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New ambulance now in service

Lucette Moramarco Associate Editor

North County Fire Protection District dedicated its new advanced life-support ambulance at Fire Station 1 on April 10. Besides members of the NCFPD board, attendees included staff and board members of the Fallbrook Regional Health District which paid for almost half of the cost of the ambulance.

Fire Chief Keith McReynolds said, "It has been a long time since we put one (ambulance) in service, in decades." He joined the district in 1990, when there were five engines and three ambulances. They now have a fourth ambulance; "something to be proud of," McReynolds said.

Adding a fourth ambulance was necessitated by the long transport times on the I-15 involved in serving the whole area – 90 square miles. None of the local urgent care facilities are open 24 hours a day, McReynolds pointed out, so North County Fire provides after hours life support.

Despite mutual aid from Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Vista and Deer Springs fire departments, having a fourth ambulance is "incredibly important when minutes matter," he added. Also having paramedics on each engine helps "stop the clock" in emergencies.

In 2023, the three ambulances carried out 3,526 transports, including 1,700 to Temecula Valley Hospital, 1,300 to Palomar Hospital and 267 to Tri-City Hospital. Of the more than 7,400 service calls made last year, 82% were medical calls.

McReynolds said that unlike many of the surrounding fire departments, North County Fire is fully staffed with "fantastic EMTs and paramedics...we have a champion medical officer who works with them through training."

One of the jobs of Medical Services Officer Mary Murphy is to teach CPR to area residents. She said that only 8% of people who experience a heart attack go home. However, this new ambulance can provide the same

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Avocado Festival is back for 37th year

Lucette Moramarco Associate Editor

Along with the traditional avocado-related contests and activities, this year's Avocado Festival is featuring more local musicians, food and drink providers, growers and artists, Sunday, April 21.

Entertainment at the Main Stage will be provided by local groups Soul remedy, Raiz Muzik, and The Gin n' Tonix. Other performers include ballet folklorico groups, belly dancing and a jazz band.

The Beer & Wine Garden will offer beer from Oscar's Brewing CO., wine from Fallbrook And Adobe Hill, and watermelon margaritas from Querido. Food booths will offer a variety of edibles from BBQ to tacos, sweets to Peruvian street food.

Contests that were started last year will also be held this year: the Awesome Avocado Attire contest (at the Fallbrook Chamber info booth) and the Avocado Holding Competition.

All other contests take place at the Community Stage located in the Village Square, Main at

Alvarado Street: Guacamole Contest, Avo 500 Avocado race, Best Dressed Avocado Contest, Little Mister & Miss Avocado Contest.

The Farmers Market can be found on Elder Street and will include protea, plants, avocados and citrus, while the Artisan Walk is on Alvarado Street with 40 artisan vendors offering cool avocado related items.

Along Main Avenue and down side streets will be 450 vendor booths including food, nonprofits, crafts, and commercial vendors. Over 150 avocado related items will include freeze dried avocados, avocado hot sauce, cookies, pendants, stuffed avocados, Agua fresca, soaps, honey, ceramics, bags, tea and of course the official guacamole of the festival, Holy Guacamole.

Visitors can also view Art of the Avocado entries at the chamber office, and vote for the People's Choice Award.

For more information including shuttle service and contest details, visit <https://www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org/avocado-festival/>.

Alyssa Fuentes, left, and Gabriel Hart are the winners of the Awesome Avocado Attire contest for the older kids age group at the 2023 Avocado Festival, the inaugural year for that contest.

Village News/Hannah Hanford photo



Grand Tradition Estate & Gardens: 40 years of love, legacy, and dreams

Julie Reeder Publisher

In the beautiful countryside of Fallbrook, amid rolling hills with vibrant citrus and avocado trees, thousands of acres of floral agriculture, and a town established in the 1800s, lies Grand Tradition Estate & Gardens – a cherished destination celebrating 40 years of love, legacy, and dreams fulfilled. What began as Beverly McDougal's vision has blossomed into an iconic estate renowned across the world.

A dream takes root

Bev McDougal, a Fallbrook resident with a passion for family and celebration, saw the potential of her property as more than just a home. It was to be a place where dreams came true – a sanctuary for weddings, family gatherings,

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The Veranda Restaurant at the back of The Beverly Mansion has a sweeping view of the lower part of the Grand Tradition Estate & Gardens. Village News/Courtesy photo

Fallbrook father killed in suspected hit-and-run

Julie Reeder Publisher

Manuel Leon, a 27-year-old construction worker from Fallbrook, husband, and father of three (wife is expecting in May), tragically lost his life in a hit-and-run incident while working as a traffic stop controller in Valley Center on Wednesday, April 10, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The incident, which occurred around 7 a.m. on Cool Valley Road east of Cole Grade Road, was described by a witness who shared that Leon attempted to stop the vehicle by lifting his stop sign and waving it back and forth. However, the driver ignored the signal and accelerated instead of slowing down.

Leon was believed to have suffered severe injuries, rendering him brain dead by the time paramedics arrived. Two



The 7 year old daughter of Manel Leon sits on the side of the road where her father was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

Village News/Courtesy photo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for all announcements and press releases is Friday, 3 p.m. Email to villageeditor@reedermedia.com.

Piece of local history up for auction



This vintage Fallbrook Landmarks Blanket is being auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary at its Whiskers & Tails Resale Gift Boutique.

Learn to build better soil with FGC



Cindy Sparks Bruecks, a master gardener for over 20 years, is the guest speaker for the April Fallbrook Garden Club meeting.



Soil conditioning is the topic for the next garden club meeting.

FALLBROOK – Cindy Sparks Bruecks, a master gardener of San Diego County for over 20 years, will speak on “Bad Dirt to Good Dirt: Building Better Soil” at Fallbrook Garden Club’s general meeting Tuesday, April 30. She is a sustainable landscape expert and an edible landscape trainer.

Sparks Bruecks spends her time, when not in the garden, speaking to garden groups and staffing the master gardener hotline, which is open 24 hours a day where gardeners can leave a recording

with their garden questions.

Before retiring, Sparks Bruecks worked in the aerospace industry. She said as she laughed that she “spent time putting stuff on the moon,” which is accurate but not really illuminating.

She is a mathematician by training, and she likes to use her expertise in science to understand and explain why things work the way they do. She said she promises not to do higher math when she comes to talk to the club about soil conditioning.

The Fallbrook Garden Club meets at the Fallbrook Community Center, 341 Heald Lane, at 12:30 p.m. for social time; 1 p.m. for the business meeting and 2 p.m. for the program. Guests are welcome; stop by the membership table for a guest name tag. For more information, visit <http://www.fallbrookgardclub.org>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Gardening Club.

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FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary’s Whiskers & Tails Resale Gift Boutique will hold a silent auction for a vintage Fallbrook Landmarks Blanket.

Bidding opened (in store) Monday, April 15 and the winner will be announced Sunday, April 21 at the close of the Fallbrook Avocado Festival.

The store will be open during the festival 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 746 South Main Ave. All proceeds will benefit local animals-in-need at Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary and are tax deductible.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.

VFW Post 1924 to hold Memorial Day Ceremony at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery

FALLBROOK – Charles E. Swisher Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924 will be holding its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, at the Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery located at 1177 Santa Margarita Drive.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. The ceremony will include our 2023-24 Voice of Democracy essay winner Madeline Hall and Honorary Guest Speaker Retired Air Force Lt Col Kenneth Munson. The Fallbrook

Garden Club will once again be generously providing flowers for attendees to place on the graves of their choosing.

The goal of this event is to pay tribute to those who have selflessly paid the ultimate price for our freedom. The ceremony will be followed by a free lunch provided at the VFW Hall located at 1175 Old Stage Road.

Opportunities to donate will be available and all funds will go towards the Post Relief Fund that

supports the mission of the VFW to provide resources and services for our active-duty service members, veterans, and their families and to support the community programs the VFW is involved with.

The VFW recognizes the Snyder family for a donation towards the meal for the event in honor of Past Commander Fred Snyder, a Purple Heart recipient.

Submitted by the Charles E. Swisher Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924.

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Offered at \$1,098,747

Ken's Corner

Avocado Festival this Sunday

We want to give a warm welcome to all of the out of town folks coming to visit this week-end! It is estimated to be a total of approximately 100,000! Our community is growing a lot, and we are proud to say this Community is our home. If anyone is looking for a new home, or will be selling soon, you owe it to yourself to hear what we can do for you to get you more money and QUICKER, too! Inventory is growing and there are a lot of opportunities for pretty much any level of buyer or investor. Let's discuss what works for you!

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Sharon's Corner

We welcome the annual "Avocado Festival" to Fallbrook this week!

We are excited that the surrounding area is gorgeous and green and everything is starting to bloom!

If you have any questions about buying or selling in Fallbrook, now is a great time to reach out to us! We are in full swing, and the market has remained strong for Sellers in the 1st Quarter of 2024!

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Have an amazing week - see you out at the Avocado Festival!

LET'S TALK! - Sharon

Business Spotlight



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Charity Spotlight



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Free admission and parking! Come enjoy the 57th annual vintage car show. Show will be on rain or shine. This year's featured car: The Decades of Fords. Swap meet, food vendors and live DJ all day. More information at www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org

OPINION

We stopped the fixed-rate electricity proposal



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

I wanted to share some good news regarding our ongoing battle for fair electricity rates.

You may recall the recent uproar surrounding the proposed changes to the fixed rate portion of our

SDG&E electric bills. Many of you joined me in expressing concern about the unfairness of tying this fee to household income rather than actual electricity usage. Your voices were heard loud and clear, and I am thrilled to report that our pressure has made a difference.

Thanks to the collective efforts of our community, the Public Utilities Commission has decided to revise its approach. While the new system isn't perfect (there should be no fixed rate fee at all), it represents a significant step in the right direction.

Instead of facing potentially exorbitant charges based on income, most customers would be charged \$24.15 per month, while low-income ratepayers would pay between \$6-\$12 per month. This means you will pay the same fixed rate fee regardless of income.

While there is still work to be done, as we already pay too

much for electricity, and adding a \$24.15 fixed fee is still too much, this decision marks a significant victory for accountability in our electricity pricing system. What we pay for electricity should be based on our energy usage, not income.

I want to thank everyone who signed petitions, sent emails, and spoke against this unfair proposal. Your engagement truly made a difference. We have shown that we can enact meaningful change when we come together as a community and speak with one voice.

While the new flat rate is not yet finalized and will be voted on in May, I am confident we can see this through to the end with your continued support. Let's keep up the pressure and ensure our voices remain heard.

Again, thank you for your dedication and commitment to making our community a better place for all.

Re: 'State works to better adapt to extreme dry, wet conditions' [Village News, 4/4/24]

I've just read "State works to better adapt to extreme dry/wet conditions." Wet indeed. Lots of talk about "pulling the agencies together is lots of work" and other double talk about fees and property taxes. Water, like air, should be free.

That's why I hyperventilate at water board meetings. It's free. You and I and anyone can have all the water one needs for personal use and even for larger farms and groves, you're breathing it now!

The water is derived from the atmosphere by machines called "Atmospheric Water Generators."

Plug them into the wall and out comes water, simple. No mention of that in the article.

Then there's Poseidon Resources making 99.9999% pure water from sea water without power. The tumbling filters are gravity fed. No mention of that either. If the generators were solar powered, they'd rely less on another quasi government corporation that's a subsidiary of the federal corporation (28 USC 3002. chapter 15 a.) And you thought it was a Constitutional Republic? Silly human.

Thomas N. Stephan

Jones's measure to protect communities from sexually violent predators unanimously passes

SACRAMENTO – The Senate Public Safety Committee unanimously approved Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones's (R-San Diego) bipartisan Senate Bill 1074, called the "Sexually Violent Predator Accountability, Fairness, and Enforcement Act" (SAFE Act), April 9.

"The SAFE Act is designed to protect our neighborhoods and families from dangerous sexually violent predators, perpetrators of some of the most horrendous and violent sex crimes," said Jones. "We are thankful that the Senate Public Safety Committee understands the need to protect our communities from these predators. Today is the first step towards fixing this broken and alarming sexually violent predator release program."

The SAFE Act aims to prevent the state from secretly dumping sexually violent predators (SVPs) into family-friendly neighborhoods throughout the state with no regard for public safety. SB 1074 is the third bipartisan SVP bill Leader Jones has authored in the last three years.

Specifically, SB 1074 would:

1. Make public safety the highest criterion of any potential placement of an SVP; and
2. Require the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to take ownership in the placement process by approving any placements BEFORE the vendor can sign any leases for placement locations

Sexually violent predators are convicted of a sexually violent offense and diagnosed with a mental disorder that predisposes them to be a danger to others with a high likelihood to reoffend. When a court orders their conditional release, DSH allows their vendor

Liberty Healthcare the freedom to house SVPs in unsuspecting communities across California. A new report indicates that housing a single SVP costs taxpayers over \$456,000 annually.

Jones has been a trailblazer in fighting SVP placements in San Diego County for years. Last year, Leader Jones secured an audit of Liberty Healthcare, the state contractor responsible for overseeing placements of SVPs. The audit results are expected to be released in Fall 2024.

The bill is co-authored by Senators Marie Alvarado-Gil (D-Jackson), Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), Janet Nguyen (R-Huntington Beach), Roger W. Niello (R-Fair Oaks), Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta), and Assemblymembers Juan Alanis (R-Modesto), Megan Dahle (R-Bieber), Joe Patterson (R-Rocklin), and Marie Waldron (R-Valley Center).

SB 1074 passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee on a 4-0 vote. The measure is similar to Leader Jones's bipartisan SB 832 from last year, and the bipartisan SB 841 from two years ago. Hundreds of Californians have signed the petition to support SB 1074.

Senator Brian W. Jones represents the 40th Senate District which includes the cities of Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, the communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Scripps Ranch, Sorrento Valley, and University City, along with the unincorporated communities of 4S Ranch, Alpine, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Lakeside, Pine Valley, Rainbow, Ramona, and Valley Center.

Kids and social media



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th District

Millions of children and young adults throughout the nation are active social media users. Last week two bills dealing with social media's impact on child and adolescent mental health passed the Assembly Health Committee.

Worldwide, there are 34 social media platforms, with at least 100 million users. According to a U.S. Surgeon General's report last year, 95% of teens aged 13 to 17 use social media, and more than one in three report they use it "almost constantly." Most social media platforms require users to be at least 13, but 40% of children ages 8 to 12 report they use social media despite age restrictions.

As we all know, adolescence is a critical period of development. The report found that adolescents who use social media more than three hours each day face twice the risk of experiencing poor mental outcomes. These include depression, anxiety, inadequate sleep, low self-esteem, eating disorders and online harassment.

On the other hand, social media's impact on our youth can be beneficial. Positive community connections with others who share identities, abilities and interests, increased self-expression and the ability to form friendships and social connections can all be enhanced through social media.

The issue is complex, and requires more attention, but additional standards and safeguards may be necessary. AB 2657 will set up the Social Media Commission, composed of experts and stakeholders tasked with creating a comprehensive report with formal recommendations for regulating social media as it relates to child and adolescent mental health.

AB 2390 will create a Social Media Harm Reduction Pilot Program to comprehensively examine the adverse mental health impacts resulting from the use of social media by children through the 12th grade. Both bills were introduced by Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula (D – Fresno) and passed the Health Committee without opposition.

Our vulnerable children and youth must be protected during their formative years. By passing AB 2657 and AB 2390, we will begin to take a look at a critical mental health issue that impacts children, youth and our future.

Protecting Our Children: From Hollywood to the local school board



Julie Reeder
Publisher

In the midst of celebrity glamor, there is a sinister underbelly that threatens the innocence of our children. Recent events involving high-profile figures like P. Diddy Combs have brought to light disturbing truths – a world where exploitation of the vulnerable and abuse of power are all too real, not only with underage young women and men, but with adult men and women as well.

Party goers were given drugs without their knowledge and consent and when they didn't have any presence of mind, they were put in compromising situations with cameras in every room apparently.

This is what is speculated to have been seized, among other things during raids that took place by the FBI last month. The videos were allegedly created for power and blackmailing purposes. Especially disturbing are the tapes that show how grown men are being raped, or younger rappers like Eminem under disguise are told by P. Diddy that it doesn't matter how good you rap, it matters how well you perform a sex act on P. Diddy.

Just pure evil, and all the stories of victims like the two Coreys, Haim and Feldman, are true. Haim committed suicide after stories of being passed by grown men at Hollywood parties. Feldman has continued to speak out over the years.

Katt Williams, a well-known comedian has also continually spoken out about the P. Diddy parties, saying he was invited once but never went back. He claims he was offered \$50 million dollars four times but he was protecting his "virgin hole."

It doesn't appear that P.Diddy is the top of the food chain either. Record labels like Motown are being accused as well.

Some people in the industry have been calling out this behavior for years.

Consider the altered lyrics at Coachella – a seemingly innocuous act that hints at deeper issues. Behind the scenes, P. Diddy, once a music industry icon, now faces a storm of allegations. Multiple lawsuits and accusations of misconduct paint a troubling picture, especially concerning underage individuals.

This isn't an isolated incident. The Weinstein scandal, and revelations about Epstein Island – these were not just conspiracy theories but harsh realities. A YouTuber's account of an unsettling encounter at an elite party underscores the vulnerability of our youth in such environments.

These issues extend beyond the Hollywood Rap scene. Recent reports of child sexual abuse within Nickelodeon crews and elsewhere emphasize that this evil knows no boundaries. As parents, we must understand that the responsibility for our children's safety rests squarely with us.

We cannot afford to be complacent or naively trusting when it comes to our children. We must carefully vet those who have access to our children and remain vigilant about their activities and surroundings. Prevention begins at home.

While law enforcement plays a crucial role, their actions come after the fact. It is up to us to shield our children from exploitation and harm. We have to be vigilant with youth leaders, teachers, friends, parents of friends, and even teachers and counselors.

Especially if they are trying

to separate your child from you and keep secrets. Even if they are going great lengths to convince your student that they care about them (maybe more than you).

There's just too much evil. Children need protection from predators of all kinds and from all our trusted institutions.

Temecula Valley Unified School District passed policies protecting children from pervasive profanity, obscenity, vulgarity, pornography, and erotica, and board president Dr. Komrosky is being recalled because of it.

Activists who are trying to recall him, are confusing the voters by parroting his message of protecting parents' rights. It appears meant to confuse and unless a parent is really aware, they may vote for the group who is fighting for profanity, and erotica, and no parent notification when something is going on with their student that conflicts with their identity in their school records.

The world is changing, and evil is no longer hidden – it's out in the open. This isn't a call to live in fear but a call to action. Let's hold our children close, not just physically but by staying attuned to their emotional well-being and the influences around them.

If I couldn't ensure my family's safety in any environment, even at the school where parents didn't have the right to be made known that their student was drastically changing their behaviors, their name, etc., if students were being counseled or advised and it was all being kept secret from me, I would have no choice but to remove them from the situation. As parents, it's a sacrifice we must be willing to make. Our children's innocence is too precious to risk.

In this era of revelations, let's fortify our families against the encroaching madness. Together, we can safeguard their futures and preserve their innocence in a world that often seems intent on stealing it away in a world that just keeps getting weirder and weirder.

Let's get out the vote

You're reading the Village News; odds are that means you're a voter. Unfortunately a large percentage of vote-eligible citizens regularly decline to exercise that right (and responsibility).

But the 2024 Presidential Election will put our future as a democracy on the line. No one should sit this one out. So, let's all work to get a super turnout to defend our democracy in no uncertain terms.

The Republican Party has chosen Donald Trump as their candidate. I'm surprised that the party's billionaire supporters allowed this to happen. In his previous term, he showed he is a loose cannon. Perhaps they think they've found a way to control him.

If you're considering voting for Trump, here are some points to consider. "From the 1970s until he was elected president in 2016, Donald Trump and his businesses were involved in over 4,000 legal cases in United States federal and state courts, including battles with casino patrons, million-dollar real estate lawsuits, personal defamation lawsuits, and over 100 business tax disputes." (Wikipedia). Trump the astute businessman? Hardly.

And, after completing his term in office, he remains supremely ignorant in almost all areas that a president must have a working knowledge of. Here are just a few examples:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI). Involves science, technology, and engineering.

2. Electronic chips. Multiple "super" chips are required for development and use of AI. Involves technology and engineering.

3. Global Warming and associated Climate Change. Involves multiple sciences, including meteorology.

4. Global politics and economy. This involves so many facets it's analogous to three-dimensional chess.

And then there are Trump's personal attributes. He is an extreme narcissist and an inveterate liar. He apparently is delusional, still clinging to the notion that he lost the 2020 election due to massive election fraud. And there's his volatile temperament. No man with a temperament like that should ever have access to the presidential nuclear football. In fact, his personal traits alone should be sufficient to reject his candidacy out of hand.

On the other hand, there's President Biden with years of hands-on governing experience besides his current stint as President. He has already put in place the base of his master plan, the \$1+ trillion dollar Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (March 2021), that provides America a prosperous way forward for decades. This is also supported by lesser bills such as the Chips and Science Bill (9 Aug 2022) designed to bring semiconductor manufacturing back to the U.S.

John H. Terrell

LEGACY

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and community events. In 1984, her dream materialized with the construction of The Beverly Mansion, its ornate architecture standing proudly as the heart of the estate.

Expanding horizons

Grand Tradition evolved over the years, embracing growth and innovation under the stewardship of McDougal's family. Her son, Don, and family joined the journey, making it a multigenerational business and utilizing the younger generations to expand the estate to include an enchanting tropical paradise – an outdoor venue reminiscent of Hawaii's lush landscapes known as Arbor Terrace.

With cascading waterfalls and exotic flora, this addition brought a touch of adventure and romance to the estate's allure. The new outdoor venue has been a resounding success and the estate grounds continue to expand with more to come.

A family legacy

As the Grand Tradition flourished, it became more than a business; it became a legacy shared across generations. Couples who exchanged vows here have returned with their children and grandchildren, weaving their own stories into the estate's rich tapestry. For Bev McDougal and her family, the Grand Tradition was not just about creating beautiful venues; it was about nurturing

dreams and weaving magic into people's lives.

The anniversary celebration

After 40 years, the Grand Tradition is offering a High Tea honoring its 40-year anniversary on July 20. The community will join with this family that has given so much of themselves and provided people from all around the world with warmth and nostalgia.

The community will join staff and family in the mansion's grand halls resonating with laughter and music. Couples from across the country flock to this idyllic estate, drawn by its beauty and the legacy of personalized service.

A sanctuary of love

The entire estate stands as a testament to the enduring power of dreams, commitments, family, and shared moments. Through four decades, it has not only stood the test of time but has also become a sanctuary of love and celebration – a place where countless hearts have been touched and where dreams have found their wings.

In Fallbrook, the Grand Tradition continues to inspire and enchant – a living testament to the vision of one woman and the enduring legacy of a family committed to turning dreams into reality.

As they celebrate 40 years, Grand Tradition Estate & Gardens looks forward to the next chapter of love, legacy, and endless possibilities.

To make reservations for the High Tea, go to www.grandtradition.com for details.



A waterfall occupies one end of the tropical Arbor Terrace.

Village News/Courtesy photos



Arbor Terrace hosts a variety of events from chamber lunches to nonprofit fundraisers.

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individuals at the scene comforted him, holding his hand and offering prayers to him, ensuring he wasn't alone in his final moments, according to his wife Monse.

"My husband was the most dedicated husband, father, son, and brother," his wife shared on a fundraising page. "He was working tirelessly to provide for our kids and give them everything they could possibly need and want."

Leon is survived by his wife, Monse, who is expecting a baby boy in May, and their two children, ages 7 and 4.

On Thursday, April 11, at approximately 4:30 p.m., CHP officers arrested Ruperto Lopez,

77, suspected to be the driver of the Toyota involved in the hit-and-run incident. Lopez was taken into custody and booked at Vista Jail with bail set at \$500,000.

Lopez faces charges including hit-and-run causing death and vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

Authorities continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident, including whether alcohol or drugs were factors. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

To support the family, contributions can be made through Venmo, Zelle, and GoFundMe. For Zelle, search "Monserrat Leon Bailon" at monsebailon567@gmail.com. On GoFundMe, look for "Tribute for Expectant Father Killed in Hit & Run Crash."



Manuel Leon, 27, was the father of three and lived in Fallbrook.

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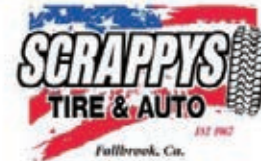
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AC Investigations reunites loved ones

Julie Reeder
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Private investigator Tony Campbell from AC Investigations took a call from a 78-year-old woman, Angela, out of Riverside recently.

"She was desperately concerned about her ex-boyfriend, Bill, who she hadn't heard from for some time except some rumors that he was homeless in Oceanside, possibly living in an RV," Campbell said.

He said she had even heard that he was a "vegetable."

"She still cared about him and just wanted to make sure he was OK," he said. "They were in a relationship a few years back and she never stopped caring for him and she was interested in where he was."

Apparently, he also had daughters in another state who were also concerned, he said.

Campbell said he found the daughters and spoke with them for more information.

The only clue that Angela could give Campbell to help him find Bill was that she had heard he frequented Brother Benno's Homeless Outreach in Oceanside.

According to Campbell, "The first thing that needed to be done was a DMV search for the RV that she suspected he may be living in. Secondly, a comprehensive report on the subject was run in addition

to visiting the Oceanside Police Department which is known to keep track of homeless people."

After visiting the police department, they sent Campbell to Brother Benno's to visit with the deputy in that area. While arriving, Oceanside police deputies were making an arrest, so he waited and talked to an employee and security with no avail.

"After about 20 minutes I was able to approach an Oceanside officer who right away recognized the subject," Campbell said. "He was able to tell me which street the RV was parked on. The officer advised that the RV was broken down and that there was a fugitive also living in Bill's RV which was a meth dealer. And that Bill was suspected to be a user of meth these days. The officers advised if I went there, to be aware of my surroundings because of the people that come in and out of the RV."

"After going to the street location where Oceanside PD directed me to, there were several broken down RVs. I discovered one of them to be the subject's RV after checking the plates of several RVs through the DMV. When I got a hit, I knew then it was my subject's RV. I immediately contacted my client to let her know. She was overjoyed," he said.

While Campbell waited at the

location for a couple hours, the client arrived in an Uber vehicle.

Campbell set up surveillance while the client was en route.

Campbell said, "I was in hopes that I would observe my subject [Bill] exiting the RV, which did not happen, although multiple people were entering and exiting. I stood by. Client arrived, and I advised the Uber driver to pull up in front and I would get out and knock on the door of the RV."

Campbell notified Oceanside police for a "keeping the peace" call.

"My concern was because of the numerous homeless and drug users in the area, I wanted to be sure that my client was safe in the environment when we made contact," he said.

After knocking on the door, he heard, "Who is it?"

"It's Tony."
"Hold on. We have to unlock the door."

There were eight people inside the RV.

"After entering the RV, I told Bill that I had a surprise for him and that his daughters and ex-girlfriend were concerned about him and one of his surprises was standing right outside the RV," Campbell said. "He came out and saw my client and it was a happy reunion. These are the days I love my job."

The names have been changed to protect the innocent.



"Angela" and "Bill" reunite with help from Village News/AC Investigations photo private investigator Tony Campbell of AC Investigations.

Two men arrested in Fallbrook after Escondido carjacking



Chase Trulove, seen at 17, is being held in jail on charges including carjacking, conspiracy, hit and run, and evading police.

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Julie Reeder and AC Investigations

Ezequiel Garcia, 19, of Escondido, and Chase Trulove, 18, of Fallbrook, were apprehended following a carjacking, police chase and vehicle collision with injuries that took place on Saturday, April 13.

Garcia is presently being held at Vista Detention Facility on \$75,000 bail for disregarding public safety and evading police.

His arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday, April 17. Trulove faces charges including carjacking, conspiracy, hit and run, and evading police. He too is being detained on \$75,000 bail and is set to appear for arraignment on the same day.

According to San Diego County Sheriff Lt. Wilson, the carjacking began around 2:30 p.m. in Escondido, where a woman was allegedly forced out of her vehicle at gunpoint. The suspects subsequently fled, prompting a pursuit that involved the Escondido Police, California Highway Patrol, and Fallbrook

Sheriff's Department.

The chase concluded with a collision at West Fallbrook Street and South Mission Road in Fallbrook at approximately 3:45 p.m., involving another vehicle that left a woman with minor injuries. The injured woman was transported to Camp Pendleton Hospital for treatment.

Following the crash, law enforcement officers apprehended one suspect near the scene while the other was captured about a block away.

Village News will follow up on this story after the men are arraigned in court.

CALENDAR

April 21 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Avocado Festival will be held on Main Avenue, between Hawthorne and Fallbrook streets, with vendors, food, entertainment, Artisan Walk and contests. Admission and parking are free. No pets allowed. For more info, go to fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org/avocado-festival/ or call Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, 760-728-5845.

April 24 – 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Wellness Wednesday includes free health screenings provided by Fallbrook Family Health Center: Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, and BMI. Educational workshop "Inhale. Exhale" is presented by therapist Gwen Evans from Palomar Family Counseling Service, Inc. Workshop starts at 1:30 p.m. To secure a spot, visit www.fallbrookhealth.org/wellness-wednesday. For more information, call 760-731-9187.

April 28 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Rally for Children holds its 29th year of "Arts in the Park" at Live Oak Park. Admission is free! The event offers art, music, entertainment and endless activities for children and their families. Free bus shuttles are provided from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., from both the Maie Ellis Education Center and Potter Jr. High to Live Oak Park and back every 30 minutes. Event co-sponsored by the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

April 29 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Blood Drive presented by San Diego Blood Bank. Blood donations will be collected

at Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. To schedule an appointment visit www.fallbrookhealth.org/blood-drive-dates. Appointments are honored first and walk-ins are welcome. For more info, call 619-400-8251.

May 11 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Fallbrook Garden Club's Spring Flower Faire Extraordinaire takes place at the Fallbrook Historical Society, 1730 S. Hill Ave. Entrance on Rocky Crest Road. All varieties of plants, vegetables, and garden art for sale. Funds support community beautification projects, club activities and scholarships.

May 26 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club's Car Show and Swap Meet happens in Downtown Fallbrook using the same streets and boundaries as the annual Harvest Faire. Eight restaurants will be open as well as two local food trucks, with live entertainment at Alvarado Street

and Main Avenue plus a beer and wine garden in Vince Ross Square. Theme is "Decades of Fords."

May 27 – 11 a.m. – Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924 to hold its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery, 1177 Santa Margarita Drive. Includes Voice of Democracy essay winner and Honorary Guest Speaker Retired Air Force Lt Col Kenneth Munson. Fallbrook Garden Club to provide flowers to place on graves. A free lunch will be provided at the VFW Hall, 1175 Old Stage Road.

Oct. 4 – Boys & Girls Clubs of North County hosts its annual North County Cup at Journey at Pechanga. Golfers of all levels are welcome; all proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County. Tickets are \$250 per golfer, sponsorships available. For more information visit www.bgcnorthcounty.org or call 760-728-5871.

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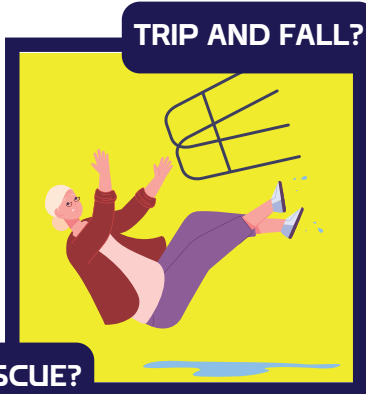
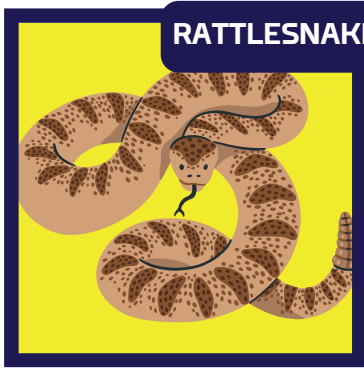
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The ambulance was put in service April 8 said Battalion Chief Joey Bradshaw who stressed that having an additional ambulance means they have six more paramedics on staff (two for each of three shifts).

He said that paramedics and EMTs are a symbol of emergency medical services while McReynolds said the department emphasizes customer service.

McReynolds also said he was inspired to join the fire department by the television show "Emergency." Emergency medical services have improved since then and today's ambulances are equipped to do so much more than the 'scoop and haul' approach of the very first ambulance service over a century ago.

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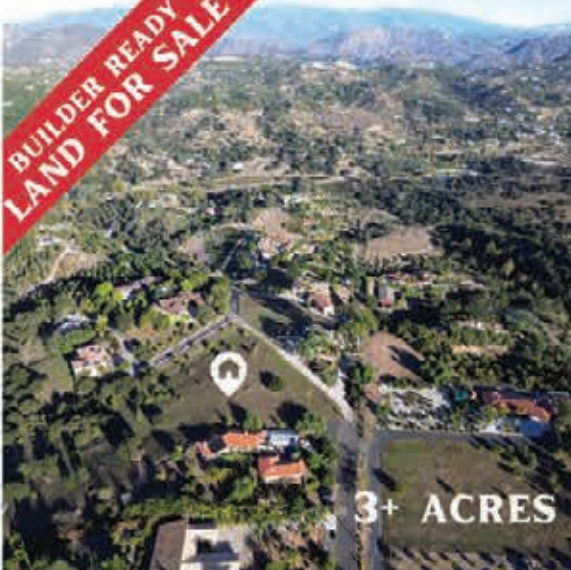
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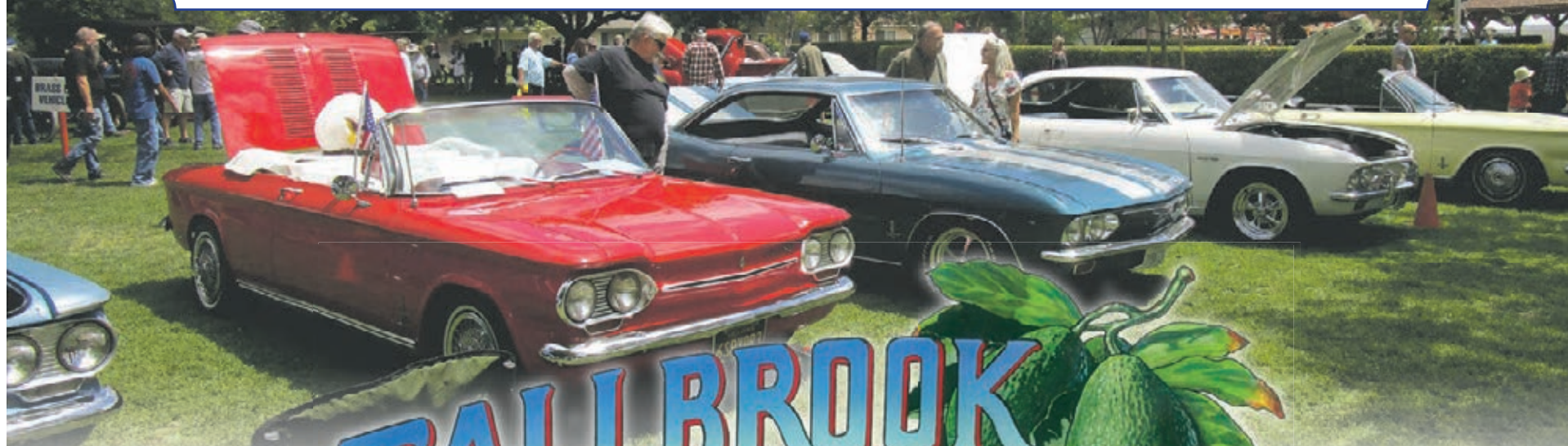
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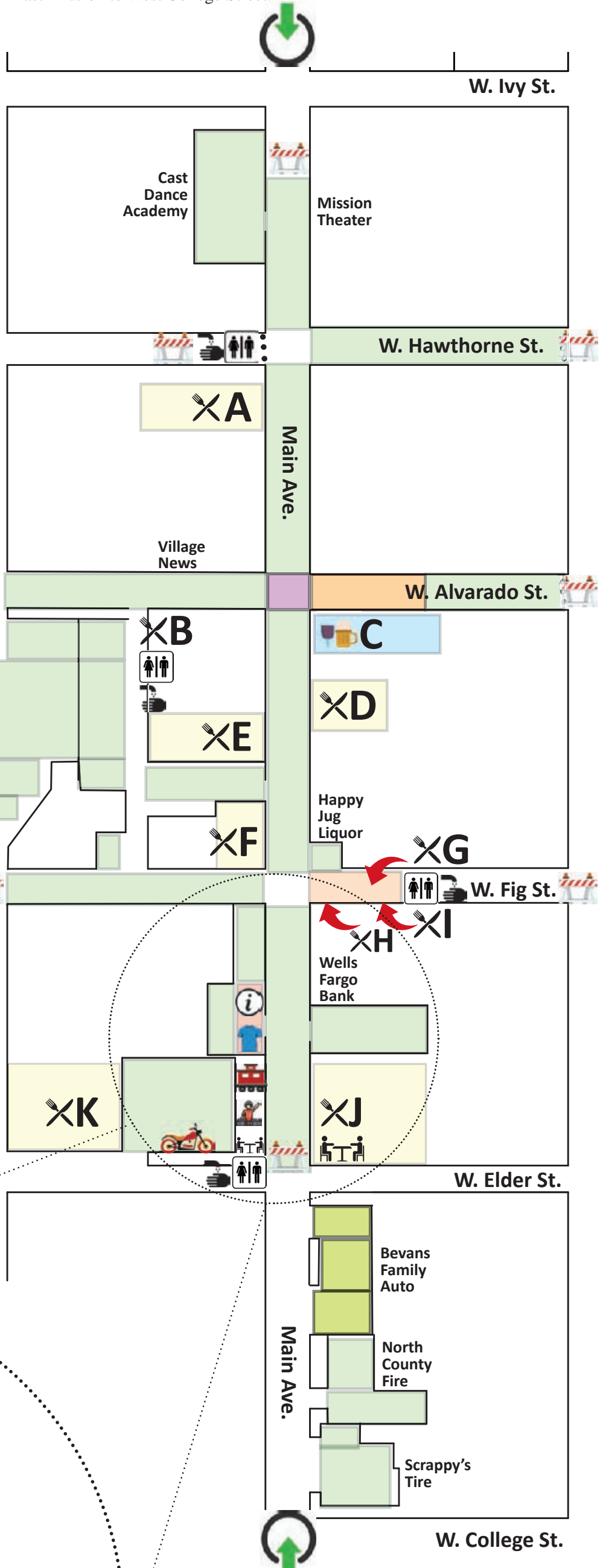
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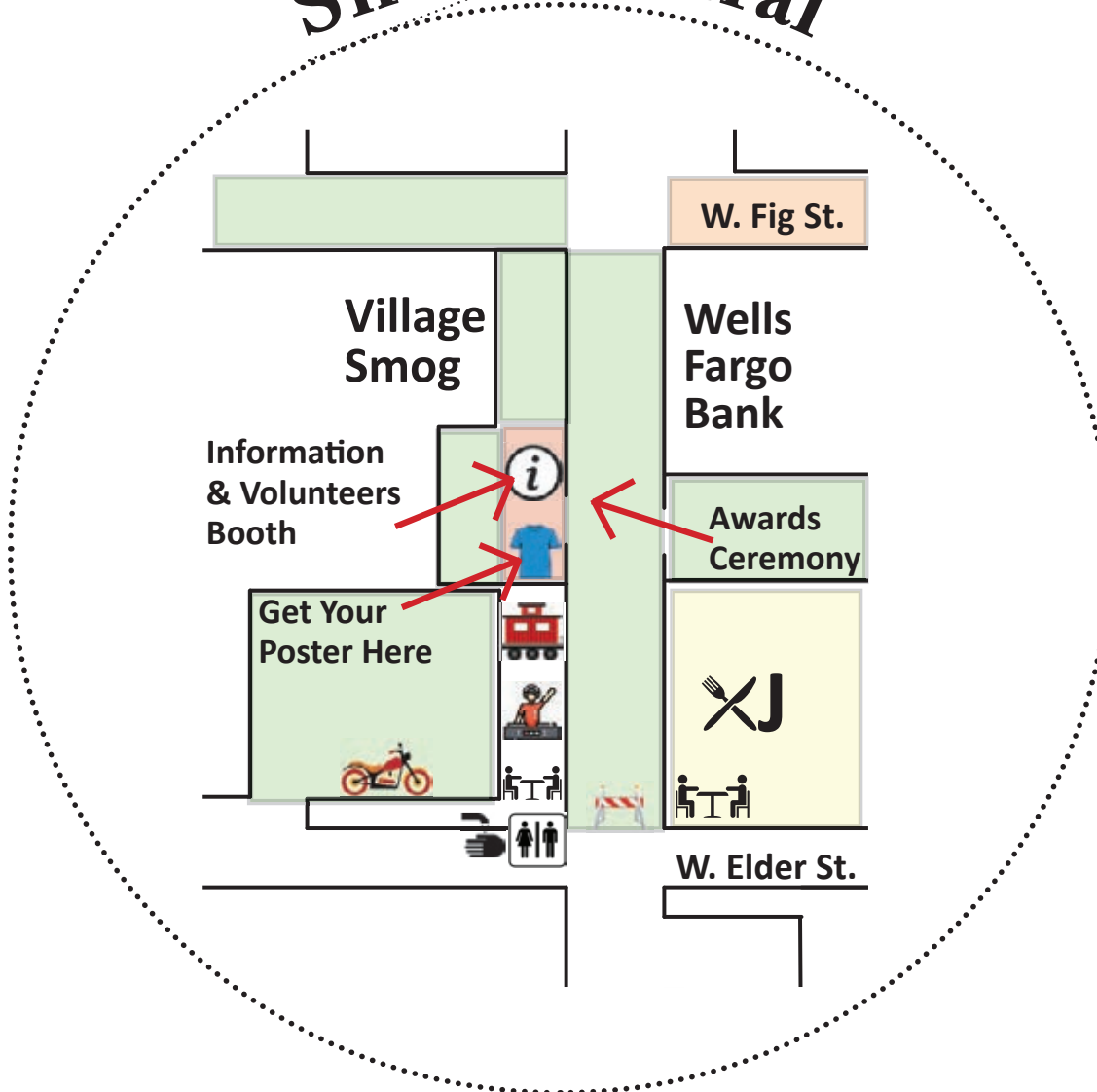
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Early Years of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

Dennis Lutz
FVCC Member

I am probably the last surviving attendee of the very first Fall Brook Vintage Car Club meeting. I moved to Fallbrook in 1969, just before my junior year in high school. I had purchased a 1956 Chevrolet nomad, which I still own, just prior to moving from Whittier. That year, my brother Dan and I purchased a Model A Ford roadster from a classmate's mother, and we started the restoration which we completed a year later, and he drove it to Fallbrook High School his junior and senior years.

During that time, my dad purchased a 1931 Ford Deluxe Roadster, and a few months later, he purchased a 1936 Ford 3 Window Coupe which the three of us restored.

I do not remember the exact date of the first meeting, but I was either towards the end of my senior year in high school or my first year



Dennis Lutz with his 1956 Chevrolet Nomad. Courtesy photos

at Palomar college. The three of us drove my Nomad over to Paul Stiles's house, where there were maybe 10 to 12 other car enthusiasts. Besides my family, I remember Paul Stiles, Carl Rosenthal, and Bob White were in attendance.

Over the next few meetings discussion followed:

The name Fallbrook was odiously decided, but it was divided into two words Fall Brook, which I think was the original spelling when the

town was first incorporated.

I have a license plate topper I found somewhere in Fallbrook with the spelling of two words. The term "Vintage" was coined by my dad, his belief was that this would open the club up to an assortment of cars that would not be classified as antique or classic, 25 years or older, and my Nomad was only 16 years old.

Paul Stiles was elected president.

Dan Lutz Sr. in his



Dan Lutz Sr. with the '36 Ford. Note the FVCC Posters on the walls and the prize-winning RC Model Airplanes.

younger years, had a few cars that he restored or hot rodded including a 1926 Model T, 1934 Victoria and a Roadster, and a 1936 Ford 3-Window Coupe. Marriage and the family came along, and he purchased a new 1956 Bel Air 2 door sport coupe as a family car.

My dad returned to his other lifelong hobby of building model airplanes. He was a craftsman and many of his models were on the cover of model airplane

magazines, along with many articles written about him and the planes he built and flew.

My brother and I sparked the old car flame inside him. He was elected the second FVCC president, and over the next few years he restored two beautiful 1936 Fords, a Roadster, and a Cabriolet. Both achieved national first place awards, along with the prestigious Early V8 Club Dearborn Awards.

In 1983, on his way to work, my dad had a near fatal accident near the Bonsall Bridge. This left him in a wheelchair paralyzed from the waist down. He would pick out a few car shows, or swap meets to attend, and I would drive him to show his cars and visit his friends. He was unable to continue his car restoration hobby and returned to building his world class model airplanes. My dad passed away in 2000 after being confined in a wheelchair for 17 years.

Dan Lutz Jr. drove his Model A Roadster around Fallbrook for years and continued to restore cars,



Dan Lutz Jr.'s Model A.



1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster.



Dan Lutz Sr.'s Model A Deluxe in Dennis' garage.

specializing in Mercedes Benz. Dan passed away in 2002, and I inherited his Model A roadster.

As for me, I drove my Nomad to Fallbrook High School, Palomar College and to San Diego State. I worked in construction and manufacturing before becoming a full-time professor of Industrial Technology at Palomar College, I retired in 2020 after 30 years. I have remained a car hobbyist restoring many 1955-1957 Chevrolets. I now own a 1955 Nomad, and a 1957 Convertible, and my first car, my Nomad. I still own my dad's 1936 roadster.

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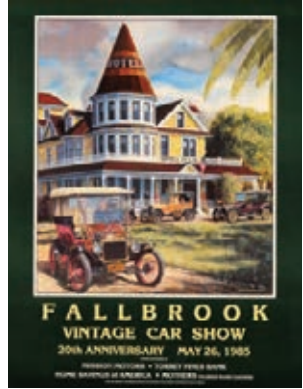
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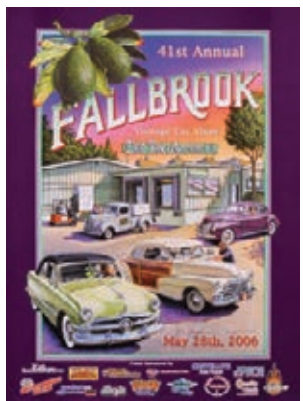
History of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club



The first poster was created for the 1985 Fallbrook Vintage Car Show.



2004 poster "On the Bonsall Bridge."



2006 poster showcasing the Del Rey Avocado packing plant.

Ron Mintle
FVCC Member

The original Vintage Car Club started as a Model A Ford Club in the late 1950s. At the time, it had approximately 10 members – all Model A owners. The club later moved to the Stiles' Fallbrook Tractor office on East Mission. The original group's only scheduled activity was an annual Memorial Day car show. The annual car show has continued ever since and is the longest-running car show west of the Mississippi and the longest-running charitable event in the history of Fallbrook.

In 1961, the club was expanded, opened to select car brands, and renamed the Fallbrook Car Club. Paul Stiles was the first club President. According to early members, there was no formal election; the Presidency moved from member to member depending on the willingness of a member to take on the responsibilities of the office.

In 1975, the club was renamed the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club after joining the Antique Automobile Club of America as a part of the San Diego Region. Since then the club has become

its own region of the AACA.

The first car poster was issued in 1985. It depicted Carl Rosenberg and his wife Marie driving a 1913 brass radiator Model T Ford leading several antique cars in front of the Ellis Hotel on Main Avenue. Carl drove midget race cars in the 30's and 40's at the Culver City Raceway.

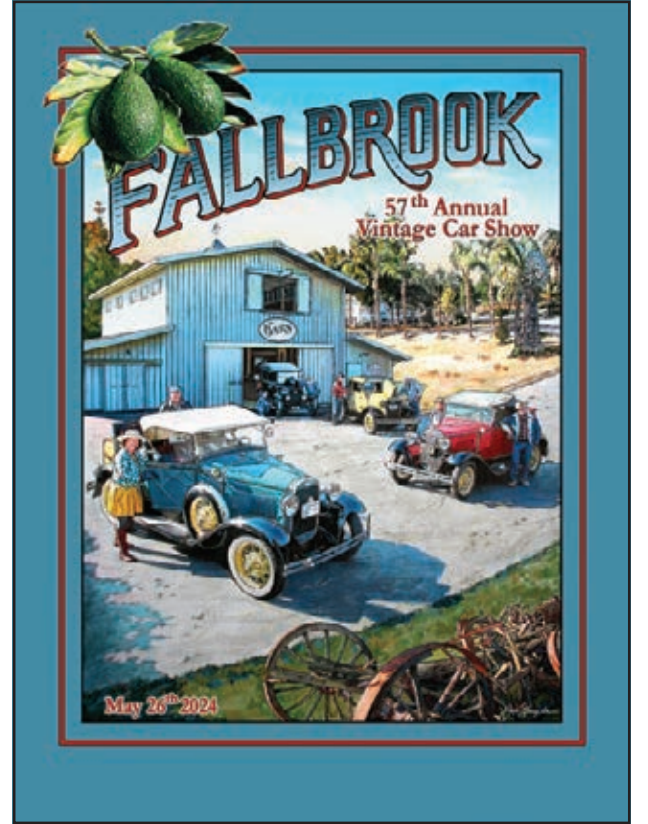
The Fallbrook Historical Society's museum, located at the corner of Hill Street and Rocky Crest, has, in addition to records and displays about the Vintage Car Club, three historic vehicles: a 1923 model T Ford, a 1930 Ford Roadster and a model A Ford driven annually at the Fallbrook Christmas Parade.

The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club today has over 100 active members. The two big events on the club's annual schedule

are the Avocado Festival in April and the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show, which has been held on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend every year since 1965 and is always free to the public. Proceeds from these two events are routinely donated to deserving local charities throughout the year.

The Car Show Poster for 2024 is the 37th in a limited-edition series. It depicts the founding member's cars in front of the Fallbrook Historical Society.

Each year our posters are available at the Fallbrook Avocado Festival and at our annual Car Show. And now they are available online. Go to www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org/product-category/posters/ to see them all and visit our online store to buy some.



The Car Show poster for 2024 depicts founding members' cars in front of the Fallbrook Historical Society.

Courtesy photos

Get this year's poster at the FVCC Merchandise Booth at the corner of Fig Street and Main Avenue during the show.

If you ordered a poster with your show car registration, please bring your photo ID to the Merchandise Booth to pick yours up at either the Avocado Festival or during the Car Show.

Every year the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club publishes a Car Show Poster to commemorate the Annual Car Show. This year's poster shows some of the cars owned by the founders of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club in front of the Fallbrook Historical Society.

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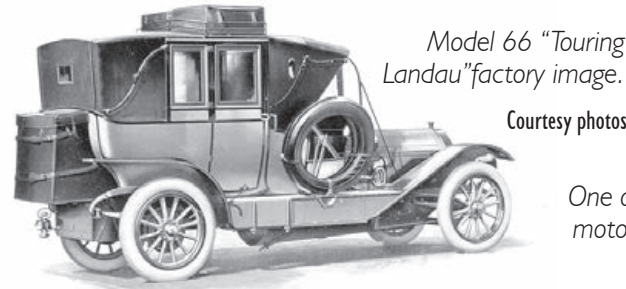
The history of motorhomes

Fred Weisberger
FVCC Member

If a "motorhome" is a motorized home on wheels, with such amenities as: bed(s), kitchen, table, seats, toilet, and sometimes even a shower, then motorhomes have been around for over a hundred years.

It is believed that few, if any, motorhomes were built before 1910, likely because most cars and trucks were too small and under-powered. One of the earliest known American motorhomes was custom-built on a 1910 Packard 3-ton truck. It could sleep up to 11 people, had a toilet and an icebox.

Also in 1910 the luxury auto builder Pierce-Arrow (1901-1938) displayed at Madison Square Garden Auto Show a prototype Model 66 "Touring Landau." This show car was a formal limo with a back seat that folded down to form a bed, plus a chamber pot toilet, and a fold down sink with running water. The standard 1910 Pierce-Arrow Landau listed for



Model 66 "Touring Landau" factory image.

Courtesy photos

One of the earliest known American motorhomes was custom-built on a 1910 Packard 3-ton truck.

\$7,200 and the Touring Landau was a lofty \$8,300; more than ten times the price of a 1910 Ford Model T. It is believed that three Touring Landau cars were built and none are known to survive. Today the Pierce-Arrow Touring Landau is considered the first "factory-built" American small motorhome.

From the mid-teens and into the 1920s many small home-built motorhomes were constructed on the inexpensive Ford Model T car and Model TT truck chassis—and whatever brand they could find. Some of these early motorhomes resembled small wood houses and were sometimes known as a "Car House."

Although the small home-built motorhomes were certainly attention-getters,

they were not as impressive the so-called "land-yachts." One of the most famous was Roland Conklin's 1915 two-story "Gypsy Van." This massive converted bus motorhome weighed 8 tons, and included: Pullman-style folding berths, a full-kitchen, full bathroom with shower, sofa, tables, phonograph, generator, electric lights and even a rooftop covered deck. In the late summer of 1915, the Conklin family drove it from New York to San Francisco—and the Gypsy Van became a national media sensation! It is fair to say that the Conklin's Gypsy Van was the first luxury motorhome and the great grandfather of today's luxury Motor Coaches.

Many more motorhomes were built in the Roaring

1920s, and even during the Great Depression years of the 1930s, but with fuel and tires rationing during WWII, few to none were built.

After the war, especially during the 1950s, factory built motorhomes replaced the home-built and custom motorhomes. In 1958 the first Winnebago was offered and soon the company became the market leader.

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Roland Conklin's 1915 two-story "Gypsy Van."



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The early years of automobiles in Southern California

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The first known gasoline-powered "horseless carriage" in California was designed and built in Los Angeles. The Erie-Sturgis was designed by engineer James P. Erie and built by Samuel D. Sturgis in his machine shop on West 5th Street. This automobile was conceived two years prior, but it took time to gather the funds to complete the project. Not to alarm horses, it was decided to take the first drive on public roads during the late night of June 30, 1897. With much mechanical difficulty, the car traveled only a little faster than walking speed. After a few more brief drives, the project was abandoned—and only

one example was ever built. The first car in San Bernardino County was a 1899 Haynes-Apperson, built in Kokomo, Indiana. The car arrived on June 26 of that year. C.J. Gaylord was the new owner of this two-cylinder, 7-horsepower motorcar. His early drives on public streets were a sensation and a local newspaper named it "The Stomachless Steed." The first report of a gasoline-powered vehicle in San Diego County appeared in the February 13, 1900 edition of the San Diego Union newspaper. The owner was D.C. Collier, but the car was simply described as three-wheeler of "French Design" (likely a 1897-99 De Dion-Bouton trike). The earliest known San Diego car photo appears to

show a 1899 Locomobile steam car. On December 13, 1900, a group of horseless carriage enthusiasts in Los Angeles founded the Automobile Club of Southern California. The club was dedicated to improving roads, posting signs, proposing traffic laws and generally assisting the increasing number of motorists. No official automobile registration records seem to exist for just Southern California, but by 1900 there were 780 cars registered in all of California. In 1901 there were 1,450 registrations. The following year it was up to 2,290. By 1905 there were 7,890 cars registered. Five years later, in 1910, there were 43,210 cars registered in

California. Today there are over 13 million cars registered in the state—the highest number in the nation. After a humble start with its first car in 1897, Southern California has gone on to play a major role in shaping American car culture: the first board racetrack (1910 Los Angeles Motordrome); including car chase scenes in films (1910s-); dry lake speed competitions (1931-); Hot Rods and drag racing (late 1940s-); influential car magazines: Hot Rod, Road & Track, Car Craft... (late 1940s-); dune buggies (1960s-); Lowrider car culture (1960s-); "Drifting" competitions (1996-); DJM car collecting and Japanese car shows (2005-) and much more.



The Erie-Sturgis, the first known gasoline-powered "horseless carriage." Courtesy photos



The earliest known San Diego car photo appears to show a 1899 Locomobile steam car.

Why do Americans drive on the right side of the road and sit on the left side of the car?

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In the 1600s, the British colonists in America traveled by horse and wagon on the left side of the road, like in England. With the arrival of Continental Europeans, especially Germans, who

traveled on the right side of the road, the colonists began to travel on the right side of road in some regions. Starting in the early 1800s, American states began to pass laws requiring travel on the right side of the road. By the Civil War (1861-65) all states had mandated driving

on the right side of the road. When Americans first began to build primitive automobiles in the 1890s, most builders chose to put the driver on the right side of the vehicle (Right Hand Drive - "RHD"). This was likely done to allow the driver to enter

safely from the curb side. With hand-crank cars the driver frequently had to rush between the hand-crank and the driver's seat. Consequently, nearly all pre-1908 American-built cars had the driver sit on the right side of the car. When Ford introduced

the Model T in 1908, with the steering wheel on the left side (LHD), the advantages of passenger convenience and driving safety became apparent. Perhaps the greatest advantage of LHD was the driver can better judge on-coming traffic when seated

near the center of the road. By the early 1920s all American car manufacturers had abandoned RHD and adopted LHD for their cars. Now you know why Americans drive on the right side of the road and the driver sits on the left side of the car.

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The American gas station

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For over 100 years American motorists have been able to easily buy gasoline from a convenient gas station near home and far away. Not surprisingly, during the early years of motoring (1900-1910), it was often difficult, but not impossible to buy gasoline.

In 1903, Horatio Nelson Jackson, and his mechanic Sewal Crocker, completed the first trans-continental drive. Jackson drove a 1903 Winton (2-cylinder, 20hp) from San Francisco to New York City. After 63 days, and around 4,000 miles, the Winton had consumed around 800 gallons of gasoline. Although Jackson had great difficulty buying tires for his car, he was usually able to find gasoline for sale, even in small towns, where his Winton was the first horseless carriage in town.

Fortunately for the early motorist, gasoline was already available for stationary "hit-and-miss" engines. Starting before 1900, these simple gasoline engines began to replace animal power, wind power, and steam



One of the first gas pumps in America.



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Gas stations open to the general public around 1905.

Courtesy photos

engines. Stationary gasoline engines were used to run water pumps, sawmills, generators, and much more. The popularity of these engines encouraged hardware stores, blacksmith shops, and General Stores to sell gasoline, usually sold in steel cans, for easy transport to one's farm.

It is difficult to determine which was the first proper "gas station" in the United States because many technical components needed to be invented first: underground gas tanks (1902), hand-powered gas pumps (1904), gas pumps with sight glass, "spinners" and gallon bells (1910), the large clear glass holding tank for gasoline on top of the pump (early 1920s), and the first electric gas pump (1923).

Between 1903 and 1905 refineries began to build "filling stations" to refill horse-drawn tankers, designed to deliver gasoline to retailers and large customers, but these were not normally open to the general public. Some argue that the first purpose-built gas station was built in St. Louis around 1905. It is known that in 1907 John McLean opened a public drive-through Standard Oil gas station in Seattle, but there was no gas pump, per se. McLean rigged up an elevated gas tank and

a gravity feed hose with valve. Around 1910 some retail establishments began to install simple gas pumps in front of their business – and others quickly followed.

It is believed that two of the first purpose-built, public access gas stations, with actual gas pumps, were opened in 1913. That year Standard Oil opened a drive-through gas station in Columbus, Ohio and Gulf Oil Corp opened one in Pittsburgh, PA.

More purpose-built gas stations quickly popped

up around the country. Over time gas stations also sold tires, auto parts and accessories – and later offered a service bay or two. By the 1930s gas stations were fairly standardized and very common throughout America.

Over the years the small independently-owned gas stations of the 1930s evolved into "full-service" gas stations of the 1940s to 1960s. These were replaced in the 1970s and 1980s with today's national-branded gas stations, with self-service only, and a

prominent convenience store included.

More than a hundred years after the first gas stations were built in America, there is a new problem specifically for electric car owners: finding a compatible fast-charging station when away from home. Similar to the early years of gasoline automobiles, access to charging stations will likely expand to meet the increasing demand. Soon you will be able to either "Gas-Up" or "Charge-Up" anywhere in America.

Fallbrook Vintage Car Club gives back

The Annual Car Show is the primary fundraiser providing the revenue for the club to make year-round donations to Fallbrook Charities.

Here is a list of the organizations to which we have donated over the last year: Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook Art Association, Fallbrook Beautification Alliance, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook

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1916 Ford Model T. Courtesy photo

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The Santa Margarita Watershed leads to the ocean



A Fallbrook creek flows into the watershed headed towards the Pacific Ocean. Village News/Roger Boddaert photos



Water flows through a Live Oak Park stone trough and out to the San Luis Rey Watershed before reaching the Pacific Ocean

Roger Boddaert
Special to the Village News

Watersheds are land areas that drain water through the streams, creeks, lakes, and rivers to a common low point, and out to the Pacific Ocean.

The Santa Margarita Watershed is one of 11 within San Diego County.

It begins east of the Palomar Mountains near Oak Grove, and that water flows into Riverside County down through Temecula, into the Santa Margarita River and forks through Camp Pendleton and into the Pacific ocean.

The complexity of this water-flow is important to understand in the “big-picture,” and keeping it healthy is a priority.

I have often referred to water as the staff of life for all humankind on this tiny planet floating in space for without it, there is no life.

Whenever you hike along the Santa Margarita River, go fishing, or just enjoy the wilds of this habitat, be conscientious and aware of that water-flow and respect it.

Fallbrook has great topography, with its hill and dales, oak woodlands, preserves and a special place to grow such a wide spectrum of flora, which supports fauna, and hooray for Fallbrook. But we must take care of its land and water for its future.

And to the south of Fallbrook is the magnificent San Luis Rey Watershed also flowing out to the ocean which supports abundant wildlife.

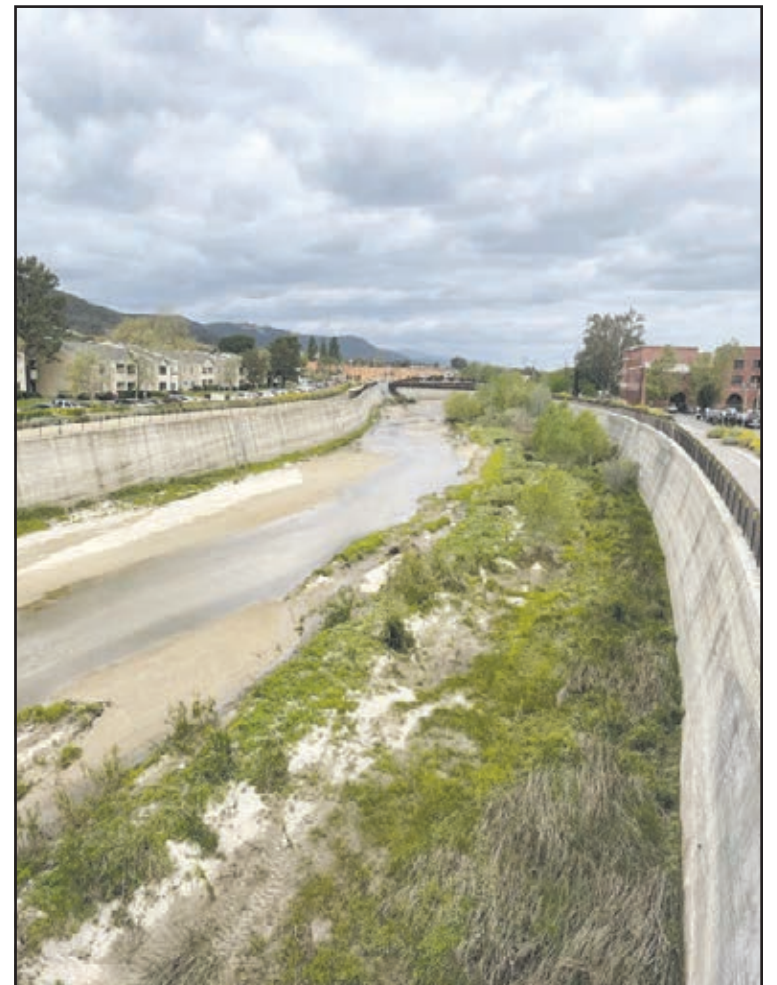
Here are a few steps you can take in caring for our precious watersheds.

- Do not use poisonous herbicides for it is killing our soils and getting into our under-ground water.
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 - Use clean landscape mulch to conserve water for the warm summer months that are soon arriving.
 - Keep your yard free of pet waste, bag it and when walking your dog, carry a plastic bag and dispose of it properly.
 - Treat your garden with respect and care as you would a friend.
 - Clean up any toxic chemical spills immediately so it does not seep into the underground watershed.
 - Put all debris from your household in the properly colored trash bins for pickup weekly.
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A small creek in Rainbow flows into the Santa Margarita Watershed northeast of Fallbrook.



The Temecula River flows into the Santa Margarita Watershed.

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Two in a row: April snow survey shows above average snowpack for second straight season

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources conducted its April snow survey, the fourth measurement of the season at Phillips Station, Tuesday, April 2. The manual survey recorded 64 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 27.5 inches, which is 113% of average for this location.

The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a component of DWR's water supply forecast. The April measurement is critical for water managers as it's considered the peak snowpack for the season and marks the transition to spring snowmelt into the state's rivers and reservoirs.

DWR's electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state indicated that the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 28.6 inches, or 110% of the April 1 average, a significant improvement from 28% of average Jan. 1.

The focus will shift to forecasting spring snowmelt runoff and capturing as much of that water as possible for future use.

"It's great news that the snowpack was able to catch up in March from a dry start this year. This water year shows once again how our climate is shifting, and how we can swing from dry to wet conditions within a season," DWR Director Karla Nemeth said. "These swings make it crucial

to maintain conservation while managing the runoff. Variable climate conditions could result in less water runoff into our reservoirs. 100% snowpack does not mean 100% runoff. Capturing and storing what we can in wetter years for drier times remains a key priority."

The state said its reservoirs remain in good shape thanks to state efforts to capture and store as much water as possible from record storms in 2023 and again this season. The State Water Project has increased storage by 700,000 acre-feet at Lake Oroville and by 154,000 acre-feet at San Luis Reservoir since Jan. 1. Statewide, reservoir levels currently stand at 116% of average.

Challenges do lie ahead, however, as the spring runoff begins. The dry start to the year, soot and ash from burn scars that accelerates snowmelt and other factors may result in below average spring runoff which can impact water availability.

Recently, the State Water Project increased its forecasted allocation of water supplies for the year to 30%, up from an initial 10%, due to the storms in February and March. Uncertainty about the spring runoff, however, and ongoing pumping restrictions to protect threatened and endangered species in the Delta has impacted that allocation forecast.

"California has had two years of relatively positive water



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Village News/Courtesy photo

conditions, but that is no reason to let our guard down now," Michael Anderson, state climatologist with DWR, said. "With three record-setting multi-year droughts in the last 15 years and warmer temperatures, a well above average snowpack is needed to reach average runoff. The wild swings from dry to wet that make

up today's water years make it important to maintain conservation while managing the runoff we do receive. Our water years moving forward will see more extreme dry times interrupted by very wet periods like we saw this winter."

The need to adapt to a changing climate is why Gov. Gavin Newsom joined the snow survey team at Phillips Station to announce the release of the California Water Plan Update 2023. HE said the Water Plan Update sets forth a vision for all Californians to benefit from water resources that are sustainable, resilient to climate change and achieves equity for all communities and benefits the environment. Check out the Water Plan Update at <https://water.ca.gov/programs/california-water-plan> to learn more about how the plan focuses on key issues including addressing climate urgency, strengthening watershed resilience and achieving equity in water management.

As part of the state's climate adaptation efforts, over the past two years, California has worked with local groundwater agencies and state and federal partners to

capture as much water as possible to prepare for the next drought. In 2023, more than 1.2 million acre-feet of groundwater recharge was permitted by state agencies, with nearly 400,000 acre-feet of flood water recharged using the executive orders issued by Newsom.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30% of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir." Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by DWR's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how DWR provides water to 27 million Californians and manages the state's water resources.

DWR conducts five snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May.

For California's current hydrological conditions, visit <https://www.water.ca.gov>.

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CARLSBAD – For people interested in the farm-to-table food movement, preserving urban-facing agriculture, and knowing local farmers, an event like no other, the annual Graze at the Fields, will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the world-renowned Carlsbad Flower Fields while in bloom.

Graze is an agriculture insider event that is open to the public. "Grazers" will eat, drink and connect with local farmers, vintners, brewers and chefs, tasting locally grown and curated

bites and beverages while learning more about what it's like to farm in our county.

Brought to area residents by the San Diego County Farm Bureau, a nonprofit organization supporting the more than 4,000 farms in San Diego County, Graze supports the local agriculture community.

Each year Graze hosts over three hundred guests as they sample fresh strawberries with third generation farmer Jimmy Ukegawa of Carlsbad Strawberry Company, and taste gelato from Gelato Love crafted with Jimmy's strawberries. Guests can "talk chickens" with farmer Frank

Hilliker and take home some of his fresh cage-free eggs.

Raging Cider will be pouring samples of its cider and mead, produced from fruit grown locally using regenerative farming methods. More than 50 farms, breweries, wineries, chefs, and other agriculture related entities participate in the event. This year is shaping up to be the best Graze yet!

The San Diego County Farm Bureau strives to keep farmers farming. With a 20% decrease in San Diego County farms over a 5-year period, the Farm Bureau aims to draw attention to the 214,000 acres fighting to stay in production and the 16,000 jobs this industry creates for our county.

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The San Diego County Farm Bureau is a non-profit organization supporting the more than 4,000 farms within the county. Ranking 13th in the state, San Diego boasts top crops in cut flowers, nursery, avocados, vegetables, citrus, and poultry.

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The mission of the Farm Bureau is to foster San Diego agriculture through education, public relations, and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability, sustainability, and community building of agriculture. For more information, visit www.sdfarmbureau.org.

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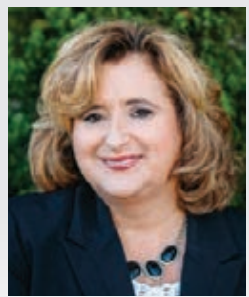
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I Love A Clean San Diego provides springtime waste reduction resources to San Diego County residents

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – With the spring season comes spring cleaning, I Love A Clean San Diego and San Diego County remind residents of the free <http://WasteFreeSD.org> database and proper recycling practices.

“Spring is a great time to downsize or part with items that you don’t use, have outgrown or simply don’t need,” Steve Weihe, a recycling specialist with the county, said. “Consider passing on usable items to neighbors through Facebook’s Buy Nothing or Marketplace groups, NextDoor, Offer Up, Craigslist or your local thrift store. You’ll be helping your neighbors as well as keeping items out of the landfill.”

WasteFreeSD.org database and hotline

As residents conduct their spring cleaning, they are encouraged to use I Love A Clean San Diego’s free online database, <http://WasteFreeSD.org>, which provides information on thousands of repair, recycling and donation centers throughout the region. The free database also includes a wealth of options on how to properly dispose of or recycle unwanted items. The R1 Earth hotline is available for residents who have questions or may need help locating a center near them. Hours run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Incorporated city residents should call 800-237-2583, while unincorporated residents may call 877-713-2784.

“During spring cleaning, we encourage residents to practice reuse, reduce, donate and repair to limit the number of items that end up in the landfill,” Ann Marie Sack, director of community engagement with ILACSD, said. “WasteFreeSD.org is a wonderful and free resource for residents to

help them achieve their zero-waste journey this season.”

Use recycling best practices

As families continue their spring cleaning, having items to recycle is expected, but placing the correct items in the blue bin is important. Proper recycling practices ensure items remain valuable, make it through the recycling process and reduce the hazard to workers and machinery at recycling facilities. There are four main groups of materials that San Diego county residents can place in their blue recycling bins: paper, cardboard and cartons; plastic bottles and containers; glass bottles and jars and metal and aluminum cans and foil.

Plastic bags, bubble wrap and plastic mailers are recyclable but should never be placed in the blue bins. These materials can be returned to participating retailers or reused.

Recycle in three steps

- **Empty** – No or minimal food residue left.
- **Dry** – No liquids remaining. Avoid getting items wet by closing bin lids.
- **Loose** – Recyclables must be placed in the bin loose and not bagged. Film plastics like grocery bags and bread bags; tanglers like textiles and hoses and household hazardous waste such as batteries, fluorescent bulbs and electronics do not belong in the blue bin.

Residents can also find recycling guides on the county’s website and learn about sustainable practices by registering for one of I Love A Clean San Diego’s workshops and webinars at <http://cleansd.org/events>.

Submitted by I Love A Clean San Diego.

Celebrate Earth Month with the county

Shauni Lyles
County of San Diego
Communications Office

The county is transforming Earth Day into Earth Month by holding a series of events highlighting sustainable activities that will span through the month of April to raise awareness about environmental issues.

Earth Day, which is celebrated on Monday, April 22, connects people to the public spaces where wildlife and nature thrive. The global theme this year is “Planet vs. Plastics.”

Come celebrate our planet and learn how the County is working to create a greener world.

Below is a list of events to add to your April calendar. Check www.sandiegocounty.gov/earthday for specific times and locations.

Earth Fair at County Operations Center:

The Earth Day Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, April 22 at the County Operations Center, located at 5500 Overland Drive, San Diego. There will be numerous county departments with booths set up for you to learn about the ways your county makes a difference protecting and investing in our planet. The event is free and open to the public.

Tree planting and park beautification opportunities:

Join us for a morning full of park beautification projects, including tree plantings, invasive plant removal and general trash pickup. Your efforts will improve the environment in and around our waterways – part of the larger Creek to Bay Cleanup coordinated by I Love A Clean San Diego!

Projects will take place from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Materials are provided; come ready in clothes you don’t mind getting dirty and wear sturdy shoes and sun protection. Don’t forget your own water bottle and gloves!

To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities, visit our volunteer web page, <https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/buttons/Volunteer.html>, or send an email to ParksVolunteer@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Self-led activities:

There will be several self-led activities, including Earth Day arts and crafts and park ranger-led hikes. More information at www.sdparks.org.

Nature discovery tables:

Learn about local wildlife and the unique adaptations that help them survive in a variety of habitats. Our rangers will be on site to answer all your park-related

questions and help you understand, appreciate and experience nature. More information at www.sdparks.org.

Step foot on a story trail:

San Diego County Library has placed colorful pages of children’s books on signs that our staff will be placing along some of our most popular parks. In Fallbrook, visit Live Oak County Park during Earth Week (April 20 – 27) for a real English/Spanish literary adventure!

Celebrate our Earth at any time with other fun activities:

Color, play games, solve mysteries, and create your own science experiments at home.

Grow your own food at one of San Diego County’s community gardens.

Set out on a virtual hike on San Diego trails and discover how well you know your local ecosystem.

Discover how the County is committed to restoring equity in our communities.

Discover culture by exploring museums, visiting global landmarks, admiring artworks, and playing games.

Take a virtual journey around the world from your living room with 360° views of incredible landscapes.

To learn and find out more about all of these activities, visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/earthday.

San Diego County collects more than \$1B in property taxes in a day

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced that it collected more than \$1.24 billion in property tax payments in a single day Monday, April 8.

“For the second year in a row we have collected more than a billion dollars in a single day,” McAllister said. “This figure underscores our continued growth as a region and highlights the responsible property owners who invest in San Diego.”

“San Diegans have shown us time and time again that they are responsible taxpayers by paying what they owe before the deadline. This money is essential to San Diego and goes to funding public schools, first responders and other essential services,” he said.

Taxpayers across San Diego County owed nearly \$8.63 billion in 2023-2024 property taxes. Payment reminder notices will be sent in May, and it is projected that the county will collect 99% of

property taxes owed by Sunday, June 30.

The deadline to pay the second installment of property taxes was Wednesday, April 10. As that date has passed, a 10% penalty, plus a \$10 cost, have been applied to the second installment of unpaid property tax bills. The legal basis to waive penalties for late payments is limited. Payment options include:

- Pay online by e-check – Visit <http://sdttc.com>.
- Pay by phone – Payments can be made by phone at 855-829-3773.
- Pay in person – Visit one of the three branch offices in Chula Vista, Santee or San Marcos.

Last year’s billion-dollar day occurred April 7, 2023, when the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s office collected over \$1.3 billion dollars in property taxes in a single day.

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Should you renovate your new home?



Jane Kepley
Special to the Village News

Unless you're buying a brand-new home, you may find that there are changes you'd like to make after you move in.

Maybe there aren't enough outlets in the home office space, or there's a pedestal sink in the bathroom where you'd prefer cabinets for storage.

Whatever the update, diving in right away might not be the right move. If you're considering making renovations to your newly purchased house, here's why you may want to hold off.

- 1. You can take time to save up. Home renovations can be costly, and since you just spent money to buy the house, taking on a project right after move-in could cause financial strain. Take some time to plan out your updates, get quotes and budget for the updates. This will ensure you can cover the costs with a lot less stress.
- 2. You may change your mind. Unless the updates you want to make will improve safety, it's always smart to give yourself some time in the home before making changes. You might find that certain areas of the home don't bother you as much as you expected them to – or you may identify updates that are more important to you.
- 3. You deserve a break. Buying a house, moving and unpacking are big undertakings. Give yourself some time to just enjoy your new home before adding more to your plate. Then, you can plan out your projects with a clear head and less stress. Finding a home that feels like a good fit can also take time. Get in touch today for expert help with your home search, reach out to Jane Kepley with CR Properties at 760-622-0204 or kepleyrealstate@att.net.

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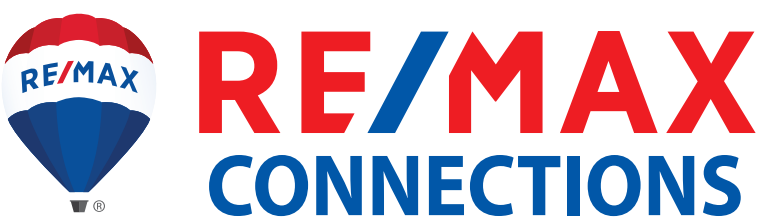
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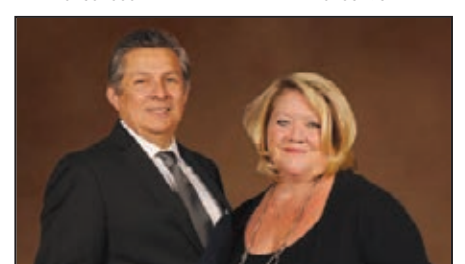
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EDUCATION

Maie Ellis Elementary holds Leadership Day

FALLBROOK – Maie Ellis Elementary School welcomed parents and community members on March 21 for its highly anticipated Leadership Day, offering a firsthand glimpse into the innovative educational practices and leadership development initiatives flourishing within its walls.

The day commenced with the warmth of student greeters stationed at the entrance, setting a welcoming tone for the event. Parents and visitors were guided on a campus tour by these student ambassadors, gaining valuable insight into the daily life and learning environment at Maie Ellis Elementary.

The pinnacle of the occasion was the student-led assembly held in the auditorium, where attendees witnessed the remarkable embodiment of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students by the school's young leaders. From nurturing self-belief to setting and achieving goals, students showcased their mastery of these vital life skills through engaging presentations and performances.

The assembly featured themed songs that reinforced key leadership principles, captivating the audience with creativity and enthusiasm. A standout moment was the mesmerizing performance by the Maie Ellis Elementary Ballet Folklorico members, celebrating the diverse talents and cultural richness within the school community.

Drawing a diverse crowd of parents, educators, and community leaders, the event underscored the widespread support and interest in Maie Ellis Elementary's commitment to nurturing student leadership and academic excellence.

Principal Claudia D'Leon reflected, "At Maie Ellis, we are dedicated to providing safe, supportive, innovative, and engaging learning opportunities where students can thrive as individuals, academically, and prepare themselves with the skills needed for lifelong learning and leadership. Our students have the daily opportunity to cultivate their leadership skills, whether through classroom responsibilities, student-led clubs, participation in our Lighthouse teams, or by practicing the habits of happy



Maie Ellis students showcase leadership through song.

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Parents and community members watch classrooms in action at Maie Ellis Elementary.

kids outlined in Leader in Me. Similarly, they can apply these skills as they set academic goals and plans for continued individual growth."

Maie Ellis Elementary's Leadership Day serves as a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of leadership,

community engagement, and academic excellence. Through collaborative efforts, the school continues to empower its students to become confident leaders poised for success in

both their academic and personal endeavors.

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BHS counselor named High School Counselor of the Year

BONSALL – On Friday, March 22, the entire faculty, staff, and student body of Bonsall High School conspired to surprise their beloved high school counselor, Eryn Barker (nee Kjelland).

Barker was told she had a meeting regarding the Bonsall High School Early College Program which she launched in partnership with Palomar College's Fallbrook campus. In reality, Barker was being presented with the High School Counselor of the Year Award given by the San Diego County Department of Education.

Top administration from both the County Office of Education and Bonsall Unified, as well as Principal Daniel Smuts, were on hand to present Barker with the award. Superintendent Clevenger said, "At BUSD, we believe belonging is a priority in every classroom. Mrs. Barker epitomizes this value each day in her work with our students. She opens doors for new possibilities in their lives and helps them see their potential and that's amazing."

Tanya Bulette, San Diego

County Office of Education School Counseling Coordinator, presented Barker with the recognition praising her dedication to supporting students in achieving their goals beyond high school. "It is a tremendous honor to be recognized on the county level for the work I've done at Bonsall High School, especially with our underrepresented students," said Barker.

Originally from Wisconsin, Barker was inspired to go into counseling after an adverse experience with her own high school counselor. Even though she wanted to follow in her father's footsteps and attend the University of Wisconsin, her counselor made assumptions about her commitment and aptitude and discouraged her from doing so.

This experience affected Barker deeply and it is a memory she draws upon when working with students today. "Our kids are a mixture of many backgrounds and I imagine some share similar stories as mine, but I am reminded that my job is to help students find the answers

when oftentimes they don't even know what questions they should be asking."

Eventually, not only did Barker attend the University of Wisconsin, she earned both a bachelor's and master's Degrees from the learning institution.

During her six years at BUSD, Barker has opened up many new learning opportunities for the BHS students. She not only was instrumental in creating the Early College program, but she also currently works as a counselor on Special Assignment heading up the CTE Pathways program.

In her new position, she has rededicated herself to helping students who might not see themselves continuing in higher learning. "It is incredibly fulfilling to see students who never considered themselves 'college material' thriving and enjoying college classes."

One program Barker is especially proud of implementing with Palomar College is the Associate Teacher Certificate. The ATC is an early education certificate program

which provides the students with an opportunity to find employment conducive with attending college.

"It is a really good fit for our students who enjoy working with kids. BUSD is now exploring additional accelerated certification programs to connect students with employment opportunities faster," commented Barker.

"Eryn has been instrumental in early college program development. Taking a unique approach, Bonsall transports students to the satellite site of the local community college. This allows students to engage in a myriad of college courses, rather than limiting them to the classes that can be hosted on the Bonsall High School campus. She also manages the dual enrollment courses that currently occur on campus and supports alignment to Palomar College in order to ensure students have a variety of choices to meet their diverse interests and needs," said Jewyl Alderson, Innovation Division, SDCOE.

In addition to her duties at BUSD, Barker teaches in the Counseling Education department at Loras



Bonsall Village News/BUSD photo High's Eryn Barker is SDCOE High School Counselor of the Year.

College in Iowa. Last year, Barker was contracted by SDCOE to create a guide for all counselors covering the changes with the new FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. She was also recently featured in the podcast, "The Future Starts With You," hosted by Alderson of the SDCOE.

New virtual public charter school program offers K-10 option in Southern California

TEMECULA – Connections Academy at Springs, a new tuition-free online public charter school program, will begin operating for the 2024-2025 school year in partnership with Springs Charter Schools, a network of public charter schools in Southern California offering tuition-free, WASC-accredited and personalized learning curriculum.

Open to students in grades K-10 living in Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, Connections Academy at Springs is enrolling for its inaugural academic year.

Connections Academy at Springs will offer families the nationally recognized Connections Academy program and award-winning curriculum. In collaboration with Springs Charter Schools, the online program will

combine California-certified teachers, a rigorous, standards-aligned curriculum, technology tools and social engagement to create a student-focused learning experience.

Connections Academy at Springs will meet the needs of students who will benefit from the flexibility to fit school into their lives and seek academic challenges in line with state standards with a fully online program.

Teachers will be specially trained to deliver instruction in the virtual environment and provide individualized support to meet each student's academic needs and learning preferences. A parent, or another adult "learning coach," will play a key role alongside the California-credentialed teachers to set daily routines, monitor student progress in the home and track attendance. Learning coaches will

be trained and supported by robust resources and communication tools designed to help families succeed.

The new online program will provide students access to core classes and engaging electives, as well as virtual clubs, field trips, events and activities throughout the year. The flexible schedule also allows students time to play sports, explore art, volunteer or pursue their passions outside of the virtual classroom.

"Connections Academy at Springs is the newest partner in California to utilize the nationally recognized Connections Academy program, which has served more than 75,000 students since 2004 in the state. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to learning, and families deserve an option that will empower self-motivated, tech-savvy students to take ownership

of their educational journey," Donna Hutchison, vice president for educational partnerships at Pearson Virtual Schools, which delivers Connections Academy online learning solutions. "With a shared commitment to personalized learning, parent involvement and community-building, Springs Charter Schools is a fitting partner to bring this new online program to life for families across Southern California."

"We are excited to offer Connections Academy at Springs to Southern California families and provide a proven curriculum that has supported thousands of students on their academic journeys for more than 20 years," Kathleen Hermsmeyer, superintendent of Springs Charter Schools, said. "Connections Academy at Springs will provide a collaborative, personalized learning experience

for students to gain the skills they need to be successful in today's fast-paced, ever-changing world."

The Connections Academy at Springs will serve a maximum of 500 students in grades K-10 during its first year and expand each year to serve additional grades and students. As a public school program, there will be no fees or tuition to attend Connections Academy at Springs and all students will be required to meet the same academic standards and take the same assessments as traditional public school students.

Interested families are encouraged to visit <https://connectionsacademy.com/california-springs-online-school> or call 833-591-0251 to learn more.

Submitted by Springs Charter School.

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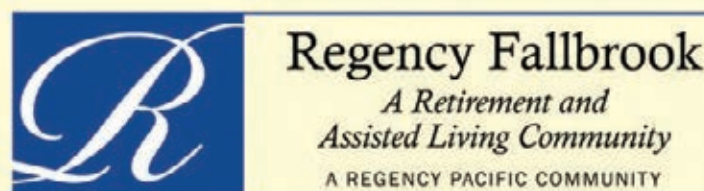
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Worker of the Week specializes in tax returns



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Discover Fallbrook Community Expo set for May 17



An expo visitor, left, talks with Maureen Sullivan, center, and Meredith Anderson of the Boys & Girls Club of North County. Village News/Courtesy photo

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FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Discover Fallbrook Community Expo Friday, May 17, at The Vineyard at 1924 from 3-6 p.m. The community is invited to “Discover Fallbrook!” as Chamber member businesses will be showcased. Come learn about their products and services plus enjoy some networking opportunities.

Attendees can learn about member businesses, ask questions, collect information and make some new contacts. Bring those business cards and network with everyone. No cards? No problem. This event

is for everyone.

Exhibitor booths are for Chamber business members only, but the event is free and open to the public. All Chamber members have the added opportunity to provide coupons or flyers for a nominal fee. Details for the expo can be found at <http://www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org>.

Firehouse Que & Brew will be there with their food truck, a no-host bar will be provided by the Vineyard at 1924, exhibitors will have giveaways and more. Listen to the music of the Gin ‘N Tonix with your friends and colleagues May 17, and

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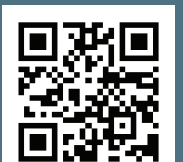


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BUSINESS

San Diego County investment pool reaches record \$18 billion County investment pool earns a "AAA" rating for the past 19 years

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County investment pool has reached an all-time high of \$18 billion while maintaining a "AAA" rating, County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced April 12.

The pool, managed by the County Treasury, is a local government fund of voluntary and mandatory monies from more than 200 public agencies. Mandatory participants include the

county, all 42 local public-school districts, five community college districts and water and fire districts. Voluntary participants include the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, SANDAG, MTS and other special districts.

"Our excellent investment team makes security, liquidity and return the three top priorities for managing the public's money," said McAllister. "This \$18 billion record

underscores that the agencies' funds and trust are well placed in the Treasury."

For 19 consecutive years, the investment pool has received an "AAA" rating.

A team of full-time investment professionals in the Treasury handles day-to-day management of the investment pool. Additionally, a 9-member oversight committee – composed of county, school, and

public agency officials and three public members – meets semi-annually to review and monitor the investment pool.

This \$18 billion record comes on the heels of other notable milestones in the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office, including collecting more than \$1 billion in property taxes in a single day – which the County reached on April 7, 2023, and again on April 8, 2024.

"The record \$18b investment pool, along with our 'AAA' rating, underscores the county's commitment and financial acumen in managing the public's money. We are proud of the work we do on behalf of the public," concluded McAllister.

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

Social Security eliminates overpayment burden for social security beneficiaries

Automatic overpayment recovery rate reduced to 10%

WASHINGTON – The Social Security Administration announced it will decrease the default overpayment withholding rate for Social Security beneficiaries to 10% or \$10, whichever is greater, from 100%, significantly reducing financial hardship on people with overpayments.

"Social Security is taking a critically important step towards our goal of ensuring our overpayment policies are fair, equitable and do not unduly harm anyone," Martin O'Malley, commissioner of Social Security, said. "It's unconscionable that someone would find themselves facing homelessness or unable to pay bills, because Social Security withheld their entire payment for recovery of an overpayment."

The agency works to pay the right people the right amounts at the right time, and Social Security

issues correct payments in most cases. However, there is room to improve, as people count on the agency to prevent overpayments from happening and make it easier to navigate the recovery and waiver processes when they occur.

When a person has been overpaid, the law requires the agency to seek repayment, which can create financial difficulties for beneficiaries. As of Monday, March 25, the agency will collect 10%, or \$10, whichever is greater, of the total monthly Social Security benefit to recover an overpayment, rather than collecting 100% as was the previous procedure. There will be limited exceptions to this change, such as when an overpayment resulted from fraud.

There will be a short transition period where people will continue to experience the older

policy. People placed in 100% withholding during this transition period should call Social Security at 800-772-1213 to lower their withholding rate.

The change applies to new overpayments. If beneficiaries already have an overpayment with a withholding rate greater than 10% and would like a lower recovery rate, they too should call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or their local Social Security office to speak with a representative.

If a beneficiary requests a rate lower than 10%, a representative will approve the request if it allows recovery of the overpayment within 60 months – a recent increase to improve how the agency serves its customers from the previous policy of only 36 months.

If the beneficiary's proposed rate would extend recovery of the overpayment beyond 60

months, the Social Security representative will gather income, resource and expense information from the beneficiary to make a determination.

Social Security launched a comprehensive review in October 2023 of agency overpayment policies and procedures to address payment accuracy systematically. This procedure change is a direct result of the ongoing review. This change and the adjustment to 60-month repayment are part of four recently announced key updates to address improper payments

The agency also is working to reduce wage-related improper payments by establishing information exchanges with payroll data providers that will significantly reduce the number of improper payments, once implemented. The agency will continue examining programmatic

policy and making regulatory and sub-regulatory changes to improve the overpayment process.

Additionally, people have the right to appeal the overpayment decision or the amount. They can ask Social Security to waive collection of the overpayment, if they believe it was not their fault and can't afford to pay it back. The agency does not pursue recoveries while an initial appeal or waiver is pending.

Even if people do not want to appeal or request a waiver, they should contact the agency if the planned withholding would cause hardship. Social Security has flexible repayment options, including repayment of as low as \$10 per month. Each person's situation is unique, and the agency handles overpayments on a case-by-case basis.

Submitted by Social Security Administration.

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HEALTH

Child Nutrition Team earns USDA's "Turnip the Beet" Silver Level Award for 2023 Summer Meals Program

FALLBROOK – The Child Nutrition Services department of Fallbrook Union Elementary School District has received the "Turnip the Beet" Silver Level Award from the United States Department of Agriculture. This accolade honors CNS's exceptional contributions to enhancing meal quality and nutrition within the community during the 2023 summer meals program.

The "Turnip the Beet" award recognizes organizations nationwide for their outstanding dedication and innovation in providing nutritious meals to children throughout the summer months.

CNS has been commended for its leadership in integrating fresh, locally sourced fruits and vegetables, as well as freshly prepared meals, into its summer meal program catering to children under 18 years of age.

During the previous summer, CNS worked diligently to ensure that local children had access to healthy and appetizing meals. Through partnerships with local suppliers and the utilization of fresh ingredients, CNS provided nutritious meals that not only satisfied hunger but also contributed to the overall well-being of the children served.

Amy Haessly, director of CNS, expressed her excitement about the honor, saying, "Last summer, we made a concerted effort to incorporate fresh, locally sourced produce into our menus. We



All FUESD school lunch rooms offer a fresh salad bar with locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

Village News/FUESD photo

invited farmers to join students during lunchtime to educate them about hydroponically grown Persian cucumbers and lettuce. We prepared fresh salads, salsas, and fruits for our participants. We are truly honored to receive recognition from both the state and the USDA for our efforts."

Haessly added, "Our Child Nutrition team works tirelessly year-round, and we are already

planning for this summer's meal program. We want to spread the word throughout our community that we will be serving fresh, healthy, and delicious breakfast and lunch all summer long. Meals are free for anyone 18 years and younger, and adults can purchase a meal to enjoy alongside their children. We eagerly anticipate serving you this summer!"

Building on the success of the

previous year's program, CNS is preparing to deliver another award-winning summer meals program this year. With an ongoing commitment to freshness, quality, and nutrition, CNS is excited to once again provide children in the community with meals that support their overall health and well-being.

As CNS gears up for the upcoming summer, it remains

steadfast in its dedication to serving the community and making a positive impact on the lives of children. CNS extends heartfelt gratitude to the USDA for recognizing its efforts and looks forward to continuing its mission of promoting healthy eating habits and ensuring food security for all.

Submitted by Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

Fresh Start Surgical Gifts to host several screening clinics in partnership with Vista Community Clinic

SAN DIEGO – Serving children in lower-income communities, the national nonprofit Fresh Start Surgical Gifts has partnered with Vista Community Clinic to

host five free screening clinics throughout the year in Southern California.

The three remaining screening clinics will be held Wednesday,

April 24, at VCC: Vale Terrace – Pediatrics; Thursday, May 16, at VCC: Grapevine and Wednesday, Sept. 4, at VCC: Fallbrook Pediatrics.

All these screening clinics are hosted by Vista Community Clinic. From 4-6 p.m., nurse Jill will be on-site to complete a free screening clinic and answer questions about Fresh Start, and walk-ins are welcome.

Fresh Start Surgical Gifts said it is committed to transforming the lives of disadvantaged youth with physical deformities by providing comprehensive reconstructive surgery at no cost to the patient and their family. Whether through screening clinics, annual surgery weekends or celebrity golf tournaments, Fresh Start has built a team of medical professionals who donate their time and talent to deliver medical care to children. All financial contributions benefit the children's medical program.

Since opening in 1972, Vista Community Clinic has helped redefine the community clinic model by pioneering new models of primary care delivery with 12 clinics treating more than 70,000 patients every year. With the mission of "Valuable Connected Care" that meets the health and wellness needs of the community, VCC said it seeks to be a place where all members of the community can feel welcome, safe and empowered to choose health.

This partnership underscores a shared vision of making high-quality reconstructive surgeries and related medical treatments accessible and equitable for children and families in San Diego. Fresh Start Surgical Gifts and VCC said they are determined to redefine the standards of high-quality, accessible health care to families.

"By partnering with Vista Community Clinic, we're

expanding our reach to help even more children who need reconstructive care," Shari Brasher, CEO of Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, said. "These screening clinics are created to encourage more families to make sure their children are living healthier and happier lives all because we believe that everyone deserves to receive life-changing care."

According to VCC, about one-third of their patients are under 18 years old. They predominantly serve the diverse residents of north San Diego, southwest Riverside and north Orange counties. In 2022, VCC served 62,480 unduplicated patients, of whom 70% were living in poverty. Insurance coverage for VCC patients was as follows: 18% uninsured, 65% Medicaid, 6% Medicare or dual eligible and 11% private insurance.

Since 1991, Fresh Start Surgical Gifts has made an impact by transforming the lives of 9,059 children, reaffirming its commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of children with congenital and acquired cosmetic differences. The organization's achievements include \$60,443,373 in donated medical care. This support enabled Fresh Start Surgical Gifts to reach more individuals and offer more life-changing surgeries and related treatments to children around the world.

Fresh Start remains committed to helping improve the lives of children and families across the U.S., partnering with organizations that share their mission and vision. To learn more about Fresh Start or for more information, visit <http://FreshStart.org>.

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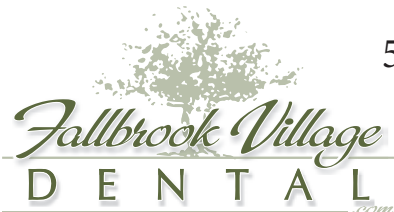


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What does a lymphatic drainage massage feel like?

Shelby Ramsey
Special to the Village News

Understanding the technique: Benefits and process

You know when your toothpaste tube is running low and you squeeze it to get every last bit out? The maneuvers with your hands are intentional, directing the “flow” of toothpaste, and to get every last bit, you have to be systematic. The process of a lymphatic drainage massage is kind of like that.

Lymphatic drainage is a powerful and multi-faceted technique. On top of that it’s a unique experience. The technique is “used to help the lymphatic flow up the lymphatic vessels, to help the metabolic waste, lactic acid-filled fluid drain from the distal extremities, and dump back into the bloodstream, where it can be cleared out by our cleansing organs, like the liver and kidney.”*

Personal experience: The efficacy of lymphatic drainage massage

It was one of the best massage experiences I’ve had. It was ultra-relaxing, due to this massage being known to stimulate the parasympathetic nervous system (our ‘rest and digest’ system of the autonomic nervous system).

What I love even more about it is the benefits are dynamic – spanning from mental to physical and emotional.

The dynamic benefits: Mental, physical, and emotional wellness

Your lymphatic system plays a huge role in immune function, waste removal, and fluid balance. The massage uses light, rhythmic pressure to stimulate the lymphatic vessels, thereby to encourage the movement of lymphatic fluid

through the body. It relieved stress and pressure in certain areas of my body.

Lymphatic system and immunity: An intricate connection

Your lymphatic system is most commonly interlinked with your immune system. It has also been noted to improve the body’s immune response by increasing the filtration rate and identifying and attacking “invaders” quicker!

My masseuse did an “assessment” first to see where the healthy areas were and to identify the problem areas. I quickly became aware of the problem areas as it was a significant pressure and a bit uncomfortable.

Toxins breakdown

The region I felt the most pressure was my thoracic duct.

The thoracic duct is the “largest lymphatic vessel”** draining about “75% of lymph in the body.”** This is draining lymph from both the lower extremities and the abdomen.

You hear some sounds and feel some movement as the toxins/lactic acid buildup are being broken down. “Any blockage or sub-optimal flow in the lymphatic system will create problems in the digestion process.”*

Symptoms and solution: Lymphatic drainage for digestive health

Have either of these symptoms?

- Constipation
- Bloating

Perhaps inquire about a lymphatic drainage with a trained masseuse... as this type of massage “will help mobilize the proteins and fats that are stuck in the area, trapping fluids in the area.”**

It is “an effective and proven treatment to help reduce symptoms



Lymphatic drainage is “used to help the lymphatic flow up the lymphatic vessels, to help the metabolic waste, lactic acid-filled fluid drain from the distal extremities, and dump back into the bloodstream, where it can be cleared out by our cleansing organs, like the liver and kidney.”

and kick-start a healthy digestive process.”**

A lymphatic drainage massage is essentially “decongesting” your body.

I could tell the massage was helping me rid toxins and lactic acid buildup.

This migrates through your body and is expelled through your urine. That’s why it is key to drink a lot of water before and after!

Major benefits of lymphatic drainage: A holistic perspective

- Benefits of lymphatic drainage:
- Eliminates toxins from the body
- Aids in preventing swelling and fluid retention
- Improves circulation of lymph and blood fluids
- May be beneficial for

Fibromyalgia, Rheumatoid Arthritis

• Helps boost the immune system
At the end of the massage, I was groggy and felt like I had just woken from a deep sleep.

Post-massage advice and expectations: Ensuring optimal recovery

- Drink a lot of water as my body was now in a state of dehydration
- Abstain from working out for at least 45 minutes
- Do not eat any fatty or fried foods the rest of the day
- What to expect after a lymphatic drainage massage?
- Any “gurgle” sounds coming from my body are normal
- Light fatigue or dizziness is normal

I felt “gurgles” for just under 24 hours. This told me my body was benefiting from the experience.

The day after my lymphatic drainage massage I felt super alert, practically jumping out of bed (no coffee required).

I was energized and my body felt like everything was running smoothly. I’ll be doing this again.

If your health provider agrees it’s a good fit for you – based on my experience, I would say give it a try!

If you have a health-related question that I can ask an expert, submit it at <https://healthierbodies.com/ask-a-question/>.

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Chagas added to county’s list of reportable diseases

Fernanda Lopez Halvorson
County of San Diego
Communications Office

County Public Health officials have added Chagas disease to the local reportable diseases list ahead of World Chagas Disease Day.

Conditions on the reportable disease list are either contagious, severe or are seen more frequently and require health providers to alert local or state public health officials when they come up.

The County joined other public health agencies in California in making Chagas disease reportable.

Chagas disease is caused by an insect called a triatomine or kissing bug that is carrying a parasite called *Trypanosoma cruzi*. When these bugs bite and release feces into the wound, the parasite in the feces can cause Chagas disease.

The disease can lead to long-term heart and intestinal health damage and even death.

Chagas disease is more commonly found in rural areas of Latin America affecting people who live in homes made of mud, adobe or straw where the insects tend to hide.

In the United States, it is estimated that more than 300,000 people are living with Chagas disease, with California having the most cases.

“San Diego is a binational community and while we do see some cases of Chagas disease in San Diego in travelers, the current methods of gathering information are not providing the full picture,” said County Public Health Officer Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H. “By making Chagas reportable, we will get a better count of the number of cases in San Diego through



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screening. Finding out how people got infected in the first place will help us more quickly treat patients before their condition gets worse.”

Chagas disease usually starts with either no symptoms or mild symptoms like a fever, headache, cough, abdominal pain or localized swelling near the insect bite. If left untreated, it can cause heart failure or gastrointestinal complications.

April 14 was World Chagas Disease Day

World Chagas Day is observed on April 14 to raise awareness about the disease and spread the word on how to prevent it.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends travelers to areas where Chagas is

found wear protective clothing and insect repellent, use insecticide-treated bed nets, sleep indoors, and not eat unpeeled or uncooked fruits and vegetables.

Chagas disease can also be passed from mother to baby, through blood transfusions, organ transplants and by eating food contaminated with the *T. cruzi* parasite.

County Public Health officials are working closely with local healthcare providers to provide resources, investigate infections and monitor transmission patterns.

Reach out to a healthcare provider if you or someone you know has symptoms that could be related to Chagas disease.

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Submitted by Life Line Screening.

Healthy Habits: Acne – Facial skin care



The primary culprit of acne is hormones; however, heredity also comes into play.

Megan Johnson McCullough, Ph.D.
Special to the Village News

Acne is a very common skin condition that has to do with hair follicles, oil, and dead skin cells. Acne likes to make itself visible through its presentation of pimples, oily skin, blackheads, whiteheads and scarring. These symptoms are found on the face, chest, shoulders and back.

Almost everyone has had one of these acne types at some point in their life. The oil glands on the face clog the pores. Pores are where hair follicles are found. Large pores that are clogged create blackheads. These look like tiny black dots on the face. Small pores that are clogged create whiteheads which are the white colored bumps that surface and release puss when aggravated.

Either type can develop into a pimple that is typically tender and swollen. Severe cases of acne form nodules that can even become infected.

Acne likes to claim its fame during puberty and lasts into a person’s 20s. Adult acne is more common in women than men. The primary culprit of acne is hormones. Heredity also comes into play for many people; however, chocolate won’t cause acne as commonly believed. The increase in hormones during the teenage years produces more androgens, which are the male sex hormones, including testosterone.

Testosterone produces sebum

from the skin’s oil glands. Bacteria can also clog the hair follicles. And the trapped bacteria becomes the black and/or whitehead. As such, it makes sense that women on birth control or people using steroids are at higher risk for acne due to hormonal changes induced to the body.

For most people, acne makes them feel uncomfortable. Although mainly temporary, it can leave scars. There are plenty of over-the-counter remedies such as face washes and creams. When these approaches don’t work, a doctor might prescribe medication. Make up and cover creams can be an option. The most effective treatment is trying to prevent sebum production.

Preventing bacteria growth is also important. Exfoliation can help unclog the pores. Cleansers can be used that have sulfur, benzoyl peroxide, glycolic acid and/or salicylic acid. For many, soap and water alone can help prevent acne.

For others, topical gels, alcohol or acetone might need to be used to reduce oil on the skin. It will help treat how the skin grows and sheds. A doctor can prescribe antibiotics. Some of these medications do have possible side effects including dry skin, swelling and sensitivity to sunlight.

Megan Johnson McCullough, Ph.D., recently earned her doctorate in physical education and health science, is a professional natural bodybuilder and is a National Academy of Sports Medicine master trainer.

Affordable health screenings are coming to Fallbrook

FALLBROOK – Residents living in and around Fallbrook can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Zion Lutheran Church will host this community event on 5/6/2024. The site is located at 1405 East Fallbrook St. in Fallbrook.

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FVCC shows cars for seniors at annual event



Fallbrook Vintage Car Club member Mike Socha takes pictures of a visiting family in his 1917 Ford model T at Fallbrook Skilled Nursing, April 13.

Village News/Gary Hesser photo

FALLBROOK – On Saturday April 13, Fallbrook Skilled Nursing resumed its long-held tradition of inviting family and friends of their residents and patients to their annual BBQ luncheon for all, with hamburgers and hot dogs, salads, desserts, all the fixings.

A petting zoo was had for all the grandkids in attendance. The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club put 14 classic cars on display for guests and patients to take pictures with the cars, in the cars, and reminiscing with the owners.

In March, the FVCC donated funds to the nonprofits Fallbrook High School lacrosse team for new helmets, Foundation for Senior Care's Care Vans, and the Wings of Change group for the educational and service initiatives they promote.

Regarding the upcoming May 26 Downtown Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and swap meet/faire, the car registration is now closed as is the vendor/swap meet. They're at capacity!

The show opens to the public at 10 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at Coal Bunker with eating tables there and across the street at the

Caboose platform. Coffee shops will be open early, over eight restaurants will be open on that Sunday May 26, and there are three food trucks.

The Fallbrook Library lower parking lot will host the Swap Vendors and the 5150 Club is bringing 26 Rat Rods, real crowd-pleasers. The Presentation of the Colors by the ROTC and singing of the National Anthem are at 10:30 a.m.

Look for a special insert in the Village News that's all about the Car Show with a special map of the downtown area and schedule of events. Keep that section to review before the show to learn where all the action is happening on what streets.

Take notice of all the local merchants that have advertised in the insert, helping bring more funds to FVCC that is used to donate to the community all year long, over \$25,000 last year.

Look for FVCC at Main and Fig at the Avocado Festival. The new posters, old posters, merchandise, and vintage cars will be on display.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club.



Fallbrook Skilled Nursing resident Bob Spock, right, pets a pony named Scarlett, handled by Annie Jenkins, 9, during the facility's annual outdoor event.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Fallbrook Skilled Nursing CNA Fraakquis Jackson and resident Rick Rise view the vintage cars on display during the facility's annual outdoor event.



Fallbrook Skilled Nursing residents enjoy the BBQ festivities during the facility's annual outdoor event.



A pen of small farm animals is offered for guests to pet during the Fallbrook Skilled Nursing outdoor event.



Fallbrook Vintage Car Club members display their cars at Fallbrook Skilled Nursing during their annual BBQ and activities event, April 13.



Fallbrook Skilled Nursing resident Rhonda Geiger enjoys the car show during the facility's annual outdoor event.

ENTERTAINMENT

AAUW has a conversation with an author



Patricia Watts, author of "Paper Targets," talks about her second solo book billed as a non-genre "Fiction on the Edge" for recognizing the voices of older women, at the AAUW-Fallbrook meeting April 13. As a part of "Honoring The Voices Of Older Women" theme, AAUW-Fallbrook follows a trend where artists and authors discuss their craft as a process "In Conversation With..." where the presenters include the audience in discussion of excerpts.

'Hearts Full of Song' to be sung a cappella



Pacific Coast Harmony will present "Hearts Full of Song," a show of modern four-part a cappella harmony music Sunday, May 5.

Village News/Courtesy photo

RANCHO SANTA FE – Pacific Coast Harmony will present "Hearts Full of Song," a show of modern four-part a cappella harmony music Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center, 5967 La Sendita, in Rancho Santa Fe.

The music spans the "Great American Songbook," Broadway theater and film, popular songs and beyond.

A highlight of the show will be a special appearance by Frequency, a student-run, tenor-bass a cappella group from University of

California San Diego and founded in 2008.

Several other PCH members' quartets will also perform.

The show will follow a reception from 2:30-3:15 p.m. with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Food and beverages are included in the ticket price.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and can be purchased by email at PacificCoastHarmonyInfo@gmail.com or by phone at 619-427-6669.

Pacific Coast Harmony is an

a cappella ensemble based in La Jolla, under the direction of Bonnie McKibben, an award-winning director, quartet champion and recording artist. The chorus will compete at the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in early July.

For more information, visit <http://PacificCoastHarmony.org> or call 619-427-6669.

Submitted by Pacific Coast Harmony.

CTK Kings Players announces auditions for "Newsies, Jr."

FALLBROOK – Christ the King Lutheran Church is excited to announce auditions for their summer youth musical for 2024, "Newsies, Jr." Performers ages 9 to 19 are invited to audition. Several teenage boys are needed for this show.

Membership in Christ the King Lutheran Church is not required. Auditions will be held Sunday, April 28 from noon-2 p.m., and Monday, April 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the youth room of CTK, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane.

Those auditioning are required

to perform a one minute song with background music (karaoke recording), and be ready to participate in a short dance audition. Performances will be in August. Most rehearsals are held on Monday and Friday evenings starting May 5 with some Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

There is no casting fee for this show, however actors will be asked to sell tickets to the performances, and will be asked to either provide their own costume, or pay the rental fee if their costume is rented.

Parent volunteers are always

welcome for chaperoning, set design, painting and construction, props, costumes, concessions, and house management.

CTK is happy that Ashley Flahive has chosen to direct and produce this show. She is working with the previous director/producer, Mary Fry, as a remote contributor.

For more information, call Christ the King Lutheran Church at 760-728-3256, and leave a message for Ashley Flahive.

Submitted by Christ the King Lutheran Church.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

While these reports have been taken straight from the Sheriff's Office, individuals are innocent until proven guilty. These addresses reveal the block number, not an exact location.

April 8	
100 blk S. Mercedes Ln.	Death
500 blk Alturas Rd.	5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation
1100 blk E. Mission Rd.	Medical examiners case - Death
3900 blk Reche Rd.	Arrest - Robbery: strong arm
S. Mission Rd. / Beech St.	Misdemeanor cite and release on active warrant
100 blk W. College St.	Recovered stolen vehicle
2900 blk Via Arroyo	Arrest - Felony (our agency bench warrant) and possession of controlled substance
800 blk Knoll Park Ln.	Child abuse incident

April 9	
Fallsbrae Rd. / Via Monserate	Arrest - Traffic stop - Possession of narcotic controlled substance and controlled substance
34700 blk Criollo Way	Grand theft - From motor vehicle and get credit/other's ID
1100 blk S. Mission Rd.	Take vehicle without owner's consent/vehicle theft
200 blk W. Aviation Rd.	Missing adult

April 10	
34700 blk Criollo Way	Grand theft - Motor vehicle parts
2000 blk Tecalote Dr.	Death
1300 blk Macadamia Dr.	Arrest - Felony (other agency's warrant)
2700 blk Reche Rd.	Arrest - Simple battery
1300 blk S. Mission Rd.	5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation
3200 blk Pankey Rd.	Grand theft: money/labor/property
1300 blk Macadamia Dr.	Arrest - Felony (other agency's warrant)
1600 blk S. Mission Rd.	5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation
Main St. / Ash St.	Person down

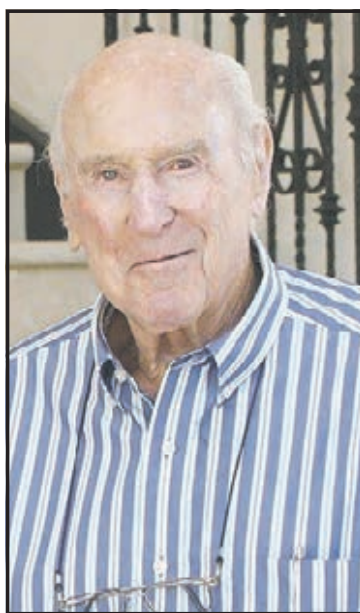
April 11	
5200 blk S. Mission Rd.	Burglary - Commercial (\$400 or more)
5100 blk 5th St.	Violation of domestic violence court order
Ammunition Rd. / Mission Rd.	Arrest - Failure to obey order of juvenile court, obstruct/resist peace officer/medical technician, possess narcotic controlled substance
2800 blk Nuestra Ln.	Arrest - Battery: spouse/ex-spouse/date/etc., Obstruct/resist executive officer with minor injury
3400 blk Lake Circle Dr.	Burglary - Vehicle
900 blk Alturas Rd.	Domestic violence incident
40800 blk De Luz Murrieta Rd.	Arrest - Assault with a deadly weapon: assault with firearm on person, cause harm/death of an elder/dependent adult

April 12	
S. Mission Rd. / Olive Hill Rd.	Possess stolen vehicle/vessel
700 blk Old Stage Rd.	Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury
S. Mission Rd. / Peppertree Ln.	Arrest - Welfare check - Possess controlled substance and paraphernalia
200 blk Pippin Dr.	Arrest - Misdemeanor (other agency's warrant)
4700 blk Pala Rd.	Simple battery
1000 blk Barsky Ln.	Suicide - Actual or attempt
Olive Hill Rd. / Triple Crown Dr.	Arrest - Unlawful display of registration: intent non-compliance

April 13	
1400 blk S. Mission Rd.	Arrest - DUI (alcohol) and possession of nitrous oxide
1200 blk S. Main Ave.	Simple battery
1600 blk Calavo Rd.	Medical examiners case - Death
1100 blk E. Mission Rd.	Medical examiners case - Death
Via Casitas	Burglary - Residential
Ammunition Rd. / Mission Rd.	(2) Arrests - Carjacking, Disregard safety: evade police
1600 blk E. Mission Rd.	Simple battery

April 14	
600 blk Inverloch Dr.	Elder abuse incident

OBITUARIES



Paul Goldring Garrett was born April 18, 1926, in Los Angeles, California to Tillie and Max Goldring. He passed away

peacefully at home on March 18, 2024, surrounded by loved ones.

Paul graduated from UCLA. He was a kind, gentle, intelligent man who loved his family and friends and big family gatherings. His storytelling ability and "Paulisms" were always a welcomed gift he enjoyed sharing.

He also enjoyed road trips, driving throughout the United States and Canada taking every left turn and untraveled road, kicking the dirt whenever possible. He traveled to many foreign countries both for pleasure and philanthropic purposes. He was a mentor and friend to many people.

He was a visionary who painted the chapters of his life with a broad paint brush and an abundance of color. He followed his own "right action."

For most of his life he was involved in many facets of real

estate, as a cattle rancher, broker, developer, investor, builder, and organic vegetable, avocado and citrus farmer. He had an innate ability to envision a property's highest and best use and acquired unique properties that blazed the trail of creative development. Among his strengths were patience and honorable negotiation.

Early in his life he understood the importance of and felt the responsibility to help others. He created a charitable foundation and through his generosity many people's lives were positively benefited, in his local community, the U.S., Africa, India and Mexico. His legacy will continue through his foundation.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to support the Fallbrook Food Pantry or Voices for Children in San Diego.



Phillip Thomas died March 19, 2024, at the age of 84 at Palomar Health Center due to complications of pneumonia.

He was born in Tucson, Arizona, Feb. 2, 1940, to Victor and Eunice Thomas, the youngest of five children.

He grew up in San Diego and was a gymnast and a lifeguard in his youth. He received a B.S. in physiology from BYU and then served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1965. He married Marcia "Jill" Banke in 1969.

They lived in Houston while Phil worked for NASA during the Apollo Mission years. They then moved back to California where Phil took a job for LA County. They moved to Fallbrook in 1979.

After Jill's death, he met Lynn Lamm in 2001 and they married in 2004, continuing to reside in Fallbrook. After Lynn's death in 2007, Phil spent time reading fantasy books, playing online video games, and spending holidays with his stepchildren.

He is predeceased by his parents, his first wife Jill, his second wife Lynn, brother William, and sisters Dorothy and Margaret. He is survived by his sister Cherie of Oklahoma City, stepdaughter Stephanie (Robert) Gaddis of Fallbrook, and stepson David (Jessica) Lamm of Corona.

He was a kind man, the definition of a gentleman, and will be missed by all who knew him.

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SPORTS

Warriors second in boys tennis league standings

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

A pair of 10-8 losses to league champion Rancho Buena Vista prevented Fallbrook High School from winning the 2024 Valley League boys tennis championship.

The Warriors finished the season with a league record of 6-2 while Rancho Buena Vista was 8-0 in league play. Fallbrook was 9-5 overall during the dual match portion of the season.

"We played well," said Fallbrook coach Bill Lenaway.

A high school tennis match consists of each of a school's three singles players contesting sets against each of the other school's singles players and each of a school's three doubles teams facing each of the other school's doubles tandems.

A team thus must have at least nine players to avoid forfeiting sets. Last year Fallbrook had only six players and a 10-8 victory over Ramona was the Warriors' only dual match win. Five of those six players returned for 2024.

"I've got a bunch of really good, experienced returners," Lenaway said. "I've got a bunch of beginners."

Fallbrook's season began Feb. 27 with an 11-7 home win over El Camino. If each team wins nine sets, the tiebreaker of games won determines the match winner, and that was the case for the Feb. 28 match at Classical Academy when a 70-61 advantage in games gave Fallbrook the team victory.

Pre-league play for Fallbrook continued with a 12-6 home loss Feb. 29 against Valley Center, an 18-0 defeat March 5 at Mission Hills, a 12-6 win March 7 at Orange Glen, and a 10-8 home loss March 13 against Classical Academy.

League play for the Warriors began March 14 with a 15-3 triumph at home against San Pasqual. The Warriors traveled to Ramona on March 19 and defeated the Bulldogs by a 13-5 score.

In the 10-8 home loss March 20 against Rancho Buena Vista, the Warriors won six of the nine singles points with senior Anthony Wilson, junior Connor Skaja, and sophomore Micah Kendall prevailing in two sets apiece. Fallbrook's two doubles points were both earned by Billy Mathewson and Casey Manion.

Spring Break was followed by a 15-3 win April 2 at San Pasqual and a 16-2 victory April 3 at home against Escondido. The April 9 trip



A Fallbrook Warrior hits a backhand shot during the varsity boys tennis match against Ramona, April 10.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos

to Rancho Buena Vista had league championship implications, and this time Fallbrook took seven of the singles points. Kendall won all three of his singles sets with Skaja and Wilson winning twice apiece. Mathewson and Manion accounted for the doubles point.

"We're hanging in there," Lenaway said.

Fallbrook swept the nine singles sets April 10 at home in the Warriors' 14-4 triumph over Ramona. Ramona seniors Avery Baldrige and Noah Furchner, who have played for the Bulldogs since their 2021 freshman season, swept their three doubles sets.

Mathewson and Manion defeated the other two Ramona doubles tandems as did Edward Gay and Everett Zietz. Adrian Del Razo and Ariel Perez won one doubles set for the Warriors.

A 16-2 win April 11 at Escondido concluded league and regular-season play for Fallbrook. Neither Wilson nor Skaja lost a game while Kendall only lost one game. Mathewson and Manion also won all of their games during the match.

"The kids are carrying their weight," Lenaway said.



Warrior Connor Skaja returns a shot to his Ramona opponent.



Fallbrook's Billy Mathewson prepares to return a forehand shot during a doubles match against Ramona.



Fallbrook's Anthony Wilson returns a backhand shot against his Ramona opponent.



Warrior Eddie Gay hits a shot during a doubles match against Ramona.



Warrior Casey Manion protects the net during a doubles match against Ramona.

Warriors shut out Sage Creek, 14-0



Fallbrook's James Jones takes a shot during the varsity boys lacrosse game against Sage Creek. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Warrior Ethaniel Bustos defends for Fallbrook against Sage Creek.



Fallbrook's Ryan Marquart takes a shot attempt against Sage Creek.



Warrior Ethan Wooten races down the field against Sage Creek. Fallbrook won 14-0.



The Warriors race for the ball against Sage Creek.

Warriors reach CIF girls basketball semifinals

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School's girls basketball team won the Warriors' third Valley League championship in four years and reached the semifinals of the CIF San Diego Section Division I playoffs.

The Warriors won all 10 of their Valley League games, entered the post-season with a 21-7 overall record, and won two playoff games before losing to top-seeded Cathedral Catholic.

"I had really no expectations," said Fallbrook coach Trae Harrison.

Claire Nordeen was Fallbrook's only senior starter, and the entire team had only three seniors. Three of Fallbrook's 2023-24 starters—Grace Nordeen, Emery Pizzo, and Taylor Thomas—are freshmen. The other starter, junior Janice Garcia, made her varsity basketball debut as a sophomore.

Valley Center finished second in the league standings with a 7-3 record in Valley League play. Mount Carmel had the third-place league record of 6-4. Escondido was 5-5 for third place.

Fallbrook followed a 56-3 win Jan. 31 at Ramona with a 59-20 victory Feb. 2 at Valley Center. The Warriors had a 16-4 lead after the first period and scored all 14 points in the second quarter. The score was 44-10 entering the fourth period.

Grace Nordeen had 21 points, 15 rebounds, eight steals, four assists, and a blocked shot. Claire Nordeen contributed 14 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, four steals, and a block. Garcia scored 13 points. Thomas dished out five assists and stole the ball twice.

The Feb. 7 home match against Mount Carmel had a 71-34 final score in the Warriors' favor. Fallbrook had leads of 19-7 after one quarter, 37-17 at halftime, and 54-26 after three periods.

Grace Nordeen had 28 points; Claire Nordeen scored 25 points, and Garcia provided 15 points. Grace Nordeen pulled down 11 rebounds; Claire Nordeen took 14 balls off the boards; Pizzo grabbed nine missed shots, and Garcia had seven rebounds.

Claire Nordeen and Thomas each had four assists with Grace Nordeen having two assists. Thomas and Grace Nordeen each recorded six

steals while Pizzo had four steals. Garcia had four blocked shots; Claire Nordeen blocked a shot twice, and Pizzo had a block.

Senior Night festivities prior to Fallbrook's Feb. 9 home game against Escondido honored Claire Nordeen, Jasmine Hernandez, and Sienna Strange. Nordeen had 20 points, 16 rebounds, seven steals, four assists, and a blocked shot in the Warriors' 52-17 triumph.

Hernandez had two rebounds and Strange had one rebound. Pizzo provided 12 points, four rebounds, and two assists. Grace Noreen had seven points, eight rebounds, two assists, a steal, and a blocked shot.

Thomas contributed five points, six steals, three rebounds, and three assists. Garcia scored five points, pulled down 11 rebounds, blocked two shots, and had an assist. The Warriors held a 12-2 lead after the first quarter, the halftime score was 19-11, and Fallbrook had a 21-0 scoring advantage in the third period.

In both 2020-21 and 2021-22, Fallbrook was 10-0 in Valley League play. The Warriors were moved to the Avocado League for 2022-23 and were 4-6 in that league. The North County Conference returned Fallbrook to the Valley League in 2023-24 and the league championship banners in the Warriors' gymnasium will reflect first place in this year's standings.

"It was a great experience for us," Harrison said. "It was great for the team. It was great for our morale."

This year's CIF playoff selection and seeding meeting gave Fallbrook the fifth seed in the Division I playoffs. Imperial had the 12th seed, so the Tigers traveled to Fallbrook for the first-round playoff game Feb. 13.

On Feb. 25, 2022, Fallbrook and Imperial played for the CIF San Diego Section Division II championship. "We knew their style of play," Harrison said. "They play a lot like we do."

Imperial took a 16-12 record into the 2024 playoff game. The Tigers shared the Imperial Valley League championship.

"We knew we had to make our adjustments," Harrison said. "We were pretty confident."

Fallbrook won the 2021-22 CIF title with a 29-23 victory over Imperial. "The championship game

was a very low-scoring game," Harrison said. "Our pace was very different this year. We were able to run the ball a lot."

Harrison noted that the Warriors also had more trap steals in this year's playoff against Imperial than they had two years ago. The 57-37 Fallbrook win included five steals by Grace Nordeen, four by Claire Nordeen, and one by Pizzo. Fallbrook had leads of 21-9 at the end of the first period and 41-13 when the halftime buzzer sounded.

Claire Nordeen had 20 points; Grace Nordeen scored 17; Garcia placed 10 shots into the nets; Pizzo scored four, and Thomas and sophomore Olivia Castillo each scored three points. Each of the Nordeen sisters had 17 rebounds with Garcia pulling down six, Thomas grabbing three, Pizzo obtaining two, and Castillo taking one ball off the board. Grace Nordeen had five assists, Thomas assisted on two baskets, and Garcia and Pizzo had an assist apiece.

La Costa Canyon was in the Avocado League for 2022-23 and defeated the Warriors twice. This year the Mavericks shared the Coastal League championship, were seeded fourth in the Division I playoffs, and were 16-13 before the 60-54 quarterfinals loss to Fallbrook finalized the Mavericks' season record at 16-14.

"We played them twice last

year and they got the best of us," Harrison said. "We kind of know their personnel, so it was about us executing more efficiently."

The Feb. 16 quarterfinal in Carlsbad was a two-point game at the end of the first quarter with Fallbrook holding the 19-17 advantage. Fallbrook outscored La Costa Canyon by a 13-4 margin in the second period. The Mavericks scored 17 points in the third quarter while Fallbrook had nine. Fallbrook's 19-16 advantage in the fourth quarter finalized the score.

Harrison noted that Fallbrook's defensive play was responsible for the victory. "We kept doing what we were doing," he said.

The Warriors' 37 total rebounds included 30 defensive ones. Claire Nordeen had 13 rebounds; Grace Nordeen provided 11; Garcia had seven; Pizzo pulled down four, and Thomas grabbed two. Grace Nordeen obtained five steals with Claire Nordeen and Pizzo each having one steal.

Garcia had the Warriors' only blocked shot. Grace Nordeen scored 24 points; Claire Nordeen sunk 21 points worth of baskets; Garcia had 12 points, and Pizzo provided the other three points. Grace Nordeen dished out five assists and Claire Nordeen had three assists.

Cathedral Catholic shared the Western League championship. The Dons took a 19-11 overall record

into their Feb. 21 home semifinal against Fallbrook.

"They had some players that were extremely good," Harrison said. "Our game plan against them was to force their other players to beat us."

The Dons led by a 15-8 margin after the first period. The halftime score was 37-17 in Cathedral's favor. "We gave up a big lead to start the game," Harrison said. "We just fought back."

Fallbrook narrowed the deficit to 50-34 by the end of the third quarter. The final score was 60-50.

"We started so slow. It took us a while to believe we could do it, but when we did it was a totally different story," Harrison said.

"We were outmatched," Harrison said. "That game taught us a lot about where our toughness lies."

Fallbrook had 37 rebounds to 26 for the Dons. Grace Nordeen had 18 of those rebounds; Claire Nordeen grabbed nine; Pizzo obtained five; Thomas had three, and Garcia pulled down two. Claire Nordeen scored 20 points; Grace Nordeen had 18; Garcia contributed seven, and Pizzo had five.

Grace Nordeen led the Warriors with four assists while Claire Nordeen and Thomas had two apiece. Grace Nordeen had four of Fallbrook's six steals with Claire Nordeen and Thomas each recording one. Garcia blocked a shot.

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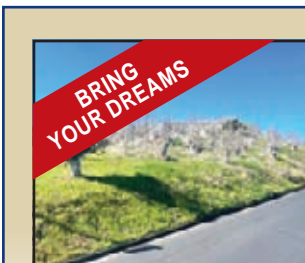
35552 Chantilly Court, Winchester **\$865,000**

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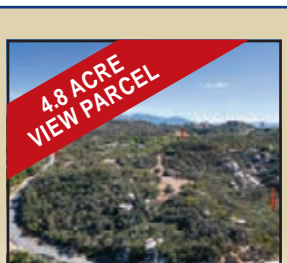
1102 Big Oak Ranch, Fallbrook **\$1,250,000**

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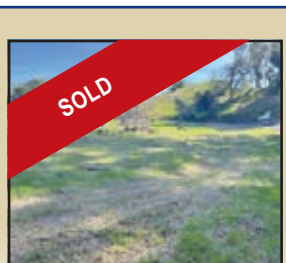
28037 Calle Estrella, Temecula **\$528,000**



Amazing 4.1 Acre View Parcel w/Multiple Options for Home Construction
Corners are marked and water lateral are at the parcel. Parcel will require grading for driveway access. Seller has preliminary drawings for a driveway option which can be reconfigured by buyers to accommodate their specific vision. Seller also has preliminary drawings for a 4 bedroom dwelling, sunsets and the surrounding area.
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View Parcel to Build Your Dream Home On
Great 4.8 Acre parcel with amazing views including the Ocean and incredible Sunsets. Private and peaceful, Corners were recently marked, Septic layout on file for 3 bedroom structure (Will require updating). Fire hydrant on site. Plenty of room to spread out and take advantage of the varied terrain. Recent weed abatement and rough cut pad and access roads throughout the property.
Offered at \$275,000



11.58 Fantastic View Acres with Gentle Topography
Property consists of 2 APN's 107-020-11-00 (1.17 Acre with house) & 107-020-66-00 (10.41 Acres). Seller has started Tentative Parcel Map process TM 21168 for 4 Parcel's plus 1 Remainder Parcel which has expired. Existing home on raised foundation Approx 1806 Sq Ft structure (Fixer/Will require upgrading). Amazing views.
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