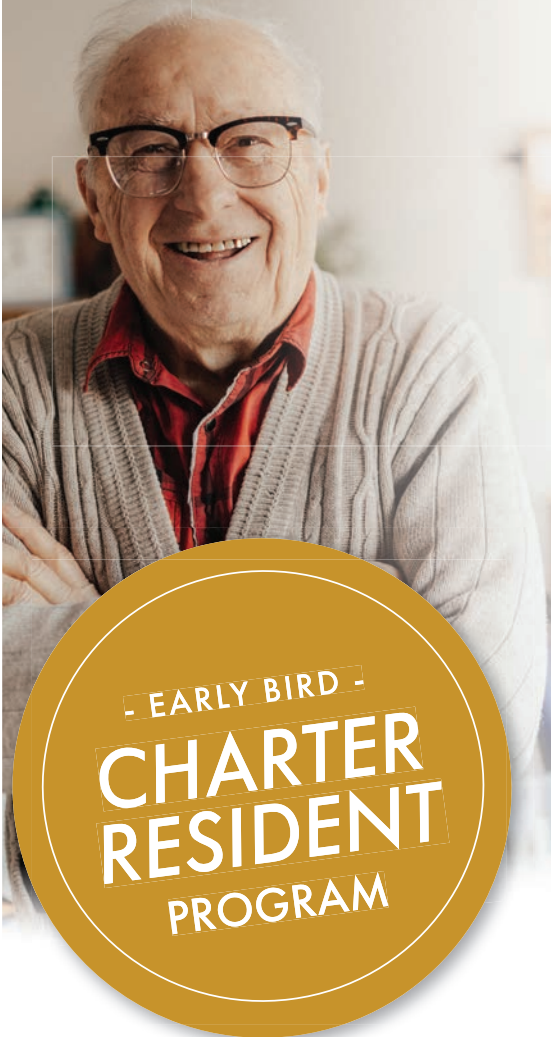
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Real Estate Round-Up: Fallbrook, it’s time to show your support!



Kim Murphy
Murphy & Murphy Southern California Realty

I’m writing this May 29, and Fallbrook is open for business. Couples, families, groups are walking up and down the block. So, where are you? The merchants along Main Avenue and throughout town are ready for you to support them again. I know it has been a long time, so maybe you need to be re-introduced.

On Main Avenue between Alvarado and Hawthorne, we

have four clothing-focused shops. There’s 100 Main, Mimi’s Boutique, Pressed and Blessed Clothing Co. and Caravan. They all offer clothing for the special people in your life.

100 Main has a new owner, Tuula Hukkanen, who has brought her unique style to the store. The store boasts one of a kind and limited production items along with some yummy beauty and bath products.

Mimi’s Boutique also has a new owner, Sharon Robinson. It has a fresh new look with items that will appeal to all ages and budgets. Check out their shoe collection, it is sassy!

Pressed and Blessed, owned by Rebecca Christopherson, offers printed clothing for guys, gals and children, as well as printed home decor. Items are ready for purchase or you can customize them for special occasions or events.

Caravan, owned by Leslie Sommers, has been a stalwart on the block. The name, Caravan, exemplifies a style of apparel that lends itself to comfort and ease.

Just around the corner, is The

Shop Around the Corner. Theresa Ratliff has packed a variety of items into the little space, so there is no reason to not find something you love, or you would love to gift to someone else. Her inspirational book collection is amazing, and she has cards for all occasions. There’s a little bit of whimsy, like her most recent item, a T-shirt that states “HumanContact IS ESSENTIAL.” Amen to that.

Vintage Retail Therapy is therapy for the mind and soul. There are one of a kind items for home or self and great hostess gifts. Owner Mara LaFay does “online” classes that teach you the “how-to’s” for many of the items in the store. Sign up for a class and learn something new.

The Spoiled Avocado adjoins Mimi’s Boutique and continues to offer their yummy avocado fudge, local honey and packaged soups, pickled veggies and many other kitchen items. You must try that fudge; it is delicious.

Fallbrook’s restaurants are open for carry-out and many for eat-in dining. We have a great selection of food options right in the heart of town.

Small Town, owned by Chef Carlo Guardado and his wife, Alita, offers a “farm-to-table” experience with flavors that rival the restaurants in Napa. New to town is The Coal Bunker, owned by brothers Jason and Jeff Stankaitis. They offer “comfort” food. We could all use a little comfort right now, don’t you think?

127 West Social House continues

to rock! Owner Faro Trupiano’s award-winning pizzas and burgers are paired well with the many draft craft beers or local wines. 127 has a great outside patio, that is calling your name.

Estrella’s Cantina is just around the corner, offering tried and true family recipes and margaritas that keep you coming back for more. They have opened a patio for outside dining. Prohibition Brewing Company has “Beer to go.” Stop in, pick up a growler and enjoy some of the best beer in north county.

Today, people were out and about, but all these merchants need more support. They need all of Fallbrook to support them. It’s been a tough few months and everyone needs to don their masks and enjoy Fallbrook again. I’m sure everyone reading this moved to Fallbrook, at least in part, because of the quaint downtown. Don’t take it for granted. Come back and support the local shops and restaurants.

The value of your home is dependent on the success of the businesses in our town. Vacant storefronts and empty restaurants discourage visitors and potential buyers. Thriving businesses and restaurants stimulate visitors and potential buyers.

Please make the decision to be the catalyst that brings Fallbrook back to life. Don’t wait for someone else to do their part, you be the first. I’ll be looking out for you.

It’s now May 30 and I have to add another paragraph to my article. Last night, May 29, my

husband and I enjoyed a fabulous dinner at 127 West. As Chris and I approached the restaurant, we put our masks on, and entered. The staff were all wearing masks. As we looked around, all the guests at their tables replaced their masks with big smiles.

There was a lot of laughter as groups gathered to share a meal with the friends they hadn’t seen in a while. Tables were seated with social distancing guidelines upheld. 127 West has two outside patios, so tables are spaced apart from each other and the food servers are just putting on a few more miles every night delivering meals.

We lingered a while longer than usual, enjoying the fact that we were actually eating out. As we left, we noticed that others were lingering longer too. Many of the guests that were seated when we arrived, were still seated. Smiles, laughter, great conversation; everyone enjoying HumanContact; just like the T-shirt says, it is essential.

Fallbrookians come back and rekindle your relationship with the stores and restaurants that depend on your support for their success. They’re all excited to see you again!

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SOLD FOR \$735,000

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SOLD FOR \$655,000

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Seller will entertain offers between ~~\$525,000 & \$600,000~~
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There are many cats like this one that need care until they can be adopted from the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.



The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary has kennels in the back for the dogs during the day; the kennels are attached to the sheds where they spend the night.

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

Lucas Julien, 13 years old, saw a post online that said, “The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary needs help,” so he started a fundraiser for it on the Go Fund Me website, May 2. He wants to make sure Fallbrook and Bonsall residents know about it so they can pitch in to help the animals.

Lucas posted: “During these hard times, the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary continues to work hard to make sure all of its animals continue to live healthy and happy. They are forced to close to the public [due to COVID-19 restrictions], resulting in no more animals getting adopted. Therefore, donating here will ensure that the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary can keep its animals safe and healthy.”

He started volunteering at the sanctuary when he was 11 years old, going there every day during his summer break. “After volunteering here, I understood how much the owner cared for the animals. Now, I want to help FAS, for all the good they have done in Fallbrook,” he said.

About his experience with the sanctuary, Lucas wrote, “The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary has impressed me so much. They always do what is best for the animals there. If any animal was

sick or came in with a problem, they would do everything they could to make sure it would recover properly.

“After volunteering here, a lot, I saw many dogs that came in with problems, and I watched every single one recover fully. Since people abandon cats and dogs on the doorstep of FAS, they take it in happily and care for it as they would any animal. The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary always makes sure that all animals are given the best life possible while living at FAS. Some animals live there for years and some a day, but they always value and ensure that each and every animal has the best life it can get,” he continued.

Lucas wants to “ensure all animal sanctuaries get proper funding so that they can take good care of their animals and facilities without worrying about money,” he said.

Donations are 100% tax deductible and will pay for the animals’ food, beds, blankets, etc., as well as building an extension for storage.

As of June 2, \$440 had been raised toward the goal of \$10,000. Anyone wanting to help can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/supportfasnonprofit> to make a donation. For more information about the sanctuary, go to <https://fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org/>.



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Capt. Robert “Bob” Bowman turns 100

FALLBROOK – Capt. Robert “Bob” Bowman celebrated his 100th birthday, Sunday, May 17. Born in Nampa, Idaho, he learned

to fly in civilian pilot training at Boise in 1940. He joined the Navy during World War II where he was a flight instructor. He eventually

Robert Bowman celebrates his 100th birthday at home during the coronavirus pandemic.

flew off aircraft carriers.

After four years as a Navy pilot, Bowman joined United in 1945 as a first officer based in Portland, Oregon. During this time, he flew all of United’s Douglas aircraft from the DC-3 to the DC-10, the Convair CV-340, Boeing 727 and finished his career flying the Boeing 747.

Bowman has been enjoying retirement in Fallbrook with his wife, Ruth. Anyone who would like to wish him a happy birthday can send cards to Bob Bowman, 3053 Skycrest Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Submitted by Marilyn Bowman.

Fallbrook reports 8 more COVID-19 cases, drops to 9th lowest infection rate in county

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook no longer has the second-lowest rate of per capita coronavirus infections in San Diego County – in fact, it dropped several slots to ninth place as of June 2.

There were 30 reported coronavirus cases in Fallbrook, up from 22 a week ago. Bonsall, on the other hand, reports eight coronavirus cases, just one more than a week earlier.

The 92028 ZIP code – which also covers Rainbow and De Luz – now has 62.1 coronavirus cases per 100,000.

The ZIP codes with lower per capita coronavirus cases than Fallbrook at press time are:

- 92107 (Ocean Beach), 61.9 cases per 100,000
- 91901 (Alpine), 61.5 cases per 100,000
- 92011 (La Costa), 54.4 cases per 100,000
- 92008 (Carlsbad), 57.8 cases per 100,000
- 92007 (Cardiff), 53.8 cases per 100,000
- 92122 (UTC), 51.5 cases per 100,000
- 92136 (Naval Base San Diego), 53.4
- 92131 (Scripps Ranch), 44.5 cases per 100,000

The county did not estimate a per capita infection rate for

Bonsall, as its number of cases was too small.

Meanwhile, passive recreation activities like sunbathing were allowed at San Diego County beaches beginning June 2 as reports of new cases have dropped below triple digits countywide.

San Diego County Public Health Services officials reported 73 new COVID-19 cases Monday – down from 96 reported Sunday – bringing the county total to 7,554. No new deaths were reported for the second straight day, keeping the toll at 269.

Public health officials also recorded 3,655 coronavirus tests June 1, and said the 73 positive tests comprise 2% of the total number. The county’s 14-day rolling average of positive tests is 2.9% of the total number of tests.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, 17.6% of those testing positive have been hospitalized and 5.1% have spent time in intensive care units.

San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chairman Greg Cox said June 2 that passive recreation will be allowed at county beaches because of case numbers trending in the right direction.

A few restrictions remain, however, as the county still has a ban on team sports such as football and volleyball. Additionally, beach parking lots and piers remain closed.

Reopening of boardwalks is up to each coastal city, and as always, social distancing and facial coverings are the rule when near people who are not a member of the household.

Cox and fellow Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said they planned to ask the full board Tuesday to extend its moratorium on evictions for both residents and small businesses for another month, through June 30. The current moratorium expired Sunday and the extension would apply only to unincorporated areas of the county.

“Although more businesses are reopening, it is going to take time for merchants and their employees who have been out of work to rebuild their bank accounts enough to pay their rent,” the supervisors said in a joint statement. “(The moratorium) will give residential and commercial renters more time to get back on their feet. But we are encouraging renters to pay as much

rent as they can and set up a payment program with their landlords.”

The city of San Diego moved May 19 to extend the city’s moratorium on commercial and residential evictions until June 30th.

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Principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias has been working for a month on the virtual presentation and is excited to be able to hand the diplomas to students thanks to this new development.

“I’m extremely excited about it,” Iglesias said. “Parents and students have been asking for different opportunities to have a graduation. Again, it’s not the ideal scenario, but it is something that parents have now started to ask about since they’ve seen other drive-thru graduation ceremonies in nearby areas. So, I’m extremely excited that we’re able to offer this opportunity, although limited and not ideal, but it’s happening. And we get to have some closure and we are able to give our students their diplomas as well.”

Details would be sent to senior students and parents, but Iglesias assured that all safety protocols will be in place to make sure that the school was adhering to the guidelines laid out by the county, state and Centers for Disease Control.

Iglesias is also aware that not everyone will be happy with the virtual graduation and the added drive-thru diploma ceremony and many will still hold out hope for a summertime event where all the seniors can get together.

Fallbrook Union High School Principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias films his speech which was broadcast online Wednesday, June 3.

He stressed that for now, this is what the school can do while staying open to doing more down the line if it’s possible.

“I know the expectation is a traditional graduation,” Iglesias said. “That’s still the sentiment that I get in emails and voice voicemails that hopefully the regulations ease and COVID-19 is long gone.”

Iglesias said that many, many hours have gone into producing the virtual ceremony and he is hoping that seniors and families will be pleased with the end result. The video was to be broadcast Wednesday evening, after press time, and Village News interviewed the principal Tuesday morning.

“We recorded video messages from students, the superintendent and myself,” Iglesias said. “I’m creating these slide presentations of students’ pictures and then either an accomplishment or a future goal or both. Then, at the end of the video, the students gave me their pictures and memories of their senior year to add to it.”

“The whole thing is about two hours. I think I’m capturing as much as I can. I haven’t slept for the past couple of days working on this,” he said. “But it will be ready for Wednesday, absolutely.”

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Fallbrook residents protest death of George Floyd

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A few dozen protesters turned out May 30 to the corner of Mission and Ammunition roads in Fallbrook to show solidarity with George Floyd — the black man who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes — and the rest of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The demonstration came one day after a larger protest in Temecula turned into a tense standoff with sheriff’s deputies once the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department declared the protest to be an “unlawful assembly.” It was also the morning after buildings burned in La Mesa, Los Angeles and other cities across the country as some protests became riots.

In Fallbrook, the demonstration was entirely peaceful, and little if any presence from San Diego County sheriff’s deputies could be seen, a far cry from the inundation of law enforcement seen at other protests in the region.

One woman at the protest, Leticia Maldonado-Stamos, said she was attending the protest because of the “heartbrokenness” she said she felt from years of watching not only Floyd’s death, but the deaths of other black people and people of color during interactions with police.

“My heart’s just been broken by what’s going on with our community and our country,” Maldonado-Stamos said. “We’re getting so separated and so divided and yesterday when we were watching the news it was just so much pain, and I thought I’m not white, I’m Latina, but I thought, we’re all suffering. And I felt I needed to be a part of something that was expressing love and concern and I needed to be part of that.”

Maldonado-Stamos, who was holding a sign that displayed “peace,” “justice,” and “equity” below the words “This is Church,” said: “I feel like whatever I do is Jesus’ way of bringing us together.”

Another man at the protest, Ricardo Favela, said he was there to demonstrate allegiance between the Mexican American and black communities.

“This is a historic moment. I want to be a part of it. This is long overdue,” he said.

He pointed to the shirt he was wearing, with the name of Anastacio Hernandez Rojas, a 42-year-old man who died in Border Patrol custody in 2010.

“I’m from the Mexican community, and we have gone through similar situations,” Favela said. “He was brutally beaten and killed by a dozen Border Patrol agents 10 years, two days ago, on May 28.”

Marisela Gonzalez, a Fallbrook Union Elementary School District teacher, said she felt that she needed to show up to the protest to show support for her students.

“I teach students of many colors. And I feel like I can’t rightfully show up to my job without my students knowing that I’m here to support them for just being themselves,” Gonzalez said.

Desiree Salomone, who said she is currently living in her hometown of Fallbrook while she takes a one-year leave of absence from her job as a public defender in Brooklyn, New York, said she assisted in coordinating the protest, but stressed that the demonstration came together organically through Facebook and word-of-mouth.

“This is pure organic,” Salomone said. “This is not an organizer. If I could communicate anything, I would say that Fallbrook did this.”

She said she was motivated after attending Saturday’s protest in Temecula.

“I asked, who started this, what organization is this?” Salomone said she inquired of the other demonstrators at the Temecula protest. “They said, it’s us — mostly young people. And I found that extremely inspiring.”

Salomone said while she is white, she feels that “more and more,” it is the responsibility of white people to stand up for and help organize support for people of color.

“I can take some of the heat and if I can take that off my brothers and sisters struggling with whole hosts of other types of oppression while I’m doing this work, then hell yeah, I’m gonna take that on.”

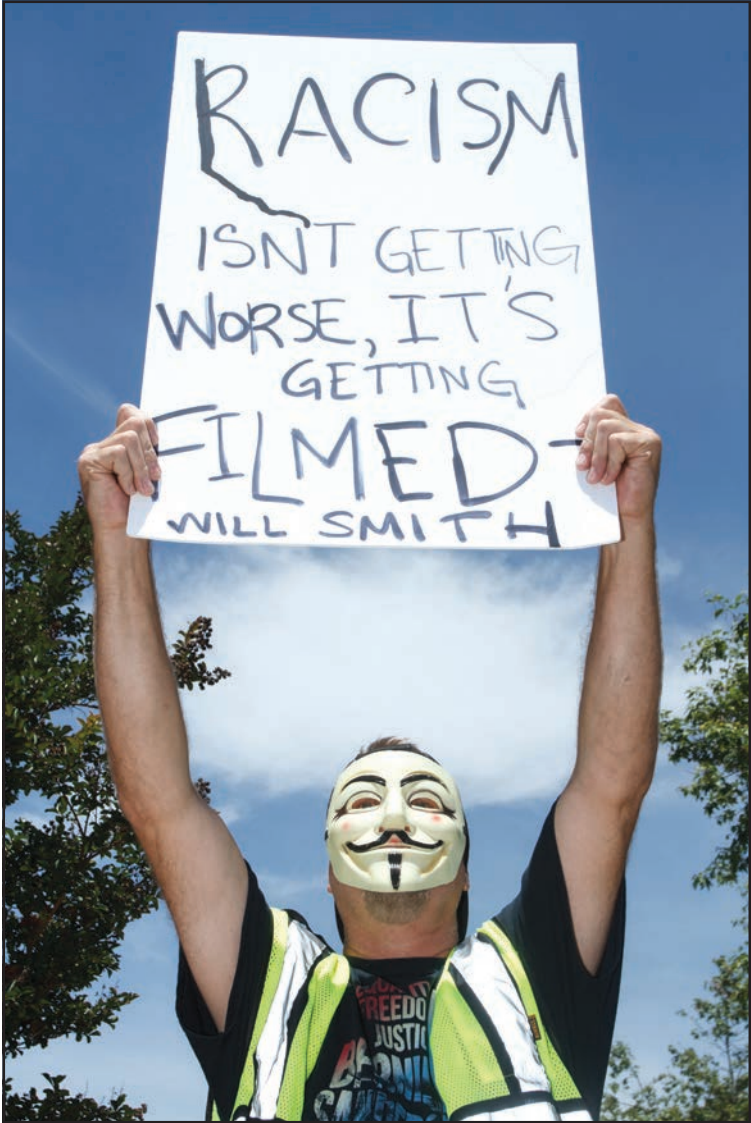
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Marlon Holmes speaks on the corner of Mission and Ammunition Roads during a “Black Lives Matters” protest in Fallbrook, May 31 sparked by the recent death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.



Gregory Smith records a live video of a gathering of protesters rallying support against racial injustice and discrimination.



A protester in Fallbrook displays a sign in an effort to rally support against racial injustice and discrimination.



Protesters gather at the intersection of Mission and Ammunition Roads in an effort to rally support in Fallbrook against racial injustice and discrimination.



A pair of protesters bring two cases of water to help keep a group hydrated while raising awareness about racial injustice and discrimination in Fallbrook.



Protesters gather in Fallbrook to rally support against racial injustice and discrimination.

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Protesters rallying support against racial injustice and discrimination in Fallbrook raise peace signs to motorists at the intersection of Mission and Ammunition Roads.



Protesters gather in an effort to rally support in Fallbrook against racial injustice and discrimination after George Floyd died during use of force by Minneapolis police officers.



A pair of protesters exchange a hug while gathering in Fallbrook to rally support against racial injustice and discrimination.



Protesters display signs of protest against racial injustice and discrimination at the intersection of Mission and Ammunition Roads in Fallbrook.

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demonstrators were allowed to leave of their own accord despite the expiration of several 15-minute warnings to leave the area.

Skylar Tempel, president of Temecula Valley Democrats said Jonathan Chang, vice president of political action for the Temecula Valley Democrats, pitched the idea of putting together the Sunday night vigil a day after Floyd’s death. Chang served as master of ceremonies for the event. Tempel said his organization wanted to “give a platform to those who don’t have a voice right now.”

He said his group was expecting between 20-50 people at first. The turnout at the Sunday vigil was at least several times that number.

Among those who spoke at the vigil was the Rev. Willie Oliver of the Lake Elsinore/Southwest Riverside County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

“I want you to understand that I am glad we are here for this vigil,” Oliver told those gathered at City Hall. “I am glad we took the time to say, ‘I can’t breathe.’ But if you leave with just an emotion, then he (Floyd) died in vain.”

Oliver urged the crowd to shout Floyd’s name and his story “from the rooftop.”

“I need you to remember this. Eight minutes and 46 seconds. Let me hear you say it,” he told the crowd, and listened as they repeated it back to him. “Eight minutes and 46 seconds was the amount of time that that cop had his knee on George’s neck. And he died. They watched; they didn’t care about him.”

Oliver had a final instruction for those at the vigil.

“Leave here and every day you wake up, take eight minutes and 46 seconds to make a change in this world,” he said.

Another speaker at the vigil was Christina Laster, an activist and former education chair of NAACP Southwest Riverside County, who asked attendees: “What do you look at when you see me?”

“Because what you see when you look at me is what you see when you look at my children. When you look at my son. When you look at my parents. And all of my family and friends who look just like me,” she said. “And so I want to talk about that. Talking about moving beyond what you see when you look at someone and actually getting to know them as a human being.”

One of the vigil attendees, who asked to be identified as Evette R., said she was excited and impressed by the turnout at the vigil.

“Being in the Temecula Valley, we need to come together and recognize that we are a community of people. We are diverse, but we need to be represented,” she said. “And to be here and to show solidarity and to remember and recognize what’s happening.”

The crowds at the weekend’s Temecula Duck Pond protests were diverse but were mostly young people; the City Hall vigil included a higher proportion of people from many different age groups.

One woman, who asked only to be identified by her first name, Stacy, because she said she works for a local school district, said she felt compelled to turn out to the vigil after what she described as years of having her previously held viewpoints challenged by her daughter.

“I’m 47 years old,” Stacy said. “And our daughter just graduated from college with a sociology degree. She has taught us so much in her years of college and her years of education. And the one thing that I think stands out more than anything is I don’t think we would have ever called ourselves racist, but we weren’t good enough at being not racist. That’s what brought us here. It’s time that we all stand together. It’s time that we all do something because it’s gonna take all of us.”

Asia Cureton came to the protest with two of her friends, saying “I feel like if I want to see a change in my community, I want to get my friends out here.”

One of her friends, Geetika Sharma, said she was there to show solidarity with the black community and to stand up against racism that she sees in her own community.

“I’m here to kind of represent the south Asian community, because there is a lot of racism in the South Asian community. We should come out and we should support,” Sharma said. “We should come out



Many of the protesters who have spent the past few days at the Temecula Duck pond gather at the Temecula City Hall for a vigil to honor the life of George Floyd who died during use of force by Minneapolis police.

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Hundreds of people gather to show their respect for George Floyd of Minnesota and raise awareness about racial injustice and discrimination during a vigil at Temecula City Hall.



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People attending a vigil for George Floyd of Minnesota listen as a variety of speakers speak about racial injustice and discrimination in honor of Floyd at Temecula City Hall.



Denton Burr, who was at the Temecula Duck Pond protesting racial injustice, speaks to the people attending a vigil honoring George Floyd of Minnesota at Temecula City Hall.



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Protesters and people attending a vigil for George Floyd of Minnesota raise their fist in solidarity for racial injustice and discrimination during a vigil at Temecula City Hall.



People gather around Temecula City Hall after the conclusion of a vigil ceremony and continue to honor the life of George Floyd of Minnesota while raising awareness about racial injustice and discrimination.



Protesters and people attending a vigil for George Floyd of Minnesota at the Temecula City Hall raise their fist in solidarity.

and let the black community know we support them.”

Tempel said while the event was initially planned privately by the Temecula Valley Democrats, the city of Temecula contacted the group Friday to offer assistance.

“It was at that point city staff reached out saying, ‘Hey, we’d like to organize this with you. Make sure we’re a cooperative partner with you,’” he said.

Tempel’s group did push back against what it suggested was behind-the-scenes political posturing from Temecula elected officials Saturday, though it did not refer specifically to any particular city council member. The group later clarified that it believed city staff and the sheriff’s department had been helpful.

“It has come to the attention of the Temecula Valley Democrats executive board that any violence or destructive action taken by attendees of our candlelight vigil to honor George Floyd at the Temecula City Hall this evening will be blamed squarely and publicly on the Temecula Valley Democrats organization,” the organization said in a statement provided to Valley News.

On Sunday morning, Temecula city manager Aaron Adams denied any such pressure was being put on the organization and said city staff and the sheriff’s department were working with them to provide a safe event.

“I am patently denying any such interference with the organization by the Temecula Valley Democrats Club for this evening’s vigil,” Adams said via email after he was provided the statement issued by TVD. “Further, I know firsthand my office has communicated directly with the organizers in a spirit of cooperation and assistance.

“In addition, I also know firsthand that sheriff’s personnel has extended the same courtesy. We made this outreach to assure this evening is peaceful and safe for all those who choose to attend,” he said.

Tempel made it clear in a phone call earlier Sunday that city staff and the sheriff’s department have been extremely helpful and the organization was not inferring anything to the contrary.

“I would like to make abundantly clear that city staff and police officers have been extremely helpful and supportive throughout all of this,” Tempel said.

Tempel said Riverside County sheriff’s deputies coordinated with him to ensure a peaceful protest, though he said he urged them not to maintain a heavy presence inside the vigil. Deputies could be seen in an area directly outside where the vigil was taking place and also could be seen staging in a parking lot a few blocks away.

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Members of the community light candles at Temecula City Hall to honor the life of George Floyd who died during use of force by Minneapolis police officers



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Protests inspire hope in the hearts of attendees

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Staff Writer

Lamar and Kira Hooper were standing along the fence line at the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday morning, May 30, with their two young children, wearing masks and chanting along with the throngs of people who came out to protest police brutality in America.

The couple said they were there to show their children the power of protest.

“I am shocked that a predominantly white community would do something like this,” Lamar said. “I’m surprised about the support.”

“I’m just excited that this is a big turnout for the youth,” Kira said. “They are showing that youth speak when they come in numbers. I’m just glad all the youth are coming out in support, standing up and speaking up for what they believe in. It’s a beautiful thing.”

The couple’s young son, Xavier, was emotional in being there and also wanted to speak.

“I just want equality,” he said. “Justice for George Floyd. I don’t think he deserved to die on that day, and yeah, I just want justice.”

Crowds of hundreds of people converged on the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday to protest systemic police brutality and the death of George Floyd earlier in the week in Minnesota.

Floyd’s death was caught in a video showing Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin pressing a knee on Floyd’s neck for more than eight minutes during an arrest.

After the video went viral and Floyd’s death, Chauvin and three other officers involved in Floyd’s arrest were fired from the Minneapolis Police Department a day later. On Friday, Chauvin was arrested and was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Protests against police brutality started in Minnesota and have surfaced in major metropolitan cities around the country. The issue of the protests has become polarizing with the American public because of looting and rioting taking place in some cities.

While there was no such activity reported during the protests in Temecula, six people were arrested, and Riverside County Sheriff’s ultimately deemed the protest an “unlawful gathering.”

In a statement posted to social media Sunday morning, Sheriff Chad Bianco referred to the protests as a “peaceful rally.”

According to the majority of the



A young protester stands in solidarity with fellow protestors during a protest denouncing police brutality toward people of color at the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday, May 30.

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A mother and daughter lead the chants during a protest denouncing the death of Minnesotan George Floyd while under arrest last week.

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people who actually attended the protest, they felt the protest was passionate and emotional, but a positive experience.

Camille Lowe said she was driving by the protest and tears came to her eyes. So, she had to get out and join.

“The community has come together for this,” she said. “It’s a good thing to show that not all places are bad and not all people are against other races. It’s good to see everyone standing up for humanity.”

Melvin and Michelle Brewster were standing in the thick of the protests and were marveling at the turnout.

“It’s uplifting to be a part of something like going on here in Temecula,” Melvin Brewster said as he got emotional. “The wife and I have been having serious conversations for years now about these types of issues. This is something that we need. And not just to be part of this demonstration, but actually try and make some change to let people know that this can’t continue to go on. We’re not talking about one race; we’re talking about all people.”

“I think it’s encouraging to see people of all races here because I think especially for the black community who feel alone, they see all races out here participating, you feel like maybe change can actually happen,” Michelle Brewster said.

“I wasn’t expecting this,” Kevin Debose said. “I came out just because I was interested in seeing this kind of support against racial injustice. I got here and this whole situation brought me to tears, literally brought me to tears.

“Along with everybody else, I’ve been commenting on all the things that have been going on and about what America really is. I got here and I got a chance to see that this is also America and I needed to see that. I had no idea how much I needed to see it, but I needed to

see it. This will get me through tomorrow, I don’t know much further, but this will get me through tomorrow,” he said.

Lakya Pharms said she is originally from Indiana, and it was different to see the type of protest she was attending in Temecula.

“To come from somewhere where you feel like a lot of the system is built up against you, and you come here and see this outpouring from such a diverse crowd, this is crazy,” she said. “I was just out here walking and I came up on this, and it just blew my mind.

“I’m not out here screaming with all of it, but I definitely feel all of it, because this is something I’ve never seen before and it’s blowing my mind to see all these people that are saying black lives matter and they are standing up for someone they don’t even know. This one guy that they don’t even know, and it moved everybody to come out here and demand justice,” Pharms said.

Dave and Leann Gaffney were watching the protest from the outer ridges.

“We’re just supporting, it’s time for a change in this country,” Leann Gaffney said.

“I think it’s good that the kids are out here and they are going to be ones that make a change,” Dave Gaffney said. “What happened (to Floyd) was ruthless, just a sad, sad day in America.”

Tamika Bray and a friend who didn’t want to give her name because it could affect her employment were soaking in the emotion of the event.

“It is a blessing; it’s been a long time coming,” Tamika said. “We’ve been here for 27 years, a long time. This is the first time I’ve seen something like this, and I’m grateful because they’re showing that our lives matter.

“It’s emotional. I’m in awe. I love the support of the community because the community reflects us.



A protester makes a sign at the Temecula Duck Pond during a protest denouncing the death of Minnesotan George Floyd while under arrest last week.



A protester records the scene as he holds a sign and walks in lanes of traffic on Rancho California Road.



A protester holds up a sign and a raised fist during the protest at the Temecula Duck Pond.



Protesters hold up signs and chant during a protest denouncing the death of Minnesotan George Floyd while under arrest last week.



A line of protestors kneels in the crosswalk in front of a line of Riverside County sheriffs during the protest at the Temecula Duck Pond.

We’re part of the community,” her friend said. “All different colors, this is a reflection of all of us. It’s not just a black thing; it’s an everybody thing. When something happens to one person, it affects the entire community, not just the one person, and this shows that.”

Temecula resident Joy Watkins couldn’t sit by and watch while people were out fighting against injustice, she said.

“I am the mother of two African-American young sons and a stepmom to one, and I have a daughter also, and a whole host of my sons’ friends, young men that are afraid for their lives,” she said. “I’m their mom too. I’m here for every young black American, not just my kids, all the people of color that have to go through this.

“It’s so unfair and it’s so sad and I felt like I needed to get out of my house and do something instead of sitting on Facebook or social media. We have to do something to make a change, we cannot sit at home and push buttons.

“I’m here for everybody that’s been done wrong, that’s been treated wrong. I am the first one to stand up and say, ‘That’s not right, let’s do something about it.’ This is a wonderful thing, and I had to be a part of it,” Watkins said.

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Hundreds turn out for Temecula protests, deputies deem it ‘unlawful gathering,’ 6 arrested

Jeff Pack and Will Fritz
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Crowds hundreds of people converged on the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday morning, May 30, to protest systemic police brutality and the death of George Floyd Monday, May 25, in Minnesota.

The crowd spent most of the morning screaming chants such as “Say his name ... George Floyd!” and “Black Lives Matter!” mirroring the statements made at protests and rallies all around the country in recent days.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, there was seemingly no destructive behavior from the crowd in Temecula, aside from some periodic blocking of the intersection and jaywalking.

Just before 1 p.m., a woman and young child were injured when witnesses said a young driver lost control of his vehicle, launched onto the sidewalk and struck at least a couple of protesters.

When the accident occurred, the protest which until then had no stationed police officers directly on the scene was swarmed with roughly a dozen police cars.

Deputies, dressed in lightweight riot gear with helmets, exited the vehicles, carrying batons. At least one deputy was armed with what appeared to be a weapon used to deploy rubber bullets.

The child was reported as being uninjured, however the woman, presumably the child’s mother, was taken away in an ambulance.

The driver of the vehicle, who remained at the scene and appeared to be a young male, was handcuffed, placed in the backseat of a police cruiser and taken away from the scene as tow truck drivers tried to remove the car from behind the tree where it was lodged.

It was unclear whether the driver of the vehicle had been charged with a crime. Upon finishing their investigation, deputies cleared out from the intersection just before 2 p.m.

A march down the eastbound lanes of Rancho California Road toward the Interstate 15 interchange started at 1:45 p.m. The northbound offramp from I-15 and eastbound traffic on Ranch California had already been halted in both directions at that point by officers, and when the group of about 100 protesters reached the peak, they stopped.

Local residents Mama Joi and Solona Husband addressed the crowd, which then returned back toward the Ynez Road intersection.

Law enforcement returned in force at roughly 2:30 p.m. to take up positions in the intersection at Rancho California and Ynez roads, blocking traffic in all directions. Estimates placed the number of police vehicles on the scene at roughly 75 with more than 100 officers on hand.

By 3:15 p.m. Riverside County sheriff’s deputies announced to the crowd that the protest had been deemed “an unlawful gathering” and said protesters had 15 minutes to clear the area or face arrest.

Valley News reached out to the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department for clarification on the orders, and according to Sgt. Deanna Pecoraro of the sheriff’s department’s media information bureau, the orders came from the department and she did not indicate who made the determination to break up the protest.

Pecoraro said the orders were made in the best interest and safety of everyone involved.

While a significant number of the protesters left the scene, roughly 150 protesters retreated inside the fences of the park. Meanwhile, authorities established a perimeter inside the park with a line of officers blocking protesters from advancing toward the intersection.

By 4:30 p.m., it didn’t appear that deputies had made any arrests on individuals within the main grouping of protesters. Periodically, deputies would don gas masks, and deputies were seen carrying gas canisters on their person.

As of 5:30 p.m., one of the sheriff’s deputies was interacting with the crowd and answering questions, engaged in a productive discussion as many of the protesters sat.

Resident Betty Williams stood in front of the crowd and deputies leading the discussion – at one point even dancing with the deputy.

By 6:30 p.m., it appeared the

crowd was beginning to disperse, and the situation had calmed down. There were unconfirmed reports circulating on social media about a small group of protesters moving into Old Town Temecula, and later, reports of groups attempting to congregate at Promenade Temecula.

The city of Temecula reported that a group of roughly 50 protesters had congregated in front of city hall, but according to the sheriff’s department, no incidents were reported at the mall or at Old Town Temecula.

There were video reports of at least one confrontation between protesters and people driving through the intersection. Temecula Mayor James “Stew” Stewart shared a report by an adult male involved in the confrontation but then pulled the post down.

At 10:50 a.m. Sunday, May 31, the sheriff’s department reported that six individuals had been arrested associated with Saturday’s protest. Five were arrested for resisting arrest and crimes against the public peace and one with an additional count of a crime with intent to commit assault using force that is likely to cause great bodily injury.

When the orders to disperse were issued by the sheriff’s department Saturday, Valley News reached out to Temecula city manager Aaron Adams and Stewart via email.

Adams said, “Temecula prides itself on allowing for the provision of free speech and assembly. We have a long history of doing so. We are aware of the planned vigil tomorrow evening in Old Town and have made ourselves available to work with the organizers of the vigil to assure a safe and peaceful and respectful event. We would ask for those that plan to attend this or any other organized event in the future to enjoy your freedom while respecting the laws and maintain appropriate civility.”

At 11:15 p.m. Saturday, the city released a statement from Stewart.

“To the great citizens of Temecula during this very difficult time,” Stewart said. “As mayor, I want to express that the leaders of our city hurt alongside you. We are deeply disturbed at the inexcusable and intolerable acts of brutality that took place in Minnesota and grieve the death of Mr. George Floyd.

“I am proud to serve as mayor of a city that respects diversity and values peaceful, constitutional assembly and free speech without violence. Today, an organized protest at the Temecula Duck Pond occurred that rose to an unlawful assembly as determined by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department,” he said.

The statement was also posted to the city’s Facebook page and was received with both praise and condemnation.

At 9 a.m. Sunday, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco issued a statement that didn’t mention the “unlawful gathering” order, the department’s warnings that arrests were to be made unless the crowd dispersed or threats by deputies that tear gas would be deployed.

“The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department stands shoulder to shoulder with our community as we all mourn the tragic and senseless death of George Floyd,” Bianco said. “What we saw on that video does not represent the professionalism and pride we have for our profession or the empathy, compassion and respect we have for our communities.

“As we all watch the rioting, looting, and lawlessness shown on television and our social media pages from around the country, this photo, taken by photographer Scott Padgett, was the culmination of a peaceful rally in Temecula on Saturday.

“Throughout our history, protesting has been a part of change. Our laws, and specifically our Constitution, protect the rights of people and allow for peaceful protests in times such as these. The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department will ensure protests are peaceful and meaningful while we protect those attending the rallies. We will not allow criminals, professional rioters and instigators to victimize our communities while painting Riverside County as something we are not,” Bianco said.

A request for an interview with Bianco was denied Monday



Hundreds of protesters gather to protest racial injustice and excessive force at the Temecula Duck Pond, Saturday, May 30, sparked by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo



Protesters gather at the Temecula Duck Pond in an effort to raise awareness about racial injustice and discrimination sparked by the death of George Floyd from use of force by Minneapolis police officers Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo



Protesters face Riverside County sheriffs during a rally at the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo



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Protesters face Riverside County sheriffs during a rally at the Temecula Duck Pond and express their frustrations against racial injustice and discrimination Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo



Riverside County sheriffs form a line in riot gear in an effort to keep the peace during a protest sparked by the death of George Floyd during use of force by Minneapolis police officers Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo



A woman who was struck by a car that jumped the curb and hit her while she was holding her young daughter receives comfort from bystanders as the driver of the vehicle hangs his head while sitting on the curb. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo



A Riverside County sheriff's deputy hugs Betty Williams during a protest at the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Scott Padgett/Time Stood Still Photography

morning.

“The sheriff is not able to complete an interview with you,” Pecoraro said in an email. “We appreciate you reaching out to us and requesting the interview but at this time our sheriff, along with the department, is fully dedicated to the safety of our community.”

Courtney Sheehan, vice president of communications for Temecula Valley Democrats, who attended the protest for four hours on Saturday, disagreed with the sheriff’s assessment of the protest and the mayor’s statement.

“I am dismayed and disturbed by the official response by the city of Temecula and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department to the protests for George Floyd that took place in Temecula on Saturday,” Sheehan said. “Both are attempting to polish their public images by making the protests seem like they were an unruly group of people who were looking to cause trouble, however the situation I saw was far different; I saw a peaceful protest by our Temecula high schoolers speaking out against police brutality who were adhering to proper protest procedures but were then encircled and threatened by uniformed officers who donned gas masks and prepared to gas the protesters who wanted nothing other than to voice their concerns in a public forum.”

Temecula Valley Democrats also held a candlelight vigil, which was attended by several hundred people, in honor of George Floyd at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in front of Temecula City Hall.

By 10 a.m. Sunday, protesters had returned to the Temecula Duck Pond, and deputies were again present.

“Sheriff’s deputies will be out in full force over the next several days making sure peaceful protesters are safe and allowed to gather while at the same time protecting businesses, property, and residents from violence and those promoting destruction,” Bianco said in his statement. “The safety of our deputies, the public and our businesses is a priority.”

For much of Sunday morning and afternoon, deputies could be seen driving by the Temecula Duck Pond, apparently monitoring the protest, but no road closures occurred as they did Saturday.

“Yesterday it was kind of chaotic,” Amir-Hassan Gates, who was at both protests, said. “We were doing fine, it was peaceful and an incident occurred where there was a wreck with a black woman and her child, and that’s what kind of escalated everything to going south.”

Sheriff’s deputies said the crash did not appear to be intentional, but Gates said tensions rose when police arrived and closed roads.

“So with that being said, we tried to make sure everybody was fine, make sure it stayed peaceful, don’t incite anything that shows violence, any acts of violence, aggression, nothing like that,” Gates said.

He said compared to Saturday’s protest, Sunday was a lot calmer.

“This is exactly what we were trying to accomplish the very first day,” Gates said. “Which, the first day, there was nothing wrong with – I’m not gonna say anything we did was wrong.”

Jarie Medley, who was also present for both days of protests, criticized sheriff’s deputies’ use of riot gear and gas masks.

“They were trying to prey off some of the other people’s fears,” Medley said.

He described one man who he said deputies had described was being confrontational.

“They were saying he was really aggressive. He was very passionate because he was taken in the back of a police car and beaten half to death after he was supposed to be arrested,” Medley said. “People like him is where they put those gas masks on and they come out, and they try to make you act out of fear because as soon as you come, then they get their right to do what they want.”

Reyna Stuart was present for both days of protests as well. She said she lives in Los Angeles, but has family and friends in Temecula and heard about the demonstration from them.

“I wasn’t aware of the protest that was going on (at first) but I saw it on Twitter and I have a lot of people that live out here,” Stuart said. “And I’m just sick and tired of seeing the same s**t on the news. I’m just so tired of it. It’s just hurtful to keep seeing our people die by the hands of the police, so it’s our time to try to make a change and speak up for injustice, speak up against what’s wrong. And you know, if people don’t like it, that’s on them.”

She said that drivers passing by the protest appeared to be about 50/50 for and against the protesters, which she did not expect.

“I’m actually surprised because Temecula has a really bad history, but you know, I’m happy that there are people here from different backgrounds,” Stuart said.

The protests at the Temecula Duck Pond were organized by young people in the community in response to the death of Floyd and perceived police brutality, according to reports from the protests.

Floyd’s death was caught in a viral video showing 44-year-old Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin pressing a knee on Floyd’s neck as he pleaded for air during an arrest.

As onlookers begged for the officer to back down, Chauvin continued pinning Floyd for over eight minutes until he became unresponsive, the video showed.

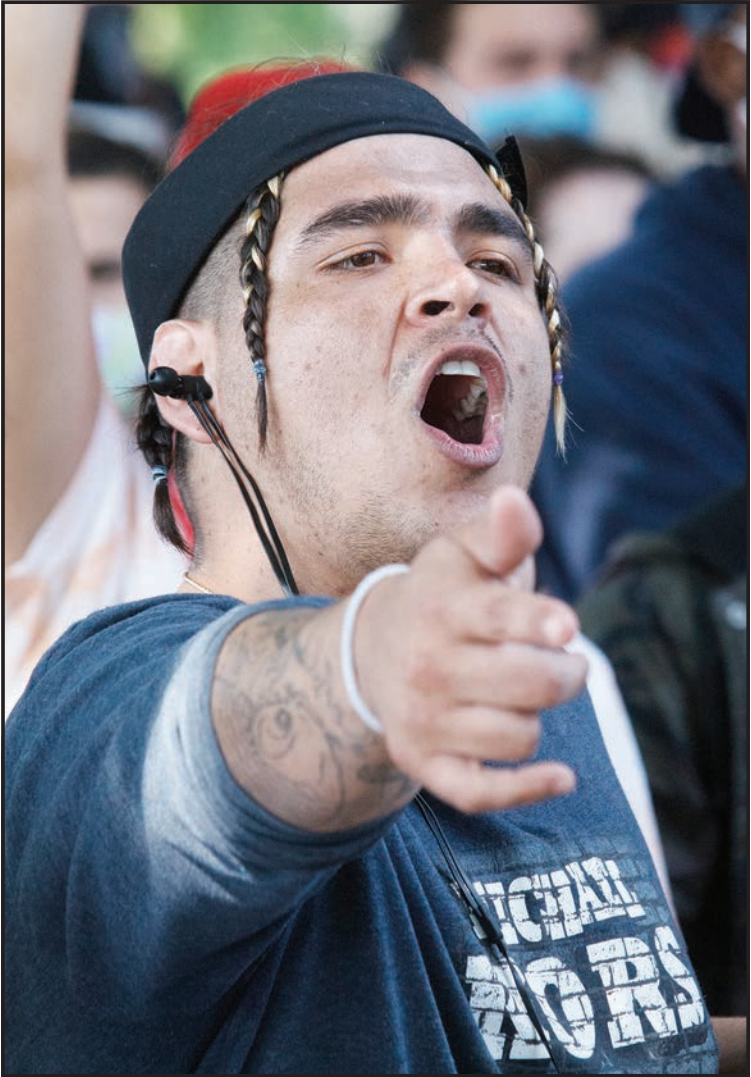
Chauvin and three other officers involved in Floyd’s arrest were fired from the Minneapolis Police Department Tuesday, May 26. On Friday, Chauvin was arrested. He has been charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Protests against police brutality have sprung up across the country in response to the killing with looting and rioting taking place in major metropolitan cities.

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Protesters voice their feelings about racial injustice and discrimination to Riverside County sheriff's deputies gathered at a protest at the Temecula Duck Pond Saturday, May 30. Valley News/Shane Gibson photo

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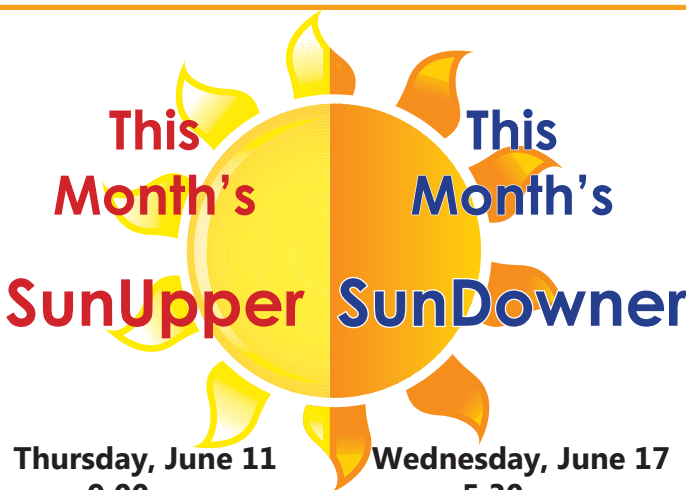
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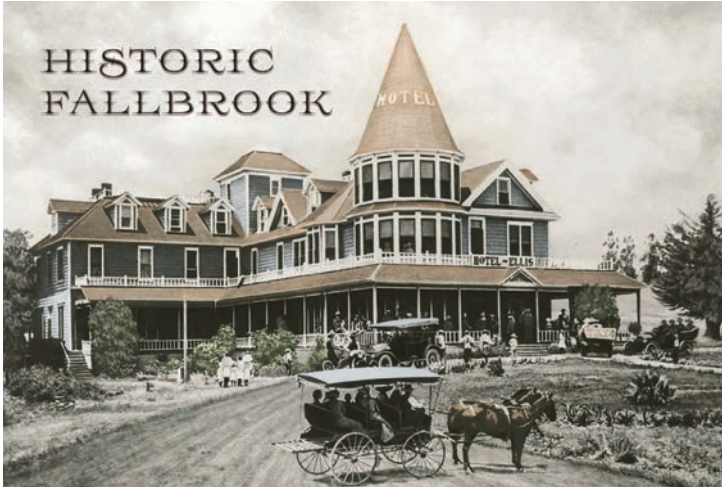
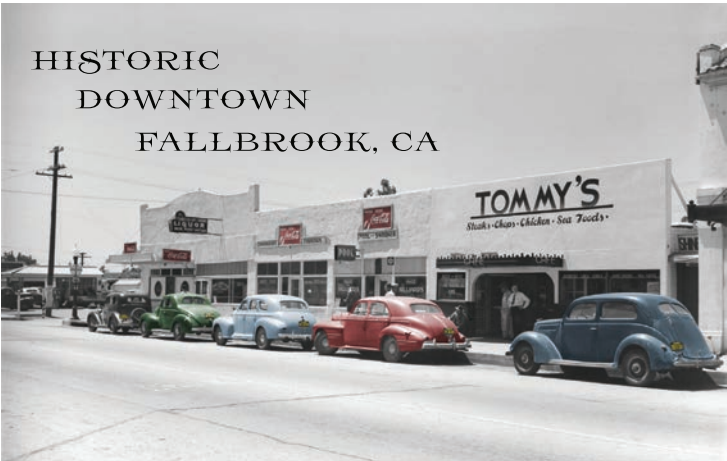
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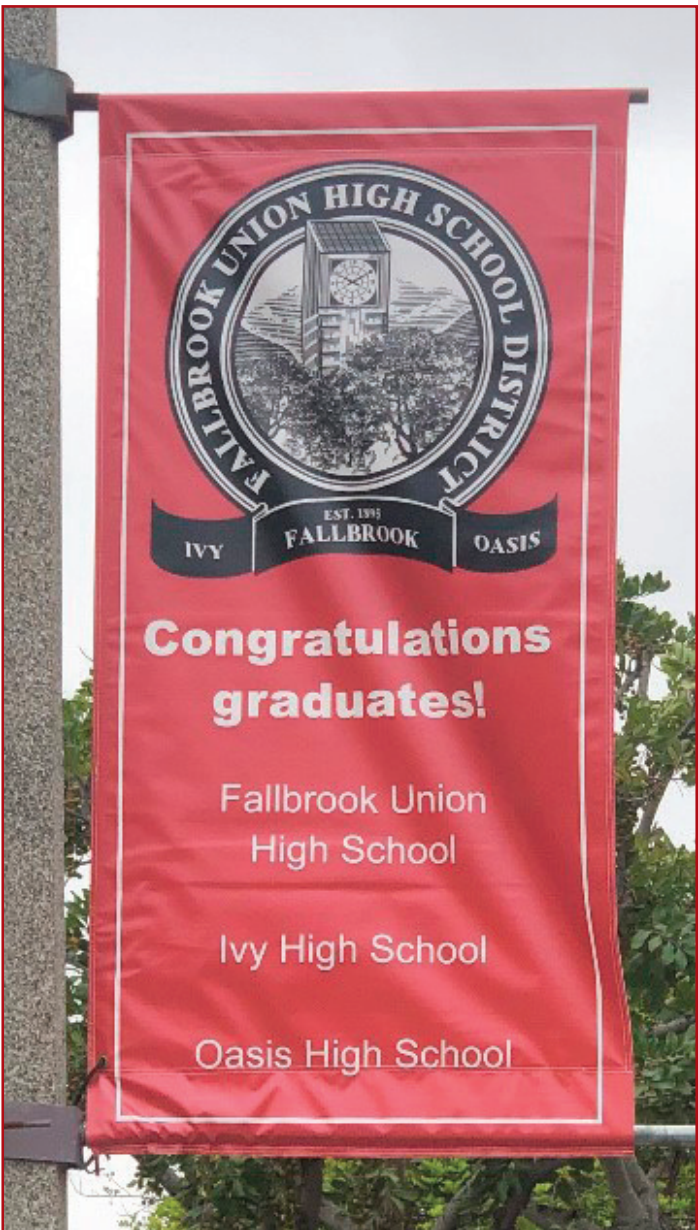
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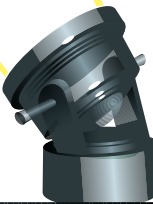


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Gilby celebrates her 101st birthday

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Woman’s Club honored 30-year member Betty Gilby as she celebrated her 101st birthday Sunday, May 31. Members of the FWC, AAUW and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 124 gathered in the parking lot of the FWC’s clubhouse to sing and clap as she was driven multiple times around the parking lot in the very decorated car of her caregivers.

Gilby’s favorite colors, red, white and blue. A World War II vet, Gilby is the oldest member of the VFW. She wore a happy birthday crown and waved and cried as she smiled at her friends. The clubhouse was decorated with balloons, handmade signs and a large banner made by local artist and FWC employee Daniel Martinez.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Woman’s Club.



Betty Gilby arrives at the Fallbrook Woman’s Club for her drive-thru 101st birthday celebration, May 31.



Betty Gilby rides with her caregivers Corrine Dubois, center, and George Dubois, right, while her friends wave and sing to her on her 101st birthday.



Among the VFW Post 124 members present for Betty Gilby’s drive-thru party are Marine veterans, from left, in back, Jr. Vice Commander Sgt. Cody Frazier, Sr. Vice Commander CWO4 Rodger Turner and Post Commander Sgt. Chris Ingraham with, in front, Fallbrook Woman’s Club President Roxann Clouse.



Woman’s club members, from left, Kathleen Gerard, Karen Feyler, Judie Erickson wish Betty Gilby a happy birthday.



Ladies from the Fallbrook Woman’s Club and AAUW along with members of the VFW gather to wish Betty Gilby a happy 101st birthday.



Dan Clouse holds a bouquet to present to Betty Gilby for her 101st birthday at her drive-thru celebration.



A sign made by artist Daniel Martinez greets Betty Gilby on her arrival at the Fallbrook Woman’s Club.

HEALTH

County, Rady Children’s Hospital to test 2,000 daily for COVID-19

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Office

The County and Rady Children’s Hospital have launched a new initiative to test up to 2,000 children and their families daily for COVID-19 over the next six months.

Developed with the support of the county’s T3 Strategy of “test, trace and treat,” the COVID Collaborative for Children will include testing at Rady hospital, clinics, as well as at the locations of Rady’s health care partners.

Rady Children’s Hospital officials said children and their parents can get a test during wellness visits at the facility or its affiliated pediatric primary care offices. The hospital also will test its entire staff.

The goal is to start with about 400 tests daily and ramp up over the next six weeks to about 2,000 tests a day. The tests will be free to all participants. Children are automatically covered under state law. Costs for adults without insurance will be paid

by the county.
“COVID-19 is not a disease that only impacts older adults,” Dr. Wilma Wooten, county public health officer, said. “Pediatric cases have been reported in San Diego County.”

Of the nearly 7,000 COVID-19 cases in the region, 5.6% or 391 cases have been reported in children and teenagers. Also, about 52% of the cases were in people between 20 and 49 years of age.

Wooten added that it is important to offer testing to families because there have been reports of children who had COVID-19 but lacked symptoms, leaving them in a position where they could unknowingly spread the virus.

The county’s COVID-19 webpage contains additional information on the disease, including a graph showing new positive cases and total cases reported by date. The data is also broken down by gender, race and ethnic/race group. An interactive dashboard with several COVID-19 indicators is being updated daily. For more information, visit <http://coronavirus-sd.com>.



A county public health nurse administers a COVID-19 test. Village News/Courtesy photo

What to expect if a contact tracer calls you

José A. Álvarez
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Communications Office

If you get a call from a number you don’t recognize, don’t automatically ignore it.

The person on the other end could be calling from County Public Health Services to tell you you’ve been exposed to COVID-19.

The County has been scaling up its contact tracing efforts as some stay-at-home restrictions are eased and people are out more and heading back to work.

Contact tracing is done by local and state health departments when certain infectious diseases are reported. This is a classic method that public health has been using for decades.

The County has been doing contact tracing of positive COVID-19 cases in the region. To date, the entire COVID-19 disease control response team consists of about 400 disease fighters of which there are more than 200 contact tracers and more being trained.
Since May 4, the team has

investigated more than 3,100 close contacts in cases where tracing activities were initiated. Nearly 85% of these close contacts were associated with the same household as a confirmed case.

Why is contact tracing important?
When trying to contain or mitigate the spread of COVID-19, time and contact tracers are of the essence.

Tracers need to identify close contacts of a positive case immediately and make sure they do not interact with others. This is critical to protect communities from further spread of the virus.

To effectively do that, the county has determined that 450 contact tracers need to be hired and trained.

“Without robust contact tracing in place, the spread of COVID-19 is likely to increase to the point that the region would need to step back and adopt strict mitigation strategies to contain the virus,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer.

What a contact tracer needs to know

When a confirmed case is investigated by Public Health staff,

the investigator works with the case to identify all close contacts who may have been exposed. Contact tracers take it from there and attempt to get in touch with all these contacts so that they can be self-quarantined at home and monitored for symptoms of COVID-19, which typically are a fever, cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

If you test positive for COVID-19, your doctor or another health official will let you know. A positive case must be reported to County Public Health Services so that each confirmed case can be used to help in identifying others who may have been exposed. Contact tracing can start the process of reaching out to the close contacts

“When a contact tracer calls you, it is important that you answer because immediate action is needed,” Wooten said.

If you don’t answer, the contact tracer should leave a voicemail message. Call the contact tracer back because they need to know that you have isolated yourself and who you have had close contact with.

The contact tracer will identify

themselves as being part of the county and all information gathered during the contact tracing effort is kept confidential. The goal is developing trust and a partnership with the contact to fight the virus together and slow the spread.

What to do if you’ve been exposed to COVID-19

Tracers call those who were a close contact with a person with COVID-19. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before symptoms developed in the case and until the time the patient is isolated.

If you are placed under self-quarantine, this is what you will be asked to do:

- Stay home as much as possible for 14 days
- Maintain physical distance from others who were not exposed
- Monitor yourself for symptoms and take your temperature twice daily
- Do not share utensils, cups

- or glasses
- Use good hand hygiene and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water

“We now know that people without symptoms can spread COVID-19. That’s why it’s important that people who were exposed to someone with the virus stay home and away from others,” Dr. Wooten said.

A County Public Health nurse or health care worker might also check on you occasionally to make sure you’re staying away from others, to find out if you’ve developed symptoms and link you to support and services you might need.

If you are identified as a close contact and develop symptoms, you should immediately isolate yourself and notify your case manager and your doctor to get care and testing if needed. If you don’t have a place to isolate, the county will provide a paid hotel for the duration of the isolation.

Until a vaccine is available, contact tracing will be an important activity to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our region.

Health district puts tax dollars back into community through grant program

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

It’s something that all but the best-informed Fallbrook residents may be unaware of.

But the Fallbrook Regional Health District has been giving grant money – close to a million dollars of it annually in recent years – to local nonprofits and some businesses to help improve the quality of life for residents of not only Fallbrook, but Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz as well.

According to the district’s website, its Community Health Contracts program gives funding to registered nonprofits that can provide health services to residents of the district’s 110-square-mile service area. Commercial businesses are also eligible to apply for funds if they can demonstrate they have the ability to provide services not provided by any nonprofit.

It’s a program that dates back a little more than two decades, after the health district signed a contract with a private health care service provider to take over operation of Fallbrook Hospital.

While it continued to be owned by the health district, the hospital would be operated by Community Health Systems for the rest of its existence, until it closed in 2014.

Rachel Mason, the current executive director of the Fallbrook Regional Health District, explained that after that contract was signed, the district began to reallocate some of its funding – which comes from a small percentage of local property taxes – to start a new grant program, as its funds would no longer go to pay for the hospital’s operating expenses.

“When Community Health Systems took over as the hospital operator ... the district began to allocate much of the property tax it received into community health projects through our grant program,” Mason said. “We still supported some of the ancillary programming (at the hospital) that was around health and education, but we didn’t want to directly fund the hospital because that would be funding a for-profit corporation.”

It started off small enough, but the health district’s grant program went on to give out more than \$5 million in grant funding between

2000 and 2014, according to records provided by the district.

Some of the programs funded over the years include support services for Fallbrook Union High School District students with Asperger’s syndrome and the “Care Van” for the Foundation for Senior Care, which offers free curbside transportation to local citizens.

“By providing grant funds for that Care Van, the health district is making sure our most vulnerable population has access to health care, retail, some social component,” Mason said. “Another example is we help support the Fallbrook Food Pantry, which right now is a critical, essential service for a lot of our population.”

Those are just a handful of examples.

The health district has used its revenue to fund grants for the Boys and Girls Club, the Trauma Intervention Program of San Diego – which provides trauma support for victims of events like car accidents and fires – the REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program, Palomar Family Mental Health Services and much more.

Most of the rest of the district’s revenue goes to support things like Fallbrook’s urgent care center and the planned community health center, but the district over time has increased its funding for its

grant program to the point where nearly half of its revenue goes back out to the community in the form of grants.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the health district plans to give away more than \$1.2 million in grant funding.

And all that funding the district provides actually comes from just a small percentage of local property tax dollars. In San Diego County, special districts receive just 3.4% of property tax revenue. Most property tax funding goes to education as well as the county government.

“We receive a tiny fraction, and yet we’re extremely good at making sure that that fraction that comes to us goes directly into community health initiatives, and that’s what the grant funds do,” Mason said. “It’s unique, and it’s not something you see in most communities.”

In determining what programs to fund, the district looks at factors such as what ability a nonprofit or business has to provide an essential service, whether the service is already being provided somewhere else and whether the funding requested for the service is appropriate.

“One of the areas that we are really looking for is the statement of problem and the statement of needs,” Mason said of reviewing

grant applications. “Explain why there is a need for this service in the community that’s not being addressed by others. You then define what your program does, how it meets this need and then what are the program’s goals and objectives.”

The district also keeps track of how grantees spend their funds.

“Each group that receives grant funding is required to provide us a quarterly report,” Mason said. “Obviously, we ask them to demonstrate fiscal responsibility – did they spend the money they got on the project they said they were going to?”

This year, the district has adopted a new reviewing process for the grants – two board members score each grant on a scale of 1-100. Applications with scores above 70 were recommended as eligible for funding, although things were competitive this year; applications with scores above 70 were requesting about \$1.4 million, about \$200,000 more than the amount the district has budgeted for grants.

All of the grants are reviewed and approved by the health district’s board of directors. The upcoming year’s grants will be voted on at the board’s June 10 meeting.

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‘A year’s worth of suicide attempts in four weeks’: the unintended consequences of COVID-19 lockdowns

Jon Miltimore
Foundation for Economic Education

The costs of the government responses to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic have been severe. New evidence suggests they could be even worse than we imagined.

An ABC affiliate in California reports that doctors at John Muir Medical Center tell them they have seen more deaths by suicide than COVID-19 during the quarantine. “The numbers are unprecedented,” Dr. Michael deBoisblanc said, referring to the spike in suicides.

“We’ve never seen numbers like this, in such a short period of time,” deBoisblanc added. “I mean we’ve seen a year’s worth of suicide attempts in the last four weeks.”

Kacey Hansen, a trauma nurse who has spent 33 years at the hospital, said she has never witnessed self-inflicted attacks on such a scale.

“What I have seen recently, I have never seen before,” Hansen said. “I have never seen so much intentional injury.”

To date, there is little evidence that lockdowns have reduced the spread of COVID-19. But even if there were compelling

evidence that lockdowns were saving lives, it would be a mistake to ignore the manifold unintended consequences of stay-at-home orders.

As economist Antony Davies and political scientist James Harrigan explained, “every human action has both intended and unintended consequences. Human beings react to every rule, regulation and order governments impose, and their reactions result in outcomes that can be quite different than the outcomes lawmakers intended.”

The problem with negative unintended consequences is twofold.

First, as Ludwig von Mises observed, every government intervention in markets creates unintended consequences, which often lead to more calls for government interventions which have more unintended consequences, and so on. Second, as Frédéric Bastiat pointed out, we tend to focus our attention more on the intended consequences than the unintended ones. Think of government assistance and the poverty trap.

The unintended consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have been severe. Most of the attention,

however, has been focused on the economic consequences. Forty million US jobs are lost. A looming recession. Hundreds of thousands of businesses wiped out and retirements destroyed.

The psychological and physiological unintended consequences of stay-at-home orders have received less attention. Media have been largely transfixed on COVID-19, reporting daily death tolls and rising case numbers in states easing lockdown restrictions while failing to note that COVID cases are rising because of expanded testing.

To be sure, measuring the impact on mental health is trickier than measuring COVID-19 fatalities or job losses. But that is no reason to discount the psychological and physical impact of lockdowns, especially when evidence suggests the toll is severe.

A recent Wall Street Journal report shows a surge in the number of people taking drugs for anxiety and insomnia, prompting physicians to warn about the long-term risks of increased prescriptions, which include drug addiction and abuse.

Stay-at-home orders may seem relatively benign, but they are not. Science shows that human beings

struggle mightily in isolation from one another.

As The New York Times reported in 2016, social isolation isn’t just harmful, it’s quite deadly:

A wave of new research suggests social separation is bad for us. Individuals with less social connection have disrupted sleep patterns, altered immune systems, more inflammation and higher levels of stress hormones. One recent study found that isolation increases the risk of heart disease by 29% and stroke by 32%.

Another analysis that pooled data from 70 studies and 3.4 million people found that socially isolated individuals had a 30% higher risk of dying in the next seven years, and that this effect was largest in middle age.

Loneliness can accelerate cognitive decline in older adults, and isolated individuals are twice as likely to die prematurely as those with more robust social interactions. These effects start early: Socially isolated children have significantly poorer health 20 years later, even after controlling for other factors. All told, loneliness is as important a risk factor for early death as obesity and smoking.

Anecdotal evidence, like the

testimony of doctors at John Muir Medical Center and reported surges in calls to suicide hotlines around the country, suggest the mental toll of lockdowns could be as great as the material costs. Indeed, they likely go hand in hand.

We’ll have months if not years to debate whether the lockdowns were effective or the right thing to do. What’s important to remember is the stay-at-home orders come with a host of unintended consequences that we have not yet even begun to measure or understand.

For his part, Dr. DeBoisblanc has seen enough to convince him that it’s time to lift stay-at-home orders and let people return to their communities.

“Personally, I think it’s time,” he said. “I think, originally, this was put in place to flatten the curve and to make sure hospitals have the resources to take care of COVID patients. We have the current resources to do that, and our other community health is suffering.”

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Maintaining good mental health is essential

The American Counseling Association
Special to Village News

The last few months have left many people feeling shaken. Life can be more difficult and harder to manage when they are so strongly affected by things far outside their area of control. But one of the secrets to getting through difficult times is for people to focus more heavily on those areas of their lives which they can control.

A starting point is their physical health. While that certainly means doing all they can to minimize

exposure to the COVID-19 virus, it also means working to stay in the best physical condition possible.

Regular physical exercise is important regardless of a major health crisis. But with today’s worldwide health problems, it’s vital for people to do all they can to help their body face any threats it may encounter. Although the local gym or YMCA may have had to close, it isn’t an excuse to become a sloth. Want a home workout? Check the literally thousands of online videos offering exercise advice

and workout sessions for people in all types of physical condition.

If workout videos aren’t to their liking, simple activities like daily walks not only in help improve physical fitness but also mental fitness.

The longterm isolation brought on by the coronavirus pandemic can take a very real mental toll. People have less contact with others, they find themselves bored, and it certainly can be a factor in aggravating mental health issues, especially depression.

Improving mental fitness isn’t much different from working on

physical fitness. That daily walk, for example, is a time to ignore the latest news, to forget about how life has changed and to be aware of nature as they clear their mind. An effective way to lower stress and fight depression is simply to refocus the mind on pleasant, enjoyable things rather than to worry about all that is wrong.

There are numerous activities that can help accomplish that refocusing. Are they staying in touch or renewing contact with family and old friends? Yes, the phone and internet are

still working just fine. What about taking up that hobby they abandoned a couple of years ago, or working through that pile of books they’ve been promising to get to some day?

Maintaining positive mental health is important throughout life, but it is especially so during rough times such as people are experiencing today.

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Insects and butterflies benefit the garden

Roger Boddaert
Special to Village News

Pollinators are essential for our food supply and the plant diversity we find in nature across our nation is up against some severe threats.

There are hundreds of species of native bees that pollinate so many of our food crops, as well as the iconic monarch butterfly.

The average backyard is home to thousands of insects. Only about a tenth of them are destructive; most of them are either beneficial or harmless. Yet the chemical industry promotes deadly bug killers, the use of which is changing the global landscape.

We depend on pollinators to pollinate our fruits and vegetables and make our gardens more sustainable. Predators eliminate the harmful pests by eating them. Parasites lay their eggs in the bad bugs to devour them.

You may have seen these good bugs in your garden but were not formally introduced, so here are a few you might want to observe:

Ladybugs have different stages as they grow and mature. But the most common one we can see in our gardens is the red-colored ladybug with black dots on its outer shell. Each ladybug in its life span can eat up to 5,000 aphids; that’s quite an appetite for this little creature.

At Easter time, I always give my grandkids a small container of ladybugs when we have an egg-hunt out in the garden and watch their amazement as these harmless bugs crawl up and out and walk around their hands and arms before they take flight. That is a good, safe nature’s lesson for

all to behold.

Green lacewings are bugs that feed on pollen and nectar, but their larvae, which look like little alligators, suck the juice from many soft-body insects, including certain species of caterpillars.

Praying mantis are amazing looking bugs. Once I had one land on my shovel; I sat down for the longest time, just admiring him with his unusual shape, revolving large head and big eyes that would rotate to look around. They are fierce predators of moths, beetles and flies.

Wolf spiders, although technically not an insect, can be excellent hunters and useful pest controllers.

Ground beetles are predators as adults and their diet can include nematodes, caterpillars, thrips, weevils, slugs and silverfish.

Soldier beetles are a significant predator of Mexican bean beetles and Colorado potato beetles. They are attracted to plants with compound blossoms like Queen Anne’s lace, a delicate summer white flower.

Hoverflies look like yellow-jackets but don’t sting. They feed on pollen and nectar and are essential pollinators out in the garden.

Parasitic wasps are very tiny, so you might not see them but they are very useful out in an organic garden.

Braconid wasps lay their eggs on the backs of tomato hornworms, forming white cocoons. The wasp will lay its eggs into these worms and eat from the inside out, destroying these detrimental tomato bugs.

Trichogramma wasps lay



Butterflies are important pollinators for flowers..



Milk-weed is a perennial that attracts butterflies and good bugs to the garden.



Beneficial insects that can be released into the garden include ladybugs, earthworms and lacewings.



A simple native bee hive can be easily installed near a garden.



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Like all living creatures, beneficial insects have a basic need for water, food and shelter, just like you and me. Planting attractive pollinator plants in the landscape will help bring these warriors out to help bring a balance to the earth. By providing all these things, your garden will be an inviting habitat for them.

A diversity of plants will attract a wide range of insects. Many beneficial bugs appear long before the pest arrives and need some alternative food sources like pollen and nectar if they are to stick around before the vast bug buffet is presented in the garden.

Early blooming plants, especially ones with tiny blossoms, like alyssum, or biennials such as carrot or parsley that have been left to bloom, which will draw beneficial bugs to your yard in the spring.

Later these beneficial insects will be attracted to plants like yarrow, goldenrod, Queen Anne’s lace and flowering herbs of lavender, mint, sage, dill, fennel, and lemon balm to mention a few.

An excellent resource to obtain these beneficial bugs and many more good things for the garden is www.arbico.orgamics.com.

Remember that if you resort to using chemical pesticides to control insects, you can destroy the good, the bad and the ugly.

All living earthly species are interconnected, so it’s a balance to consider when out in nature, for we have not done an outstanding job of caring for our little blue planet. Let us all recommit and help heal the earth by becoming better stewards in the Green Revolution movement.

I hope that this global lockdown has brought folks out into the garden and to take a little closer look at what’s all around us. Maybe a hike out in nature or sitting on a bench in a park to reflect where we are, where we are going, and what needs to happen to move forward as life revolves to new days ahead.

I am asking one and all to stop, look and listen to the nature that surrounds us for its glory and magical rhythms are talking to us daily.

“Every day, you may make progress; every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.” – Sir Winston Churchill

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Residents can help make communities safer

FALLBROOK – Thriving communities tend to share certain characteristics. Communities that are inclusive and encourage participation by all residents tend to thrive, as do those where there are opportunities to grow, both professionally and personally. Safety is another common component of thriving communities. When residents feel safe in their communities, they can feel free to pursue their goals, creating the sense that possibilities are endless.

According to the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network, a membership-based, nongovernment organization that promotes safety in an effort to prevent injuries and violence, safety benefits communities in myriad ways. The PPSCN notes that safe communities see a reduction in the numbers and costs of injuries and violence and a promotion of communitywide health and safety, all the while instilling a sense of community pride.

Communities tend to be at their safest when all members pitch in to do their part. The following are some simple ways individuals can help make their communities safer.

Make an effort to know your neighbors. According to SafeHome.org, an online resource that aims to assist consumers as they search for sensible security solutions for their homes, knowing one’s neighbors is a great way to recognize when suspicious persons are in the area. This can serve as a safety net against burglaries and kidnappings.

Use lighting for safety. Install exterior lighting around your home and make sure street lamps are promptly fixed. Exterior

lighting on the porch and around the perimeter of your home can make for an effective deterrent to intruders. Burglars look from dark spaces, so they’re more likely to avoid well-lit properties than those under the cloak of darkness.

Urge community leaders and companies, such as politicians and local energy providers, to promptly replace street lamp bulbs when they burn out. Street lamps make communities safer for children and pedestrians and can serve as deterrents to criminals just like lights around individual properties.

Reinvigorate neglected areas. Abandoned parks and rundown public gathering spaces present an image of a community that does not care about itself. That can make communities seem like easy targets for criminals.

Community members can join together via social media groups or more traditional grassroots efforts like door-to-door campaigning to collectively reinvigorate neglected areas within their communities. Organize park cleanups that culminate with a community barbecue, which can serve to clean up spaces and bring community members together.

Spread the word. Individuals are essential to building safe communities, but that responsibility is communitywide. Spread the word of your efforts via social media, township meetings, community schools and churches. Your actions may just inspire others to follow suit.

Building safe communities requires collective efforts on the part of all residents, who can then reap the many rewards of living somewhere safe.



The safest communities tend to be those in which everyone pitches in to do their part. Village News/Courtesy photo

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Cactus flowers bloom once a year



This barrel cactus' single flower blooms, May 17, 2018.

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

My sister and I have had a barrel cactus for almost 20 years. Two years ago, it had a flower for the first time, the bloom coming as a surprise one day when I happened to go out on our little patio. A year later we moved to a house and had to experiment to find the best location for the cactus.

Its skin turned red, probably from too much sun as all the rain we got made sure it got plenty of water. This time, the cactus surprised us with two flowers. A quick search of the internet yielded this information:

Flowers appear at the top of a barrel cactus only after many years; some don't bloom until they are more than 30 years old. The barrel cactus can live to be over 100 years old.

Barrel cacti bloom during the spring and summer, typically between April and September, no surprise there.

I also found out that, typically, cacti plants bloom at least once a year, although wetter years may lead to more flowering periods. With all the rain we've gotten, I will be keeping an eye out for more flowers.

Anyone who would like to share what is going on in their own garden, can send a short write-up and photo(s) to villageeditor@reedermedia.com.



This time, the barrel cactus has two flowers getting ready to open up, May 23..



Two cactus flowers stay open for one day, May 24.

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County fair to host online market livestock show and auction

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Fair market livestock show for 4-H and Future Farmers of America members will be a virtual show this year. Both exhibitors who will be participating in the subsequent online auction and students whose animals are pre-sold can participate in the virtual fair process and earn awards if their animals are judged worthy of such honors.

“There will be a virtual show and a virtual auction,” said San Diego County Fair exhibits director Jacky Eshelby.

The county fair board made the decision to hold the virtual show and auction May 19. A May 18 virtual presentation reviewed the plans with the county’s 4-H and FFA group leaders, and the decision was released to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors May 20.

Although there had been previous discussion about an online auction, no final decision had been made before May 19. “We did not know that anything was going to come together,” said Fallbrook FFA adviser Doug Sehnert.

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 an auction if the recruited buyer is not outbid and in the event of a barn sale.

“Our community really stepped up and we were able to sell the animals,” Sehnert said.

That will limit the Fallbrook FFA animals at the auction. “We will have a few kids participate,” Sehnert said. “I have just a few kids with lambs to sell.”

All 36 Fallbrook FFA pigs, all 12 Fallbrook FFA steer, and all six Fallbrook FFA goats have already been sold. “We still have a few lambs for sale,” Sehnert said.

Some Fallbrook 4-H members will likely also be entering their lambs in the fair auction. “I have a couple of kids who are going to do the auction,” said Fallbrook 4-H leader Jennifer McMullen.

Fallbrook FFA members raised more than two dozen pigs, approximately a dozen lambs, two steers and two goats. Currently one pig and a few lambs remain unsold.

“A lot of these businesses have been reaching out to me to try to see what they can do,” McMullen said. “I want to thank all the people who reached out to help.”

One 4-H member had planned to raise meat rabbits with the support of family members. “They decided not to breed them this year,” McMullen said. “They decided to drop out of the project because of the quarantine.”

Not breeding rabbits can be accomplished by keeping male rabbits and female rabbits separate, which McMullen does in her DeLuz home. “I have the rabbits here. I don’t sell them directly to the kids unless they want to do the

projects,” she said. All market animals must be taken to a processing plant approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. No such rabbit meat processing plant exists in the area. “Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate the rabbit projects this year with the constraints which have been placed on us by state rules mandated by the Division of Fairs and Expositions,” Eshelby said. When the auction actually occurs on the fairgrounds the buyers physically take home the rabbits, which is also the case for rabbits purchased at a barn sale. Because the virtual auction livestock will subsequently be shipped to the fair, the inability to process rabbit meat led to the elimination of rabbits as part of the livestock market show. Students who have pre-sold an animal may still enter the market livestock show. “They can still enter the animal in the virtual show and be part of that,” Eshelby said. “I’ve got a handful of kids who are going to go ahead and do the virtual show part,” Sehnert said. The entrants will be sent a PDF file with a tag for each animal. “We’ll give each exhibitor in the show a number,” Eshelby said. “The exhibitors will upload 90-second videos.” That will allow the judges to view the animal in various positions. The video must be submitted by June 20. “They’re asking for estimations of weight,” Sehnert said. The Fallbrook FFA barn has scales suitable for steers, pigs, goats and lambs. Fallbrook 4-H has scales which can weigh pigs, goats and lambs, and Sehnert will allow Fallbrook 4-H to use the FFA scales for the 4-H steers. “It’s up to the exhibitor to come up with an estimated weight,” Eshelby said. That may not create perfect weight division brackets, but the lightweight, mediumweight, heavyweight, and superheavyweight champions and reserve champions will be judged for both 4-H animals and for FFA animals. The weight class champions and reserve champions will compete for FFA grand and reserve champion and 4-H grand and reserve champion, and those four grand and reserve champions will compete for supreme grand champion and supreme reserve champion. The judging will take place June 22-24 and will be live through video. “The judge will actually talk about the animal,” Eshelby said. The judges will announce the top champions June 25 at 6 p.m., although they will not be at the fairgrounds. “They’ll be virtual, too. They’ll be calling in,” Eshelby said. An animal must receive a blue ribbon, which indicates market quality, to be sold at the fair auction. That includes meeting weight, health and other criteria. The blue-ribbon standards will be enforced when the animals



Fallbrook High student Kassidy Ewig feeds her steer while making a daily visit to care for livestock during the school’s closure, April 6. The students with pigs, steer and goats were able to sell their animals even though the San Diego County Fair was canceled.

are sent to the fair for processing. “They still have to meet minimum qualifications when we take possession of the animal,” Eshelby said.

An exhibitor may only sell one large animal at auction (an exception is made if the same person raises more than one FFA or 4-H grand champion or reserve champion animal). That will still be the case. “They can show as many as they want in the virtual show, but they can only sell one animal,” Eshelby said.

When the auction is held in person the supreme grand champion and the supreme reserve champion are the first animals to be auctioned. A pre-sold animal is still eligible to win those awards even though it will not go to the auction block. “We want to reward the kids who went out and found buyers,” Eshelby said. “That’s my biggest concern, making sure we have a buyer for each animal.”

If the animal is not sold at auction a barn sale is negotiated, and that often involves a fixed price. The in person auction sells animals by the pound.

“The virtual sale will be per head,” Sehnert said. “It’s not going to be per pound.”

That will be one change for this year’s auction. “It will be a little bit different not only because it’s virtual,” Eshelby said.

What could be called a practice session for buyers will take place Friday, June 26. “The first day will be considered like a preview auction so you can bid,” Eshelby said. “People who are new to it can kind of look through the process.”

Updates on the process will be posted on www.facebook.com/sdfairjuniorlivestockauction, which can be accessed directly from the web rather than necessarily from Facebook.

The actual auction will begin at 9 a.m. June 27, which is a Saturday. “They’ll be able to talk about each exhibitor and their animal,” Eshelby said.

A preview auction was held at

the Sacramento County Fair over Memorial Day Weekend. “Every animal had a live bid after the first day of preview, so it was very helpful to the students,” Eshelby said.

The online auction has the potential of attracting additional buyers. “A lot of people are getting interested in it because you don’t have to be live at the fairgrounds,” Eshelby said.

Another advantage of the virtual auction is that the exhibitor can have additional involvement. “It has the ability to interact with your social media,” Eshelby said.

Some buyers do not have the animal processed themselves but donate it back to the fair for resale. The proceeds of those resales provide funding for the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship program, which also receives some money from direct donations. “Anybody can come buy an animal, donate it back to the scholarship fund,” Eshelby said.

The application deadline for the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship grants, as well as the Don Diego Scholarship awards, preceded the decision to cancel this year’s county fair and the scholarships will still be awarded. Eshelby anticipates that the scholarship award recipients will be announced in mid-June. “We are hoping to go live with that,” she said.

During a market livestock show on the fairgrounds an auction book is published which includes the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship and Don Diego Scholarship recipients as well as the animals available for auction. This year such an auction book will be available online, and the scholarship recipients will be noted. “We will definitely include that in all of our promotional material,” Eshelby said.

Two versions of the online auction book will be posted. The first will include the scholarship recipients and the estimated

weight of the animals. Once the top-level grand and reserve champions are determined that information will be added.

The market livestock virtual show will not include the feeder classes for goats and lambs, whose weight champions do not compete with the other weight champions for 4-H and FFA grand and reserve champion honors and which are not sold at auction. “We’re only doing things with market animals,” Eshelby said.

Exhibitors of feeder class goats and lambs, dairy goats, and breed animals have another option. The physical fair has a Creative Youth exhibit for students from kindergarten through sixth grade while the Student Showcase features art, photography, and other projects by students who were between seventh grade and twelfth grade during the school year. This year those two exhibits will be combined into a virtual exhibit.

“We’re just going to show these through a video,” Eshelby said. “We’re pretty excited about being able to come up with that.”

That virtual exhibit is the result of teachers requesting such an opportunity for students. More than 1,000 entries were submitted. “I think that’s a testament to how important the county fair is,” Eshelby said.

The nonmarket animals can be part of that virtual show, as can non-animal projects. “It doesn’t have to be the animals,” McMullen said. “This year we have about 18 different projects.”

Fallbrook 4-H may use that show to recognize members whose projects don’t involve market animals. “We’re hoping to highlight those as well,” McMullen said.

“Whatever we’re doing we’re going to showcase them that way,” McMullen said. “I think the kids need to know it’s important that their project matters, too.”

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SPORTS

Esposito to play college soccer in England

Joe Naiman
Village News reporter

If no unforeseen obstacles occur, Jonathan Esposito will be the first former Bonsall High School soccer player to play the sport in college.

Esposito, who graduated from Bonsall High School this spring, will be playing soccer at the University of Chester in northwest England.

“It’s always been a dream,” Esposito said of playing college soccer.

Esposito attended the Innovation Center charter school, which included Murrieta High School Academy, from kindergarten through 10th grade before spending his final two high school years at Bonsall High School. “It was a pleasure to have been able to coach him and I wish him nothing but the best. I’m sure he’ll do great in college,” said Bonsall coach Francisco Camarena.

Both of Esposito’s parents played high school basketball in Southern California. His father, Dan, attended Whittier High School and his mother, Nila, attended La Puente High School.

Esposito attributed his athletic success to his parents. “They always pushed me to do my best,” he said. “I just want to appreciate how much they supported me.”

After living in Los Angeles and the city of San Diego, Esposito’s family moved to Fallbrook when he was a year old. Esposito was not yet in kindergarten when he began playing recreational soccer in Fallbrook. He was seven when he joined the Fallbrook Fury under-8 team. He subsequently played club soccer for the Vista Vipers, the Attack, United Football Club and the Nomads.

Most recently he focused his club activity on futsal with the 619 Futsal organization; Esposito was with 619 Futsal for two years. He participated in the national identification camp in 2018 although he was not on the national futsal team that summer, and was one of the 12 players on the national team in 2019.

“Jonathan is one of the most skilled players that we have,” said 619 Futsal technical director Sean Bowers. “He’s very talented, and I know he’s going to do a great job in college.”

Esposito was also involved in Fallbrook Youth Baseball for four years. “Then we decided to put all the focus into soccer,” he said.

Once Esposito became a Bonsall High School student, he also joined the Legionnaires’ track and field team. As a junior, he was on Bonsall’s 4x400 relay team which participated in the CIF San Diego Section meet’s preliminary heats. The 2020 track and field team had practices but no meets; the scheduled Frontier League cluster meet March 12 was rained out and the coronavirus quarantine closed the school following the March 13 classes and afternoon activities. Esposito ran the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 4x100 relay as well as the 4x400 event.

Murrieta High School Academy was part of a charter school indoor league. “That was very fun to compete in. You met a lot of competitive players,” Esposito said.

In addition to showing his skills during his two seasons with the Bonsall High School soccer team, Esposito also showed his versatility. He played both center midfielder and striker.

“Often this year, though, you would find me at the position of center-mid,” Esposito said.

Due to the small roster during Esposito’s senior season, players were often placed at different positions. Esposito’s brother Matthew played both left midfield and center midfield for the 2019-20 Legionnaires.

That small roster gave the Legionnaires a 2019-20 season record of 5-10-3, and Bonsall finished last in the six-team Patriot League standings with a 1-7-2 league record although two of the league losses were forfeits when the Legionaries did not have enough available players. The Patriot League coaches selected Esposito to the all-league first team.

The 2018-19 Bonsall team fared better in the standings, taking third with a 5-3 league record and posting a 10-6 overall mark. Esposito was chosen as the Patriot League’s most valuable player for his junior season. Including the nonleague games, he scored 30 goals and had 16 assists in the team’s 16 matches.

“He has to be one of the most talented players I’ve had the pleasure to coach. It made it easy for me to be a coach,” Camarena said. “He’s a very humble person, very attentive at practices, always helping his fellow teammates.”

Camarena noted that Esposito also helps himself through his attitude. “He made corrections when needed,” Camarena said. “Very bright young man.”

The team growth each season is Esposito’s favorite Bonsall High School soccer memory. “Throughout the season the team slowly would become a family,” he said.

Camarena told his players that they should always be proud but never satisfied and that hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard. “Those two quotes stuck with me,” Esposito said.

“I love my coach,” Esposito said. “He was very inspiring. He was very strict with how he taught us.”

His theater activity is Esposito’s favorite overall Bonsall High School memory. “I enjoyed musical theater. I enjoyed the adrenaline rush before opening night,” he said.

That adrenaline rush included taking steps to ensure that the performance would go as planned. “Somehow our shows always came together at the last minute,” Esposito said.

Esposito was in Mission Theater as well as in high school theater for four years. He plans to major in drama theatre while at the University of Chester and would like to pursue a master’s degree. Esposito hopes to pursue an acting career after completing his university studies.

He also was in San Dieguito Cotillion, which is in Del Mar, for



Jonathan Esposito, right, poses with Kevin Tozer of United States Youth Futsal.

three years. He was in the choir at the San Luis Rey mission church for three years. Esposito is also a volunteer for New Venture Church in Carlsbad and has been an assistant at vacation bible schools in Fallbrook and Bonsall. He was a member of Boy Scouts for seven years and received his Arrow of Light. The Bonsall High School students selected Esposito as the runner-up homecoming king for his senior year.

Esposito was also considering the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of San Diego. In fall 2019, he attended a tryout camp in Scottsdale, Arizona. The director of the University of Chester soccer team was in attendance. “The opportunity presented itself when they contacted us,” he said.

“My parents asked me if I wanted to do something like that,” Esposito said. “It was just a fun experience to play in something like that.”

Esposito showed his versatility when he played at the center midfield position during the tryout. “I believed that I would be a

forward,” he said.

The University of Chester didn’t wait until the end of the tryouts to express interest in Esposito. “They came up to me after the first day,” he said. “They offered me a spot right away.”

Esposito will be part of the University Degrees Abroad program. “We made the decision pretty soon after the tryouts,” he said. “It was a dream I couldn’t pass up.”

The selection makes Esposito the first Bonsall High School graduate to play collegiate soccer. “I’m very excited, and I appreciate all the teachers who would support me during the games,” he said.

Esposito noted that the support from the faculty and from Bonsall High School parents included encouragement after a Legionnaires loss. “Our team rose up because of that support,” he said.

“I am very excited, Esposito said of playing at University of Chester. “I’m looking forward to it to see what the type of competition will be over there.”

Murray selected as SDHSSA female Senior Scholar-Athlete for FHS

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Village News Reporter

The San Diego High School Sports Association annually honors one male student-athlete and one female student-athlete from each CIF San Diego Section school. This year, Erin Murray was Fallbrook High School’s recognized female Senior Scholar-Athlete.

“I feel super honored and blessed to have the opportunity to receive this award,” Murray said.

The SDHSSA allows athletic directors and coaches to pick the honorees from each school and notes that the student-athletes should have excelled both on and off the field.

“They would be highly representative of what they’re doing as a student-athlete in the classroom,” Patrick Walker,

athletic director of Fallbrook High School, said.

Murray compiled a 4.31 GPA while at Fallbrook High School.

“That speaks for itself,” Walker said.

“There were definitely times when it was challenging to manage playing sports and keeping up with my studies, but I learned to manage my time well enough to keep up my grades,” Murray said.

Walker noted that the desire to excel on the field often produces an attitude which leads to academic success.

“The work ethic is a big translation,” he said.

Murray was on Fallbrook’s varsity field hockey team for four years and on the Warriors’ track and field varsity for four years. She did not compete in the Warriors’ only 2020 track and field meet due to a hamstring pull. She was a team

captain for the field hockey team as a junior and senior and was also a track and field team captain for her junior and senior years.

The Valley League field hockey coaches gave Murray all-league recognition for all four of her high school seasons, and she was on the all-CIF second team as a senior.

All-league track and field honors are determined by positions at the league championship meet; Murray won the 400-meter race at the Valley League meet all three years and also won the 200-meter dash as a junior and, in 2019, Murray was also part of Fallbrook’s 4x100-meter relay team which won the league race. The Valley League coaches named Murray the league’s girls track and field athlete of the year for 2019.

“She’s highly motivated as a student-athlete,” Walker said. “You can really see her desire on

the field and her leadership.”

St. Louis University in Missouri gave Murray a track and field scholarship.

“She would not be getting that if she did not take care of business in the classroom,” Walker said.

Murray will also be receiving academic scholarship assistance while at St. Louis University.

“I would just like to thank my parents, my coaches and especially my teammates,” Murray said of her SDHSSA award.

The SDHSSA normally has a student-athlete breakfast to recognize the honorees. This year a virtual ceremony will honor each designated scholar-athlete. Pictures will be displayed during the roll call, and the ceremony will be posted on <http://www.sdhssaa.net>. The event program will still be produced and mailed to each recipient along with the SDHSSA

certificate of recognition.

Fallbrook High School usually recognizes the SDHSSA award recipients at the Associated Student Body’s year-end senior banquet and at the senior breakfast; however, the shutdown due to the coronavirus outbreak will limit current school honors to certificates only.

A makeup ceremony for the Fallbrook student-athletes may be possible, potentially including when the 2021 seniors are honored.

“There are no promises of that, but I think the recognition ceremony is a big deal,” Walker said.

“It’s a huge bummer that us senior athletes weren’t able to finish out our spring sports season, but I’m super grateful for the memories these past four years,” Murray said.

Del Mar racetrack proposes opening date of July 10

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The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club announced it plans to start its racing season Friday, July 10, pending the approval of the California Horse Racing Board.

The state’s Horse Racing Board will decide at its June 11 meeting whether to approve the Del Mar racetrack’s plan, which would employ a Friday through Sunday race schedule.

The track will operate without spectators for the foreseeable future, according to track officials.

Originally scheduled to open July 18, the track’s operators proposed moving up the start date to fit its usual number of races in, despite an abbreviated schedule.

“We want to begin the meet earlier and offer horsemen the same number of opportunities to run as we have for the last several

summer seasons,” Tom Robbins, executive vice president of racing for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, said. “And because the San Diego Fair was canceled this year, our track maintenance team will be preparing our racing surfaces earlier and we’ll be able to have horses on-site sooner than in the past.”

The proposed schedule called for 291 races over nine weeks. The track ran 297 races over its eight-

week summer program in 2019.

The track would offer 10-race cards Fridays and Sundays and 11-race cards Saturdays, with the summer racing schedule set to close with a four-day week ending Sept. 7.

Wagering on Del Mar’s races will continue remotely via online platforms like TVG and at off-track betting locations. The first daily post throughout the summer will be at 2 p.m.



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Alanis to seek berth on William and Mary running teams

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William and Mary College head cross country coach Forest Braden told Austin Alanis that the 2020 Bonsall High School graduate isn't guaranteed a berth on the William and Mary cross country team, but Braden also told Alanis what he needs to achieve for a berth on the Tribe's squad.

"It's in my hands for training and getting to that level," Alanis said.

"The coach and I have communicated about training and what it will take to get on the team," Alanis said. "He knows my interests and he's very open-minded about it."

Braden is also the Tribe's head distance coach during the track and field season. "I will also try to compete in track and field," Alanis said.

"I don't have a lot of years in the sport, not as many as other people on the team do, but he seems willing to entertain my experience," Alanis said. "I'm going to train to make the team as a walk-on, but I'm not in a position right now where I have a spot waiting."

Alanis is a military dependent and the family was in Stuttgart, Germany, when Alanis was in fourth grade at the Patch Barracks school. He was in a running club as a fourth grader.

"Freshman year in high school is when I first ran track," Alanis said.

Alanis' father was transferred to Camp Pendleton in 2017. Alanis attended Lejeune High School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as a freshman. "When I was a freshman in high school, I had no interest in doing any sports, but quite a few of my friends did cross country," Alanis said.

His decision not to run cross country in ninth grade was due to prioritizing academics rather than an aversion to participating in the Devil Pups' athletic programs. "I didn't want to jeopardize my grades," Alanis said.

That would turn out not to be a problem. Alanis graduated from Bonsall High School as the school's salutatorian and compiled a grade-

point average of 4.5577. He received an "A" grade in every high school class he took, including advanced classes and Palomar College courses for which students receive both high school and community college credit. Students in the advanced classes and Palomar College classes receive an extra point for their grade-point average.

"Overall, Austin is a leader. He is very determined and dedicated to his academics and athletics. He sets specific admirable goals and always finds a way to achieve them," said current Bonsall cross country coach Tamara Miller, who coached Alanis during the 2019 season.

Alanis tried track and field in spring 2017. The Lejeune High School coach had team members write down their goals. Alanis, who had no experience, set a goal of running the mile (the 1,600-meter race is sometimes referred to as the metric mile) in under six minutes. He had a time of 5:41.4 in his first meet to finish sixth in that race, immediately behind Lejeune teammate and 2020 Fallbrook High School graduate John Regan.

"I was really interested in running, trying to get my time better," Alanis said. "I've just gotten more interested in it and more involved with the sport."

The Frontier Conference combines all leagues into the conference championship meet. In November 2017, Alanis finished 22nd among all boys at the cross country conference meet and fourth among sophomores. Three of the 21 faster times were posted by Bonsall High School teammates.

The top three Division V boys teams at the CIF San Diego Section meet qualified for the state meet as did the top five individuals not affiliated with a qualifying team. In 2017 Bonsall placed third among the Division V schools at the section meet to qualify as a team while Alanis was 43rd among the Division V boys. He finished his sophomore cross country season at the state meet, posting a time of 19:20.9 on the 5,000-meter (3.1-mile) course at Woodward Park in Fresno and finishing 175th among the 207

Division V boys.

The top 10 finishers at the Frontier Conference meet receive all-league honors, and Alanis did that as a junior with a fifth-place finish in the 2018 meet. He placed 28th in that year's Division V section race.

"He's such a self-driven young man that there's no doubt in my mind he'll do well," said Al Greene, who was Bonsall's cross country and track and field head coach during Alanis' sophomore and junior years.

Alanis' final high school league cross country race in 2019 ended with a third-place finish, giving him all-league recognition for the second year in a row. In the 2019 section meet he was seventh among all Division V boys, which placed him on the all-CIF team, and third among runners whose school did not qualify as a team. Alanis closed out his high school cross country career with a time of 16:59.6 on the Woodward Park course, which placed 54th among the 203 Division V runners.

"He has got great speed and endurance," Miller said.

The 2018 Frontier Conference track and field league meet included a seventh-place finish by Alanis in the 3,200-meter race and an 11th-place time of 5:14.94 in the 1,600-meter event.

Alanis' final track and field competition was at the 2019 CIF San Diego Section preliminaries, where he was part of Bonsall's 4x400 relay team which took 21st place among the 22 Division II teams. Bonsall's 4x400 team qualified for the CIF meet by placing second at the Frontier Conference meet. In addition to the 4x400 Alanis ran the 800-meter and 1600-meter events at the 2019 league meet and took seventh place in both. His metric mile time was 4:53.93.

"He did most of the work on his own. He worked hard," Greene said.

The rest of the Alanis family will also be in Virginia this fall, as Lt. Colonel Oscar Alanis has been transferred back to Virginia. Austin Alanis was also considering the University of California, San Diego and the University of California, Irvine before choosing William and Mary.



Austin Alanis pushes past and beats Pablo Chapman at the 2019 CIF cross country meet, placing seventh overall.

"It's been a while since I've lived on the East Coast and I wanted to have another adventure," Alanis said.

Alanis took his campus visit to William and Mary during summer 2019. "I felt really at home there and I felt I belonged there," he said.

He will be a kinesiology major at William and Mary, and Alanis plans to minor or even double-major in economics. "I definitely want to do something with economics," he said.

That could include teaching economics or other social science classes. "I'm thinking of becoming a teacher and a running coach at a high school. I'd like to return to North County," Alanis said.

If a Bonsall High School position is open Alanis would like to be part of the Bonsall faculty and the Legionnaires' athletic program.

"I know that there are going to be other interests that pop up in college," Alanis said. "I'm just keeping my mind open to those as well."

Alanis' favorite Bonsall High School sports memory was qualifying for the cross country state meet as a team when he was a sophomore.

In addition to his sports and music activities Alanis was in the National History Day Club, Mock Trial, and the Bonsall Buddies program which creates bonds between seniors and freshmen.

Alanis was also in Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout in April. His Eagle Scout project was building a trophy case for Bonsall High School.

"I hope to continue hearing about great things that Bonsall High School graduates and students do," Alanis said.

Alanis knows what he must do to be able to run in college, but even if he is unable to make the team, he will still be a William and Mary student. "Just going to the college itself is enough of an honor," he said.

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FALLBROOK – During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial

markets. And one aspect of every individual’s total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund. In normal times, it’s a good idea for you to keep three to six months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill. Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won’t have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your individual retirement account and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you’re likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including

taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59 1/2. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions. Of course, life is expensive, so it’s not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren’t going to use for your normal cash flow. That’s why it’s so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your

emergency fund. There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it’s up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you’ve budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you’ll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up “a few things” – because it doesn’t really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You’ll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you’ll need and adhering to these lists.

After doing this for a few months, see how much you’ve saved – it may be much more than you’d expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement. Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC Edward Jones financial adviser Brian Schrock is located at 1434 S. Mission Road, Suite B, in Fallbrook. For more information, call 760-731-3234.

Local organic olive oil producer wins a gold medal



Jeanene and Fabien Tremoulet, owners of Pitchouline Organic Olive Oil, are seven-year residents of Fallbrook.

FALLBROOK – Pitchouline Organic Olive Oil, located in Fallbrook, was awarded a Gold Medal at the prestigious New York International Olive Oil Competition, May 14. Jeanene and Fabien Tremoulet, owners and producers, commented to NYIOOC, “The DeLuz Valley (San Diego county) offers a unique climate with a Mediterranean-

like microclimate providing our olive trees a perfect blend of daytime heat and low nighttime temperatures. “Right from the infancy of our vision, we believed that the quality of our olive oil starts in the soil and made a commitment to never use chemicals. We prepare our own biodynamic compost and use cover crops. We also seek USDA



Locally produced Pitchouline Organic Olive Oil is a gold medal winner.

certified organic and practice sustainable agriculture. A large portion of our farm has always been a protected natural habitat with the Sandia Creek at its core. We became the guardians of this habitat and nature gifted us with fertility in return,” the Tremoulets said. Submitted by Pitchouline Organic Olive Oil.

Kornelsen announced as Student Research and Creative Works Expo winner at UA Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Caroline Kornelsen, of Fallbrook was among the University of Arkansas at Little Rock students announced as winners of the 2020 Student Research and Creative Works Expo, May 1. Kornelsen, an undergraduate student, won third place for the physical science category for “Investigation of Forster Resonance Energy Transfer in Ionic Materials.” Students presented more than 150 research and creative works during the premiere student research event. Student projects

were judged on the novelty and clarity of their research, the soundness of their methodology, the potential application of their findings and the student’s ability to explain their project to an expert and lay audience. With about 10,000 students and 100 programs, University of Arkansas at Little Rock offers learning, research, service, social and career opportunities that can only be found at a metropolitan university located in Arkansas’ capital city. Submitted by University of Arkansas.

Reopening to meet your needs

Andrew Zucker
Zucker Law Firm
Special to Valley News

It’s official. On Monday, May 18, Gov. Gavin Newsom conceded to most California counties seeking to enter Phase 2 – or some modified version of it – allowing some steps forward. It means a gradual progression toward the reopening of businesses and the revival of local economies. It means more of that “getting back to normal” that has struck headlines across the country and become highly sought after the longer everyone has been cooped up and stuck at home. It means the opportunity to get back out into the world and take control of some things that might have fallen by the wayside in the past few months – that have felt like years. What does it mean for you? Well, for Zucker Law Firm, it means reaching out to the local community and to the individuals that put some things on the back burner simply because other matters became more pressing and lodged at the forefront of their minds. Like many small and community-based businesses, we closed our doors for the safety of our staff, families and community. It didn’t mean we stopped working; in fact, we continued case management for our existing clients via digital means: internet, telephone and email. It was inconceivable we’d let the shelter-in-place impact the commitment we made to our clients, and we continued to meet deadlines and ensure case progression for our clients’ satisfaction and benefit. What can it mean for you? If you had an accident, where you were injured or a love one was killed,

and you’ve considered seeking legal counsel, now is the time to take action. Take control of your situation and get answers to your questions or concerns. How will my medical bills get paid? What medical care should I seek? How will I get compensated for my lost income from missing work? Should I talk to the insurance company or hire an attorney to do so? We can answer all of these questions for your specific case and give you guidance based on our experience for over 20 years of handling injury and wrongful death cases.

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EDUCATION

Fallbrook High becomes an International Baccalaureate World School

FALLBROOK – After a three-year journey, Fallbrook High School was approved by International Baccalaureate to be officially named an IB World School. Instead of hearing the news in a packed school board meeting in the library with balloons and streamers, Fallbrook Union High School District residents got the news at home in a Zoom teleconference meeting.

Fallbrook High was previously approved as a candidate school for the traditional IB Diploma Programme in June 2018 and later for the IB Career-related Programme in December 2018. In March 2019, the school board unanimously voted for Fallbrook to keep working on these goals.

“After several years of work and with a new supportive superintendent, the board was to vote whether to approve IB,” Sharon Koehler, board member of FUHSD, said. “At that meeting I spoke of innovation and rigor being important to our parents and students. I said, ‘We can be an average school or we can step into an elite group.’”

Fallbrook’s accomplishment indeed puts it in an elite standing. Fallbrook is one of eight schools in all of California to offer IB’s Diploma Programme, Career-related Programme and Bilingual Diploma.

George Herring, IB coordinator at Fallbrook High, said, “We weren’t really trying to out build other schools. We were reacting to our situation at Fallbrook, which is amazing. We could not build what we built if we did not already have a nationally competitive Career Technical Education program seeded with award winning teachers, an ROTC program that is the envy of other schools, an amazing group of students coming through our system as part of the Dual Immersion program for bilingual education and what I think is the best English Language Development department in the state. The fact that we now have this honor is just a byproduct of how we built the IB program to fit the character of her school.”

The IB programs ensure that students are well-rounded and prepared for higher education and the world of work. IB graduates are typically described as being academically prepared for college. Research shows that IB graduates often outperform their non-IB peers in college, but Fallbrook administrators are mindful of more than just the top tier of their school.

Principal Narciso Iglesias said, “We know we have students who can handle a rigorous course but for whatever reason are opting not to. Even if a student takes one IB class, studies show they are 80% more likely to continue from high school to college or university or professional work. That’s a powerful motivator to get as many kids as we can into at least one IB course. It can be life changing.”

IB classes begin in 11th grade. In 2019, as part of that call to action to include more students in a program like IB, Fallbrook created The Global Village whose purpose is to bring together students with potential in ninth and 10th grade who fall outside of the traditional system of a full slate of honors classes.

Teachers in the Global Village use IB philosophies on service learning, character education and international mindedness to mentor and encourage students into at least one highly rigorous course in 11th and 12th grade.

Global Village English teacher Brooklin Brumund said, “As an educator you see there are no boundaries to a student’s potential when they take advantage of opportunity. I learn that from these students as I watch them grow and express themselves.”

The IB verification team that assessed Fallbrook made particular note of the Global Village. FUHSD superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez said in her Zoom announcement, “With the Global Village, a program Fallbrook created as part of its work in launching IB and which will have 300 students engaged in it next fall, the team that assessed our readiness to become an IB World School noted that we were already a leader in providing equity and access to students who may otherwise be overlooked at another school and that we should be presenting our good work on an international stage to inspire others.”

“The International Baccalaureate program has in its essence so much grace,” Dianne Summers, board president of FUHSD, said “When researching it before the board approval, I found that students from Dubai to Singapore were participating in this exciting type of international learning. While being very academically challenging, it offers students a wider, global perspective of numerous issues from farming, environmental protections and business opportunities of the future. Even calling our pre-IB program ‘A Global Village’ says it all.”

Fallbrook’s IB Diploma Programme will be open access to all students whether they come to it through traditional honors classes, the Global Village or somewhere else.

Joseph Tygart is a 10th grade honors student at Fallbrook who will be one of the first at the school to pursue the IB Diploma Programme.

“I want IB because I want my schooling to be more hands on and involved in the learning, not just sitting behind a desk. I want to become a better and more in-depth thinker,” Tygart said.

The IB Career-related Programme allows Fallbrook to partner IB with their Career Technical Education pathways. Fallbrook will be offering IB career-related certificates in cybersecurity, medical engineering, advanced manufacturing, transportation technology and leadership management.

For Herring, the IB Career-related Programme points to an important reality.

“The working world needs industry professionals who know their craft, but who can also speak intelligently, write correctly and think critically,” he said.

Because of this philosophy, Fallbrook plans to use a student’s passion for a career pathway as a motivator to move them into rigorous core coursework with IB.

Though officially an IB school, most students have already selected their courses for the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, Fallbrook is scheduled to begin IB classes in August 2021.

To learn more about the IB, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Union High School District.



Looking forward, Fallbrook High School principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias sees a great future ahead for the students and community by partnering with International Baccalaureate to become an IB World School.

FHS names May Students of the Month



Mikhail Beath plays rugby and is an academic team member and a Scout, as well as a former exchange student to Russia.



Nicole Dulin plays tennis, belongs to several clubs on campus and volunteers in the community.



Maya Rink is involved in church activities, does volunteer work with several groups and is a scholar-athlete.



Delana Sehnert raises grand champion steers, plays field hockey and volunteers for church and community projects.

FALLBROOK – The Student of the Month Committee has announced the May 2020 Students of the Month from Fallbrook Union High School District, including Mikhail Beath, Nicole Dulin, Maya Rink and Delana Sehnert.

Nominated throughout the school year by educators, the business community and charitable organizations, senior students for this honor are selected by criteria that include excellence in academics, school service and activities, community service, leadership and citizenship.

Mikhail Beath, with a 4.25 GPA, has been active on Fallbrook High School’s varsity Academic Team and on Fallbrook’s rugby team. Before his senior year, Beath served as an AFS exchange student in Russia. A Boy Scout, he has volunteered at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and at the snack bar for girls’ rugby. Nominated by Fallbrook High science teacher Marin Pinnell, Beath also worked part-time during the school year.

Nicole Dulin, nominated by Pinnell, has earned over a 4.0 GPA with her Advanced Placement classes. Dulin has been an exceptional first team All-League tennis player throughout her high school years and has balanced her academic and athletic responsibilities as president of California Scholarship Federation and involvement with the school clubs of CREW, Fallbrook Christian Athletes and Pretty in Pink. She has volunteered extensively in the community as a National Charity League member and in her church, and she has also worked part-time.

Maya Rink, a student-athlete, has earned a 4.2 GPA and been a member of Fallbrook High School’s track, cross-country and soccer teams. Involved with her church activities, Rink has also enjoyed her volunteer work with Fallbrook A Leer, Fallbrook Stem Academy, Angel Shop, Fallbrook Food Pantry and Girl Scouts.

Pinnell, who nominated her for this honor, said, “Maya is very unassuming, a top student and a key character in our community who gives back to her community. She is an excellent example of the greatness we have at Fallbrook High.”

Delana Sehnert, who was nominated by her former agriculture teacher Megan Alvarez, has worked diligently as a National FFA Organization chapter leader. She also has earned grand champion awards with her animals, including her steer in 2019, at the San Diego County Fair. She has been a strong player for Fallbrook’s field hockey team and has volunteered for many hours with the National Charity League and served at her church as a youth leader and assisting the children’s center.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the business community could not celebrate these students at this year’s May monthly breakfast. In place of the breakfast, members of the Student of the Month Committee have visited each recipient’s home, wearing masks and social distancing, and presented the students with a balloon bouquet, a commemorative T-shirt and the customary backpack of gifts from local businesses and organizations.

The Student of the Month Committee acknowledged the many local businesses and nonprofit organizations for their continued sponsorship throughout the school year. They also appreciated the Rev. Greg Coppock, administrative pastor of SonRise Church, the master of ceremonies of each month’s breakfast program, for his avid participation over many years.

Student of the Month committee members included chair Lynne Grantham, Connie Fellios, Crystal Gates, Terese Gillcrist, Darcy Kuran, Terry Marroquin, Kara Mings and Meiko Winton, and they are looking forward to resuming the Student of the Month Breakfast recognitions next school year.

Submitted by the Student of the Month Committee.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Fallbrook Pageant can be watched live online



Fallbrook Village Rotary is hosting the 2020 Miss Fallbrook pageant on Facebook Village News/Shane Gibson photo this year. Anyone who wants to watch can go to Facebook.com/Miss Fallbrook to watch the livestream for free, Saturday, June 6, 5 p.m. The 2019 Miss Fallbrook court is ready to pass on their crowns, from left, Miss Fallbrook First Princess Ivonne Damian, Miss Fallbrook Vanessa Hernandez, Miss Teen Fallbrook Stefanie Puerta, Miss Teen Fallbrook First Princess Madilyn Golden and Miss Teen Fallbrook Second Princess Veronica Romero. Not pictured is Miss Fallbrook Second Princess Lupita Hernandez.

NATIONAL

On the spot where George Floyd died, his brother urges calm

Aaron Morrison
The Associated Press

George Floyd’s brother pleaded for peace in the streets Monday, June 1, saying destruction is “not going to bring my brother back at all.”

Terrence Floyd’s emotional plea came as the United States braced for another night of violence in response to Floyd’s killing a week ago.

Chants of “What’s his name? George Floyd!” filled the air as a large crowd gathered at the spot where the black man who became the latest symbol of racial injustice in America lay handcuffed and dying as a white police officer pressed his knee into his neck.

Wearing a face mask with Floyd’s image on it, his brother dropped to his knees at the storefront that has been turned into a memorial covered with flowers and signs. As he kneeled silently, many who were around him joined him on the ground.

The memorial site was a space of calm compared to the devastation left in the wake of fires and violence that paralyzed the city for days last week before it spread nationwide.

“I understand y’all are upset. I doubt y’all are half as upset as I am,” Terrence Floyd, who lives in New York, said. “So if I’m not over here blowing up stuff, if I’m not over here messing up my community, then what are y’all doing? What are y’all doing? Y’all doing nothing. Because that’s not going to bring my brother back at all.”

George Floyd, 46, died after he was arrested in Minneapolis, accused of using a forged \$20 bill to pay for goods at a grocery store. The white officer, Derek Chauvin, has been charged with murder.

Terrence Floyd took several minutes sitting in the spot where the officer pinned his brother, and he sobbed.

Addressing the crowd, he said he did not understand why the other three police officers who arrested Floyd and were fired with Chauvin have not been charged.

Still, he said, the Floyd family, which he described as “peaceful” and “God-fearing,” wants calm protests at this time with hopes that justice will follow.

“In every case of police brutality, the same thing has been happening. Y’all protest, y’all destroy stuff. ... Let’s do this another way,” he said, encouraging the crowd to vote and to educate themselves. “Let’s switch it up, y’all.”

In contrast to the peaceful message, President Donald Trump took a tough tone later in the day



An emotional Terrence Floyd is comforted as AP photo/Bebeto Matthews photo he sits at the spot at the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Monday, June 1, where his brother George Floyd encountered police and died while in their custody, May 25.

in the White House Rose Garden, threatening to mobilize “thousands and thousands” of U.S. soldiers if state governors don’t deploy the National Guard to “dominate the streets” and halt the protests. As he spoke, tear gas canisters could be heard exploding just a block away as police and National Guard soldiers worked to force people protesting the death of Floyd back.

Before his death, George Floyd – like millions of Americans during the coronavirus pandemic

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National GI Film Festival announces new leadership

SAN DIEGO – Organizers of the GI Film Festival San Diego, a military-themed film festival that presents films and events for, by and about military service members and veterans, announced KPBS as the sole producer of the national film festival, May 19. All activities will now originate in San Diego, including the awards competition, judging and in-person film screenings.

The full festival was moved to May 18-23, 2021, allowing for additional time to plan screening events outside of current COVID-19 limitations. This change also moves the national film festival to its original spring timeframe, when it was held in Washington from 2006 to 2017.

“KPBS is honored to have grown the GI Film Festival in San Diego. But to now have the blessing and trust from founders Brandon and Laura is truly an honor. KPBS is proud to continue the strong GI Film Festival traditions in San Diego and beyond,” Nancy Worlie, associate general manager of content and communications of KPBS, said. “In just five short years, we’ve demonstrated that the GI Film Festival was important to our community and that we can continue this tradition for filmmakers around the globe.”

The national GI Film Festival was founded in 2006 by Army veteran Laura Law-Millett and her husband Brandon Millett, to foster greater public understanding of the military experience through film, television and live special events. For over a decade, the award-winning GI Film Festival happened annually in Washington, with additional events hosted on military bases around the country and in Los Angeles.

In 2015, the GI Film Festival worked with KPBS to bring the “Sundance for the Troops” permanently to San Diego to help expand the festival’s footprint. The shift to the West Coast was only natural as San Diego boasts one of the largest military populations in the U.S., with seven major military bases between the Navy, Marines and the Coast Guard. San Diego County has the third largest veteran population in the U.S. with more than 240,500 veterans and more than 100,000 active duty members.

In 2018, the GI Film Group announced San Diego would be the home for the national film festival for that year. This year, KPBS officially acquired the GI Film Festival making San Diego the home for the national festival now and for years to come. The Milletts will remain advisers to KPBS moving forward.

“As the first military film festival in the country, the GI Film Festival provided a voice for the military community in entertainment and we are so proud to have helped deliver hundreds of films into the marketplace showing the honor and courage of those who serve,” Brandon Millett said. “And now, under the leadership of KPBS, we have no doubt that the festival will continue to grow and encourage filmmakers everywhere to share their stories.”

When the global pandemic and official “shelter-in-place” orders were announced in mid-March, festival organizers accelerated their plan to reschedule the highly anticipated GI Film Festival San Diego, which traditionally takes place annually each fall. To also continue its mission to engage audiences, inspire filmmakers and celebrate authentic storytelling, the festival will present a virtual showcase. Oct. 1-2. Titles and filmmaker participation to be announced later this summer. The films to be featured in the virtual showcase will be hand-selected by festival organizers.

“Moving our screenings virtual in the fall presents an opportunity to reach even more people around the world,” Worlie said. “We’re excited to keep inspiring a love for military stories and start planning the virtual showcase, and the spring 2021 festival with an all new lineup of films that inspire, engage and reflect the military and veteran communities in the United States and internationally. It’ll be fascinating to see how the quarantine has challenged filmmakers to dive deeper into their creative talent and submit something completely original, compelling and transforming. We look forward

to seeing submissions for the 2021 festival start rolling in very soon.”

To prepare for the virtual screenings, festival organizers send out weekly emails to supporters sharing their recommendations for must-see military-related films and podcasts that can be enjoyed at home or on the go. Some of the films may have been featured at past festivals. These “binge-worthy” suggestions coincide with military awareness months like Military Caregiver Appreciation Month and Month of the Military Child, as well as other themes of resilience, strength, World War II and more.

In its six-year history, the GI Film Festival San Diego has presented 164 films and attracted thousands of attendees. Each film, whether it be a documentary, narrative, short or feature-length, tells a compelling and unique story that may challenge the festivalgoers’ notions about what it means to serve and goes beyond one-dimensional depictions of veterans, service members, their caregivers and families.

The festival tackles topics like healing post-traumatic stress, survivor’s guilt, LGBTQIA military experiences, drug addiction post-service and more during in-depth panel discussions after each film block to help reduce the military-civilian divide. There is also an opportunity for San Diego area filmmakers to share their work and celebrate the growing San Diego film community, through the festival’s Local Film Showcase, organized in partnership with the Film Consortium San Diego.

Every year, the GI Film Festival San Diego continues to grow and draw audiences and filmmakers from around the world. The festival has also hosted several celebrities that took part in films selected for the festival, including documentary filmmakers Ken Burns and Ric Burns; actor and activist George Takei; actor Matthew Marsden; actor/producer/director Jeffrey Wright; and actor/director Brenda Strong.

How to submit for the 2021 GI Film Festival San Diego

Submissions for the spring 2021 film festival will be handled exclusively through FilmFreeway. The opening date for submissions was May 25. The following is the submission timeline:

Early Bird Deadline: Oct. 7 (\$35 fee, students \$20)

Regular Deadline: Dec. 2 (\$45 fee, students \$30)

Late Deadline: Jan. 20, 2021 (\$55 fee, students \$40)

Notification Date: March 10, 2021

All submissions must meet requirements, which will be posted on the GI Film Festival San Diego website, <http://GIFilmFestivalSD.org>, and at <https://filmfreeway.com>. Rules and terms to submit for the 2021 festival include GI Film Festival San Diego requirements and local film showcase requirements.

To be selected for the 2021 GI Film Festival San Diego, films must have been completed after Jan. 1, 2018, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

A storyline or narrative arc that is about the military experience- past or current day-USA or international- during service or back home after service.

A film of any genre, military-themed or not, featuring above the line talent who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. military. Above the line talent includes: director, writer, producer and/or principal actor/actress.

To be selected for the 2021 GI Film Festival San Diego’s local film showcase, films must have been completed after Jan. 1, 2018, entered under the Local Film Showcase San Diego category, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

A storyline or narrative arc that is about the military experience within San Diego County or Imperial County.

- A military themed film that is made by individual(s) who reside in San Diego County or Imperial County.
- A military themed film that features more than 60% of cast and crew from San Diego County or Imperial County.
- A military themed film that was shot or edited within San Diego County or Imperial County.
- A film of any genre featuring

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OBITUARIES



Herman de Ru died May 20, 2020. Born in 1931 in the city of Leiden in the Netherlands to Cornelis and Wilhelmina, Herman was the youngest and last remaining of seven children.

He married Elly Wijtsma July 3, 1958, and they soon after immigrated to California, where they lived for 35 years in Whittier. He started with Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital on their opening day and spent the remainder of his career there. After his retirement, Herman and Elly spent a year in Suriname, then

finally settled in Fallbrook, where they lived for 26 years.

Herman loved the Lord deeply and served him as a deacon at Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church in La Mirada; as a missionary associate in Paramaribo, Suriname; as an elder at Harvest OPC in San Marcos and in many other ways. It was all done in thankfulness for he placed his trust in Jesus Christ alone. Herman’s hope would be that all who read this would “Seek the Lord while He may be found” as in Isaiah 55:6. Herman surely did and is now with his beautiful savior.

Herman is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 62 years, his four children and their spouses: Ron and Bonnie de Ru, Fred and Brenda de Ru, Mark and Jennifer de Ru, and Allen and Chris Shaw, as well as 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for July 18, 2020, but may be limited in attendance due to the pandemic. Rather than sending flowers, consider making a contribution in his memory to the deacons of Harvest OPC, <http://www.hopc.org>, or to the Committee on Foreign Missions of the OPC, <http://give.opc.org>.



Joe K. Hulsey died peacefully at his home with his wife and family, May 24, 2020. He was born in Cheneyville, Louisiana, May 24, 1932.

Joe joined the Air Force in 1949. He was a drummer in the Air Force Band, playing for the troops and marching in Okinawa. He later played with the Big Jazz Bands

in the 50s.

Joe and his wife Lee lived in Las Vegas for 40 years. Joe worked for Circus Hotel & Casinos for 10 years as Entertainment Director, Chief Engineer and Property Management, 1974 to 1984.

In 1984, Joe and son Michael started Roseland Nursery in Fallbrook, California as growers, wholesale and retail, with three locations for landscapers, gardeners and the public.

Joe resided with his family in Fallbrook for 20 years. Lee and Joe celebrated 67 years of marriage Dec. 30, 2019. Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was loved by his employees of 36 years. He will always be remembered as being fair and kind to everyone.

He will be buried in Las Vegas Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Palm Eastern.

Fictitious Business Name

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File Number: 2020-9008830
Name of Business
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This business is registered by the following:
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File Number: 2020-9008879
Name of Business
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9007908
Name of Business
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This business is registered by the following:
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PUBLISHED: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code that Citrus Plaza Self Storage LLC, at 202 West College Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028 will sell by competitive bidding, on or after June 16, 2020 at 2:30pm, property belonging to those listed below. Auction to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: Household, office & business goods, furniture, appliances, personal items, clothing, electronics, tools, duffle bags/suit cases, electronics, sporting and exercise equipment, miscellaneous boxes, containers & bags with unknown contents belonging to the following:

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Espinoza, Arthur
Nelson, Joy
Dorantes, Jose Antonio
Stasik, Sarah
Sanchez, Daniel

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LEGALS

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9008035
Name of Business
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b. SLEEP AND POTTY COMPANY
1930 Sunset Blvd., San Diego, CA 92103
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 04, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9007837
Name of Business
YORK & COMPANY
7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
1. Carrie F. York, 7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
2. Sharon F. York, 7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 28, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at a time certain of 4:15 p.m. at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, OR alternatively, if COVID-19 meeting restrictions continue to apply, the public hearing will be TELEPHONIC, to establish a Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan for the Fire Mitigation Fee Program to comply with Government Code §§66000-66002 and the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance.

Any taxpayer may appear at said time and place and be heard regarding this item.

Dominic Fieri, Fire Marshal
North County Fire Protection District
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary
Dated: May 26, 2020

Published June 4, 11, 2020

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP PRELIMINARY AGENDAS FOR SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP will meet online using Zoom, 7 PM, Monday, 15 June 2020
Jack Wood, Chair 760-715-3359

Land Use Committee will not meet Tuesday, 9 June 2020 10AM.
Eileen Delaney, Chair 760-518-8888

Circulation Committee will not meet Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 2 PM.
Roy Moosa, Chair 760-723-1181

Design Review Committee will not meet Wednesday, 10 June 2020 9:30 AM.
Eileen Delaney, Chair 760-518-8888

Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 11AM online using Zoom.
Meeting ID: 819 3702 7851
Meeting Password: 026727
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Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Parks and Recreation Committee on any subject matter within the committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item. No discussion.
1. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting.
2. Discussion of the proposed park on East Fallbrook Street, between Golden and Morro rds. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) recently acquired that 6.8-acre site to provide new active recreation opportunities for residents of all ages, interests and abilities. DPR staff will be reaching out to the Fallbrook community this summer through a series of Facebook Live events and online surveys to learn about recreation hopes and desires for the new park. Community preferences will guide the development of park concept plans to review with residents in late summer 2020. County Planner Stephanie Kopplin, Stephanie.kopplin@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-966-1344. **Community input. Voting item. (5/22)**
Jim Loge, Chair, 760-712-2773

Public Facilities Committee will not meet Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 2:30PM.
Roy Moosa, Chair 760-723-1181

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SHERIFF’S LOG

May 15	
1100 block S. Mission Rd	Found property
May 18	
4700 block Pala Rd	Vehicle burglary
May 19	
700 block S. Mission Rd	Threat with weapon
May 20	
1100 block S. Mission Rd	Fraud
N. Main Ave @ E. Ivy St	Armed robbery
May 24	
3300 block Avocado Vista Ln	Assault with a deadly weapon
May 25	
1800 block Alvarado St	Battery
1200 block Palomino Rd	Arrest: Domestic battery, cruelty to child
1100 block Alturas Rd	Battery
1000 block N. Orange Ave	Battery
300 block W. Elder St	Missing person
800 block S. Main Ave	Arrest: Robbery
2100 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Providing false identification to peace officer
May 26	
1700 block St. Peters Dr	Fraud
200 block Autumn Rose Ln	Petty theft
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Vehicle theft, conspiracy, receiving stolen property
5400 block Villas Dr	Recovered stolen vehicle
May 27	
900 block Alturas Rd	Assault with a deadly weapon
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Traffic stop

BROTHER

— was out of work and looking for a new job.

He and some friends moved to Minneapolis from his native Houston around 2014 to find work and start a new life, his lifelong friend Christopher Harris has said. But he was laid off when Minnesota shut down restaurants as part of a stay-at-home order.

“My brother moved here from Houston. He loved it here,” Terrence Floyd said Monday. “So I know he would not want y’all to be doing this.”

He said he appreciates the show

of support and love for his brother and their family.

Civil rights leader Rev. Kevin McCall of New York, said he brought Terrence Floyd, community members and others out to the memorial site in Minneapolis to urge calm.

“We’re sending a message to people all over the country,” he said. “Stop the looting and throw up the peace sign. Don’t stop protesting, but throw up the peace sign.”

At the end of his remarks, Terrence Floyd led the crowd in more chants.

“What’s his name?” he said.

“George Floyd!” the crowd answered back.

FESTIVAL

local above the line talent who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. military. Local filmmaker should reside in San Diego County or Imperial County. Above the line talent includes: director, writer, producer and/or principal

actor/actress.

Earlier in May, the California Arts Council announced that the GI Film Festival San Diego made its list of organizations they will support. The 1,534 grants have been awarded to nonprofit organizations and units of government for their work to strengthen arts, culture and creative expression. The festival received its \$13,421 grant under the Arts

and Public Media category for its activities to engage Californians and California filmmakers and showcase creative expression. But the need for support continues. To sponsor the 2021 GI Film Festival San Diego, contact Claudine Casillas at ccasillas@kpbs.org. Learn more about the GI Film Festival San Diego at <http://GIFilmFestivalSD.org>.

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